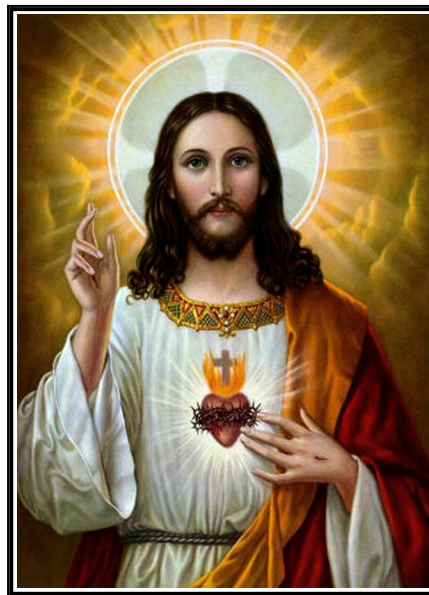


# Sacred Heart Academy Historical Notes

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A historical glimpse of Sacred Heart Academy and Sacred Heart Parish  
Mount Pleasant, Michigan

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Sacred Heart Catholic parish has been a fixture of the Mount Pleasant, Michigan community for generations. It began as St. Charles parish. In the late 1860s and early 1870s, a priest would come from a neighboring town like Saginaw, and several families celebrated mass held at various homes. About 1872 they decided to build a church.



*St. Charles Church*

After obtaining the land and raising the money, construction started on January 25, 1875.<sup>1</sup> The St. Charles church was a wooden structure that measured 38 by 60 feet and it was 24 feet high.<sup>2</sup> It was completed about 1877.

A bird's eye view of Mount Pleasant, published in 1884 depicts the church.<sup>3</sup> It was located on the west side of town, where Wisconsin Street meets Oak Street. (See detail inset, upper right.)



By February 1887, the 1,000 members<sup>4</sup> of the parish decided to build a brick church. They purchased the land where Sacred Heart Academy and the parish center stands today, at the corner of South Franklin and East Illinois streets. The old church was then physically moved to the site. It sat at the corner of South Lansing and East Michigan streets.

The laying of the corner stone of the Catholic church was accomplished in due form Wednesday in the presence of a very large audience. Bishop Richter was assisted by Revs. Father Crowley, Father McNamara and Father Le-fevre in the ceremonies which were conducted entirely in Latin. These services were solemn and impressive. The stone which is a large one—2 ft. 6 in. by 2 ft. 8 in. and 20 in. high—was mortised on the bottom to receive the tin box containing various souvenirs in the way of documents, coins, etc. At the proper time in the ceremonies the box was placed in the mortise and cemented and the stone placed in position. The south face of the stone has these words carved into it: "Church of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1888." A large cross appears on this face and also upon the other two sides exposed to view. Part of the ceremony included the sprinkling of the walls around the entire church with water that had previously been blessed at a point where the altar will stand. After the ceremonies the people all assembled in the church where a very strong and interesting sermon was delivered by Father Thomas McNamara. "The 'Church of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus' will now be pushed to completion and will be an edifice of which all will be proud."

*Isabella County Enterprise  
August 24, 1888*

The new church cornerstone was laid August 22, 1888.<sup>5</sup> Once construction was far enough along in 1889, Mass was held in its basement area and the old church was converted to a school.<sup>6</sup>

The Feast of the Sacred Heart is recognized as a feast of atonement for known ingratitude towards God. It originated in earnest in 1675 when Christ appeared to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque in France and said "Behold the Heart which has loved men so greatly but which has been given so little love in return." Pope Pius IX dedicated the whole Catholic world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1856. By 1889, Pope Leo XIII raised the feast to the dignity of the first class. About that time, St. Charles parish was renamed to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

A rectory was built next to the church and completed about 1899. An existing house bought in 1888 served as a convent, perhaps where a new convent was built on East Illinois Street in 1956.<sup>7</sup>

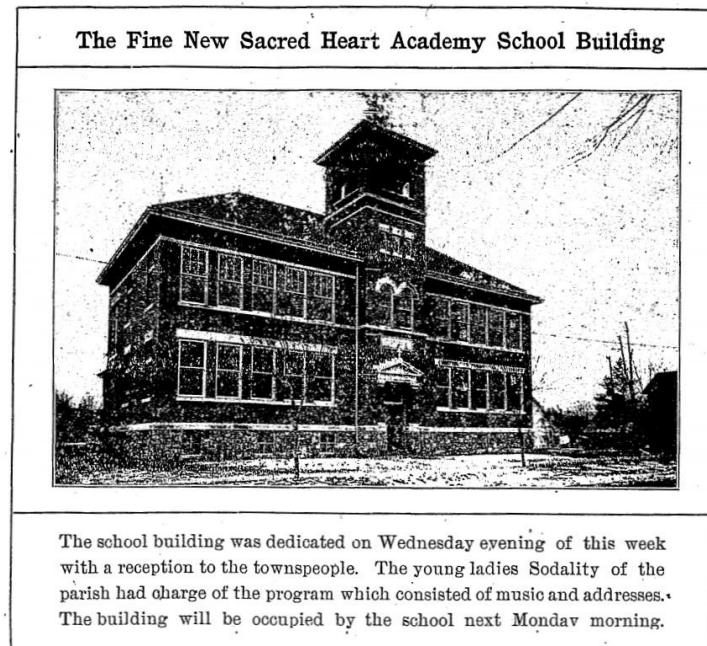
A view taken about 1906, shows the new church, the rectory, and the old church in the background, which was then the school.<sup>8</sup> It appears the steeple had been removed, probably when the building was moved.



