

DICKINSON COUNTY HISTORY – CHURCHES – NORWAY, VULCAN, LORETTO

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Norway, Michigan, Diamond Jubilee 1891-1966 Historical Album, unpagged

Norway over the past years has had several churches[,] namely: Baptist, Evangelical Covenant, Bethany Lutheran, Norwegian Lutheran, Swedish Methodist, English Methodist, St. Mary Episcopal, Norway Congregation of Jehovah Witnesses, St. Mary's Catholic and St. Barbara's Catholic.

Churches at present are the Evangelical Covenant, St. Mary's Catholic, Jehovah Witnesses, English Methodist now united with Swedish Methodist and the Vulcan Methodist churches. Bethany Lutheran is now united with the Norwegian church. St. Mary Episcopal is no longer active, its membership having been transferred to the Iron Mountain church. St. Barbara Catholic for many years had its church in the Third Ward but after being destroyed by fire in 1925 it was rebuilt at Vulcan[,] its present site.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 24 [Thursday, October 28, 1920], page 1, column 5

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEET

Aggressive Society Is Formed at the Central Church Meeting.

Practically every Protestant Sunday school in Dickinson county was represented at the convention held last Sunday afternoon and evening at the Central M.E. church. Over thirty teachers were present from the Norway and Vulcan district. Addresses relative to Sunday school work were delivered by Rev. Dr. Traver, of Lawrence University, Appleton, Rev. John

Anderson, of Ishpeming, district superintendent of Sunday schools, Rev. Mr. Chindberg, of Norway, C.A. Hansen, of Quinnesec, Rev. Otto A. Johnson, Mrs. Ricahrd C. Browning, Mrs. Hassell and others. All were short and snappy and were interspersed with music. Rev. T.H. Williamson presided at both sessions. As a result of the convention, a live county Sunday school society was formed with the following officers:

President – Samuel Perkins, of Norway M.E. church.

Vice-President – Edwin Turnquist, of Norway, and W.M. Lewis, of Iron Mountain.

Secretary – Mrss. [sic – Mrs.] Richard C. Browning, of Iron Mountain.

Treasurer – Albert H. Hooper, of Iron Mountain.

Elementary Superintendent – Mrs. C.A. Hansen, of Quinnesec.

Secondary Superintendent – Mrs. George Snowden, of Iron Mountain.

Adult Superintendent – Capt. William Bond, of Vulcan.

Educational Superintendent – Rev. Oscar Chindberg, of Norway.

Administrative Superintendent – Charles E. Hademan, of Iron Mountain.

Member District Committee – Charles E. Anderson, of Iron Mountain.

Assembly of God

Baptist

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**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF
NORWAY**
421 Iron Street

NORWAY BAPTIST CHURCH
730 Brown Street

**IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH/
(SWEDISH BAPTIST CHURCH)**
Southwest Corner
Iron Street and Lake Street



**Swedish Baptist Church,
postcard view, ca. 1930-1940**



**Swedish Baptist Church,
Postcard view, ca. 1950-1960**

Norway, Michigan, Diamond Jubilee 1891-1966 Historical Album, unpagged [photograph]

Immanuel Baptist Church was organized in Norway in 1880. Shortly thereafter the congregation moved to Iron Mountain. A second congregation was organized in Norway in 1888. Services were first held in a store, but a church was quickly built. In 1957 an annex was added to the structure.

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1920 – CHURCHES

In October of this year the site of the Swedish Baptist Church and parsonage was sold to the Penn Iron Mining Company and the buildings were being moved to the corner of Iron and Lake Streets where they were to be thoroughly refitted. (This is the present location of the church.)

Church of Christ

Church of Christ, Scientist

Covenant

EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH

Corner of Brown Street and Ninth
Avenue
120 Odill Road

Norway, Michigan, *Diamond Jubilee 1891-1966 Historical Album*, unpaginated [photograph]

In 1879, a group of Scandinavian immigrants to Norway, Michigan, began meeting together in “Swedetown” for Bible

study, prayer, and fellowship. They were united together by a common language, a common heritage in the pietistic revivals then sweeping their native Northern Europe, and a common desire to serve God in their new land. Within three years, in 1882, this fellowship organized the Evangelical Covenant Church with 12 charter members. The church continued to meet in different homes in the community until 1898 when a permanent structure was erected on Brown and Ninth Streets.

Norway, Michigan: *Diamond Jubilee Historical Album, 1891-1966* by Jake Meneghini, 1966 [not paginated]

1898 – CHURCHES

On November 6, 1898[,] Contractor Newman began construction of the new Swedish Mission Church.

Episcopal

BETHANY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Main Street
Vulcan

Northeast Corner of Central Boulevard
and Park Street
Vulcan

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First Bethany Episcopal Church, June 26, 1906

Vulcan, Michigan, Centennial 1872-1972,
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Bethany Episcopal Church

The first Episcopal Church in Vulcan was established some time prior to 1902, and a small[,] shingled church was built. This structure, now remodeled, is the present home (1972) of Clifford Diedrich on Main Street. About 1908, this building was replaced by a brick church located at the northeast corner of Central Boulevard and Park Street. The Episcopal church in Vulcan was always a Mission [*sic* – *mission*] church, served by clergymen from Iron Mountain. Through almost all of the years the Episcopal Church had an active congregation in Vulcan, [*sic* – .] Frank Elms served as Sunday School Superintendent and a mainstay of the congregation. IN 1925 the church was closed and the building sold. It is now (1972) the home of the Richard Faulls.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH Norway

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 42

[Saturday, November 19, 1887], page 1,
column 5

–Rev. W. Macaulay Tooke of Iron Mountain will hold Episcopal services in the Norway Opera House next Sunday morning (20th) at 10:30. All persons who will take an interest are cordially invited to attend.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 43
[Saturday, November 26, 1887], page 1,
column 2

–Rev. W. Macaulay Tooke, of Iron Mountain, held Episcopal services at [*the*] Opera Hall on Sunday morning, and a large congregation attended. He will hold services again tomorrow (Sunday) A.M. at 10:30, and all are invited. Much interest is being taken in the matter, and it is probable that a society will be formed here.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 44
[Saturday, December 3, 1887], page 1,
column 3

–A meeting of the ladies interested in the Episcopal church of this place met on the 1st at the residence of Mrs. Belanger, to form themselves into a Church Guild. Mrs. Copeland was chosen president of the society, Mrs. Belanger Vice President and Mrs. Siddall, Secretary and Treas. It was arranged by the society to hold weekly ten cent socials during the winter for the benefit of the church. The first of these socials will be held in Vulcan at the residence of Mrs. Heimerdinger on Friday the 9th inst. [*of this month*] at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. The meeting adjourned to meet at the residence of Mrs. Siddall on Wednesday next at 3 o'clock.

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The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 46
[Saturday, December 17, 1887], page 1,
column 2

–A dime social will be held by the ladies['] guild of of [sic] the Episcopal church, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Siddall, on Friday evening next. All are cordially invited to attend.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 47
[Saturday, December 24, 1887], page 1,
column 2

–The Ladies['] Guild of the Episcopal church met at the home of Mrs. Frank Siddall on Wednesday afternoon.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 48
[Saturday, December 31, 1887], page 1,
column 2

–The Episcopal social at Mr, [sic – Mr.] and Mrs. Siddall's on Friday of last week was a very pleasant and well attended one.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 49
[Saturday, January 7, 1888], page 1,
column 4

–There was an Episcopal social last night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Copeland, of Vulcan. Business matters prevented our attendance, but it is safe to say that everyone had a pleasant time. These socials are becoming very popular.

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Corner of Maple Street and Birch Street
Norway (Fredrickton)

Norway, Michigan: Diamond Jubilee Historical Album, 1891-1966 by Jake Meneghini, 1966 [not paginated]

1891 – CHURCHES

A meeting was held in Lindquist's Hall on April 20th for the purpose of the erection of an Episcopal Church for the people of Norway and Vulcan.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 5 [Thursday, June 23, 1910], page 5, column 3

NORWAY NEWS NUGGETS

The congregation of St. Mary's Mission of the Episcopal church has decided to build a new church at the corner of Maple and Birch streets. The new building will be in the shape of a cross, 38x51 feet extreme measurements, the naves being about twenty feet wide. The basement will be of concrete and superstructure of steel and cement.

Norway, Michigan: Diamond Jubilee Historical Album, 1891-1966 by Jake Meneghini, 1966 [not paginated]

1911 – CHURCHES

On April 9, 1911[,] St. Mary's Episcopal Church was dedicated. The services were held at 10:30 in the morning and at 8:00 in the evening.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 33 [Thursday, January 5, 1911], page 1, column 3

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Church Dedication.

Next Sunday the new Episcopal church at Vulcan will be formally opened for divine worship. The morning prayer will commence at 10:30, followed by a solemn Encharist [*sic – Eucharist*] and sermon. The Rev. Mr. Poyseor, general missionary, and the Rev. Mr. Datson, rector of Grace church, Menominee, will assist the Rev. R.M. Nickel in conducting the opening services. The new church is a beautiful, churchly structure of solid brick, built by Mr. King according to plans designed by Architect Charlton, of Marquette. Owing to the celebration at Vulcan, there will be only one service at Holy Trinity Church, viz: Evensong and sermon at 7:30 p.m. All are cordially invited.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 46 [Thursday, April 6, 1911], page 1, column 4

To Dedicate.

The new brick church being erected in Fredrickton, by the members of the Episcopal congregation, is rapidly nearing completion, and it is thought that it will be ready for dedication by Palm Sunday. This church will be one of the finest in the city and a credit to its congregation. The choirs of Bethany church, Vulcan, and Holy Trinity church, Iron Mountain, will take part in the dedicatorial program. – Norway Current.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 47 [Thursday, April 13, 1911], page 1, column 1

Church Dedication.

Large congregations attended the dedication of St. Mary's Episcopal church at Norway, Sunday, April 9th. The Rev. Wm. Poyseor preached a very impressive sermon in the morning, and gave an exceedingly interesting missionary discourse in the evening. A special musical program was arranged and executed by the Holy Trinity church [*remainder of article not photocopied*]

Greek Orthodox

Jehovah's Witness

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon)

Lutheran

**BETHANY EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Nelson Hill**

**Moved to Ninth Avenue and Iron Street
815 Iron Street**

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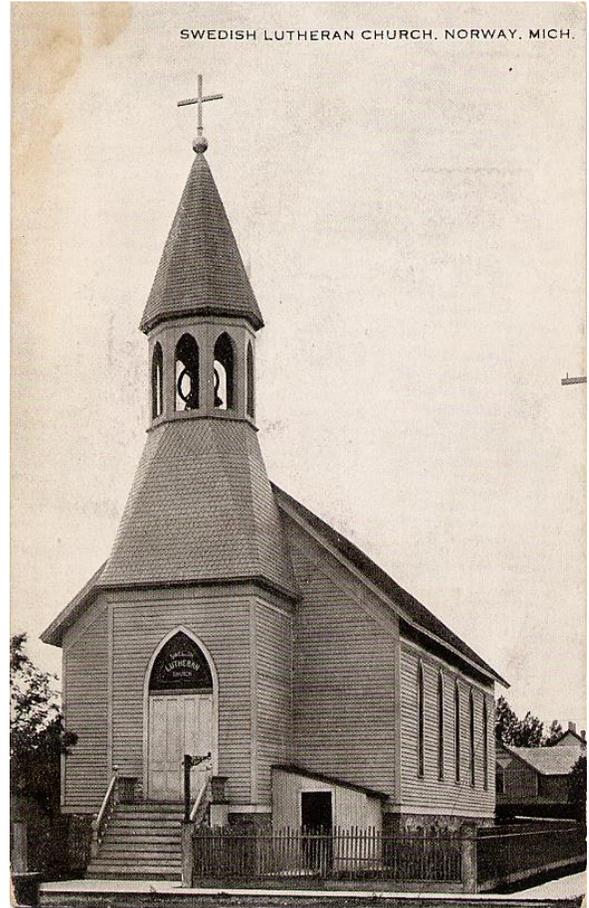
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**Lutheran Church and Parsonage,
postcard view, ca. 1910-1915**



