

United States Department of the Interior  
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# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable". For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer to complete all items.

### 1. Name of Property

Historic name Saints Philip and James Parochial School

Other names/site number St. James Marketplace / CD00-006

### 2. Location

Street & number 89039 570 Ave

Not for publication

City or town Wynot

Vicinity

State Nebraska

Code NE

County Cedar

Code 027

Zip code 68192

### 3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant  nationally  statewide  locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

*Michael Sommer*  
Signature of certifying official

10/14/03  
Date

Director, Nebraska State Historical Society  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of certifying official/Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

### 4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

entered in the National Register.

see continuation sheet.

determined eligible for the National Register.

see continuation sheet.

determined not eligible for the National Register.

removed from the National Register.

other, (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

*Edson H. Beall* 11-28-03

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Keeper

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Action

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**5. Classification**

**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- Private
- Public-local
- Public-state
- Public-federal

**Category of Property**

(Check only one box)

- Building(s)
- District
- Site
- Structure
- Object

**Number of Resources within Property**

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1		Buildings
		Sites
		Structures
		Objects
1		Total

**Name of related multiple property listing**

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

**Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register**

**6. Function or Use**

**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

RELIGION; church school

**Current Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

COMMERCE/TRADE; specialty store

**7. Description**

**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

LATE 19<sup>TH</sup> AND EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AMERICAN  
MOVEMENTS; Mission

**Materials**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

Foundation Concrete block

Walls Stucco

Roof Asphalt

Other

**Narrative Description**

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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**8. Statement of Significance**

**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "X" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

**Criteria Considerations**

(Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A** Owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B** Removed from its original location.
- C** A birthplace or a grave.
- D** A cemetery.
- E** A reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F** A commemorative property.
- G** Less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

**Narrative Statement of Significance**

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Areas of Significance**

(Enter categories from instructions.)

EDUCATION

ARCHITECTURE

**Period of Significance**

1919 - 1953

**Significant Dates**

1919

**Significant Person**

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above.)

**Cultural Affiliation**

**Architect/Builder**

Henry Stuckenhoff, General Contractor

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

**Previous documentation on file (NPS):**

- Preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- Previously listed in the National Register
- Previously determined eligible by the National Register
- Designated a National Historic Landmark
- Recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- Recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary location for additional data:**

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local Government
- University
- Other
- Name of repository: \_\_\_\_\_

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**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of property 2.17

UTM References (place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet).

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1.	14	651973	4732753	3.			
2.				4.			

[ ] See continuation sheet

**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

**Boundary Justification**

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Stacy Stupka-Burda / National Register Coordinator  
 organization Nebraska State Historical Society date 08/25/03  
 street & number 1500 R St, PO Box 82554 telephone 402-471-4771  
 city or town Lincoln, NE state NE zip code 68501-2554

**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

**Continuation Sheets****Maps**A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.**Photographs**Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.**Additional items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items.)

**Property Owner**

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name/title St. James Marketplace Non-Stock Cooperative  
 street & number 89039 570 Ave PO Box 242 telephone 402-357-3330  
 city or town Wynot state Nebraska zip code 68792

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**Estimated Burden Statement:** Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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The Saints Philip and James Parochial School is located near the unincorporated community of St. James, Nebraska and is approximately one mile east of Wynot, Nebraska (2000 population, 191). Located in the northeastern portion of the state in Cedar County, the region is largely rural in nature. Positioned in the northeast portion of the county, St. James is approximately 200 miles north of Lincoln, the State Capital, and is less than 10 miles south of Nebraska-South Dakota border.

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The Saints Philip and James Parochial School (SS. Philip and James Parochial School) is a one story stuccoed building constructed in 1919. Situated high above Bow Creek, the surrounding area is under agricultural cultivation. Less than ¼ mile north of the current alignment of Nebraska State Highway 12, this historic property is readily identified by its distinctive architecture and the now mature row of evergreen trees at the edge of the street in front of the building.

Rectangular in plan, the mission-style roof parapet centered on the main façade and the balanced symmetrical front with an open front porch are defining exterior elements that speak to its modest mission style.

Supported by four square wooden posts, the open front porch protects two recessed arched entries. Centered between these entryways, and directly under the parapet, are three six over one double hung windows. Three one over one double hung windows were placed on either side of the front porch. Placed at ground level, three pairs of rectangular windows evenly spaced under the first floor double hung windows and complete the symmetrical front façade. A wooden beltcourse placed above the first story windows, extends around three facades and adds visual interest.