*Sacred Heart Church, Rectory, and Academy, circa 1906*



Sacred Heart Academy opened August 30, 1889 in the converted, old church building.<sup>9</sup> By 1906 construction began on a new school building. The new Sacred Heart Academy was built behind the church. It was completed in 1908 and the old school/former church was demolished sometime thereafter.<sup>10 11 12</sup>



*Isabella County Enterprise  
November 27, 1908*

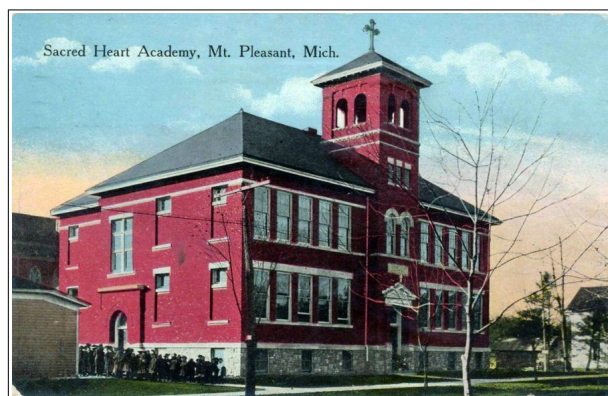
#### **Sacred Heart Academy.**

The formal opening of the new Sacred Heart Academy took place on Wednesday evening, November 25th. A reception under the direction of the Young Ladies' Sodality was ably and tastefully carried out. Guests were received at the north entrance and shown through the brilliantly lighted halls and rooms on both floors. One of the class rooms was decorated with chrysanthemums and smilax and here the guests were served with refreshments. The Indian school band which was stationed in the upper hall, played many delightful numbers giving a sense of pleasure and eclat to the occasion.

After an inspection of the building the visitors assembled in the auditorium where addresses were given by the pastor, Rev. T. J. O'Connor, President Grawn of the State Normal, Superintendent White, Mayor Snider, Dr. McEntee and Frank McNamara. All the speakers congratulated the pastor and the parish and the city of Mt. Pleasant upon the possession of so magnificent a building and voiced the hope that the common cause of education for the uplift of the human race, will continue to keep pace with its material environments.

*Isabella County Enterprise  
December 4, 1908*

The Academy was expanded in 1923 when two additional classrooms were added on the east side of the building to accommodate 100 more students.<sup>13</sup> Notice the original building had five windows on either side of the entrance, while the building today has ten windows on the left.



*Sacred Heart Academy, circa 1909*



*Sacred Heart Academy, 1978*



This is likely one of the first pictures of the Academy ever taken.<sup>14</sup> It was published in the newspaper November 27, 1908. Another view from the early 1930s, shows the 1923 addition.



*Sacred Heart Academy, 1908*



*Sacred Heart Academy, circa 1930*



The trees planted in 1908 eventually grew tall.



*Sacred Heart Academy, circa 1930*



*Sacred Heart Church, with Sacred Heart Academy in the background*

Another addition was built in 1955 where the old school/church once stood. Then an elementary school was built in 1964 at the corner of East Michigan and South Franklin streets.



*1955 Addition, 1978*



*1964 Elementary School, 1978*

Eventually a third church was built between South Kinney Avenue and South Fancher Street, facing East Wisconsin Street. This, the current church was, completed in 1968 and one of the first Masses said was the Christmas Eve Mass that year.



