

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: **Kansas**

COUNTY: **Shawnee**

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ENTRY NUMBER: **71.2.20.0014** DATE: **2/24/71**

1. NAME

COMMON: **St. Joseph's Catholic Church**

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: **235 Van Buren St.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka**

STATE: **Kansas 66603** CODE: **20** COUNTY: **Shawnee** CODE: **177**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: **Archdiocese of Kansas City and Kansas**

STREET AND NUMBER: **2220 Central Avenue**

CITY OR TOWN: **Kansas City** STATE: **Kansas 66110** CODE: **20**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: **Register of Deeds**

STREET AND NUMBER: **Shawnee County Courthouse**

CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka** STATE: **Kansas 66603** CODE: **20**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: **NONE**

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

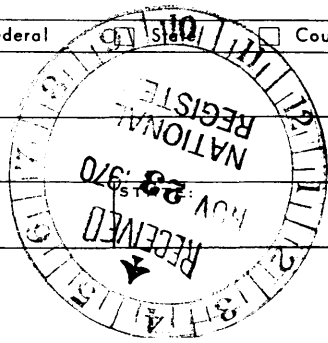
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

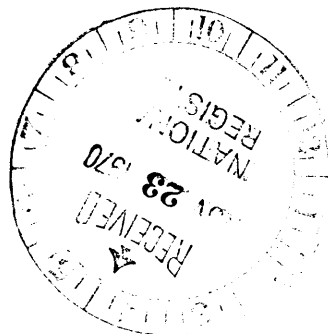
St. Joseph's Catholic Church is a fine old red brick church which was built on a native limestone foundation extending about four feet above the ground.

Most impressive to one approaching the church are the two identical steeples towering over all the neighboring buildings and trees. These towers begin as squares and then are quite nicely transformed into octagons. This transformation is executed very gracefully by first cutting off the square corners at the clock level; the next logical step is an octagon roof with equal sides.

Even the interest of the steeple roof is not left to chance, with its band to strengthen the form and small windows to arouse curiosity. As the eye moves down the towers to the ground, the quality of masonry work makes a strong impression. All details are carried out in brick, and this adherence to a single building material creates a design that enables all features to be in perfect harmony with one another.

The cross-shaped plan is echoed in the gable roof with rose windows below each gable. All lintels incorporate brick used in a radial pattern, and the sills are also brick. Further depth and richness is developed in the structure through the use of pilasters and simple dentil work below the roof eaves.

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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1901**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

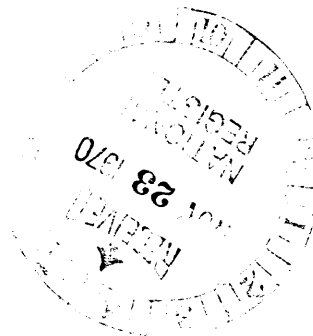
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Joseph's Parish in Topeka was organized in 1886 by Father Francis Henry, who was pastor for 46 years until his death in 1932. St. Joseph's was a German national parish where all services were held in the German language. In the early years a two-story brick building afforded facilities for a church, school rooms, and pastor's quarters.

Plans for a new church were delivered by the architect Staudsner of Rock Island, Illinois, on July 1, 1898. Construction quickly began and the greater portion of the church was built in 1899. The availability of funds determined the amount of work which was completed each year. Except for the furnishings, it appears the building itself was completed by 1901. The altars were purchased in 1904, the pipe organ in 1906, and the final project was the paving of the street and the frescoing in 1909.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church is an outstanding Kansas example of a large 19th century brick church building. The architectural style shows Romanesque influences.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blaufuss, Very Rev. A. J., "A Brief History of St. Joseph's Church, Topeka, Kansas, 1887-1937," Diocese of Leavenworth, Historical Sketches of Parishes and Churches Within the Diocese, Book B, pp. 263-276. (Kansas State Historical Society Library)

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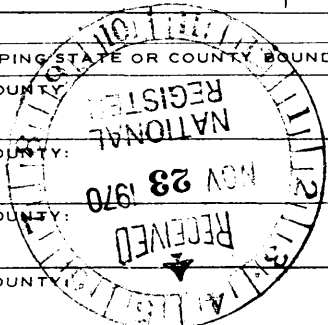
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	95	40	29
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"			

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **1**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE



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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **Charles L. Hall, Architectural Consultant**