Pairs of one over one double hung windows continue on the north and the south facades, a pattern that is broken up by the placement of two small, hipped roof vestibules that provide covered access to the basement. The rear or west façade has a pattern of alternating paired and single, one over one double hung windows. A small shed addition over the west entry to the basement was added during the sometime in the 1980s to provide handicapped accessibility.

The two wooden front entry doors are identical and feature 15 beveled glass lights, sidelights and transoms. The pattern of these exterior doors is repeated on interior vestibule doors and again on entry doors into the multipurpose room.

The interior floor plan is simple and reflects the multiuse nature of the school. Two classrooms are located along the exterior northern wall while living quarters line the exterior southern wall. A multipurpose room complete with stage occupies the large interior space. Wood panel doors slide to conceal a small altar along the north wall of the multipurpose room. A small music room is located opposite the stage, nestled between the vestibules of the front entryways.

The interior of the SS. Philip and James Parochial School reflects the straightforward nature of the exterior. Wood is used as the primary decorative element throughout the school. Floors, five-panel doors, stair railings and banisters, and wrap around baseboards are all yellow pine. Polished until gleaming, the wood finishes combine to create an environment that is warm and inviting. Skylights in the multipurpose room and windows and transoms throughout the main floor allow natural light to flow from room to room.

A short hallway located between the living quarters and perpendicular to the multipurpose room provides access to the exterior and to the basement. This vestibule and entryway is patterned after the main entries and uses a combination of transoms and sidelights function as decorative elements, but are also practical.

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The finished basement features a large open space for holding meetings, dinners and receptions. A well-apportioned kitchen provides both workspace for preparing meals and easy access for serving. A second commercial kitchen allows for the preparation of products that can be offered for sale to the public. Restrooms and a third classroom are also on this level.

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**Significance**

The SS. Philip and James School is locally significant under criterion A for education and criterion C for architecture. This historic property played a significant role in the educational life of parish children for nearly 45 years. Designed and built by Henry Stuckenhoff, a respected local contractor, this historic property displays characteristics of the Mission style popular from the turn of the century up to the 1920's. Physical integrity of this property is high. The period of significance begins with the completion of the building in 1919 and extends to 1953, 50 years prior to this writing.

Approximately ten years after the completion of the SS. Philip and James Catholic Church, parishioners began to consider construction of a parish school<sup>1</sup>. By 1917 a fund drive was officially underway. Community members enthusiastically offered donations of labor, materials and money toward the construction of the new school.

The contract for construction of the school was awarded to a well-known local contractor, Henry Stuckenhoff. It is easy to surmise why the parishioners of SS. Philip and James might have chosen Stuckenhoff to complete their project. Mr. Stuckenhoff, a German immigrant, is responsible for building several churches in northeastern Nebraska, including the Immaculate Conception Church in St. Helena in 1897 (NRHP 2001) and SS. Peter and Paul Church in Bow Valley in 1903 (NRHP 2000). Responsible for the construction of numerous public and private buildings in the area, Stuckenhoff placed this advertisement in 1916 "Henry Stuckenhoff, General Contractor, Builder of the largest and best buildings in Cedar County for the past 30 years. Plans and estimates furnished for buildings of every description, Hartington, Nebraska."<sup>2</sup> Stuckenhoff's modest mission design for the SS. Philip and James Parochial School complimented the existing church and hinted at the function of the building, one of mission for the local parish families.

By January of 1919, the Ursuline Sisters of the Mount Saint Joseph Convent of Maple Mount, Kentucky staffed the school. Tuition was one dollar per child per month. The school was formally dedicated June of 1919 and events of the day culminated with a program performed on the new stage by the children of the school.<sup>3</sup>

Instructors at the school from 1919 to 1933, the Sisters also lived at the school. In addition to their educational responsibilities, the Sisters also cared for the children who boarded at the school during the week. Depending on distance to school, as many as 30 children sometimes stayed at the school. In addition to tuition, parents provided food for the Sisters to cook each week.

The parish school quickly became the hub of for activities of the local community. By the summer of 1919, the parish was having financial difficulties due to a depressed farm economy. "The new building was instrumental in working through this crisis with many fundraising activities."<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise noted, the general history of the SS. Philip and James Parochial School is taken from SS. Philip and James Catholic Church Observing 96 Years of Catholic Faith 1904 – 2000. Pine Hill Press, Sioux Falls, SD.

<sup>2</sup> *The Cedar County News*, Thursday June 6, 1916.

