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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC St. Ann's Catholic Church of Badus

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER Section 24 of Badus Township

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Ramona

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT No. 1

STATE South Dakota

CODE 046

COUNTY Lake

CODE 079

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Ann in Badus

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Ramona

VICINITY OF

STATE South Dakota

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds - Lake County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Madison

STATE South Dakota

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE South Dakota Historic Sites Survey

DATE March 1976

FEDERAL X STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Historical Preservation Center

CITY, TOWN Vermillion

STATE South Dakota

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

## CHECK ONE

## CHECK ONE

EXCELLENT

DETERIORATED

UNALTERED

ORIGINAL SITE

GOOD

RUINS

ALTERED

MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

FAIR

UNEXPOSED

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### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Badus, built in Vernacular-Gothic style, is located on one side of a gravel road with its cemetery on the opposite side.

A simple gable roof tops the church's clean form. The white clapboard structure is marked into four bays on both the north and south facades. Simple Gothic-style "tracery" within pointed arches is readily recognized in the window design. The main entrance is located on the west facade, with a narrow "tracery" window on either side. The main entrance is comprised of a double-panelled door with a simple transom overhead. A "blind rose window" is also located within the gable on the front facade. The only changes to this church since its construction in 1884 have been the addition of a belfry on the roof and a sacristy to the rear.

The interior is one simple continuous space, with an altar located in the apse at the western end. Other features include the simple gabled ceiling and a center aisle with rows of pews on either side. It appears that some changes have been made within the church, notably the addition of suspended ceiling and wall panelling. This work was probably done during the 1960's. The annex to the west includes a separate entrance to the sacristy.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Built 1884 - Closed 8/15/65 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Ann's Catholic Church of Badus is significant for religious and architectural reasons. It also exemplifies the influx of European immigrants onto the western prairies of America. In this particular instance the group responsible for the building of this church had emigrated to Dakota Territory from Switzerland. The building housed the Badus Catholic community from 1884 when it was built until 1965 when it was closed. The length of this period of service makes the church important to this religious community. It also reflects the early pioneer spirit and sense of unity shown by its founders. The Badus settlement became the religious, commercial and social center for miles around. Since 1965 this church has only been used for special services during the summer months.

The church's origins began in 1878 when the Lake Badus Swiss village was founded. A group of Swiss settlers had been living in Stillwater, Minnesota, when they decided to scout out land in Dakota territory. After some investigation they decided to stake claims around a lake they came across in Lake County. They named the lake Badus, after a mountain peak near their previous home in the Swiss Alps.

Father John Brogan offered the first mass in this colony on May 20, 1880, in the schoolhouse. In 1881, Monsignor Thomas A. Flynn of Madison was given permanent charge of the parish as a mission. Shortly thereafter the congregation expanded, due to the settlement of a group of Irish settlers near the Badus settlement who were attracted by the advantages of a Catholic community. In 1884, the Church of St. Ann was built to serve the ever increasing needs of the community, at a cost of nearly \$3,000, and had a seating capacity of 275.

The present church stands as it was erected ninety-four years ago. The church and the cemetery are the only remaining reminders of what was once a thriving community and they serve as a constant reminder of the importance that most pioneering immigrant groups attached to their religion. Some guiding spirit was needed to see them through the first years of hardship on the prairies of South Dakota, and their Faith became that spiritual force.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"75th Anniversary, St. William's Catholic Church"; Ramona, SD 1974  
 "A Salute to our Pioneers" Ramona High School Alumni Association, 1976  
 "News from the Museum"; Madison Daily Leader; August 20-21, 1974  
 "Churches aided Newcomers"; Madison Daily Leader; July 3, 1976  
 Lake County Pictorial History; Madison, SD; 1976 p. 5  
 A State to Behold; p. 84; North Plains Press; Aberdeen, SD

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than 1 acre

QUADRANGLE NAME Madison, NW, S.D.

QUADRANGLE SCALE 1:24000

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,4 6,4,8 6,6,0 4,8 8,9 7,3,0

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ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION St. Anns Church lies 60 feet east of gravel road which runs north to south along eastern side of Lake Badus and 1600 feet south of east-west gravel road which runs along north side of Lake Badus.

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Reverend Denis E. Meier

ORGANIZATION \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 128 TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OR TOWN Ramona STATE South Dakota

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL      STATE      LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE John J. Little

TITLE SHPO/ South Dakota Historical Preservation Center, Director DATE 6/6/79

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

Carol Shuck DATE 8-7-79  
 Keeper of the National Register

ATTEST: William H. Brennan DATE 7.18.79  
 Chief of Registration

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"A Sketch of the Badus Settlement"; Madison Sentinel, early 1920's

"St. Ann's Church of Badus" Sixtieth Anniversary; 1944