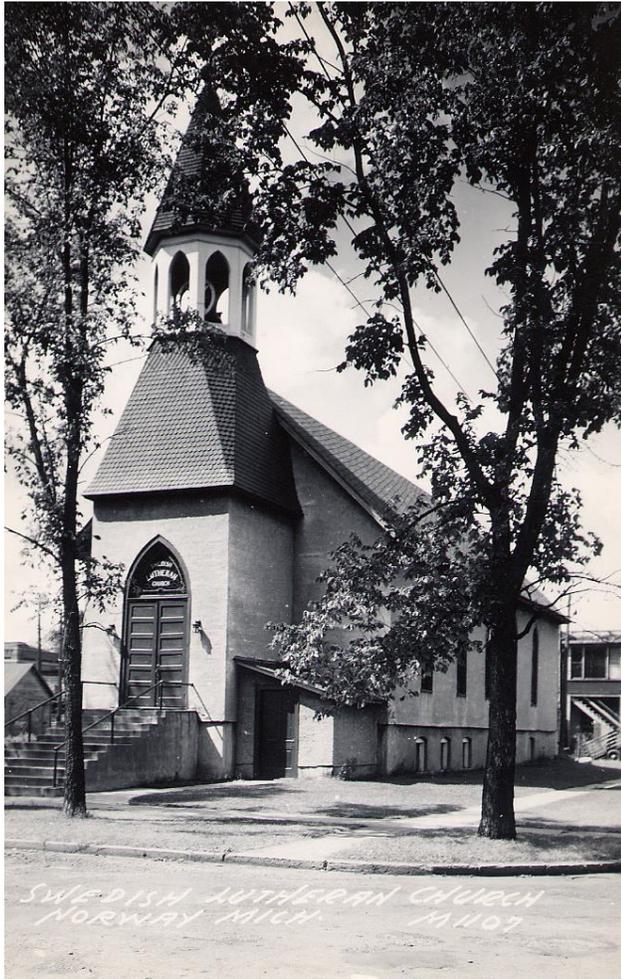
**Swedish Lutheran Church,
postcard view, ca. 1930-1940**



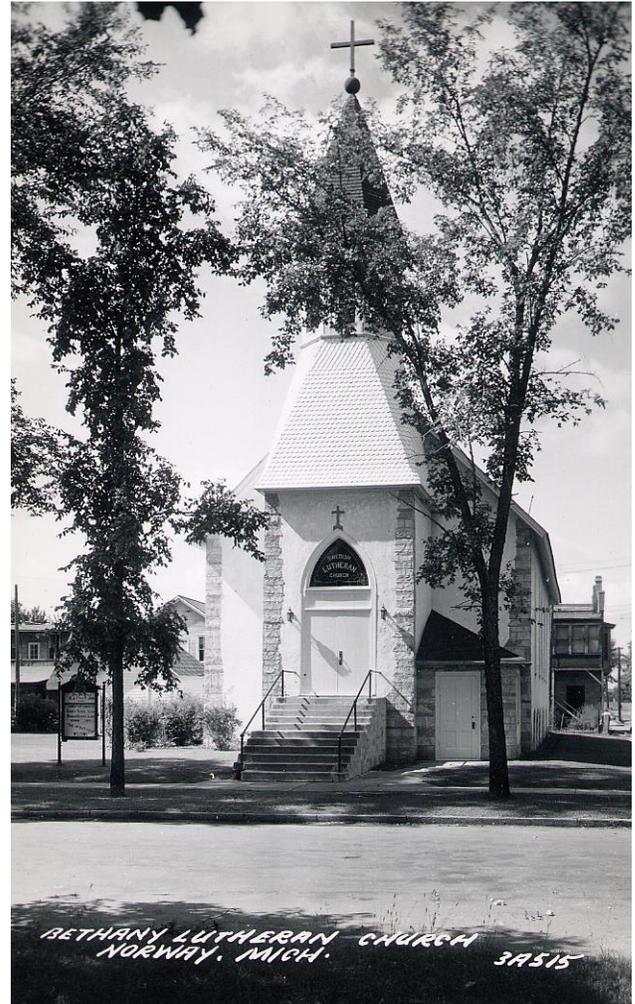
**Swedish Lutheran Church,
postcard view, ca. 1910-1915**

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**Swedish Lutheran Church,
postcard view, ca. 1940-1950**



**Bethany Lutheran Church,
postcard view, ca. 1950-1960**

Norway, Michigan, Diamond Jubilee 1891-1966 Historical Album, unpagged [photograph]

In 1879 Swedish immigrants organized the Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church in Norway. A church was built on Nelson Hill in 1882. The building was moved in 1890 to its present location at Ninth Avenue and Iron Street.

A parish hall was added in 1961.

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[Saturday, August 29, 1885], page 1,
column 3

Concert in the Lutheran Church To-night.

A grand concert will be given in the Swedish Lutheran church to-night [*sic – tonight*]. The programme will consist of vocal and instrumental music, and addresses by Rev. Mr. Peters, of Springfield, Ill., and Rev. A.S. Fair, of this city. The former will speak in the Swedish language and the latter in English. A portion of the singing, too, will be in the Swedish language. The proceeds of the concert will be used in paying off a portion of the indebtedness of the church, and it is to be hoped that the edifice will be crowded on this occasion. Doors will be opened at 7:30 o'clock, the entertainment commencing at 8. Admission: Adults 50 cents. children 25 cents.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume I, Number 31
[Saturday, September 5, 1885], page 1,
column 3

Lutheran Church Concert.

The concert at the Swedish Lutheran church on Saturday night last was not so largely attended as wished for, the threatening state of the weather no doubt keeping many at home who would otherwise have been present. The concert was opened by the band, which played a fantasia entitled the Sacred Lyre. This was followed by singing and the usual programme on such occasions, those taking part acquitting themselves very nicely. An address was delivered in the Swedish language by Rev. Mr. Peters, of Springfield, Ill., which is said to have been

an able effort. An address was delivered in English also by Rev. A.S. Fair.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume II, Number 48
[Saturday, December 25, 1886], page 1,
column 2

–On Monday evening next a festival will be held at the Swedish Lutheran Church, and a Christmas tree will be one of the attractions. All are cordially invited, and will be made to feel at home.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume II, Number 49
[Saturday, January 1, 1887], page 1,
column 2

–On Monday evening last the festival and Christmas tree at the Swedish Lutheran church was a grand success, both as to numbers and enjoyment. A pleasant feature of the evening's entertainment was an address delivered in English by Rev. G.A. Sovda. Although a fluent talker in the Swedish language, this was Mr. Sovda's first attempt to address an audience in English, and his many friends were pleased at his success.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 49
[Saturday, January 7, 1888], page 8,
column 1

–A sociable was held at the Swedish M.E. church on Monday evening. The entertainment was under the auspices of the ladies of the church, and was a grand success, many articles were [*sic – were*] disposed of, both by auction and otherwise, for the purpose of clearing the church debt. But a small amount remain [*sic – remains*] to be paid.

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The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 50 [Saturday, January 14, 1888], page 1, column 3

–The types made us say last week that, [sic] the Swedish M.E. Church held a social, when it should have read, the Swedish Lutheran church.

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1891 – CHURCHES

The work of moving the Swedish Lutheran Church from Norway Hill to South Norway was in progress; this would be the present site of the Lutheran Church.

Norway, Michigan: Diamond Jubilee Historical Album, 1891-1966 by Jake Meneghini, 1966 [not paginated]

1901 – CHURCHES

The Swedish Lutheran Church bought a new bell. It was purchased and presented by the Young People's Society of the Church. The price of the bell was \$300 and [it] weighed 1,400 pounds.

NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH Corner of Fifth Avenue and Norway Street

Norway, Michigan, Diamond Jubilee 1891-1966 Historical Album, unpaginated

Norwegian immigrants organized the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church in

Norway in 1892. A church was built on the corner of Fifth Avenue and Norway Street. In 1947 and 1948 the members of the Norwegian Church transferred their membership to Bethany Lutheran Church.

Norway, Michigan: Diamond Jubilee Historical Album, 1891-1966 by Jake Meneghini, 1966 [not paginated]

1891 – CHURCHES

Contractor A.J. Blomgren began work on the erection of the new Norwegian Church in the second ward.

Methodist

ENGLISH METHODIST CHURCH Address

Norway, Michigan: Diamond Jubilee Historical Album, 1891-1966 by Jake Meneghini, 1966 [not paginated]

1908 – CHURCHES

On February 25, 1908[,] the English Methodist Church was destroyed by fire – nothing was saved. When the Fire Department arrived their efforts were directed toward saving the parsonage – which they did.

[Caption under photograph of church on fire says: *English M.E. Church destroyed by fire Feb. 24, 1908.*]

In October Reverend O.F. Winton, pastor of the English Methodist Church[,] laid the old corner stone [sic – cornerstone] on the south-east [sic – southeast] corner and then laid the new corner stone [sic – cornerstone] on the North-east [sic –

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northeast] corner. The old corner stone [*sic – cornerstone*] was salvaged from the fire in February of this year from the fire which destroyed the old church located on top of Nelson Street. Incidentally, Richard Peterson, who lives at 329 Iron Street, as a young man hauled the old corner stone [*sic – cornerstone*] by team and wagon while being employed by Contractor Andrew Turnbloom.

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1919 – CHURCHES

In February of 1919, it was proposed to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the English Methodist Churches [*sic – Church's*] organization. In June a big anniversary social was scheduled to be held on the lawn of Captain John Perkins in whose home the Methodist organization was organized in 1879. (This is the present Dr. Willard N. Hayes residence.)

**FIRST METHODIST CHURCH/
ST. PAUL'S METHODIST CHURCH/
GRACE METHODIST CHURCH/
GRACE UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH
721 Norway Street**



**First Methodist Church,
postcard view, ca. 1910-1915**

Norway, Michigan, *Diamond Jubilee 1891-1966 Historical Album*, unpaginated [photograph]

First Methodist Church was organized in 1879 as an outgrowth of the Methodist Church in Quinnesec. It's [*sic – Its*] first church was built in 1880 and replaced in 1898. Fire destroyed this building, and the present structure was erected in 1909. In 1940 the name was changed to St. Paul's Methodist Church. St. Paul's and Emmanuel (Swedish) Methodist Churches united in 1958 to form the present Grace congregation. In 1964 the Vulcan Methodist Church merged with Grace Church.

Norway, Michigan: *Diamond Jubilee Historical Album, 1891-1966* by Jake Meneghini, 1966 [not paginated]

1898 – CHURCHES

On November 5, 1898[,] the last service was held in the old Methodist Church. Until completion of the new building, services were held in the city hall. The corner stone [*sic – cornerstone*] of the new church was laid on November 15th at 4:00 p.m.

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The Norway Iron Chronicle, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 26 [Saturday, August 28, 1880], page 1, column 2

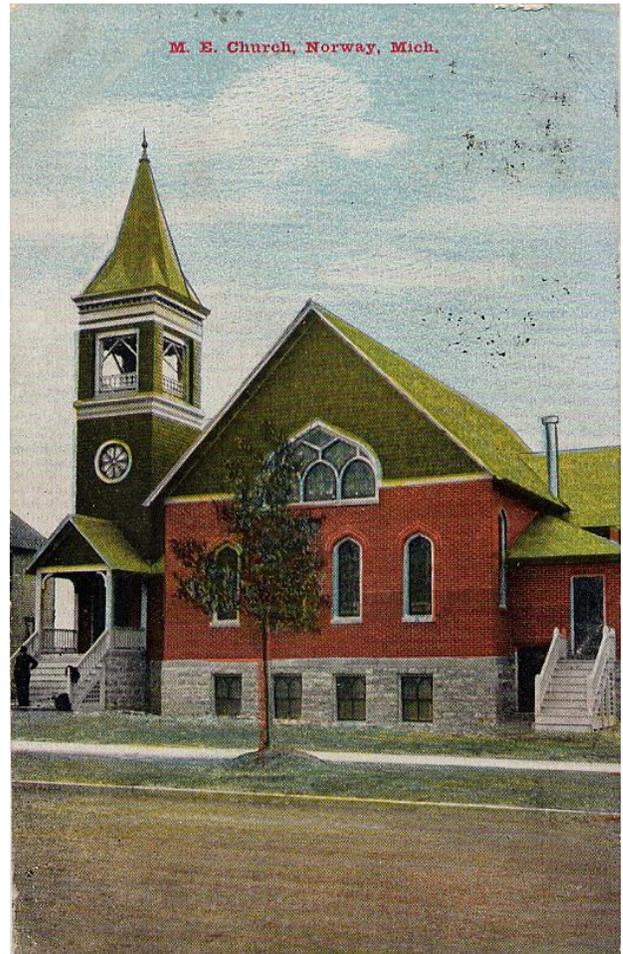
THE frame work of the new Methodist church is up and enclosed.