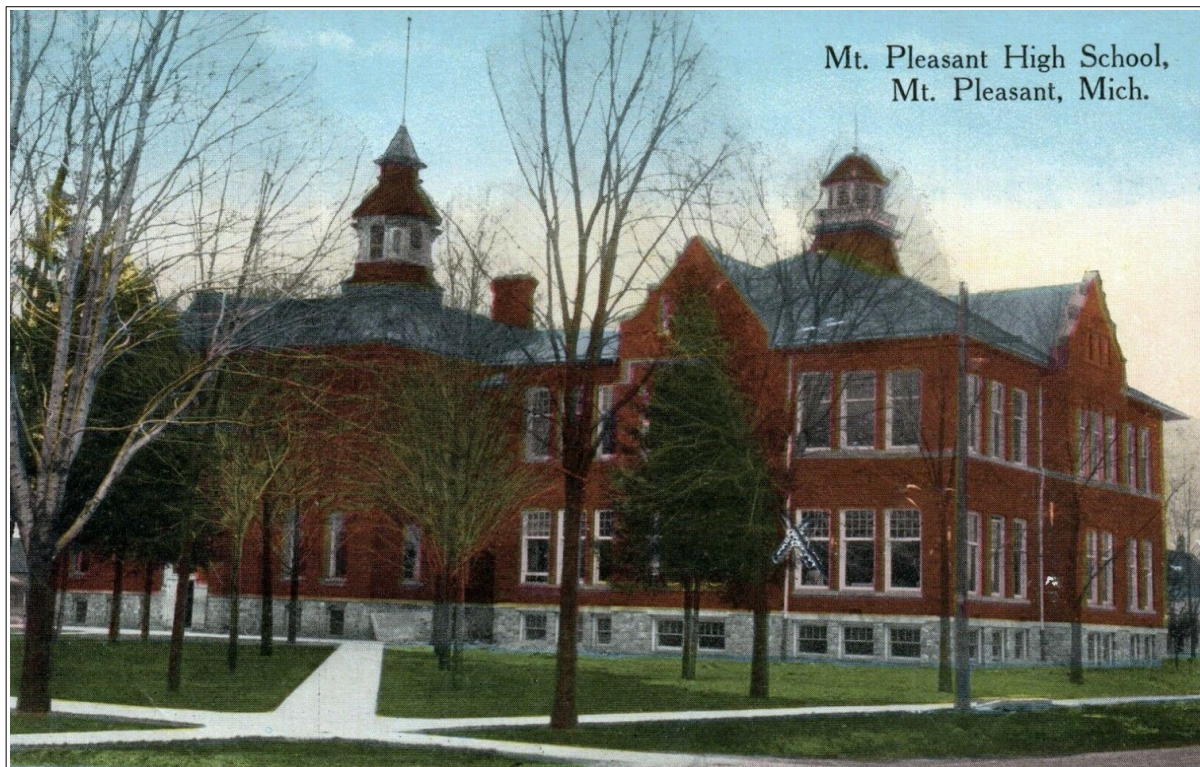
*Present Church*



The new church stands where the Union School once stood. Built in 1881, it was the Mount Pleasant public high school.



Notice that architectural elements of the 1908 Sacred Heart Academy building were borrowed from the 1881 Union School.



*Mount Pleasant High School*

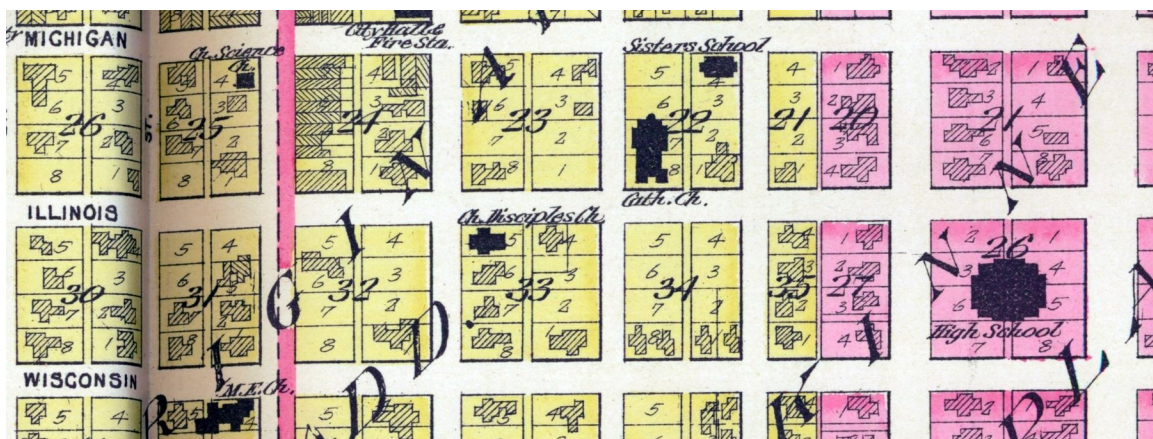


An 1879 plat of Mount Pleasant shows the St. Charles Catholic Church at the west end of Wisconsin Street. The new church would later be built in block 22, which was then vacant.



1879

By 1899 a plat shows the 1888 church in block 22, along with the “Sister’s School,” which was another name for Sacred Heart Academy. It was the old St. Charles church that was moved from Wisconsin Street. Notice the large Mount Pleasant High School, built in 1881, in block 26.

