

MINNESOTA HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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Webster vic
CITY/TWP.: Webster Township
ADDRESS: C.S.A.H. 46
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HISTORIC NAME: Annunciation Church of Hazelwood

COUNTY: Rice

CURRENT NAME:

CITY/TWP.: Webster Township

LEGAL DESC.:

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ADDRESS:

C.S.A.H. 46

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CLASSIFICATION:	CONDITION:	SIGNIFICANCE:	THEME/S:
Building <u>X</u>	Excellent _____	Local <u>X</u>	Primary Religion
Structure _____	Good <u>X</u>	State _____	_____
Object _____	Fair _____	National _____	_____
District _____	Deteriorated _____		_____

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Yes XX No _____ Restricted X
 VISIBLE FROM THE ROAD: Yes X No _____
 OCCUPIED: Yes X No _____

PRESENT USE:
Church

DATE CONSTRUCTED: 1913

ORIGINAL USE: Church

ORIGINAL OWNER: Annunciation Church

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: John Wheeler, St. Paul
Joseph Kump, Northfield

OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS: Church of the Annunciation,
Hazelwood, Congregation, Rt. 3, Northfield, MN 55057

ACREAGE: Less than one acre X

LOCAL CONTACT/ORG.: Rice County Historical Society,
P.O. Box 5, Faribault, MN 55021

UTM REFERENCE:
New Market Quad. 7.5
15 / 477210 / 4928950

FORM PREPARED BY: Britta Bloomberg
DATE: February 1981

DESCRIPTION:

The Annunciation Church of Hazelwood is situated atop a hill in a rural setting off of County Road 46 in northern Rice County. The church faces west and overlooks Interstate 35 about two and a half miles south of the Scott County border and a half mile west of the Dakota County border. The hilltop location and distinctive design make the building a notable local landmark.

The church was constructed in 1913 and designed by the St. Paul architect John Wheeler; Joseph Kump of Northfield was the principal contractor. The refined use of clapboard and shingles make the building a notable example of the use of craftsman elements in a church building. The use of banding highlights the building's decorative features and divides the mass into three distinct parts. White clapboard sections are located between the foundation and the base of the windows and between the window base and the transition to shingles at the level of the window arches; the upper portion of the building is sheathed with shingles painted a dark brown color. Brackets, exposed rafter tails, round arches, and a highly ornamented corner tower are the principal design features. The front (west) facade features a gabled entry portico with double paneled doors set in a round arch framed by white wood trim and three bands of shingles. A large circular stained glass window is located above the portico framed with wood trim and two bands of shingles and set in a large recessed arch also framed with white wood trim and bands of shingles. Semi-circular arched stained glass windows occupy the bays of the north and south facades. A highly ornamental tower rises above the roofline at the southeast corner of the building. It features an open belfry with wooden keystones, corner piers, brackets and modillions. The tower is capped by an octagonal roof. White wood banding separates the belfry portion of the tower from the lower shingle sheathed base highlighted by narrow windows with round tops.

Small frame additions on the north and south facades are of compatible materials and do not detract from the building's otherwise excellent integrity.

SIGNIFICANCE:

The Annunciation Church of Hazelwood is primarily significant as a well executed example of a craftsman styled church and contrasts strikingly with more traditional ecclesiastical designs. Both the rural hilltop location and the refined use of clapboard and shingles make the building a distinctive landmark. The association between the building's structural system and ornamentation give the church a sense of academic formalism. The church was designed by St. Paul architect John Wheeler in 1913 after the rural Catholic

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Significance - continued

parish's earlier building burned in a thunderstorm; Wheeler had designed a traditional masonry Catholic Church (St. Dominic's Catholic Church) in neighboring Northfield the previous year. While there are similarities in certain elements of Wheeler's designs, the choice of craftsman styling for Annunciation Church marks a notable departure from this more traditional and widely popular masonry construction.

Legal Description:

Part of the SE SW SE Section 12, T112 R21. Begin at a point 10 ft. north of the southeast corner of the SE SW SE Section 12. Commence Nly 150 ft.; thence Wly 200 ft.; thence Sly 150 ft.; thence Ely 200 ft.; to point of beginning.

Bibliography:

Durand, Arthur H. S.T.B. "History of Annunciation Church of Hazelwood, Minnesota".