

Saint Peter's Catholic Cemetery, Kampeska Township, Codington County, South Dakota

Location: NE ¼ of Section 35 of Kampeska Twp.

GPS Coordinates (Degrees, Minutes, Seconds) N. 44° 49' 06.1" W. 097° 21' 00.0"

Directions: From Watertown: Hwy 212 west to 446th Ave (the first curve), then 5 miles south to 177 St, turn E 1 mile on 179th St, then ½ mile S to Grover St

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The scope of this Codington County Cemetery Census Project is to provide an accurate and complete census of all of the rural cemeteries and individual burials in Codington County, South Dakota. It includes all known burials in the county with the exception of the two large Watertown cemeteries, Mount Hope and St. Mary's Catholic. Records have been researched at the cemeteries, cross-referenced with courthouse records, and the cemeteries walked.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to Merva Carlson for her tireless efforts toward compiling this information. The project has been largely hers. Merva has devoted hundreds of hours to make this census the most complete and accurate cemetery census ever done in Codington County. This project would never have been completed without her dogged determination and attention to detail. We wish to also thank Delores Hartley, Marge Bunde, and Erland Carlson for their assistance.
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Key:

- Sec = Section ; Bk = Block; Lt=Lot; Gr=Grave

Under the Comments section:

- Relationships;
- AKA or Nickname = " ____ ";
- Age = Year, Month, Day;
- Epitaphs in " ____ ":
- COD = Cause of Death, as listed in the death record or word of mouth.
- NBC = No burial card listed at the County Court House.
- BC = Burial Card at the County Court House
- DR = Death Record present in County Court House with book/page/line number, etc.
- NDR = No death record present at County Court House
- M = Marker present in cemetery
- NM = No marker present in cemetery
- b. = birthplace
- d. = place of death
- p. = parents
- w. = wife
- h. = husband
- f. = father
- m. = mother
- Maiden name in (____)
- Military information found on burial card at the County Court House or on marker in cemetery
- MB = Marriage Book
- WPO = Watertown Public Opinion - Newspaper

Major Sources (but not limited to):

- Watertown Public Opinion
- Codington County Death Records
- Codington County Death Records – No death records are at the Codington County Courthouse before July 1905
- The First 100 Years – Codington County 1879-1979 (History of Codington County)
- Church Records
- Pictorial History of Codington County, South Dakota
- Word of mouth: Noted as such in comment section.