Methodist Episcopal

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Norway



***Methodist Church,
postcard view, ca. 1910-1918***



***Methodist Episcopal Church,
postcard view, postmarked 1909***



***Methodist Episcopal Church,
postcard view, postmarked 1919***

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**St. Paul's Methodist Church,
postcard view, ca. 1940-1950**

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume I, Number 6
[Saturday, March 14, 1885], page 1,
column 1

The revival meetings at the M.E. church closed last night. They have been largely attended, and no doubt much good has been accomplished.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume I, Number 6
[Saturday, March 14, 1885], page 1,
column 3

Rev. C.G. Squire, who has been assisting the pastor of the Methodist church in this place, conducted 31 services while here, during which time about 150 professed conversion, and Norway has never been so religiously stirred. The Evangelist and Mrs. Squire, who sings the gospel, will long be remembered in our city.

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Michigan, Volume I, Number 6
[Saturday, March 14, 1885], page 1,
column 5

Rev. C.G. Squire, the evangelist and exhorter, returned to Negaunee Monday

evening last. He closed his labors here Thursday night, and left for his home again yesterday.

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Michigan, Volume I, Number 31
[Saturday, September 5, 1885], page 1,
column 2

The M.E. Church Entertainment.

Through an oversight THE CURRENT neglected to make mention of the supper and entertainment, given under the auspices of the ladies of the M.E. church, at [the] opera house on the evening of Saturday, August 22. Supper was served at six o'clock, the tables fairly groaning under the load of luxuries heaped upon them. At eight o'clock the curtain was wrung up for the entertainment. The programme consisted of tableaux, recitations, singing, etc. Those taking part in the exercises acquitted themselves admirably, for which they re deserving of the greatest credit. The Norway Silver Cornet band was in attendance and discoursed some of its choice selections during the evening. The proceeds netted something like \$80, which amount of course goes to swell the coffers of the church.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume I, Number 39
[Saturday, October 31, 1885], page 1,
column 5

Rev. J.S. Mitchell, of Iron Mountain, will occupy the pulpit in the M.E. Church here to-morrow [sic – tomorrow], preaching both morning and evening.

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column 2

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Social.

There will be a Christmas Tree at the M.E. Church on Friday evening[.] Persons of any denomination can make interchange of presents with their friends free of charge. A special committee is appointed who will be at the Vestry Room on Friday from 9AM to 3PM to receive all presents, making themselves responsible for the safety and delivery of all articles intrusted *[sic – entrusted]* to their care.

...

On Saturday evening a public entertainment will be given in the M.E. Church consisting of Christmas Anthems, Declamations[.] Readings etc. Some of the performers possess rare abilities and as they are constantly practicing for this event You *[sic – you]* can depend on hearing something good. All are invited.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 2 [Saturday, February 13, 1886], page 1, column 2

Quarterly meeting services have been held in the M.E. church here this week, Elder Casler delivering an able sermon last evening. Love-feast, or the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, will be administered tomorrow *[sic – tomorrow]* morning at nine o'clock, and in the evening at the usual hour of service.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 11 [Saturday, April 10, 1886], page 1, column 4

Pink Tea.

The young ladies of Norway (all good looking) gave a pink tea party and

entertainment in the Miners' Hall building last evening. Refreshments were served in the club room from 7 to 9 o'clock, when the guests repaired to the hall above and were entertained for an hour or more with vocal and instrumental music, recitations, etc. Each of the young ladies wore a pink apron and a pink badge labelled *[sic – labeled]* "B.B." All performed their respective parts on the program so creditably that we forbear making special mention of any. The proceeds of the evening, amounting to \$35, will be used for the benefit of the M.E. church.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 13 [Saturday, April 24, 1886], page 1, column 2

Nat Miller, of Marinette, having lowered the O'Callaghan building, and raised the postoffice *[sic – post office]* until it is beyond the reach of the average Republican, is now figuring on moving the M.E. Church building, which unfortunately was built on sand and is in some danger of tumbling into Nelson St.

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The entertainment to be given at the Town Hall, on Monday evening next, will without doubt be one of the grandest ever seen in Norway, and our readers are assured that they will regret it should they fail to attend. The entertainment is for the benefit of the M.E. Church, and all should come out and contribute their mite. Below we give the program:

- 1 – Chorus, "Hail to the Beautiful Queen."
- 2 – Tableau, "Queen of Sheba."

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- 3 – Instrumental Music, “Martano.”
- 4 – Quartette, “I Love my Love.”
- 5 – Recitation.
- 6 – Solo.
- 7 – Violin Solo (with Piano accompaniment), “Praumri.”
- 8 – Tableau.
- 9 – Quartette, “Come where the Lilies Bloom.”
- 10 – Reading.
- 11 – Hunting Chorus.
- 12 – Tableau.
- 13 – Song in character, “The Poor Old Tramp.”
- 14 – Instrumental Music.
- 15 – Solo and Chorus.
- 16 – Quartette, (Medley).
- 17 – Recitation.
- 18 – Solo & chorus, “Drifting Away.”
- 19 – Exercise.
- 20 – Humorous glee, “Dickory, Dickory, Dock.”
- 21 – Mother Goose Party.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 14 [Saturday, May 1, 1886], page 1, column 3

The M.E. Church Entertainment.

The M.E. Church entertainment given last Monday night, under the auspices of the above society, was a decided success. It consisted of songs and instrumental music, readings, recitations and tableaux, and the frequent encores attested, louder than any words of the writer can, the appreciation of the audience. Those participating in the exercises were many in number, and we are unable to give in detail the name and part acted by each individual. Neither do we propose to give our individual opinion of each and every performance. We are willing for the nonce [*sic*] to be like “Simple Simon,” and have our young lady

friends say “he don’t know nothin’.” But, really, “he knows more’n they think he do,” for if we should undertake to particularize, or make special mention of this one or that one, the chances are that the next issue of this great society journal would contain a first-class obituary, and our epitaph would be – “died thro’ lack of judgment.” The people of Norway were ably assisted by residents of Vulcan, Quinnesec and Iron Mountain, those from the former place showing more than ordinary musical and dramatic talent. We said we would not make special mention – we crave forgiveness while we solemnly assert that Marshal Bush was the greatest Turk of the lot. The receipts were somewhat in excess of \$74, and had the weather not been so unfavorable there is no doubt but that they would have been much larger. We would ask the forbearance of the gentlemen having the ticket selling and seating in hand while we suggest that in the future, if seats are to be reserved, that they be sold as such, and that the public be given so to understand. It is hardly practicable to charge one general admission fee and expect to hold all the desirable seats by placing little pieces of paper on each. After one has moved twice because “this seat is bought, sir,” he begins to wonder if there are any seats in the hall which are not “bought,” and also what kind of a seat he bought when he got his ticket.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 15 [Saturday, May 8, 1886], page 1, column 2

Nat. Miller, having placed the M.E. church on a new and more permanent base, has returned to Marinette, [*sic*] Nat. used to attend Sunday school and has become quite an evangelist, as well as a house-mover.

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Michigan, Volume II, Number 16
[Saturday, May 15, 1886], page 1,
column 2

Rev. J.S. Mitchell, of Iron Mountain, will
preach in the M.E. Church of this place this
Saturday evening [at] 7:30 o'clock. Also in
the same place Sabbath morning and
evening.

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Michigan, Volume II, Number 17
[Saturday, May 22, 1886], page 1,
column 2

No services at the M.E. Church of this
place Sabbath morning, the 23d [*sic* – 23rd]
inst. [*of this month*] All are invited to go to
Vulcan to attend the Dedication. The
Sunday School at Norway will be held as
usual, also preaching at 7 in the evening.
“The Dedication” services at Vulcan will be
held Sunday morning and evening, as
previously announced. Rev. J.S. Mitchell
will be present and preach in the morning.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume II, Number 26
[Saturday, July 24, 1886], page 1,
column 3

–If the old saying is true that “the wicked
stand on slippery places,” the attendants at
the M.E. Church must be of that class. We
are reliably informed, (we don't know
personally) that the approach to the church
building is so bad that the people all carry
accident policies.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume II, Number 28
[Saturday, August 7, 1886], page 1,
column 2

–The basement of the M.E. church is
being enclosed and other needed repairs
made about the premises.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume II, Number 33
[Saturday, September 11, 1886], page
1, columns 1-2

–Last Tuesday evening a “Band of
Hope” was organized here, in the M.E.
church, and the following officers elected:

President – Capt. James Hosking.

Vice Pres. – Francis Blackwell.

Secretary – Ida Felton.

Treasurer – Henry Williams.

Musical Director – Francis Blackwell.

Organist – Emma Hosking.

Program Com. – Francis Rillstone,
Bessie Blackwell, John Speare, Susie
Hosking, George Hunt.

Regular meetings will be held at the
Miners' Hall every Tuesday evening, and all
persons, young or old, and of any sect or
denomination, are invited to join. From the
efficiency of the above named officers, and
the interest they take in the temperance
cause, there is every indication of it
becoming a strong society.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume II, Number 36
[Saturday, October 2, 1886], page 1,
column 2

–We have heard of all kinds of “bees” [–]
raising bees, husking bees, quilting bees,
bumble bees, and a bee in ones [*sic* –
one's] bonnet. But the latest is a “scrubbing
bee” which was organized this week by the
young ladies of the M.E. Church. The
church has been lately repaired and
repainted, and the aforesaid bee was for
the purpose of giving the building a
thorough cleaning, and it is needless to say,
that it was done well.

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The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume II, Number 48
[Saturday, December 18, 1886], page 1,
column 2

–On this Friday evening there will be a Christmas tree at the M.E. Church. All are invited to attend the exercises and pass a pleasant evening. All presents brought to the Church will be received and carefully placed on the tree by the committee, who will be at the Church all day.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 19
[Saturday, June 11, 1887], page 1,
column 3

–“Children’s Day” will be celebrated at the M.E. Church to-morrow [*sic – tomorrow*] morning, by the teachers and pupils of the Sunday School. The church will be handsomely decorated with evergreens and flowers, and an elaborate program has been prepared for the occasion.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 20
[Saturday, June 18, 1887], page 1,
column 2

–The “Children’s Day” exercises at the M.E. Church last Sunday were listened to by a large audience. The unique program provided for this especial [*sic – special*] occasion was carried out to the letter under the superintendence of Supt. E.F. Abernethy. The church was handsomely decorated, and the little ones enjoyed this very appropriate diversion from the usual church services.

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Michigan, Volume III, Number 28

[Saturday, August 13, 1887], page 1,
column 3

Rev. A.S. Fair will terminate his labors as pastor of the M.E. church of this place with the present month. It is his third year of faithful service, and all wish that his new field will be a less arduous one.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 31
[Saturday, September 3, 1887], page 1,
column 2

–On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings the ladies of the M.E. Church society gave a supper at Miners’ Hall. We would suggest to the ladies that if they should announce such gatherings through the columns of THE CURRENT their receipts would be materially increased. As a rule but very few outside of the church circle know anything about them, and it gives the church people a reputation for exclusiveness which we do not think they desire or deserve.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 34
[Saturday, September 24, 1887], page
1, column 2

–Rev. A.S. Fair[,] who has been the pastor of the M.E. church of this place, has been assigned to Negaunee, and we wish him a pleasant sojourn among the people of that city. Mr. Fair is a gentleman, a scholar of more than ordinary attainments [*sic – attainments*] and an ardent worker in his chosen field.

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[Saturday, October 8, 1887], page 1,
column 2

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–The newly appointed pastor for the M.E. Church at this place is named J.L. Walker.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 42 [Saturday, November 19, 1887], page 1, column 3

–There will be a Festival held in the Miners' Hall on the evening of November 24 for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Doors open at six o'clock. Supper 50 cents. Oysters and fruit extra. The occasion will be enlivened by a musical entertainment and addresses. All are cordially invited.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 47 [Saturday, December 24, 1887], page 1, column 5

–Rev. A.R. Bartlett, the Presiding Elder[,] will preach on Sunday morning at 10:30 in the Methodist Episcopal church and conduct the quarterly meeting services.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Northeast Corner of Main and Market
Streets
Vulcan**

Vulcan, Michigan, Centennial 1872-1972, pages 60-61

Methodist Episcopal Church

Records of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Vulcan indicate that the first services were probably held in 1882, in the original frame schoolhouse. Lay preachers were James Dawe and Tobiass [sic – Tobias] Thomas Sr. The church was

formally organized in 1885, with the Reverend Alex S. Fair, and services continued to be held in the schoolhouse. When the new and larger grade school was completed in that year, the Penn Iron Mining Company, which had built the original school[,] presented the older building to the congregation. The new church in the old building was formally dedicated on May 23, 1886. By the fall of 1886, the Norway Current was able to comment that "The choir of the Vulcan M.E. Church is earning for itself an enviable reputation. The instrumental parts consist of an organ and cornet, and the vocal is well known to be far above average."

In 1889 a new wing was added on the north with chancel and choir loft. The right wing was added to the building in about 1907 or 1908, and the left wing in 1915 or 1916.

