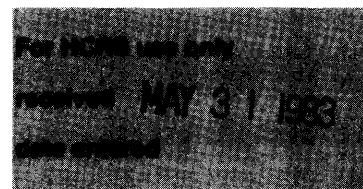


United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service

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. Peter's Church

and/or common same

2. Location

street & number 1010 Newark Dr. ___ not for publication

city, town West Bend *vic.* vicinity of congressional district

state Wisconsin code 55 county Washington code 131

3. 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name St. Peter's Church and Cemetery Association

Sylvester Herman, Vice-President

street & number 893 Riverview Dr.

city, town West Bend ___ vicinity of state Wisconsin 53095

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse

street & number 432 E. Washington St.

city, town West Bend state Wisconsin 53095

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Wisconsin Inventory of Historic Places has this property been determined eligible? yes no

date 1977 ___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records State Historical Society of Wisconsin

city, town Madison state Wisconsin 53706

7. Description

Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

St. Peter's Church is a fieldstone structure, located in rural town of Farmington in Washington County, just north of the city of West Bend. The rectangular plan church, measuring 55' x 30', is vernacular in style with the unusual feature of a half-octagonal apse. The gabled roof has a profiled cornice and a bell tower, now covered with sheet metal, capped with a hipped roof and cross. The entire roof, originally wood, was covered with asphalt shingles in 1974. There is a small chimney positioned on the roof peak, just forward of the apsidal break in the roofline. The sixteen above sixteen double-hung sash windows with fanlights are symmetrically placed, three on each side. The fanlight is repeated five feet above the front entrance. A bulls-eye window is above the apse door in the rear. All the windows have stone relieving arches and the doors feature segmental stone arches and wood lintels. The walls are twenty-four inches thick, constructed of random and split fieldstone with roughhewn quoins on the front corners. The cornerstone is dated 1861. While the fieldstone is without a pattern, a cross of darker stones is set in the wall above the front fanlight window.

The interior features a choir loft, constructed of wood with a short balustrade, and is reached by stairs near the front entrance. No other features are built in. The walls are undecorated white plaster. The apse was constructed to appear semi-circular in the interior. The floor is of original wide oak plank. A furnace has been placed in the center of the church but could be removed.

The church is situated on a slight rise of ground, close to the road, and surrounded by agricultural land. A cemetery, located behind and to the right of the structure, is not included in the nominated property. A small, one-story fieldstone structure located on an adjacent lot was once used as a schoolhouse by the St. Peter's congregation but is now under separate ownership and is used for storage.

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 type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1861¹ Builder/Architect construction supervised by Joseph Salzmann²

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

St. Peter's Church is an outstanding and essentially unaltered example of fieldstone construction in Washington County, and a rare example of such construction applied to an ecclesiastic structure. Although fieldstone was a common building material in Washington County in the 19th century (with many fine fieldstone buildings remaining), only four fieldstone churches were identified in a reconnaissance survey of the county conducted by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in the summer of 1977. The other three churches (St. Mathias Catholic Church, Town of West Bend, built 1867; St. Augustine Catholic Church, Town of Trenton, built 1855; St. Hubert's Catholic Church, Town of Richfield, built 1863) are similar to St. Peter's in size, but St. Peter's is distinguished by its unusual half-octagonal apse, a feature not easily constructed in random fieldstone. In addition, the vernacular church is distinguished by a cross fashioned from darker stone embedded in the front wall.

St. Peter's congregation was organized in 1846, and in 1855 the first church, a one-story log structure, was built on land donated to the Milwaukee diocese that year by Peter Schwin and Peter Welker, members of the congregation who were natives of Prussia. The present fieldstone church was erected in 1861 on the same land, constructed by Schwin, Welker, and other church members under the supervision of Dr. Joseph Salzmann, a missionary priest from Milwaukee. From the construction until 1867, the church's German-speaking congregation was served by a resident pastor, Simon Bartozs. After that, however, the church was served by visiting priests from nearby catholic churches.³ Services were held in German until 1930.⁴ Regular services have since been cancelled, and the church is now used twice yearly, for special Christmas and Easter services.

¹ Cornerstone

² Harry H. Heming, The Catholic Church in Wisconsin (Milwaukee: Catholic Historical Publishing Company, 1895), p. 486.

³ Ibid.

⁴ St. Peter's Church Records, in the possession of Sylvester Herman, 893 Riverview Drive, West Bend, WI 53905.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Heming, Harry H. The Catholic Church in Wisconsin. Milwaukee: Catholic Historical Publishing Co., 1895.

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 2.4

Quadrangle name Newburg, WI

Quadrangle scale 7.5

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

See Continuation Sheet

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/title Rose A. Zingleman/volunteer

organization State Historical Society of Wisconsin date

street & number 816 State Street telephone

city or town Madison state Wisconsin 53706

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national state local

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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

Richard M. Mearns

title Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin

date 4/29/83

For HCERS use only

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

Delores Byer
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

date 6/30/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

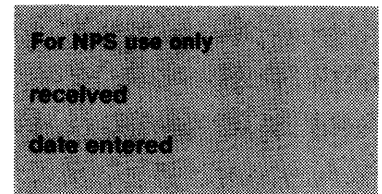
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Verbal boundary description and justification:

The nominated property is a rectangle of land located in that part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 12 North, Range 20 East, described as follows: Commencing at the SW corner of the East 8 acres of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said section and running thence East 13 rods, thence North 8 rods 10 feet, thence West 2 rods, thence North 26 rods, thence West 11 rods, thence South 34 rods 10 feet to place of beginning. The cemetery plots included within the property are specifically excluded from nomination.