Erland Carlson Photo

Cemetery St. Peter's Catholic, Grover, Codington County, South Dakota

Last Name	First	Middle	Maiden Name	Birth Date	Death Date	Burial Date	Bl	Lt	Gr	Comments
Amrhien	Charles	C.		1886	1949		1	14	4	M; BC; NDR; NBP; no name or date on burial card at Court House
Amrhien	George	Henry		04/10/1870	04/19/1940	04/22/1940	1	14	3	M; BC; DR-Bk 2- Pg. - 6- Ln.#5517; single; age-70yr/9days; b. Cedar Falls, IA; laborer/railroad; p. Joseph Amrhien & Marlinda (Daniels); d. Watertown, SD; COD-hypostatic pneumonia, flu; informant-Roy Amrhiem of Hazel, SD;
Amrhien	Joseph	L.		01/20/1845	06/ 27/1904		1	15	1	M; BC; NDR; age-59y; Civil War 03/09/1865-08/29/1865, Pvt. Co B 51, Wis. Reg Vol Inf.; b. WI; d. Grover, SD; COD-pneumonia; w. Miranda (Daniels); informant-George Amrhien (son) of Hazel, SD; "At Rest"
Amrhien	Leander	J.		11/04/1883	09/13/1915		1	15	3	M; BC; NDR; age-31/10/9; " At Rest"
Amrhien	Miranda		Daniels	08/11/1852	12/17/1927	12/20/1927	4			M; DR-Bk 2-Pg 2- Ln #3083; aka-"Minnie";age-75yrs/4mo/6da; h. Joseph L.; widowed; b.OH; p. P. Daniels &Charlotte (Guech); d. Watertown, SD; COD-acute cardiac decompensation, hypertension; informant-George H. Amrhien of Hazel
Anderson	Teresa	Marie		05/03/1995	05/03/1995	05/13/1995	6		C	M; BC; NDR; BP# 10988; Row 6 ; d. Prairie Lakes Health Care Center, Watertown, SD; stillbirth; "Safe in the Arms of Jesus"
Barker	Hugh	W.		07/28/1908	10/25/1995	10/28/1995	2		M	M; BC; Row 4; DR#18666; age-87y; b. Medford, MN; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-pulmonary emboli due to fractured hip; farmer; w. Ila (Williams); wed-12/19/1931 @ Redfield, SD; p.Thomas Fred Barker & Agnes Cecellia (Gilmore); informant-Ila Barker; p. of Dan, Jack, Tom, Mike, Jeanne & Mary;
Barker	Ila	Marie	Williams	12/13/1909	01/08/2002	01/12/2002	4		N	M; BC; Row 4; NDR; BP# 12376; age-92y; d. Bethel Lutheran Home, Madison, Lake Co., SD; teacher country school; b. Alcester, Union Co., SD; p. Arthur & Nellie (Catlin) Williams; h. Hugh W. Barker; wed-12/19/1931 @ Redfield, SD; p. of Dan, Jack, Tom, Mike, Jeanne & Mary;
Bierne	Anne		Lantgen	10/27/1874	02/06/1955	02/10/1955	1	2	2	M BC; DR#8573; name-"Anna" & birth year-"1873" on marker; age-81; h. Michael Bierne; widowed; d. residence Watertown, SD; COD-acute

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										coronary occlusion; b. Belgium, WI; p. John P. Lantgen & Anna (Hentgens); informant-Lawrence Bierne;
Bierne	James			07/19/1865	09/01/1917		3			M; NDR; NBC; age-52 y; w. Mary
Bierne	Jean	I.	Waldron	11/07/1904	04/24/1983	04/28/1983	1	2	4	M; BC; DR#15650; age-78; d. residence, Watertown, SD; school teacher; h. Lawrence Bierne; widowed; b. SD; p. Sylvester A. Waldron & Viola A. (Knight); COD- respiratory arrest, metastatic cancer of lung, carcinoma of colon; informant-Robert Bierne of Oklahoma City, OK;
Bierne	Lawrence			07/16/1902	07/02/1979	07/05/1979	1	2	3	M; BC; DR#14716; age-76; b. Codington Co, SD; farmer; p. Michael Bierne & Anna (Lantgen); w. Jean (Waldron); d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiac arrest, chronic obstructive lung disease; informant-Mrs. Lawerence Bierne of Henry, SD;
Bierne	Margaret		Elwood	1836	04/05/1907		3			M; NBC; DR# 1/15/196; death date-"04/04/1907" & age-"73" & "Bierns" on marker; age-71; d. Watertown, SD; COD-old age; b. Ireland; p.Patrick Bierne & Margaret (Elwood); "Wife of Patrick"; "May Her Soul Rest In Peace"
Bierne	Mary			11/23/1869	12/25/1969		3			M; NBC; NDR; h. James
Bierne	Michael			09/13/1867	10/22/1953	10/26/1953	3			M; BC; DR #8257; age-86; b. Ettrick, WI; farmer; w. Anna (Lantgen); p. Patrick Bierne & Margaret (Elwood); d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-myocardial disease, nephritis, senility; informant-Lawrence Bierne
Bierne	Patrick			1837	1919		3			M; NBC; NDR; name-"Bierns" on marker; age-82; b. Ireland; w. Margaret (Elwood);
Bierne	Thomas			11/10/1869	09/27/1917		3			M; NBC; NDR; age-48; "At Rest"
Bierne	William	B.		1899	1919		3			M; NBC; NDR; age-20;
BLAIS										MARKER
Blais	Alice			1890	09/27/1891		2			M; NDR; p. Louis & Delia Blais, ??buried in St. Henry Catholic Cemetery, Henry, SD; "Daughter"
Blais	Delia		Chaquette	04/23/1865	07/30/1945	08/03/1945	2			M; NBC; DR Bk3-Pg 59-Ln #6534; d. farm home, R#2 Watertown, SD; age-80/3/7; p. unknown; h.