Through the years, the names of J.H. Nicholls and Digory Harfoot were added to the list of local preachers, while the minister's roll[,] following Mr. Fair, included Timothy Edwards, F. Stornig, E.W. Frazee, R.L. Hewson, R.E. Miller, Albert E. Hill, E.H. Scott, E. Stephens, W.J. Harper, Wm. P. Ainsworth, A. Nelson, John A. Hughes, J.H. Mappleback, John Bosanko, A.P. Rickard [sic – Pickard], Alvin Doten, H.E. Smith, Charles F. Wolfe, Wm. H. Hughes, J.W. Greenwood, John J. Strike, Howard F. snell, Percy Lomass, C.M. Schuckman, Reginald Becker, Ralph Guilliat, Haybert Woodall, John Grenfell, Albert Terwilleger and Helen J. Royce.

The Reverend Pickard, who had not obtained a high school diploma earlier, attended high school in Vulcan at the same time that Ernest and Cecil Alford were in school.

Funds for improvements to the church were frequently raised through "socials". The files of the Norway Current mention a clothespin social, a home talent concert, a

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necktie social and a peach social. Most of these events were held in Whitehead's Hall.

The young people, members of the Epworth League, held lawn socials lighted by Japanese lanterns on the church grounds. For one of these events, *The Current* commented, in a column called *Vulcan Mites*, "Tonight for one night only, at the M.E. Church, strawberries and 'I-scream'. "Don't forget, young man, to take your best girl, for ice cream has a wonderful way of stimulating the affections."

Prior to 1900, a parsonage was built on Central Boulevard, and occupied by most of the ministers who served in Vulcan. This house was later remodeled by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph LaPorte, and is still (1972) occupied by them.

The church was originally a part of the Norway Charge, but in 1902 the churches in Vulcan and Loretto were made a separate charge, with the Reverend R.E. Miller appointed as pastor. At some time prior to 1941 the Loretto church closed, and Vulcan returned to the Norway Circuit. In 1953, the Vulcan church became associated with the First Church, of Iron Mountain, and in 1957 the Vulcan Church became a part of the Hermansville Charge.

In 1964, the Vulcan congregation was combined with that of Grace United Methodist Church in Norway, and the property in Vulcan sold. The church building was demolished in 1963. With it's [sic – its] wrecking, the first schoolhouse on the Menominee Range and one of the earliest protestant churches in the area disappeared.

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On Thursday last Rev. L. Brylenson, who has been for some time the pastor of the Swedish M.E. Church, departed with his family for Calumet, where he will locate for the future.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 52 [Saturday, January 22, 1887], page 1, column 3

–There will be a Coffee and Cake Festival at the Swedish M.E. church on Friday evening next, and all are invited to attend. There will be some entertaining songs, declamations and speeches, both in the Swedish and English language, and a good time may be expected. Tickets will be sold at 50 cents, which will insure the holder coffee and cake to his or her fullest satisfaction, and also the pleasure of the entertainment, musical or otherwise. Don't forget the date (Friday 28th) and be sure to attend.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 17 [Saturday, May 28, 1887], page 1, column 3

–A festival will be held at the Swedish M.E. Church to-night [sic – tonight], and all are invited. There will be an abundance of ice cream and cake, and a concert will also be conducted by the ladies and gentlemen of the congregation, assisted by some outside talent. The feature of the evening will be the singing by the gentlemen. Do not fail to attend and enjoy a pleasant evening. Admission 50 cents. children under 10 years of age free.

**SWEDISH METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Address
Norway**

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Michigan, Volume III, Number 21
[Saturday, June 25, 1887], page 8,
column 1

Waucedah.

The pastor and very able choir from the M.E. Swedish church, of Norway, were in town all day on Sunday last, and officiated at the christening of two children of A. Hanson, section-boss at this place. Services were held in a large arbor prepared for the occasion.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 32
[Saturday, September 10, 1887], page
1, column 2

–The Swedish Methodist Society are [sic – is] building a parsonage at the rear of their church building.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 41
[Saturday, November 12, 1887], page 1,
column 2

–The Rev. L.G. Edgren has moved into the new parsonage built by the S.M.E. church congregation.

...

–Richard Sampson will occupy the cottage on the north side of Cyclops avenue, recently vacated by Rev. Edgren.

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Michigan, Volume III, Number 41
[Saturday, November 12, 1887], page 1,
column 3

–On Thursday and Friday evenings[,] November the 24th and 25th, there will be suppers prepared at Opera Hall to which

every one [sic – everyone] is invited. The building committee of the Swedish M.E. church have [sic – has] the affair in hand and will make an effort to please all who may come, and at the same time make enough money to pay up the balance due on the construction of the new parsonage. Our Scandinavian citizens are among our most public spirited ones, and are deserving of liberal support from the community in church matters. The price of admission to the hall and supper will be 35 cents for adults and 20 cents for children. Do not forget the date, and be sure you attend. We have been unable to ascertain positively, but think there will be both vocal and instrumental music furnished, to make the evenings pleasant.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 49
[Saturday, January 7, 1888], page 8,
column 1

–A sociable was held at the Swedish M.E. church on Monday evening. The entertainment was under the auspices of the ladies of the church, and was a grand success, many articles were [sic – were] disposed of, both by auction and otherwise, for the purpose of clearing the church debt. But a small amount remain [sic – remains] to be paid.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume III, Number 50
[Saturday, January 14, 1888], page 1,
column 3

–The types made us say last week that, [sic] the Swedish M.E. Church held a social, when it should have read, the Swedish Lutheran church.

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Roman Catholic

ST. BARBARA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Norway/Vulcan



*St. Barbara's Catholic Church,
postcard view, ca. 1950-1960*

*Vulcan, Michigan, Centennial 1872-1972,
pages 60-61*

St. Barbara's Catholic Church

It was the opening of the iron ore mines that brought an influx of settlers to Vulcan. The pioneers, mostly Catholics, were of diverse nationalities: Italian, Polish, French, German, Irish, Belgian, and Slovenian. The Catholic miners of Vulcan, with their families, were obliged to attend divine services at St. Mary's Church [in] Norway, a neighboring community, distant [sic – a distance] of three miles.

In 1882 a Tyrolese group banded together for the purposes of having a church built at the Vulcan location. The Penn Mining Company leased them a lot 124 by 116 feet, [as a] site for the new church. Their earnest endeavors soon gained the favor of public sentiment and a

small church, under the patronage of St. Barbara, was the result.

The pastors of Norway came to say Mass on Sundays until October 8, 1887, when Reverend Dominic Vento became the first resident pastor. He remained until September 8, 1889.

Other priests who served the people of St. Barbara's Parish throughout the succeeding years were: The Rev. A.O. Pelisson, Rev. Alberico Vitali, Rev. Anthony Molinari, Rev. Joseph Pentin, Rev. Joseph Haas, Rev. Benjamino Berto, Rev. W.H. Shea, Rev. John Kraker, Rev. Raphael Cavicchi, Rev. A. Woliny, Rev. John Stenglein, Rev. Anthony Molinari, Rev. A. Woliny, Rev. Louis Kania, Rev. Dennis Babelwicz [sic] Ofm., Rev. Constantine lein [sic – Lein – ?], Rev. Louis Kania, Rev. Dennis Babilewicz [sic] Ofm., Rev. Albert Treilles, Rev. Constantine Dzuik, Rev. Simon Borkowski, Rev. George Laforest, Rev. Caspar Douenberg, Rev. William Schick, Rev. Raymond Przybylski, Rev. Thomas Ruppe and Vulcan's present (1972) pastor Rev. Gervase Brewer.

The first church stood on its original site until the spring of 1925, when on Holy Thursday, during the pastorate of Father Simon Borkowski, a disastrous fire occurred which completely destroyed the church, however, the rectory was saved and was occupied by one of the parishioners.

Following the fire, Father Simon Borkowski arranged for Mass and other divine services to be held in the Vulcan Town Hall. Plans were immediately made for the erection of the present magnificent and imposing St. Barbara's Church and rectory. A new site, in Central Vulcan, was leased from the Penn Mining Company. In 1925 the cornerstone was laid. The new church was completed in 1930. It is well to add that much of the work was done by the men of the parish; this meant a considerable saving to the congregation in

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the construction cost of the new church and rectory.

The parish registers show that the first Baptism [*sic – baptism*] was that of Aloysius Joseph Stanchina, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Stanchina, born October 8, 1887, and baptized on October 9, 1887, by Rev. Dominic Vento.

Frank Sala and Catherine Bertolo were married on October 8, 1887, the witnesses being Henry Bertolo and Margaret Knott.

The first burial was that of Valentine Wegher, January 25, 1888.

St. Barbara's Parish has given to the service of God several of her young people. Most notable is Bishop Most Reverend Rudolph Orlor, born in Vulcan on Nov. 29, 1892, and died in 1948. Reverend Julius Valentinelli born in Vulcan on March 28, 1897. Rev. Arnold Casanova born in Vulcan on May 25, 1921, was made a Very Rev. Msgn. in Feb. 1959, and a Domestic Prelate Right Rev. Msgnr. in January of 1964. He died September 23, 1971. Rev. Donald Rudolph Zanon, born in Vuclan on July 4, 1938, Ordained [*sic – ordained*] on December 15, 1964, in Rome. He is presently (1972) serving as pastor at the Student Center at Northern Michigan University, Marquette, Mich.

Sister Mary Herlanda (maiden name Albert) entered in 1907. Sister Mary Loretine (maiden name Rosatti) entered in 1909. Sister Mary Thaddea (maiden name Albert) entered in 1914. Sister Mary Raphael (maiden name Van Wiele) entered in 1932. Sister Mary Arthur (maiden name Crantz) entered in 1950.

The membership of St. Barbara's parish is about 1,000 representing about 400 families of different nationalities.

The societies functioning very efficiently in assisting with the spiritual and material welfare of the parish are: St. Anne Altar Society, Holy Name Society, Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary; also a Senior and

Junior choir with Bernice Sala as organist and Dick Corn as director.

In 1970 after a disastrous fire completely destroyed the Loretto church, the parish was consolidated with the Vulcan parish.

Into the eighty-four years of existence of St. Barbara's Parish have gone the dreams, ambitions, and whole-hearted energies of many pastors and a host of men and women. The St. Barbara that we know today (1972) represents their efforts, their commanding success and spirit of sacrifice.

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FATHER CAVICCHI

**WAS DROWNED YESTERDAY AFTER-
NOON AT LYON'S LAKE.**

**Was pastor of the Catholic Church
at Vulcan – Former Pastor of
the Local Italian Church.**

Rev. R. Cavicchi, pastor of Saint Barbara's church at Vulcan, was drowned yesterday afternoon, about two o'clock, while fishing at Lyon's Lake, on the Felch Mountain road, about twelve miles north of Norway.

Father Cavicchi went out to the lake with three boys from Vulcan and he and one of the boys were in a canvass boat. They had a stone in the boat for an anchor. In shifting the anchor from one end of the boat to the center the boat was capsized.

The boy clung to the boat until the other two boys, who were on shore, came out with a raft and got him, but Father Cavicchi

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drowned before the raft reached the place where the boat capsized.

As soon as the boys reached the shore they started for Norway with the horse to give the alarm and get help to find the body.

They did not reach town until about eight o'clock in the evening, when a party was organized and started out to search for the body. Another party left Norway about three o'clock this morning to relieve them.

Father Cavicchi was about forty-three years of age, and was a one time pastor of Holy Rosary church in this city, going from here to Lake Linden, and later to Vulcan. He was an eloquent speaker and was well liked by his congregation, who will long mourn his untimely death.

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LLTE [*sic*] FATHER CAVICCHI

Impressive Funeral Services Held at Vulcan Last Tuesday.

The funeral of Rev. Raphael Cavicchi, who was drowned at Lyons Lake, recently, was held at St. Barbara's church at Vulcan last Tuesday morning.

The ceremonies were very impressive and began with a recitation of the office for the dead followed by Pontical [*sic* – *Pontifical*] High Mass by Right Reverend Bishop Eis, supported by Rev. F. Pawlar, assistant priest, Rev. H. Zimmermann, deacon, Rev. F. Barth, sub-deacon, Rev. J.P. Kunes, first assistant deacon, Rev. A. Poulin, second assistant deacon, and Rev. J. Pinten, master of ceremonies.

Nearly every priest in the diocese was in attendance. Among them were Rev. J.G.