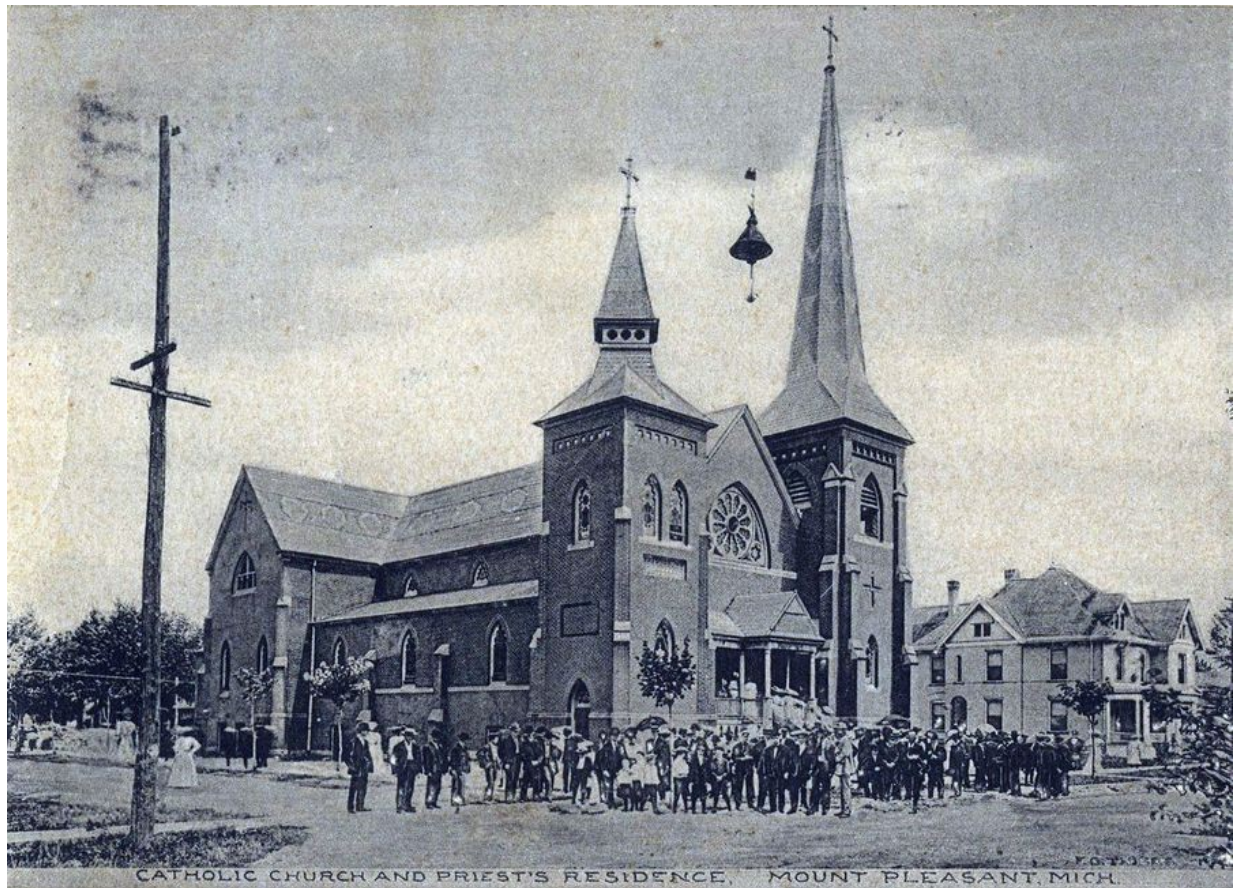


1899



Today





*Sacred Heart Church and rectory, circa 1907*

This view probably shows parishioners outside the 1888 church, perhaps celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the first church, completed in 1877. Or, it may be the thirty-fifth anniversary of the parish, which started in 1872. The rectory, built in 1899, is on the right. A construction area appears behind the church, which would be the new Sacred Heart Academy building, completed in 1908. So this picture was probably taken in 1907.



The 1888 church was struck by lightning in August 1978 and was later demolished. A gymnasium was built where it once stood.



*1888 Church, 1978*



*1888 Church, 1978*



*1888 Church, 1978*



*Interior of the 1888 Church, from a Christmas Card, circa 1955*



*Interior of the 1968 Church, 1978*

The interior of the present church is distinctively modern.

The recessed area behind the tabernacle was once filled by a large Celtic Cross with contemporary iconography. The base of the cross is shown in these pictures from 1969. Apparently it was controversial. Although stunningly beautiful, and the key architectural focus of the Church, it was mysteriously removed, leaving an empty space there for at least a decade.



From individual family homes, to St. Charles, to Sacred Heart, this parish history is older than Mount Pleasant itself.



## Further Reading

The following is an excerpt describing Sacred Heart Parish, from Isaac A. Fancher, *Past and Present of Isabella County, Michigan* (Indianapolis, Indiana: B. F. Bowen & Company, 1911), pages 237-239.