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										Louis G. Blais; wed 1886 in Kranzburg, SD; widowed; b.IN; COD-coronary infarct, diabetes, senility; informant-Leo Blais (son) of Watertown, SD;
Blais	George	Lawrence		03/25/1894	12/12/1960	12/16/1960	1	1	1	M; BC; DR#9969; age-66; b. Codington Co., SD; w. Virginia L. (Vaughn); p. Louis G. Blais & Delia (Chaquette); "South Dakota Pvt., Co. B, 2 nd Inf., W.W. I"; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary thrombosis, acute congestive failure; informant-Vincent F. Blais
Blais	Joseph	J.		07/22/1892	03/31/1944	04/04/1944	2		1	M; BC; DR# 3/51/6264; BP# 447; birth year-"1893" on marker; age-51/8/9; d. Bartron Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-acute coronary thrombosis; farmer; b. Codington Co., SD; p. Louis Blais & Delia (Choquette) from Canada; single; informant-Leo Blais of Watertown, SD;
Blais	Leo	Thomas		05/31/1888	01/07/1970	01/10/1970	2		2 2	M; BC; Sec.A; DR#12234; birth year-"1880" on marker; age-81; Never Married; Farmer; b. SD; p. Louis G. Blais & Delia (Chaquette); d. Memorial Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-pneumonia, chronic lymphocytic leukemia; informant-Mrs. Harlow Bibbins (sister) of Watertown, SD;
Blais	Louis	G.		03/18/1849	04/28/1922	05/1/1922	2	1	1	M; BC; Sec.4; DR Bk.2-Pg.11-Ln.#2087; farmer; married; w. Delia (Chaquette); wed-1886 in Kranzburg, SD; age-73 yrs-1mo-10da; b. St. Francois, Quebec, Canada; p. S.G. Blais & Hermonie Blais d. near Kapeska, SD; COD-debility of age; informant-Mrs. L.G. Blais of Kapeska, SD;
Blais	Vincent	F.		11/25/1933	03/06/2005	04/29/2005		R 5	E	M; BP# 8641; age-71; "A3C, US Air Force, Korea", 1952-1953; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-pulmonary hemorrhage, congestive heart failure; farmer/maintained rental income property; b. Watertown, SD; p. George & Virginia (Vaughn) Blais; divorced; f. of Francis, Terrance, George, Kenneth, Alan, Betty & Rhonda; cremation; informant-George Blais (son) of Watertown, SD;
Blais	Virginia	L.	Vaughn	11/15/1910	04/12/1984	04/16/1984	1	1		M; BC; Sec.B; DR#15884; age-73; b. KS; p. Albert Vaughn & Ida (Meredith); h. George Lawrence

