



History of Steeple Center

January 1907 – Parishioner James Tierney died and left approximately \$10,000 to the parish with the stipulation that it be used in the construction of a new church building. The current church was a wood frame building, built in 1881, and was in need of extensive repair.

January 28, 1923 – Father Lawrence Carey, St. Joseph Pastor, called a meeting for the purpose of deciding to build a new church. John S. Thul was appointed Chairman, Louis O. Bernier Treasurer and Bernard O'Hara, Secretary.

March 1924 - Contracts were issued to Slifer & Abrahamson Architects of St. Paul and Tapager Construction Company of Albert Lea.

March 19, 1924 – Feast of St. Joseph – Ground is broken by Father Carey to start construction of a new church building located just to the north of the 1881 church.

June 22, 1924 – Corner stone of the new church is laid.

December 24, 1924 – Many men from the parish volunteered to help finish laying the floor of the church on the afternoon of December 24. As a result, Father Carey was able to offer the first mass in the new church at midnight on Christmas Eve 1924. Total cost of the building was approximately \$77,119, including alter and pews.

September 18, 1959 – Installation of the Schumerlick Carillon Bells to replace the 1905 bell that had cracked and was beyond repair.

March 30, 1966 – Eight stained glass windows, with symbols of prayer and the seven sacraments were installed.

August 12, 1969 – Construction of an addition to the church began, with a new sacristy and alter boys' room and a new north entrance to the church.

July 13, 1970 – Carpeting was installed throughout the church for the first time.

1974 – New heating and electrical systems were installed. Redecorating included rearranging the Sanctuary at the cost of \$135,000.

1994 – A “Gathering Area” is constructed between the church and the school, tying both buildings together.

2004 – The City of Rosemount purchases the church, school and rectory. St. Joseph parish leased the church and school buildings back while a new school was being built.

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