The Catholic people at Mt. Pleasant were quite early on the ground in Isabella county and soon after their arrival felt the need of a church organization and also of a building to worship in. After looking around for a time for a location, they secured the gift of three acres in the southwest part of the city and the 7th day of August, 1872, a deed was made of the chosen ground to Casper H. Burgiss, of Detroit. This was accepted and on the 5th of September was placed on record in the county.

The church organization was formed about this time with the following members: John McDonald. Rosy McDonald. Felix Lafromboise, Thomas Thompson. William Bamber. Thomas Judge, Michael Kane, Cornelius Bogan, who acted as secretary and kept the minutes of the meeting, which was held at the Bamber Hotel in Mt. Pleasant. The first mass was had at Thomas Thompson's house, southeast of town (the farm where John Warner lives), by Father Van Der Haden, the priest officiating. A meeting was called on the 9th of September, 1874, for the purpose of electing a building committee. At this meeting there were elected president, Thomas Judge: secretary, W. H. Richmond, and treasurer. William Bamber. The building committee were Thomas Judge, R. E. McDonald, Michael Kane and John A. Kehoe. At the same meeting it was arranged that the congregation should meet on the church grounds on September 26th, to clear off the ground, and it was further given out that Father Sweeney would be here at Mt. Pleasant on October 14. 1874.

On October 31. 1874, it was "Resolved as follows by the building committee of the Catholic church, that we build a church at Mt. Pleasant on the said church grounds at Mt. Pleasant, the size of the church to be thirty-eight by sixty feet, the height to be twenty-four feet between joists, the frame to be of square timber; offered by R. E. McDonald and carried."

A committee to consist of John McDonald and Felix Lafromboise was appointed to raise money for said church. The work then really commenced in earnest and in the winter, January 25, 1875, they entered into contract with Brower & Main for twenty-five thousand three hundred and twenty-five feet of common lumber and thirteen thousand five hundred feet of clear lumber, seven thousand feet of black ash and basswood lumber, and twenty-seven thousand shingles, the entire bill to be nine hundred and thirty dollars. The workmen on the building were W. H. Richmond. John Fox, Hank Richmond. W. I. Dodds, George Dodds. Charles Fox and Charles McKinnon. The subscription list ran up to over two thousand six hundred dollars. Up to June 3, 1876, the labor on the building had run up to eight hundred forty-four dollars and fourteen cents. The building was finally completed and the society occupied this building and grounds until about February 28, 1887, when they purchased block 22. of the city of Mt. Pleasant, preparatory to the change of location of their church and school. This is the block where the church, school, priest's residence and the old school building are located. They afterward purchased a Sisters' residence across the street to the south where they now reside.

The old building was moved from its first site to the said block about 1888 and used as before, and afterward for several years as a school building.

On December 29, 1887. they sold and deeded the old site to Gorhams for a factory site, it being convenient to the Ann Arbor railroad tracks. The three thousand dollars they received from the Gorhams for the old site went to aid them in building on the new.

The present church was commenced in the year 1888, and was so far completed during that year and the fore part of 1889 that they were able to hold services in the basement, which they did for some length of time and until they finally completed the structure and commenced the use of it generally. It is a large and

commodious building and so far has supplied the demands of the society. The total value of the structure is about twenty-five thousand dollars. It is a fine structure, well and appropriately finished and furnished internally.

As soon as the new church was so far completed that they could use it for services they then remodeled the old one into a school building, and opened a parochial school.

This school has been continued until the present time and is now larger than it ever was before. The growth of the school has been such that in 1908 they felt that they were obliged to have more room and a better equipment than they had before and they commenced the erection of a new building by putting in a foundation, which they left till the next spring, when they began the superstructure. The building is a modern model of architecture and finish.

They have been very fortunate in the priests they have had. Father McCarthy was the first resident priest, coming in 1880 and remaining about five years when he sickened and died, his death occurring on June 19, 1885. Father J. A. Crowley succeeded him, locating here in July, 1885, and labored with the people until June 12, 1899. when he died and Father O'Conner took up the work August 1, 1899. and is still with his people.

The following is an excerpt describing Sacred Heart Academy, from Isaac A. Fancher, *Past and Present of Isabella County, Michigan* (Indianapolis, Indiana: B. F. Bowen & Company, 1911), pages 171-174.

#### THE SACRED HEART SCHOOL.

The excellent school bearing the above name is situated at Mt. Pleasant and was established about 1889 and as soon as the new church had been sufficiently completed that they could use it for church purposes; then the old church building was converted into a school building and the school was opened August 30, 1889.

Five Dominican Sisters from the mother house in New York, with Sister M. Lignovi as superioress, were chosen to take charge of the school, which numbered at that time about one hundred and fifty children. Since then the school has gradually increased and at present it numbers three hundred children and nine Sisters are engaged in the work of teaching.

