

Methodist Church Opened in 1860

The history of the Methodist church in Eagle township began in 1838. But the history of that church in the village starts in the year 1860 when John Hage, a lay preacher, purchased the outgrown school house at the foot of Diamond hill. For 10 years the Methodists gathered there. Then in 1871 the present church was dedicated by a Rev. Bellows.

From time to time improvements have been made in the church. In 1910 a basement was dug, later electricity added, improved heating system and other conveniences added.

A parsonage was purchased in January, 1951. About that time the village installed a water system and the church added it service to both church and parsonage.

St. Theresa's Catholic church has had a vigorous and constantly enlarging growth. Before 1852 visiting priests from Waukesha ministered to the needs of the people of Catholic faith, Fr. Kundig being their first priest. In 1852 a small church was built on the present site. It served the parish till 1895 when the present large church was erected.

There have been several parochial schools, the first located beyond the old Catholic cemetery. Later, as town growth seemed to be farther east, parochial schools have been held on grounds near the church.

In 1956 the present large school was started and was finished for occupancy in January, 1957. It has an enrollment of 125 children and employs three instructing Sisters. It cost \$90,000.

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