Pinten and Rev. M. Jodocy, of Marquette, Rev. Wm. Stahl, of Bark River, Rev. J.P. Kunes, of Crystal Falls, Rev. James Miller, of Dollar Bay, Rev. H. Zimmermann, of Hubbell, Rev. N.H. Nosbisch, Rev. R.G. Jacques and Rev. A. Lango, of Iron Mountain, Rev. James Lehnart, of Iron River, Rev. F. Pawlar and Rev. H.A. Buckhaltz, of Ironwood, Rev. James Corcoran, of Manistique, Rev. A. Poulin and Rev. E. Neuman, of Menominee, Rev. John Kraker, of Munising, Rev. W.H. Joisten, of Norway, Rev. A. Deschamps, of Rapid River, Rev. Peter Manderfield, of Rockland, Rev. F. Glaser, of Spalding, Rev. F.X. Barth[,] of Stephenson, Rev. J. Stenglein, of Wakefield, Rev. J.A. Therien, of Niagara, and Rev. J. Piette, of Florence.

After the funeral obsequies the remains were taken to Norway cemetery and laid at rest. The cortege was the largest and most impressive ever seen on the range, all of the five Catholic societies and a large concourse of citizens of both Norway and Vulcan, besides many from other towns on the range, joined in the procession. This demonstration on the part of the people only tended to show with what high esteem the reverend father was held in the community.

It will be remembered that Father Cavicchi was drowned about two o'clock last week Wednesday afternoon, but the body was not recovered until about five o'clock Thursday afternoon, and owing to the great distance from town, was not brought to Norway until nearly noon Friday. The remains were then prepared for burial and taken to the parsonage at Vulcan, where they lay in state until the time set for the funeral.

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FIRE DESTROYS NORWAY CHURCH

St. Barabara's [sic] Lost In Blaze That Started at Midnight

NORWAY, Mich., April 9 – Fire, which broke out at midnight and continued to rage unabated until five o'clock this morning, destroyed St. Barabara's [sic – Barbara's] Roman Catholic church here, causing a loss estimated at more than \$25,000.

The cause of the damaging blaze is unknown, although firemen expressed the opinion that either an explosion in the furnace room of the edifice or a short circuit in the wiring system started the conflagration.

Passerby Noticed Blaze.

A passerby turned in the alarm shortly after midnight. The fire department arrived a few minutes later and played two streams of water and two streams of chemicals on the building.

At 1 o'clock this morning it appeared as though the fire was under control and the flames confined to one section of the church. A few minutes later, however, another section caught afire and soon the entire structure was a mass of flame.

Firemen then turned their attention to saving adjoining buildings and succeeded in confining the blaze to the church.

Will Rebuild.

Valuable vestments and costly church equipment were destroyed. Only \$10,000 worth of insurance was carried.

Plans will be immediately formulated for rebuilding, the Rev. Fr. Simon announced today. He has notified the Rt. Rev. P.J.

Nussbaum, bishop of the diocese, of the disaster.

Services tomorrow morning and Saturday will be held in St. Mary's church. No announcement has been made concerning the services on Easter Sunday, but definite plans will be made known tomorrow.

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CONSIDER PLANS FOR NEW CHURCH

St. Barbara's Parish To Hold Services In Town Hall

Parishioners of St. Barbara's Catholic church, which was left a heap of smouldering [sic – smoldering] ruins yesterday morning by a fire of undetermined origin, will have Easter services in the Vulcan town hall, it was announced today by the Rev. Fr. P. Simon, pastor.

Services will be held there indefinitely, Father Simon stated. Work will begin tomorrow in erecting a temporary altar and installing other equipment.

Some day next week, Father Simon will call a meeting of the board of directors to take preliminary steps for the construction of a new church. Tentative plans have been prepared by the priest and they will be submitted to the board at this meeting.

It was learned yesterday that \$12,000 insurance was carried on the building and that \$2,500 is in the church treasury. This

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money, it was pointed out, will give the parish a good start towards raising a fund for a new church.

In a telephone conversation yesterday with the Rt. Rev. P.J. Nussbaum, bishop of the Marquette diocese, of which St. Barbara's was a part, Father Simon was given authority to proceed with building plans. No limit was set on the amount of donations to be received.

A problem that will confront the parish will be the location of the new church. It is not probable that it will be built on the present site. It was indicated that the church may be located further west, perhaps in the heart of Vulcan.

Practically all Catholics in the third ward of Norway attended St. Barbara's while residents of East Vulcan are also members. The distance between the two points is why a more central location is sought.

The location question, however, will be largely decided by Bishop Nussbaum, who left for Rome last night and will not return until May.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5, Number 9 [Tuesday, April 21, 1925], page 10, column 1

PLANS FOR CHURCH ARE PROGRESSING

Insurance Check Re- ceived; Decide Loca- tion Later

Plans for the re-building of St. Barbara's church, which was destroyed by fire two weeks ago, are moving ahead rapidly, it was stated today.

Yesterday the check for \$12,000 was received from the insurance company and was immediately deposited in the building fund. Although no official announcement has been made regarding the amount of money already donated for building purposes, it is believed that a large sum has been collected.

Parishioners are taking an unusual interest in the formation of plans for the new edifice and all are lending a helping hand. The building is now a matter of secondary importance, parishioners working hard to raise funds for construction work. The location of the church will not be decided upon until the Rt. Rev. P.J. Nussbaum, bishop of the diocese, returns from Rome.

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Belgian Priest To Hold Services

The Rev. Fr. C.A. VanderMeulen, of Rochester, N.Y., arrived here today to conduct services in the Belgian language at St. Barbara's and St. Mary's churches. The Rev. VanderMeulen makes an annual trip to Norway and Vulcan as many Belgians reside here.

Special services will start tonight for St. Barbara's congregation, which meets now in the Vulcan town hall. Morning and evening services will also be conducted there tomorrow and Thursday.

Friday morning the Rev. VanderMeulen will have services at St. Mary's church and will remain there until Monday morning. Sunday morning he will be the celebrant at high mass.

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St. Barbara's Will Be Lo- cated in Central Vulcan

CHURCH SITE TO BE CHOSEN SOON

Parishioners Anxious For Construction Work To Start

Definite announcement relative to the location of the new St. Barbara's church, construction of which is to be started in the near future, will be made in a day or so, it was learned yesterday.

Reports have it that the church will be erected on the same site where it originally stood but this is not confirmed. The Rev. Fr. P. Simon, pastor, made a special trip to Marquette Tuesday to confer with the Rt. Rev. Nussbaum, bishop of the diocese, in connection with the site, it was said.

According to reports, parishioners are anxious to see construction work start, the question of the location of the new edifice being of secondary importance.

The building committee and pastors of the church held a conference last night to reach a decision on a site. Services since St. Barbara's was destroyed by fire are being held at the Vulcan town hall.

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ANNOUNCE SITE OF NEW CHURCH

The Rev. Fr. P. Simon, pastor, yesterday announced that the new St. Barbara's church will be located at Central Vulcan on a site near the Arnoldi candy store, or at a point about half a mile east of where the old church destroyed by fire was located.

Although complete plans are not yet ready, Father Simon stated that the new edifice would cost approximately \$45,000. Plans also call for a \$10,000 rectory, which is to be built near the church. The rectory in West Vulcan will be sold, it was stated.

The new church will be modern in every respect and will be sufficiently large enough to accommodate 700 persons. Interior decorations are to be elaborate.

It was believed that Central Vulcan would be selected as the place for the new church as the majority of parishioners live in that section of the community. Residents of East Vulcan [*sic* – Vulcan] were compelled to walk a considerable distance to attend services.

Parishioners appeared to be satisfied with the selection and are anxious to see construction work begin. The site is a central point between the east and west ends of the community. Construction work will begin next week, when plans and specifications will be completed by an architect.

The choice of selecting the location of the church was left to the Rt. Rev. P.J. Nussbaum, bishop, and four consultants. Bishop Nussbaum looked over possible sites last week and made his decision after three days of consideration.

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The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 176 [Thursday, November 10, 1938], page 2, columns 1-2

Fr. Simon Refuses To Obey Order To Ask Police Help

Asserts That He Will Not Be responsible For Any Bloodshed

The Rev. Fr. Simon Borkowski, recalled pastor of St. Barbara's Catholic church in Vulcan, today said he could not and would not obey an order of his superior to ask the sheriffs [*sic* – *sheriff's*] department or state police to free him from the rectory, where he has been held prisoner for more than 13 weeks.

Midnight Monday marked the expiration of a three-day period he was given in which to report at Jordan college in Menominee. This was a "first admonition," which, if disobeyed, is to be followed by a second, required under church law and which, if also not complied with carries the penalty of his expulsion from the Society of the Divine Saviour. However, this would not mean his removal from the priesthood.

Fr. Simon informed his provincial superior, the Rev. Fr. Ralph Fontaine, at the Salvatorian seminary in St. Nazianz, Wis., that his parishioners would not permit him to leave the rectory. Expressing willingness to obey the order to report at Jordan college, he pointed out that if it were physically impossible for him to do so he would desire that his superiors visit Vulcan to determine for themselves that this was the case.

Second Order

With the expiration of the three-day limit, the Rev. Fontaine sent the order instructing

the priest to call upon police authorities [*to*] come to his assistance. He is given until noon Saturday to leave the rectory or report on his efforts to leave through police intervention. If he is unable to leave he is to enclose a letter addressed to the sheriff or state police and which is to be forwarded by the Rev. Fontaine.

The pickets today reaffirmed their determination not to permit Fr. Simon to leave. It was they who revealed that he had received a letter instructing him to obtain police aid and they also made public the contents of the letter.

Asked for a statement Fr. Simon replied: "I cannot and will not call in the police. The pickets have told me they will fight to keep me here and I will not be responsible for any bloodshed. They fought once to keep me. They will fight a second time."

Pickets gathered about him corroborated his statement.

Letter Sent To Priest

The letter to Fr. Simon follows:

"We have your two letters of November 5 and 7, the former saying you will try to obey orders, if possible; the latter stating it was physically impossible for you to leave the rectory.

"As your provincial superior I order you to call in, by mail, phone or person, the civil authorities asking them to free you from the pickets.

"Should you fail in contacting the authorities and should you not be freed by November 12, Saturday, 12 o'clock noon, you are to report your efforts to me with all details, and at the same time enclose a letter for the sheriff or organization for the state troopers, asking to be released and signed by you. Understand, in order that the pickets will know nothing about it, enclose this letter in an envelope addressed to me, so that I can forward it to the authorities.

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“We shall expect you free or to have your letter regarding the authorities to release you by November 14 noon. If not, the second admonition will be forwarded to you as indicated by my letter of November 2. I am writing this under the instructions of father general, who tells me there will be no objection from our side whatsoever for you to go to Rome and present the case to the proper authorities.[“]

Fr. Simon had indicated he might take his case to Rome.

Pickets Send Reply

This afternoon the pickets declared their stand in a letter sent to Fr. Fontaine and in which they said:

“We have in our possession the letter written by you to Fr. Simon. Either you are under the impression that there are no pickets here or that there are only a few ‘Charlie McCarthies’ sitting here.

“It is impossible for Fr. Simon to use the telephone or to send out any mail secretly. All incoming and outgoing mail goes through the hands of the pickets. We are fully prepared to see that no harm and no injustice is done to Fr. Simon.

“We are more determined than ever to keep Fr. Simon in Vulcan and to see that justice is done. We want to remain respectfully yours,

“Pickets of St. Barbara’s”

Tension in the “strike” situation has been mounting the last few days, with the pickets asserting that under no circumstances will they yield in their efforts to retain Fr. Simon as pastor. The pickets recite the rosary daily in the rectory, with one of their number leading the prayers.

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DEADLINE PASSES WITHOUT CALL FOR RELEASE BY PRIEST

Fr. Simon To Inform Superior Of Decision Not To Ask Aid

Noon today, the deadline, passed without the Rev. Fr. Simon Borkowski, “imprisoned” priest of St. Barbara’s church in Vulcan, having complied with the instructions of his superior, the Rev. Fr. Ralph Fontaine, to call in police to effect his release from the parish rectory.

In accordance with his previous statement, Fr. Simon refused to ask for the aid because the pickets had expressed their determination to meet all force with resistance and he would not be responsible for bloodshed.

Under Threat of Expulsion

Fr. Simon was to direct a letter this afternoon to Fr. Fontaine to advise him of the situation. The Vulcan priest is under threat of expulsion from the Society of the Divine Saviour unless he complies with an order to vacate the rectory and the second, and final, “admonition” to this effect is expected to be received by him next week.

Pickets who have kept Fr. Simon within the rectory for 14 weeks to prevent his obeying a recall order this noon informed The News they would not permit him to leave. They stated they would allow him to send the letter to Fr. Fontaine informing the superior he had not called for police assistance, but otherwise the priest would be incommunicado.

The next week is expected to witness important developments in what has become the country’s most unique “strike.”

