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DATA SHEET

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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. Joseph Church and Parish Hall

AND/OR COMMON

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

330 1st St., N.W.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Elkader

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

2

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

CODE

COUNTY

Clayton

CODE

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Congregation of St. Joseph

STREET & NUMBER

330 1st St., SW

CITY, TOWN

Elkader

VICINITY OF

STATE

Iowa

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clayton County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Elkader

STATE

Iowa

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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

Two structures are included in this nomination. The first, original church, was begun in 1856 and completed in 1858. It is 36' x 80', with a gable roof, and five bays in length. The lancet windows with simple stone sills are partially filled in to accommodate modern windows. A lower, matching, single-bay addition was made sometime after 1897. It originally served as the choir, and has since been converted to an entrance. The structure is presently used as a meeting hall, and has over time been altered inside. Aside from a small modern frame addition to the rear (containing restrooms), the exterior retains its original character.

The second, later church was completed in 1899. It is in the Gothic style, its limestone laid in rusticated random ashlar pattern. The principal feature of the church is a tower, over twice the height of the building. The tower has mitred corners and four louvred lancet openings. The corners are further marked by mitre capped buttresses rising from below. The slender, 8-sided spire has peaked gables at the base, and above a course halfway up, are three triangular, louvred openings. The front corners of the church have capped buttresses. Lancet windows exhibit tracery, and decorative pilasters separate the bays. A stone chimney is at the rear of the gabled, slate-covered roof. The front facade is pierced by one round rose window and several pointed-arched tracery windows of varying sizes. Tracery is also evident in the light over the front door.

The vaulting in the interior is supported by two rows of columns ornamented with plaster capitals. The main nave is 36 feet high in the clear, the side naves 27½ feet high. The sanctuary is 22 feet wide, 20 feet deep, and 32 feet high, with vaulting to correspond with that of the main nave. The stained glass and oak woodwork are original.

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 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 1858; 1899

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The juxtaposition of these two church buildings illustrate the changing fortunes of a small town parish. The first church is simple and basic because the pioneers did not have the means nor disposition for elaborate grandeur in their religious structures. In contrast, the congregation of the later 1800's had the wealth to commission a Victorian Gothic church reminiscent of northern European cathedrals, and their choice of design reflected the changing architectural enthusiasms of the age.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of Clayton County, Iowa, 1882

"Beautiful St. Joseph's," Clayton County Register, 9 Nov. 1899

"History of St. Joseph Parish", Rev. J.F. Reilly (pastor, 1887-1917). Original in church files

History of Clayton County, Iowa, 1916

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1 acre

UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Patricia Koehn

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Aug. 1974

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Elkader

STATE

Iowa

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 National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

Adrian A. Anderson

TITLE

Director, Div. of Historic Preservation

DATE 5.11.76

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

Attest: *[Signature]*
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

DATE 11/21/96

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 11.15.76