The academy is now organized in six courses of study, namely: Classical, Latin, scientific, English, music and art. Over one hundred students have graduated from the school since it first opened, as shown by the names and year of graduation in this report.

Sister M. Alphonsus, who is at present in charge of the academy, has worked in connection with it for the past twelve or thirteen years, has watched its progress step by step and has now the pleasure of knowing that it is affiliated with the University of Michigan, the Central State Normal, the Ypsilanti College and Trinity College, Washington, D. C. The curriculum of studies and their purposes will give a good idea of the extent and scope of the education to be received at the school.

The first introduction of the child is in the sub-primary grade and commences with the primer, then with the spelling, numbers, geography, history, language, physiology, writing, Palmer system: science, color and quality. These are brought out in their more simple form, but they give the child an idea of the beginning of the study of matters and things so that at the end of the first year of their school life they are prepared to take up the branches in the first grade, the subjects of which are the catechism, reading, spelling, language, numbers, geography, history, physiology, writing, drawing and science. This is substantially the same, only it is one step in advance of the last.



The second grade is the same as to topics, adding music to the list and still advancing a little deeper into the theme than they did in the last.

Third grade subjects are the same, except the adding of morals and manners. Still advancing into the depths of the several themes still deeper.

The fourth grade subjects are the same, except that they have substituted arithmetic for numbers, penmanship for writing and nature study for science. In the first semester they finish the third reader and during the second semester they enter upon the fourth reader. The third reader used is Benz's. In language they take up in the first semester Metcalf's and proceed to the 50th page and during the second semester master from the 50th to the 98th page. In spelling they take up and master twelve lessons of Reed's word book and the second semester from the 18th to the 37th page. In arithmetic, first semester, Milne's, from page 136 to 187 and second semester from 162 to 204. In geography, first semester, from page 44 to 88, and second semester, the work is completed. History, Montgomery's, from page 1 to 60, and second semester, from page 60 to 116. Physiology, "The House I Live In." And in nature study, plants—a careful study of roots, fibers; simple multiple.

The fifth grade subjects are a continuance of the fourth except that penmanship is dropped and drawing. And they take up science for one semester.

The sixth grade still continues most of the subjects, changing history for sacred history and placing morals and manners in the regular course, and taking penmanship again.

The seventh grade continues most of the former subjects and takes up United States history, civil government and geometry. The outline of this grade is as follows: Reading, fifth reader, and for second semester, supplementary reading, "Vision of Sir Launfal" and "Evangeline," etc. Grammar, first semester, Harvey's Elementary Lessons in Language and grammar completed. Second semester, Harvey's new English grammar, from page 1 to 77. Arithmetic, Milne's Standard, from page 231 to 262, and second semester, from 262 to 282. Geometry, one lesson per week and second semester, complete the work. Spelling. Reed's work, part III, to page 129. Second semester, from 129 to 148. Physiology. Brand's elementary, from page 173, completed, and Stowel's. to page 180. United States history to national period. Science, electricity, sound, two semesters. Civil government, three recitations a week. School district, township, village, city, county and state officers, state government, department, etc.

The eighth grade subjects are Christian doctrine, civil government, grammar, United States history, physiology, science, orthography, for the first semester, and for the second, arithmetic, geography, algebra, reading, drawing, geometry. First semester: Arithmetic, Milne's complete, from bank discount to page 306. Algebra, addition, subtraction and multiplication. United States history (by topics) from Revolutionary war to Civil war from various authors. Civil government (Crockett's State Government) to state constitution, page 121. Grammar. Harvey's New. from page 77 to 167. Physiology, Stowel's, from page 180 to complete work and review. Orthography, from page 1 to 39. Reading, "Evangeline" and "Merchant of Venice." Second semester: Arithmetic, complete the book. Algebra, division, fractions to page 88. United States history, complete work and review. Civil government. Cocker's, to page 157. Grammar, from 167 to the end. Physiology, complete work and review. Orthography, finish. Geography, review work from Frie's, Harper's and others. Reading. "Snow Bound." and "Courtship of Miles Standish." Music, three times a week.

This in a brief way finishes the eighth grades and entitles the pupil who has finished the work to an eighth grade certificate.

The high school department comprises a four-year course with the following subjects for the first year: First semester—Christian doctrine, rhetoric, ancient history, orthography, reviewed. Second semester—Latin, arithmetic, algebra, English and civil government.

Second year: First semester—Latin, Christian doctrine, algebra, arithmetic reviewed, general history. English. Second semester—The same as the first, with arithmetic dropped.

Third year: First semester—Christian doctrine. Latin, algebra, physics, general history. English, and for second semester they have Christian doctrine, Latin, English, history, physics, rhetoric and geometry.

Fourth year: First semester—Christian doctrine, Latin, geometry, complete plane. English, English history, botany, and for the second semester. Christian doctrine, Latin, geometry, English. English history, botany.