ORGANIZATION: **Kansas State Historical Society** DATE: **November 13, 1970**

STREET AND NUMBER: **120 West Tenth St.**

CITY OR TOWN: **Topeka** STATE: **Kansas 66612** CODE: **20**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Nyle H. Miller
Nyle H. Miller

Title Executive Secretary, Kansas State Historical Society

Date November 17, 1970

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

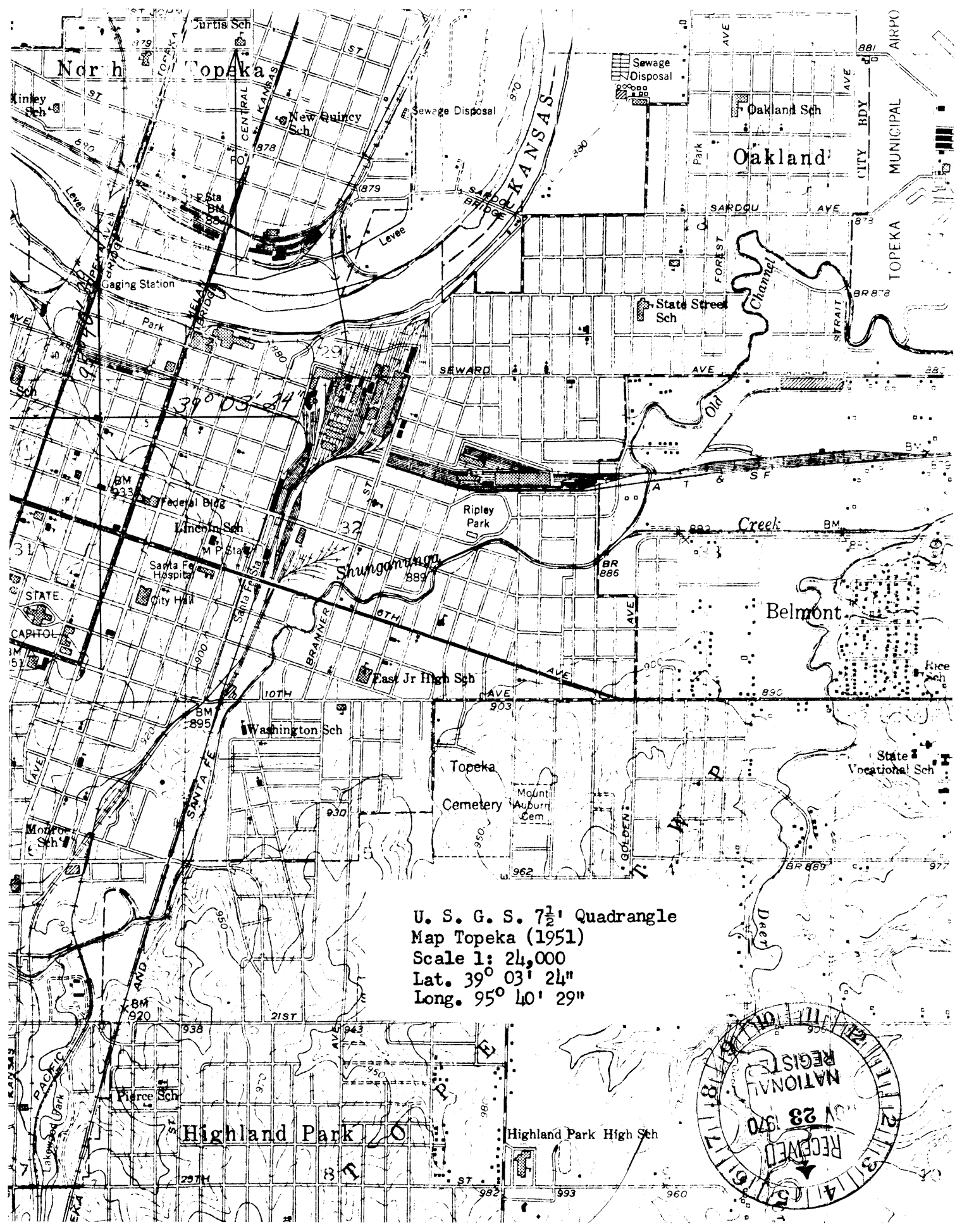
Ernest A. Connelly
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date FEB 24 1971

ATTEST:

William J. Keeney
Keeper of The National Register

Date JAN 21 1971



U. S. G. S. 7 1/2' Quadrangle
Map Topeka (1951)
Scale 1: 24,000
Lat. 39° 03' 24"
Long. 95° 40' 29"