<sup>3</sup> *The Wynot Tribune*, Thursday June 26, 1919.

<sup>4</sup> SS. Philip and James Catholic Church Observing 96 Years of Catholic Faith 1904 – 2000. Pine Hill Press, Sioux Falls, SD.

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Northeast Nebraska and the parish families of SS. Philip and James were not spared from the effects of the Great Depression. Declining enrollment and increasing parish debt made it difficult to pay the Sisters. The school was closed for a time in November 1933. By the fall 1937, however, the parish was debt free and anxious to reopen their school. Classes resumed with four grades in two classrooms and over the next few years, enrollment continued to rise. In 1968, consolidation of the Catholic parochial schools in northern Cedar County required the school at SS. Philip and James to close. In 1969, severe winter weather prompted administrators to temporarily reopen the school for the convenience of upper grade classes.

Upon closure of the school, the parishioners of SS. Philip and James continued to use the school for community functions such as luncheons and dinners, receptions and meetings, benefits and fundraising activities. In 2003, these social functions continue, with one important addition. In 2001, five women of the community established St. James Marketplace. Established as a way to strengthen and maintain their community, St. James Marketplace features a farmer's market, craft room, tearoom, and an historical room featuring information and a book on the Wiseman Massacre by local author and spouse of descendant Louis Guy<sup>5</sup>.

SS. Philip and James Parochial School is eligible for the National Register at the local level under criterion A for its significant contribution to the history of education in Cedar County. During the time the school was in operation, a large percentage of local children were educated at the SS. Philip and James Parochial School. The presence of the school was so significant that it was used as a marketing tool for the parish. The significant features of the building associated with its primary purpose-education-remain intact, and the overall physical integrity of the building and its location is very good. SS. Philip and James Parochial School is not simply a good example of a parish school, but is an exemplary example of a small, rural school in Cedar County, regardless of cultural or religious affiliation.

This historic property retains a high degree of physical integrity both on the exterior and on the interior. Those aspects of location, design, materials, workmanship, feeling and setting are intact and contribute to our overall understanding of this historic property as a historic school. One aspect of integrity, association, was diminished with the demolition of the parish church in 2000. Despite the loss of association, the SS. Philip and James Parochial School continues to convey its architectural significance and is eligible for inclusion in the National Register at the local level under criterion C.

This historic property meets the requirements established under criterion consideration A in that it derives its primary significance from its association with education and through architectural distinction as a rare mission-style property in northeast Nebraska.

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.stjamesmarketplace.com> September 3, 2003.

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Community of Hartington Nebraska  
Hartington Nebraska Centennial 1883-1983.

SS. Philip and James History Committee  
2000 SS. Philip and James Catholic Church Observing 96 Years of Catholic Faith 1904 – 2000. Pine Hill Press,  
Sioux Falls, SD.

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**Verbal Boundary Description**

A tract of land lying wholly in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 32N, Range 2E of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. Cedar County, Nebraska more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the center 1/4 of said Section 24; thence south on section line on an assumed bearing of south 00° 00' east 255.93 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 90° 00' west 190.00 feet; thence north 00° 00' east 70 feet; thence north 90° 00' west 140.00 ft; thence south 00° 00' east 328.13 feet; thence north 89° 39' 10" east 330.01 feet to a point on section line; thence north 00° 00' east 256.13 feet to the point of beginning and containing 2.17 acres more or less.

**Boundary Justification**

The boundary described above includes that parcel associated directly with the Saints Philip and James Parochial School and under current ownership of the St. James Marketplace Non-Stock Cooperative.

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Photographs

The following information pertains to the all photographs:

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Photographer: Stacy Stupka-Burda, NeSHPO

June 2003

Negatives in the collection of the Nebraska State Historic Preservation Office

Photograph	Description of Photograph	View
1 of 13	View of primary façade	NW
2 of 13	View north façade	S
3 of 13	View of front entry	NW
4 of 13	View of north and west facades	SE
5 of 13	View of rear façade	SSE
6 of 13	Exterior view of one of a pair of entry doors	W
7 of 13	Representative view of interior doors	
8 of 13	Interior view, altar in gymnasium	N
9 of 13	View of gymnasium and stage area	W
10 of 13	Interior view, east end of gymnasium	E
11 of 13	Interior view, classroom	E
12 of 13	Interior view, lower level meeting room	NW
13 of 13	View of hand planted evergreen trees and their relationship to the school	NNE

Copy of the Blueprint of the Floor plan of the Ss. Philip and James School building