Added to these, they have a commercial course which can be completed in three years. This course includes United States history, grammar, orthography, civil government, general history, bookkeeping, commercial law, English, stenography and typewriting: in other words, all of the brandies comprising a complete business course.

The school also teaches elocution, and has a course in music. The department of instrumental music includes the piano, banjo, violin, mandolin and guitar. As a matter of fact you may find about everything you require.

There was a Sacred Alumnae Association organized in June. 1902. The object of this association is to perpetuate the friendship of school life, and join the members in closer union; to further the interests of the Sacred Heart School and strengthen the ties that bind them to the institution.

The following is a list of the graduates of the Sacred Heart School and the year of their graduation:

For 1893 they are: Mary McCue, Katharine Fraser, Lillian Flood, Louisa Garvin and Nettie McRae. There are none in 1894-5.

1896—Rose Garvin, Kittie O'Boyle, Loretta McDonald, Helen Dittmann, Fannie Sweeney, Margaret Munroe. Clara Maloney.

1897—Nellie Garvin, Margaret Battle, Man,- Kane. Bessie Garvin. Nellie McCue, Agnes Donovan.

1898—Nellie Kane, **Mary Rush**\*.

1899—Mary Davis, Mary Sullivan, Lizzie McCue, Lizzie McKinnon, Lizzie Sullivan. Mary McRae, Katherine Shanahan.

1900—Lena Gallagher, Madge Davis, Anella Wilmot, Mabel Sullivan, Mary Shanahan, Katharine Powell, Frank McCann.

1901—Helen Davis. Mary McGuire, Katharine McGuire, Eva Sweeney. Bessie McCann, Nellie Quinn, Teresa Lynch.

1902—William McCan. Nellie Kenney, Cloris Sweeney, Mabel Garvin, May Garvin. Margaret Logan.

1903—Alexander Murphy, Harry Kane, Anna Kenney, Viola O'Horo, Margaret Duffey.

1904—May Kenney, Nellie Ballister, Agnes Shanahan, Andrew Donovan, Anslem McCarthy.

1905—Agnes Battle. Louise McCarthy, Sarah Smithers, Elizabeth Duffy, Mary Briedenstine.

1906—Beatrice Dondaro, Margaret McCarthy. Sabine Kane, Agnes O'Horo, Agnes Welsh.

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\* Mary Rush is pictured below.



1907—Zita Carey, Teresa McCrae, **Mary Sullivan\***, Jenny Murray, Eva Carey, Nellie Welsh, Margaret O'Horo. Eleanore Sheriden. Lenore Summers.

1908—Anne Sullivan, Sibbie Sullivan, Marie Flood, Rose Walsh. Mary E. Fraser, Mary E. Sweeney. Hazel Carey, Anna Fitzgerald, Angela McCarthy, Brigetta Murray. James Kane.

1909—Rose Kenney. May McDonald, Marie Kane, Mary Walsh. Ethel Garvin. Thomas McNamara, John Rush.

1910—Rose Sweeney, Rose Donovan, Berradita Garvin. Agata Kaiser. Ethel McDonald. Ethel McRae, Margaret O'Brien. Vera Walsh. John Sidley. Joseph Kane, Roy Dondero, Francis Young. Mary O'Horo, Retha Davis.

The following is an excerpt describing Sacred Heart parish and school, from R. A Miller and Charles J. Seely, *Faces and Places Familiar, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan* (Mt. Pleasant, Michigan: Courier Press, 1906), page 39.

#### Sacred Heart Church and School

The Catholic church organization of this city dates back to 1874, and was made at a time when there was only about a dozen families in what is now the entire parish. In the early days the members of that faith who had come into the new country, away from churches where they had [worshiped], were in the habit of congregating at various homes and conducting services or holding meetings. At these gatherings, or some of them, Father Sweeney, of Saginaw, would attend, and it was during one of his visits, on a Sunday afternoon, at the Bradley farm, then owned by Rorey McDonald, that the organization took place. From that date occasional meetings were held at which Father Sweeney presided. Then in 1875 Hon. I. A. Fancher deeded the organization three acres of ground where the Gorham works now stand with a proviso that a church building should be erected thereon, which was done, and Father McCarty came here in 1877 as the first priest of the parish, and died while in charge.

Father McCarty was succeeded by Father Crowley, who also died while in charge of the parish.

During the time of the incumbency of Father Crowley the handsome church structure shown herewith was erected, also the priest's home, shown in the engraving, and the original church building was moved from the first site to the present, and is being used as a school building and also shown in the picture, but which will be succeeded in the near future by a handsome brick and stone structure, for which material is already on the ground. From this small beginning the Catholic organization has grown to its present large proportions of more than 300 families, with a membership of over 1,200. The school is provided with 300 scholars, is conducted by eight Dominican sisters, with Sister Alphonsus in charge.