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PRIEST REPORTS ON REFUSAL TO CALL IN POLICE

Tells His Superior He Will Not Be Cause Of Violence

The Rev. Fr. Simon Borkowski, “imprisoned” pastor of St. Barbara’s Catholic church in Vulcan, on Saturday wrote his provincial superior, the Very Rev. Ralph Fontaine, head of the Salvatorian seminary at St. Nazianz, Wis., that he had declined to obey the order to call upon civil authorities to effect his release because he would not be responsible for bloodshed.

Members of the church who have picketed the rectory for more than 14 weeks to prevent the transfer of Fr. Simon have asserted their determination to resist forcibly any effort to free the priest, he stated, and he did not care to be the cause of violence.

Given Until Noon Saturday

Fr. Simon had been given until noon Saturday to comply with the order or to notify Fr. Fontaine regarding the results of his efforts to do so and enclosing therein a letter to be forwarded to the sheriff or state troopers asking that he be rescued. This report, Fr. Fontaine instructed, was to be in his hands today.

Failure will result, it is assumed, in a second and final “admonition” to leave the rectory or face expulsion from the Society of the Divine Saviour. Even though expelled, however, he would remain a member of the priesthood.

The pickets were still on duty today and no new developments were reported.

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NO CHANGE IN VULCAN CHURCH ‘STRIKE’ TODAY

Maya Be Some Develop- ment Within Forty- eight Hours

The situation at St. Barbara’s Catholic church in Vulcan remained unchanged today, with no further communications having been received by the Rev. Fr. Simon Borkowski, recalled pastor, from his provincial superior, the Rev. Fr. Ralph Fontaine, head of the Salvatorian seminary in St. Nazianz, Wis.

Fr. Simon is now in his fifteenth week of “imprisonment” in the church rectory at the hands of his parishioners, who are endeavoring to prevent his obeying an order transferring him out of the parish which he has served for 13 years.

On Saturday the Rev. Simon wrote Fr. Fontaine he had declined to obey an order calling upon him to seek police assistance in freeing himself from the rectory. He asserted that the pickets had threatened forcible resistance to any such attempt and he would not be responsible for bloodshed.

Further developments may occur within the next 48 hours, the possibility being that Fr. Simon will receive a further communication from Fr. Fontaine. This may be in the form of a second and final “admonition” to leave the rectory or face expulsion from the Society of the Divine

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Saviour, although this would not mean his dismissal from the priesthood.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 182 [Thursday, November 17, 1938], page 2, columns 1-2

FR. SIMON HAS THREE DAYS TO LEAVE RECTORY

Priest Receives Second Admonition From His Superior

The Rev. Fr. Simon Borkowski today received from the Very Rev. Ralph M. Fontaine, provincial superior at the Salvatorian seminary in St. Narianz, Wis., his second admonition to report at Jordan college in Menominee within three days, but the “imprisoned pastor” of St. Barbara’s Catholic church in Vulcan, after a consultation with the pickets who have kept him in the rectory for nearly 15 weeks, stated he would have to reply that it was physically impossible for him to obey.

Failure to report as ordered means that the responsible authorities of the Society of the Divine Saviour, of which the Rev. Fr. Simon is a member, will conduct a trial, which is expected to result in his expulsion from the order.

This does not, however, mean his dismissal from the priesthood, but merely, that he must find a bishop who will accept him into his diocese or a new society that will take him into membership.

Text Of Letter

The text of the second admonition is as follows:

“Rev. and Dear Father:

“Your letter of the 12th inst. [*of this month*], clearly indicates that you are not inclined to do anything to follow my previous instructions. I am therefore hereby obliged to give you the second admonition to return within three days to Jordan College, Menominee, Mich.

“Should you fail to obey this order, canonical proceedings for your dismissal will be started, as indicated in my letter of November 2, in which I wrote to you by order of the Most Rev. Father General, who is now in this country. (The headquarters of the Father General are in Rome.)

“I hope you will do your duty as a religious and particularly for your own good.”

The first admonition to report at Jordan College was received by Fr. Simon a week ago last Saturday. At that time he was also ordered to report at Jordan within three days. Fr. Simon then informed Fr. Fontaine that the pickets who have maintained a day and night vigil at the rectory since the first instructions were received, transferring Fr. Simon, would not permit him to leave.

Unable to Comply

Following this Fr. Simon received instructions from Fr. Fontaine to call in civil authorities to release him from the rectory. But in the light of a previous experience when a delegation of more than 50 men descended upon the rectory and a disturbance ensued, in which several persons were severely beaten, Fr. Simon replied that he was unable and would not comply with these instructions, because he would not be responsible for bloodshed.

In connection with this, the pickets today revealed the text of Fr. Simon’s reply to Fr. Fontaine, as follows:

“Your order that I call the sheriff or state police to get me out of St. Barbara’s rectory or that I write you a letter authorizing them to do so was physically impossible. To do this would also have created the greatest

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scandal in the Catholic church, because there would be bloodshed, just as before, when the Rev. Frank Seifert and the Rev. Robert Cordy, of St. Mary's in Iron Mountain, Mich., and the Rev. Erasmus Dooley, of St. Mary's, Norway, Mich., with 60 Knights of Columbus from two states, Wisconsin and Michigan, broke in the doors of the rectory, beating me up and throwing me out, on September 28, 1938.

“Acted On Orders”

“The sheriff and the Knights of Columbus told me and the pickets that they were doing this by order of Bishop J.C. Plagens, of Marquette. They had no civil nor ecclesiastical papers authorizing them. You and the Rev. William Nern, president of Jordan college, were in the vicinity to witness what was happening on that day.

“They had the sheriff, photographers and news reporters along. They are the cause of the scandalous event, not I.

“I have been most obedient in building and paying for St. Barbara's church, and founding Jordan College with 114 students. To obey by using physical force in dispelling the pickets is un-Catholic. You may only use moral persuasion.”

Pickets who were interviewed this afternoon vehemently asserted they would not allow Fr. Simon to leave the rectory even under pain of expulsion from his society.

“Why do you think we have been on duty here for more than 14 weeks,” they said. “We are maintaining this vigil in behalf of a principle and to retain Fr. Simon as our pastor. We have no intention of surrendering now.”

Reports yesterday that a delegation of Knights of Columbus from Menominee had been organized to move into Vulcan for a repetition of the unsuccessful effort to release Fr. Simon brought immediate reinforcements of pickets to the rectory, and they said they were ready and are still

ready to meet forcibly any effort to eject their priest.

The pickets contend that the Menominee delegation failed to go through with the plan because of slippery roads.

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FR. SIMON WILL POSTPONE REPLY TO ADMONITION

Priest Will Make No Answer To Second Order Until Sunday

The Rev. Fr. Simon Borkowski, the priest who is “imprisoned” in the rectory of the St. Barbara's Catholic church in Vulcan, today stated he would wait until Sunday before replying to the order of the Very Rev. Ralph Fontaine, provincial [*superior*] at the Salvatorian seminary, St. Narianz, Wis., tht he report at Jordan College in Menominee within three days.

The order, in the form of a second admonition, was received yesterday by Fr. Simon and Sunday is the expiration day of the period allotted him. Fr. Simon said he would wait until Sunday pending a possible change in the attitude of the pickets who have kept him in the rectory for 15 weeks.

However, in his conversations with them they have told him in unmistakable terms that they will not permit him to leave the premises and that there is no likelihood of their changing their minds.

Pickets Determined

The pickets have expressed determination to meet, if necessary, with [*sic – with*] force any effort to remove Fr.

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Simon from the rectory either through police intervention or by other methods.

The second admonition is Fr. Simon's final notice to obey the order to report at the college. His failure to do so carries with it the penalty of expulsion from the Society of the Divine Savior, of which he became a member in 1915.

This expulsion, however, does not mean his dismissal from the priesthood, but places upon him the necessity of finding a bishop who will accept him into his diocese or another society that will enroll him as a member.

The so-called "church strike" will enter its sixteenth week on Sunday, which will also mark the fifteenth Sunday in which no services have been held in St. Barbara's.

The pickets are protesting the transfer of Fr. Simon from their parish, which he has served as pastor for thirteen years, and during which time the present church and rectory were built.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 185 [Monday, November 21, 1938], page 2, column 1

DEADLINE PASSES, PRIESTS STILL IN PARISH RECTORY

Inform His Superior He Cannot Obey Order To Leave

With the deadline for reporting at the Jordan college in Menominee having passed at midnight Sunday without incident, the Rev. Fr. Simon Borkowski today directed a letter to the Very Rev. Ralph Fontaine, provincial superior at the Salvatorian seminary in St. Nazianz, Wis.,

stating that it was physically impossible for him to leave the rectory of St. Barbara's Catholic church in Vulcan without inviting violence and bloodshed.

Fr. Simon had been given three days in which to obey the order to report at Jordan. It was the second such command and in the first instance he also reported to Fr. Fontaine that he could not comply because of the pickets who have kept him "imprisoned" in the rectory for 15 weeks. The second order was in the form of a final admonition and failure to obey carries with it the threatened punishment of expulsion from the Society of the Divine Savior.

At St. Nazianz today the Rev. Fontaine said he would report to headquarters of the order in Rome the failure of Fr. Simon to heed the admonitions. Although he stated he had not yet received any word from Fr. Simon, he added that if he did so it would not affect his report.

If expelled from the order Fr. Simon will be without church, parish, diocese or bishop, but he will still remain a member of the priesthood.

Simon's Letter

In his letter today Fr. Simon said:

"The pickets have absolutely refused to permit me to obey your order at Jordan college. Any physical effort on my part to obey that order will result only in bloodshed and violence and would be unsuccessful.

"I have always tried to obey my lawful superiors, but in this instance it is physically impossible.

"I again invite and entreat you and the most reverend general to visit Vulcan so that you can convince yourselves of the truth of my statement."

Saturday and yesterday scores of curious persons drove by the rectory, but were not rewarded by a sight of the priest. Pickets occasionally came and went, but at all times there were a sufficient number on hand to prevent Fr. Simon from leaving.

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Their determination to “stick it out” indefinitely has been intensified by the effort several weeks ago to remove Fr. Simon forcibly. On that occasion a group of more than 50 men descended upon the rectory, pushed aside the pickets and escorted Fr. Simon outside. When the pickets had reorganized their lines they again took possession of the rectory amid a scene of flying fists and clubs and carried Fr. Simon inside.

Clubs are now stacked just inside the rectory door to meet any fresh attack and the pickets have asserted they are equally ready to repulse police authorities as well as any others who may try to remove the priest.

While the pickets are in affable mood, the feeling of tension is apparent. They are looking well after the physical comfort of Fr. Simon and daily bring him an abundance of provisions. The priest himself shows no physical trace of the strain of his long confinement.

The Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 18, Number 186 [Tuesday, November 22, 1938], page 2, column 3

ALL IS QUIET ON VULCAN CHURCH ‘STRIKE’ FRONT

**No Developments Are Re-
ported Today At
St. Barbara’s**

All was quiet today on the Vulcan church “strike” front, with no new communications either being received or sent by the Rev. Fr. Simon Borkowski, whose parishioners have kept him

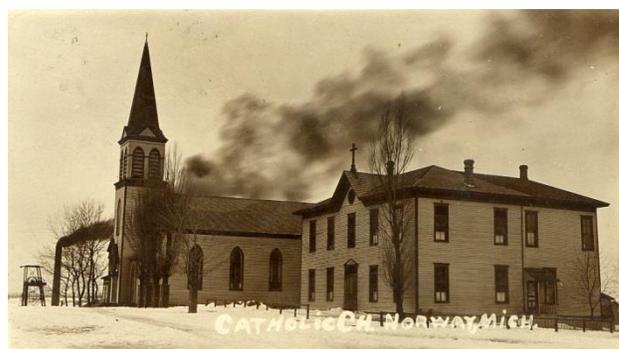
“prisoner” in the rectory of St. Barbara’s Catholic church for nearly 16 weeks.

Although he has informed his superior, the Very Rev. Ralph Fontaine, provincial at the Salvatorian seminary in St. Nazianz, Wis., that it is physically impossible for him to comply with two orders to leave the rectory, the provincial yesterday said he was reporting the situation to the headquarters of the Salvatorian order in Rome. Fr. Simon had been informed that if he failed to leave the rectory and report at Jordan college in Menominee he would be expelled from the order, although this would not mean his dismissal from the priesthood.

Fr. Simon also refused to call in county or state police to effect his release because, he stated, he would not be responsible for bloodshed and violence.

The church pickets have repeatedly asserted they will resist any effort to remove the priest. Their “strike” was organized in protest against his transfer from the parish, which he has served as pastor for 13 years.