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										Blais; widowed; d. Jenkins Methodist Home, Watertown, SD; COD- breast cancer; informant-Ruth Erickson of Watertown, SD;
Burke	Cecil	William		1905	01/17/1906		4			M;DR# 1/4/54; age-6 weeks; d. Kapeska, Codington Co., SD; COD-cholera morbus; b. SD; p. Patrick F. & Theresa E. (McKenna) Burke;
Cooper	Florence			01/01/1890	03/05/1910		4	15	2	M; BC; Sec. 1; NDR; "Gone Home"
Coplan	Elwood			03/28/1914	04/18/1918		3	10	3	M; BC; Sec.2; DR Bk.1-Pg.108-Ln.#1488; age-4yrs-20da; d. Watertown, SD; COD-acute nephritis (kidneys); b. SD; p. Henry Coplan & Margaret (Bierne); "Son of H. B. and M. E."
Coplan	Felesta			05/27/1907	09/28/1907		3	10	2	M; BC; NDR; Sec.2; name-"Flecia" on marker; "Daughter of H.B. and M. E."
Coplan	Francis	William		05/07/1906	11/29/1959	12/02/1959	A	2	3	M; BC; Sec.1; DR#9734; aka-"Frank"; age-53; farmer; w. Helen (Knadle); b. SD; p. Henry B. Coplan & Margaret Ellen (Bierne); d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-coronary occlusion; informant-Helen Coplan
Coplan	Helen	M.	Knadle	05/29/1905	02/25/1997	03/01/1997			G	M; BC; Row 5; DR#19012; age-91; b. Vienna, SD; elementary teacher; d. Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-Alzheimer's dementia, congestive heart failure, history of colon cancer, hypertension; p. Joseph Knadle & Mary (Wosepka); h. Francis William Coplan; widowed; informant-Gene Coplan of Henry, SD;
Coplan	Henry	B.		07/29/1871	04/30/1965	05/04/1965	3			M; BC; DR#11025; age-93; widowed; farmer; b. Tomah, WI; w. Margaret E. (Bierne); wed-02/21/1898; p. John Coplan & Anna Pauline (Zimprich); d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-bronchial pneumonia, fractured hip, diabetes mellitus, anemia; informant-Margaret Zamow
Coplan	James	Arthur		09/15/1900	04/25/1968	04/29/1968	3			M; NBC; DR# 11807; age-67; laborer at grain elevator; b. Grover, SD; p. Henry B. Coplan & Margaret E. (Bierne); Pvt, SVC COMD Unit, WW II; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-pulmonary embolism, fractured ribs, chest injury due to auto accident on Hwy 212 5 mi. west of Watertown, SD; never married; informant-Leonard Coplan of Watertown, SD

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Coplan	Leonard	M.		07/24/1904	06/20/1978	06/24/1978	2	2	3	M; BC; DR#14444; age-73; farmer; never married; d. residence rural Watertown, Codington Co., SD; COD-cardiac arrest, acute myocardial infarction, arteriosclerotic heart disease; b. SD; p. Henry Coplan & Margaret (Bierne); informant-Bernard Coplan of Watertown, SD;
Coplan	Margaret	Ellen	Bierne	03/10/1872	08/11/1958	08/14/1958	3			M; BC; DR# 9410; age-86; b. Ettrick, WI; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-pneumonia, fractured hip; homemaker; h. Henry B.; wed-02/21/1898; p. Patrick Bierne & Margaret (Elwood); informant-Henry B. Coplan
Cypher	Lloyd	Manfield		05/11/1918	06/14/1966	06/17/1966	3	1	1	M; BC; DR#11315; age-48; w. Mary (Martin); d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-irreversible convulsions, cause unknown; farmer; b. Turton, SD; p. William Duluth Cypher & Maud (Stacey); informant-Mrs. Lloyd M. Cypher
Cypher	Mary		Martin	1923	----					M; Living; h. Lloyd;
Easthouse	Baby									M?; date unknown; buried Sec. A-2 outlot
Easthouse	Female	Baby			07/18/1930	07/19/1930	1	A	1 - 2	M?; Sec.A-2 outlot; DR Bk2-Pg56-Ln#3577; d. Watertown, SD; stillborn carried 7mo 18da; p. William A. Easthouse & Murial E. (Parker); not in the cemetery, buried SW of church in lilac bushes; informant-W.J. Barrett of Hazel, SD
Green	Baby			02/24/1912	02/24/1912				C	M; BC; NDR; COD-stillborn; "Our Baby-Mr. & Mrs. James Green"; burial NE corner of cemetery, out of lot 5
Hallauer	Baby	Female		03/25/1925	03/25/1925		4	15	4	NM; NBC; DR# 2/80/2587; d. Watertown, SD; premature 7 mos., cause unknown; stillborn; p. Edward & Emma (Ries) Hallauer; informant-Emma Hallauer of Watertown, SD;
Hallauer	Edward	Oscar		06/05/1894	05/08/1974	05/11/1974	2			M; DR# 13374; age-79; "PFC, US Army WW I"; d. residence rural Grover, SD; COD-acute coronary; farmer; b. SD; p. George Hallauer & Rosalie (Weiss); w. Emma (Ries); wed-1924; informant-Mrs. Emma Hallauer of Watertown, SD
Hallauer	Emma	T.	Ries	01/24/1903	12/17/1999	12/20/1999	A		F	M; BC; DR#19834; age-96; school teacher; widowed; h. Edward; wed-1924; b. Kranzburg, SD; p. John Ries & Mary (Wickert); d.Jenkins Living Center, Watertown, SD; COD-cardiorespiratory