Father T. J. O'Connor is the present priest of the parish, Is a very enterprising and progressive man, has made some decided improvements in the buildings since he came, is beloved by his entire congregation, and esteemed and respected by the entire community.

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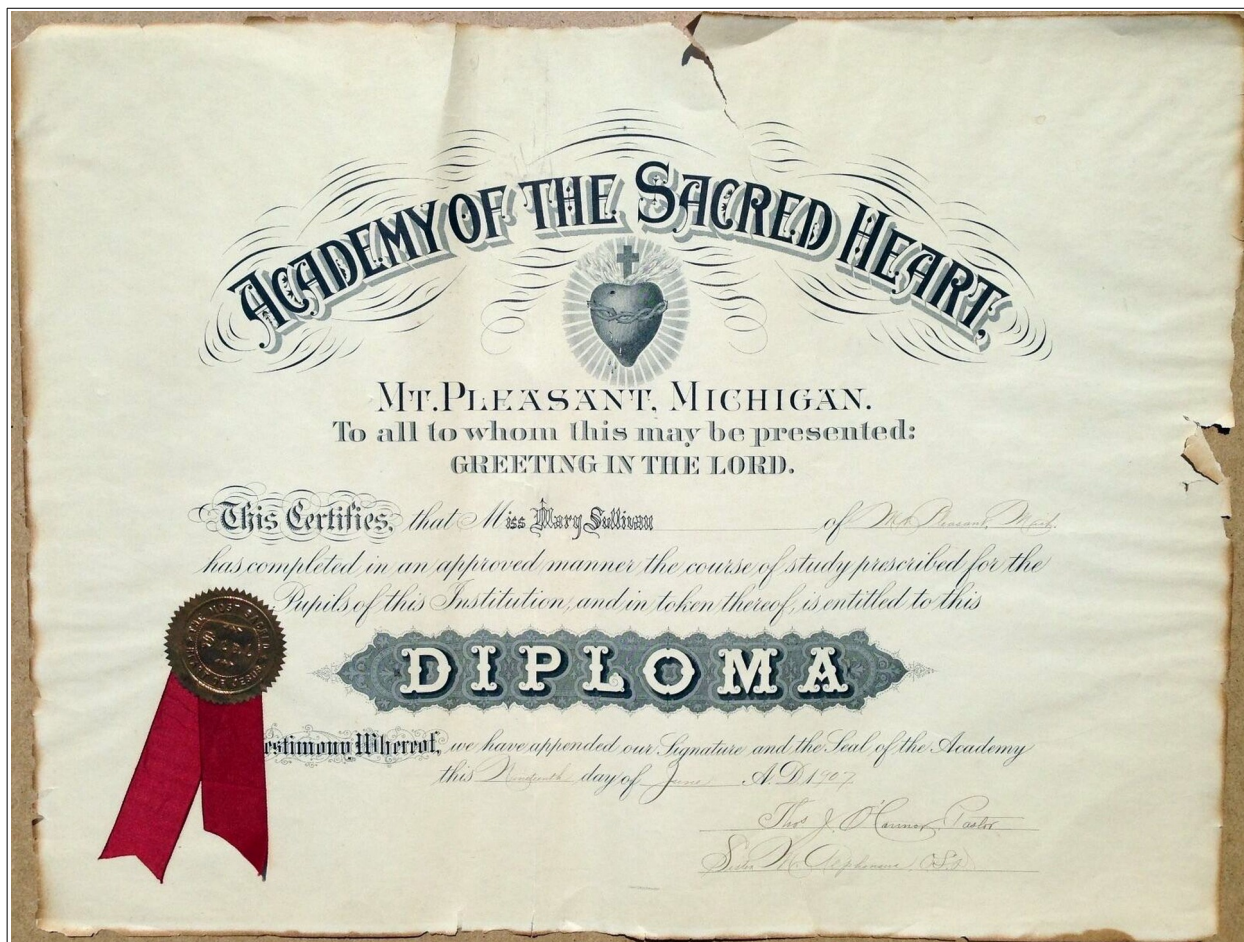
\* Mary Sullivan's diploma is pictured below.



*Mary Rush, Class of 1898, holding her diploma*

Mary Rush was one of only two graduates in the Class of 1898. Here she poses with her diploma.<sup>15</sup>





*Diploma of Miss Mary Sullivan, Class of 1907*

Mary Sullivan was one of nine graduates in the Class of 1907, all of whom were women.

**Notes**

- <sup>1</sup> Isaac A. Fancher, "Past and Present of Isabella County Michigan" (Indianapolis: B. F. Bowen and Company, 1911), page 237.
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- <sup>14</sup> Postcard. Personal collection of Mike Voisin.
- <sup>15</sup> John Cumming, "This Place Mount Pleasant," 1989, page 82, citing the Collins Studio, Mount Pleasant.