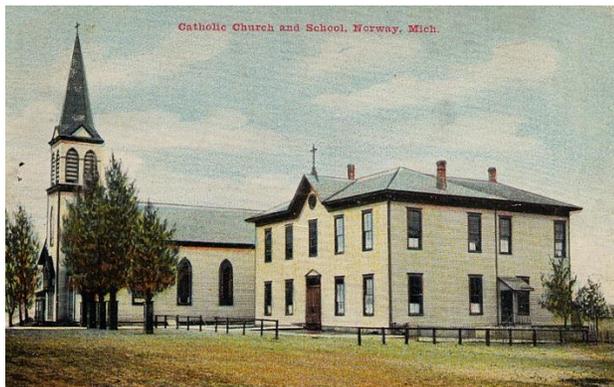
ST. MARY’S CATHOLIC CHURCH 401 Main Street



*St. Mary’s Catholic Church,
postcard view postmarked June 23, 1909*

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**St. Mary's Catholic Church and School,
postcard view postmarked 1909**



**St. Mary's Catholic Church,
postcard view postmarked 1945**



**St. Mary's Catholic Church,
postcard view, ca. 1950-1960**

Norway, Michigan, Diamond Jubilee 1891-1966 Historical Album, unpagged [photograph]

The establishment of Catholic parishes in the Upper Peninsula generally followed the forward progress of the railroads. In what is now Dickinson County the first parish was erected in 1877 at Quinnesec, then the railhead. This brought with it a concentration of population and a parish was formally established in Norway in 1881. The first pastor was Father Rousseau. Father Rousseau built the first St. Mary [sic – St. Mary's] Church and Rectory [sic – Rectory] on a plot of land overlooking the right-of-way of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad. The next step in the development of the parish came with the opening of the Parochial School in September of 1888. This school was built by Fr. Francis Martin Kehoe. From 1888 to 1895 the school was staffed by the Sisters of St. Francis, Alverno, Wisconsin. In 1895 the Sisters of St. Joseph, Concordia, Kansas[,] assumed responsibility for the staffing of the school. They continued teaching in Norway until the school was closed in 1900. The Church and Rectory erected by Fr. Rousseau served the parish until 1928. In the course of years the population center moved from the hill area to the valley below. Perceiving the implications [sic – implications] of this, Fr. Hollinger, who was pastor from 1916 to 1922, purchased three lots on Main Street. In 1928 a new church was erected on those lots. The pastor was Fr. Erasmus Dooley. A new rectory completed on that site in May of 1953. The pastor in 1953 was Fr. Sebastian [sic – Sebastian] Maier. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. O'Neil D'Amour succeeded Fr. Maier as pastor. Assistant pastors serving St. Mary's Parish are the following Reverends: Robert Haas, Armour Roberts, David LaLievre, Gilbert Neurohr, Leno Zadra, and Leslie Borman. Catholic education in the parish is to be renewed in the fall of 1966 with the opening of the Holy Spirit Inter-Parochial School. This school

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will serve not only the people of St. Mary's parish, but also the people of St. Barbara, Vulcan; St. Stephen, Loretto. Staffing the school will be the Missionary Sisters of the Most Holy Spirit, Techny, Illinois. St. Mary's Parish today comprises 600 families. There are children of elementary school age and of the secondary school age.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 12 [Saturday, April 12, 1885], page 1, column 4

Devotional Exercises.

During the exercises at St. Mary's Catholic church, which commenced on Tuesday and ended Thursday, the attendance at the different services was very large, and the same can be said as regards the reception of the sacraments. This was exceedingly consoling to the resident pastor and the visiting priests.

The church had been handsomely decorated for the occasion, for which the dear ladies are responsible of course. An inscription of evergreens encircled the arch over the main altar, while the other altars were not overlooked. A perfect blaze of wax lights heightened the beauty of the decorations about the main altar. The ladies are certainly deserving of much praise for the excellent taste displayed. The choir was assisted by Mrs. H. Wicks, of Iron Mountain, and Miss Sadie McKenna, of Quinnesec, their fine musical abilities doing much to enhance the solemnity of the occasion.

Father Kehoe was assisted by Fathers Faust, of Iron Mountain, Rossey, of Ishpeming, and Arfield, of Champion.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 21

[Saturday, June 27, 1885], page 1, column 2

The handsome new picket fence that has been placed around the Catholic church property in this city is an improvement that is not only ornamental but useful. It was generously donated, we understand, by the gentlemen of the parish.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 26 [Saturday, August 1, 1885], page 1, column 3

The Sodarity society of St. Mary's Catholic church indulged in its annual picnic Wednesday last. About 150 of the young people and their friends, under the guardianship of Rev. Father Kehoe, repaired to the beautiful banks of Lake Antoine where the day was spent in innocent amusements, etc.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume I, Number 30 [Saturday, August 29, 1885], page 1, column 2

The First Communion.

Bishop Vertin, of Marquette, will be here on Sunday, Sept. 6, when the children of St. Mary's Catholic church will receive the First Communion, and the bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. First mass will be celebrated by the bishop at 7 A.M.; high mass at 9, after which Confirmation will be given. A Sodality reception will be held in the evening at 7:30. The church will be tastefully decorated for the occasion.

The bishop will leave on the noon train for Iron Mountain, where he will hold Confirmation services in the church at that place in the afternoon.

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Grand Bazar [sic – Bazaar].

The grand Bazar [sic – Bazaar], superintended by the ladies of St. Mary's church, and for which such active preparations have lately been on foot, will tandem aliquando be open to the public on the 21st, 22d [sic – 22nd] and 23d [sic – 23rd] inst. [of this month]. The Bazar [sic – Bazaar] will surpass anything of the kind ever presented to the citizens of Norway, by reason of the irresistible and unparalleled [sic – unparalleled] attractions that will greet the the [sic] fortunate visitor. We learn from reliable sources that an "Art Gallery" of unsurpassed excellence will form one of its component parts; and, although unwilling to be called a prophet or the son of a prophet, we predict for the visitors to this department such thrilling emotions of surprise and admiration as could scarcely be awakened by an afternoon visit to the galleries of the Louvre or the Vatican.

Lovers of the sublime (?) will be amply compensated for time and money spent by investing in the Fancy Articles, which will also constitute a prominent feature of the entertainment.

Our popular postmaster, J.H. Gee, weary of posting up in his establishment lists of uncalled-for letters, has turned over to the ladies the entire stock. Hence it will be to the advantage of our heterogeneous population to call at the "Ladies' Postoffice [sic – Post Office]," since news can be procured from almost everywhere; from friends and relatives now struggling nobly with Mr. Parnell for the inestimable boon of autonomy in Ireland; or perhaps clustered round the cheerful hearths of England's

"stately homes," and telling of many a hair-breadth escape from death in the mining regions of Lake Superior. News can there be obtained from loved ones still "moving, living and having their being" in the quaint villages on the banks of the majestic St. Lawrence; or in that sunny land which, as Dante beautifully expresses it, "L'Appenin divide ed il mar circonda (divided by the Appenines and surrounded by the sea.)["

Another novel feature of the Bazar [sic – Bazaar] will be the Children's Toy Table, where Young America's idea of perfect human felicity can be fully realized for a trifling amount.

Fresh Oysters will be served by persons who, from long experience, know just how they are relished by the people of Norway and Vulcan.

Friday evening, the 22d [sic – 22nd], will be principally devoted to Music and Oratory. Miss Norah [sic] Atfield, sister of Rev. T.J. Atfield, of Menominee, kindly condescends to give us that evening some selections on the guitar, with voice accompaniment. Some choice recitations will likewise be rendered by one of Norway's able lady elocutionists.

Father Kehoe will also mount the rostrum and deliver a lecture entitled "Reminiscences of Rome – Ancient, Modern and Subterraneous." This discourse he already delivered last year on the 17th of March, in Iron Mountain, for the benefit of the Catholic church, but is emboldened to present a repetition of it to the people of Norway in consideration of the fact that his audience on that occasion was almost entirely composed of Iron Mountain people.

Another most interesting feature of the Bazar [sic – Bazaar] will be an Auction Sale, where such goods as Silver Knives, Jewel Cases, Shoe Pacs, Pickled Hams, Chromos, Oil Paintings, Mackinac Suits, Fine Cut, Apples, Dictionaries, Peerless

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Flour, Shooting Irons, Butcher Knives, Crackers, Yeast Cakes, Rattle-snake Jelly, Crocodile's Tears, Alabaster and Soap will be disposed of to the highest bidder.

We forgot to mention that votes will be cast for the most popular lady in the township, and to whomever the the [sic] ballot adjudicates this dizzy honor, will be tendered a costly article in silver, with inscription – in perpetram rei memoriam.

The Bazar [sic – Bazaar] will be held in the Town Hall. Doors open at 7 o'clock in the evening. Admission 10 cts. For adults and children.

The object of the Bazar [sic – Bazaar] is to raise funds for the painting of the church – a much needed improvement. All are cordially invited to attend, and assurance is given beforehand that no pains will be spared to render the occasion pleasant and agreeable; one, in fact, that will leave an impression at once unique and lasting.

Circumstances over which the organizers of the Bazar [sic – Bazaar] have no control, [sic] necessitate the postponement of a dramatic representation which would have constituted one of the primary attractions of Friday evening. It will be presented, however, in the near future, and we are confident of a large attendance, as the Dramatis Personae will be composed of the very cream of Norwegian culture and refinement.

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The Fair.

The Fair being held by the ladies of St. Mary's Catholic church has so far been a decided success.

Last night Father Kehoe delivered a lecture on Rome, which was in every

respect a literary feast, and Miss Susie Hosking fully sustained the reputation she has earned as a rising elocutionist. The company was also very pleasantly entertained by Prof. John Lynch, who will again appear to night [sic – tonight] and attempt to sing and dance himself the balance of the way from Lake Superior to Chicago. An attractive feature of the evenings [sic – evening's] programme was auctioneer Bush in his great ham-fat and buttermilk act. The new postoffice [sic – post office] is pleasantly located and it is worth extra postage to be waited on by such pretty postmistresses. The Art Gallery is a thing of beauty and after one has seen it, he is filled with an earnest desire to have all the rest of the community enjoy the same pleasure.

The cigars are very "fair" ones, and are sold regardless of cost, one for ten cents, or two for a quarter. But it is Saturday morning and our space is limited. Go tonight [sic – tonight] and satisfy yourselves, that such an opportunity for unalloyed enjoyment is seldom offered to the people of Norway. N.B. Don't forget to take your best girl.

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The net profits of the Bazar [sic – Bazaar] 1st week were about \$400. Of this am't \$78 were received from voting a silver card receiver to "The Most Popular Lady." The prize now bears this inscription: "In Perpetuam Rei Memoriam. The citizens of Norway present this trifling gift to Mrs. John Oliver as the most popular lady in Norway Township."

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Card of Thanks.

Notwithstanding the awful inclemency of the weather and many disappointments from those who pledged themselves to enhance its attractions by their presence and ability, the Bazar [*sic – Bazaar*] which came to a close last Saturday evening proved an eminent success – surpassing every expectation.

Great praise is due to the ladies who worked so indefatigably in its interests, without whom the Bazar [*sic – Bazaar*] would inevitably have gone up “Salt Creek,” never to return.

It was with supreme satisfaction that we beheld Mrs[.] Capt. Oliver receive, midst the plaudits of an enthusiastic audience, the “Silver Card Receiver,” assigned to her by ballot as being the most popular lady in the Township. We are confident of voicing the sentiments of all in saying that the mark of distinction (trifling as it was) conferred on Mrs. Oliver could not have fallen to a more deserving person, the motherly features of whom mirror so truly her motherly heart.

Shades of Therpsichorus! There they stood; those “Band Boys” in their gala dress. There they discoursed such melodious airs as would have caused even the heart of a savage to melt; and yet no inclination was felt to trip the “light fantastic toe,” excepting, however, the toes of Prof. John O’Lynch, whom adverse fortune had drifted to this serous, businesslike, labor-loving burg. May the memory of your brief sojourn in our midst, John, be associated with pleasant recollections; and may they remind you that man was born for toil, and that nothing is more honorable, in our estimation, than laboring for a livelihood under the sweat of one’s brow. Fare thee well! Thanks, gentlemen of the Norway

Band, for the no inconsiderable aid derived from your musical performances (given gratis) during the Bazar [*sic – Bazaar*].

The French say that nothing succeeds so well as success. But the Bazar [*sic – Bazaar*] succeeded – Ergo – it was a success. Whether this logic will be universally accepted as genuine, we know not; but at all events we have reason to feel gratified over the result, and proud in the certainty that sympathy for a good cause still finds a place in the heart of Norway’s population.

THE ORGANIZERS OF THE BAZAR.

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Latin Services are held in St. Mary’s Church semi-weekly, Wednesday and Friday evenings, at 7 ½ P.M.

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Work on the painting of St. Mary’s Church and adjacent parochial residence will begin toward the middle of next month. The contract has been let to Mr. Hall, of Norway, as the most reasonable bidder, Color white – cash \$190.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 17 [Saturday, May 22, 1886], page 1, column 2

Painter Hall has nearly completed the repainting of St. Mary’s church and parochial residence, and they are greatly improved in appearance.

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The Forty Hours' Devotion was held at St. Mary's Church, beginning Tuesday 25th inst. [of this month] and ending Thursday noon. All the different exercises were largely attended. The following clergymen kindly lent their assistance: Frs. Rousseau, of Ishpeming; Faust, of Iron Mountain; Pilisson, of Spalding, and De Langile, of Stephenson.

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The oil painting of the "Immaculate Conception," intended for the arch over [the] altar, and for the purchase of which the drama funds were devoted, has arrived. All who have seen it pronounce it remarkably beautiful. It measures 7 ft. and 8 inches in length, by 4 ft. in width, and is valued at \$80.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 24 [Saturday, July 10, 1886], page 1, column 5

Church Notes.

The actors in the drama, "Down by the Sea," will perhaps regret to learn that the lovely oil painting for which the proceeds of that entertainment were devoted, and which was sent here merely for inspection, had to be returned, owing to the want of sufficient space above the arch in the church. However, another painting, exactly like the one in question, as regards design, coloring and artistic elegance, but more in proportion with the place it is intended to adorn, has been ordered. About four months will necessarily elapse before the new painting can arrive at its destination.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume II, Number 33 [Saturday, September 11, 1886], page 1, column 2

–The Catechism and Sodality children of St. Mary's church enjoyed a picnic at Lake Antoine one day last week.

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–Children will receive First Communion at Early Mass and be confirmed after High Mass to-morrow [sic – tomorrow] at St. Mary's church, by Rt. Rev. John Vertin, Bishop of Marquette.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 7 [Saturday, March 19, 1887], page 1, column 3

Miss Mary Madden, organist at the Catholic church, is quite ill at the residence of A.F. McGillis, with pneumonia.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 17 [Saturday, May 28, 1887], page 1, column 2

–Last Sunday First Communion was given to the children of St. Mary's Church at early mass. Immediately after High Mass the Rt. Rev. Bishop of the Diocese administered the sacrament of confirmation to the above mentioned children, and to some adults.

–Special devotions will be held next week in St. Mary's Church Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The pastor will be assisted therein by a few priests from the mission. On the above days there will be a mass at 5 P.M. for the convenience of the working men.

–The children who made their First Communion last Sunday, underwent Thursday afternoon in the Sacristy of St. Mary's Church, a very satisfactory examination in Christian doctrine. At the close of the exercises prizes were distributed to the most deserving, among

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whom were Thos. Morrison, Octavius Laforge, Nellie Rantier, Robert Gosselin, Katie Godfrey, Maudie Gee and Charles Farrell.

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Bazar [sic – Bazaar].

A Fair for the benefit of the Catholic Church will be held in the Town Hall on the 17th, 18th, 19th, and possibly the 20th, insts. *[of this month]*. We need scarcely remind the readers of THE CURRENT of the thousand and one attractions to be met in this kind of entertainment, which always proves a source of unalloyed enjoyment to its patrons. Admission 10cts. *[sic – 10 cts.]*

It will resemble its predecessors in almost every respect, in the first place a solemn fight (by ballot) will go on during all the time the Fair is held, in order that a satisfactory solution of a long and hotly disputed question may be finally arrived at and the public mind put at rest forever more. We of course allude to the popularity enjoyed by Miss Teresa Bush, of Norway, and Miss Laura Rayome, of Vulcan. That this popularity business is a dispute ed *[sic – disputed]* question cannot be doubted. In fact the public mind has been wavering between both parties well nigh two months and philosophers and scientists have vainly endeavored to throw light on the final issue. Notwithstanding this lamentable circumstance it is confidently believed that this month of August, A.D., 1887, will clear away all doubt and place the matter in true light before the Township. Should this fond expectation be blasted and that DIAMOND RING not grace, within a week, the finger of one of these young ladies, the authorities have decided, in Imitation of the Doge of

Venice, to sink it to the bottom of Pine Creek or Vulcan Lake.

The immortal Fancy table displaying *[sic – displaying]* all the fineries of the season will undoubtedly be one of the first objects to dazzle the orbits of the visitor.

Hungry travelers from the remote hamlets of East Vulcan, N.Y. Farm and Pine Creek, as well as the famished inhabitants of this metropolis itself will find there an excellent opportunity for strengthening and refreshing the “inner man” at the bounteous LUNCH and ICE CREAM TABLE.

It must not be forgotten that comestible and beverages (the latter all of a temperance character) will be furnished a la Francaise or in American style.

The same holds true of our Silks and Laces.

A new feature of this Fair will consist in a GIFT TABLE, than which few other departments will be found so enticing and attractive. We learn from the ladies in charge of the same that no fewer than 500 articles will be there for sale – on the Lottery principle. There will be no blanks, every number drawing a prize and one that will give entire satisfaction to the purchaser. One dime is the miserable price requested for the drawing of such articles as oil paintings of distinguished personages, fancy inkstands, revolvers, works by standard authors, packages of tobacco and snuff, valuable glassware, etc.

It is intended that this Bazar *[sic – Bazaar]* shall prove not only a pleasure to persons in the enjoyment of good health, but likewise a benefit to the sick and infirm. With this view an ELECTRIC BATTERY has been purchased at enormous expense in New York – which battery is warranted to alleviate almost all nervous diseases, besides curing instantaneously, Toothache, Neuralgia *[sic – Neuralgia]* and Tic-Dolereaux. A young graduate from the

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University of Waucesah will discourse in the meantime on the properties of Electricity, in other words will explain the peculiar phenomena of attraction and repulsion exhibited when friction and other mechanical forces are applied to bodies; as also the phenomena that arise from the relation which bodies may bear terrestrial and other magnetic lines. Come one, come all!

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 29 [Saturday, August 20, 1887], page 1, column 3

The Fair.

The Fair being held under auspices of the ladies of St. Mary's church, has been the attraction of the week. To attempt to describe the various beautiful, useful and costly articles exposed for sale would be more than the writer could satisfactorily accomplish, while to convey any idea of the good things to eat and drink with which one may be filled for the sum of twenty-five cents, would be an impossibility. To-night [*sic – Tonight*] will be the last night of the fair and we have no doubt but that a most pleasant time will be had. The various articles upon which chances have been sold will be drawn for, and the great question of popularity between two of our young ladies will be settled to the satisfaction of at least one. One of the great features of the fair, and one which it is well worth the price of admission to look at, is the gift table, at which you pay ten cents and are allowed to draw a ticket which calls for one of many articles. There are no blanks and we very much doubt whether such an assortment of entirely different articles has ever been seen since old Noah stepped out of the ark. Go to-night [*sic –*

tonight] and see the whole thing, as it will positively be your last chance.

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The Fair.

The St. Mary's church fair closed Saturday night, and the ladies who planned and carried out the undertaking have every reason to congratulate themselves on their success, both financially and socially. The diamond ring, which was the object of a friendly contest between the friends of the Misses Bush and Rayome, was won by Miss Bush, by a majority of about 300 in a total of 1,800 votes. The other valuable and in many instances beautiful articles were all disposed of, either by lot or sale. Everyone had a good time, and the ladies got the money. What more can we say?

The Current, Norway, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume III, Number 48 [Saturday, December 31, 1887], page 1, column 4

The Churches.

The regular Christmas services were held at St. Mary's Catholic church beginning at midnight Saturday, and the church was crowded to overflowing. The collection at all the Masses, which amounted to \$38.00[,] was for the diocesan Orphan Asylum at Marquette. The decorations in evergreen especially the Motto "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," over the arch, together with the little rustic crib in imitation of the cave at Bethlehem, made an interesting tableaux. Mr. Thomas Marritt is deserving much credit for the valuable aid rendered in the decoration.

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Church Notes.

Rt. Rev. Bishop Vertin will make his
pastoral visit to **Norway** and administer the
Sacrament of Confirmation immediately
on the completion of the work in the church.

Rev. Father Reynaerts, of **Crystal
Falls**, will come in the course of a week and
administer [*sic*] to the spiritual wants of the
Flemish-Belgian portion of **St. Mary's
congregation**.

The fresco work in **St. Mary's church** is
progressing very satisfactorily. At the
present writing the ceiling is all done and
the artists have commenced decorating the
sanctuary wall. **Fr. Kehoe** is satisfied that
what has been done so far equals if not
surpasses anything he has seen in the
Catholic churches of the Upper Peninsula.,
the Bishop's Cathedral excepted. By
stepping up to the gallery, the visitor may
obtain an excellent view of the ceiling
decoration and the trouble will be well paid.
Together with the frescoing the entire
wood-work of the interior will be grained
and the window-lights painted to harmonize
with the rest.

Miss **Rosenia Calaway** of De Pere,
Wis., arrived Thursday evening and entered
at once on her duties as **housekeeper to
Fr. Kehoe**. Until this lady's services have
been secured, Miss **Nellie Power** looked
after the household matters in the Parochial
residence and in a manner which more than
gratified the Pastor and all concerned.

The fresco artists, who are decorating
St. Mary's church, wanted to buy a pint of
Linseed oil the other day from parties who
use said material and were provided

therewith and if a pint could not be spared
they would have been grateful for even a
spoonful. Impossible! Such a tremendous
favor would make of them a ruined
community, as Mark Twain says. The
writer strongly suspects that had the
request come from other quarters, no
scruples whatever would have been felt.

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CURRENT NOTES.

–The renovating of **St. Mary's church** is
nearly completed under the able hands of
Mr. **Thomas Merritt**.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume __, Number __
[Saturday, October 25, 1890], page 1,
column 6

Church Notes.

**The frescoe [*sic – fresco*] artists have
completed their work on St. Mary's
church and gone.** The graining of the
woodwork of the interior is also done, and
soon this church will be second to but few
in point of beauty.

Iron Mountain News, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 5,
Number 27 [Tuesday, May 12, 1925],
page 10, column 2

Belgian Priest To Hold Services

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The Rev. Fr. C.A. VanderMeulen, of
Rochester, N.Y., arrived here today to

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conduct services in the Belgian language at St. Barbara's and St. Mary's churches. The Rev. VanderMeulen makes an annual trip to Norway and Vulcan as many Belgians reside here.

Special services will start tonight for St. Barbara's congregation, which meets now in the Vulcan town hall. Morning and evening services will also be conducted there tomorrow and Thursday.

Friday morning the Rev. VanderMeulen will have services at St. Mary's church and will remain there until Monday morning. Sunday morning he will be the celebrant at high mass.

ST. STEPHEN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH Loretto

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 21 [Thursday, October 14, 1909], page 6, column 1

New Church.

The contract for the carpenter work on the new St. Stephen's church at Loretto was awarded yesterday to Gusterforton & Wollin, of Norway, for \$4,850. It is expected to commence work at once. The stone foundation was finished several weeks ago. Rev. Father Stenglein, of Vulcan, is pastor of the church.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 17 [Thursday, September 15, 1910], page 1, column 2

Church Dedication.

The new Catholic church at Loretto will be dedicated on Sunday, the 25th. Bishop Eis and a number of clergymen from surrounding towns will be present. A special train will run from Iron Mountain to accommodate visitors.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 18 [Thursday, September 22, 1910], page 1, column 4

Dedicate a Church.

At a meeting of the members of the St. Jean Baptiste society held last Sunday, it was voted to attend in a body the dedication of the new St. Stephen's Catholic church at Loretto next Sunday. It is expected that three of the local Italian societies will also be represented and Castel's band will also attend. Arrangements have been made for a special train over the Wisconsin & Michigan road, leaving here at 8 a.m. and returning at 2:30 p.m. The dedicatory sermon will be preached by Right Rev. Bishop E.M. Dunne, of Peoria, Ill. Bishop Eis, of the diocese, will preside, and other clergymen [*sic – clergymen*] will assist in the services.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 19 [Thursday, September 29, 1910], page 8, column 3

Church Dedication.

Between four and five hundred Iron Mountain people attended the dedication of the new St. Stephen's Catholic church at Loretto last Sunday. Bishop Dunne, of Peoria, Ill., and Bishop Eis, of Marquette, were in charge of the services and were assisted by clergymen from the surrounding

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towns. The delegation from this city included the Castel, Columbia and City bands, St. Jean Baptiste society and several hundred members of the Italian societies.

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Jewish Synagogue