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Hallauer	Joseph			03/17/1905	03/26/1905		4	15	4	M; BC; Sec.1; NDR; infant; age-8 days; "Son of George and Rosalia Hallauer"
Mangold	Minnie	E.		07/29/1923	08/6/1923		4	16	1	M; BC; Sec. 1; NDR; COD-general weakness; p. Frank & Alma Mangold
Oleson	Casey	William		01/16/1987	01/17/1987	01/22/1987	-	-	-	M; BC; NDR; BP# 9209; age-12 hrs.; d. Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha Co., SD; COD-dwarfin; p.Charles & Donna (Lengheek) Oleson; "Step Softly for a Dream lies here"
Opdahl	Kent	James		1972	09/24/1972	09/25/1972	E		1 2	M; BC; DR#12960; d. St. Ann Hospital, Watertown, SD; COD-stillborn, intrauterine fetal anoxia, cause undetermined; p. H. Greg Opdahl (30 yrs.) & Dixie Lee (Stein) (26 yrs.)
Parker	Bridget	Anne	Cavaneugh	01/29/1831	10/03/1915	10/05/1915	3	7	2	M; BC; Sec. 3; NDR; age-84; h. Elijah
Parker	Elijah	Thomas		10/17/1834	04/15/1910		3	7	1	M; BC; Sec. 3; NDR; age-76; w. Bridget (Cavaneugh);
Pinholt	John				06/11/1941		5		I	M; BC; NDR; NBP; stillborn; p. Jens & Elizabeth (Ruhr) Pinholt
UNKNOWN							4			NDR; no name or date on marker, possible corner marker for cemetery.
Zamow	August	E.		02/18/1899	07/16/1993	07/21/1993	2		C	M; BC; Row 2; NDR; BP# 10575; age-94; d. Lexington Manor Health Care Center, Lexington, KY; COD-Alzheimers w. Margaret Irene (Coplan);
Zamow	Margaret	Alice			05/01/1935		3	7	3	M; BC; Sec. 3; NDR; age-6 hours; a twin to Lavern; p. Carl & Della (Parker) Zamow
Zamow	Margaret	Irene	Coplan	08/02/1903	06/20/1980	06/24/1980	2	B	5	M; BC; DR#14931; BP# 7874; age-76; d. Jenkins Nursing Home, Watertown, SD; COD- cardiac arrest, diabetes, congestive heart failure; h. August E.; b. SD; p. Henry Coplan & Margaret (Bierne); informant-August Zamow of Watertown, SD;
ZIMPRICH										MARKER
Zimprich	Amelia		Brookman	01/18/1861	03/18/1949	03/23/1949	2			M; BC; NDR; BP# 1394; age-88; d. Bryant, Hamlin Co., SD; COD-myocarditis; h. John; "Rest in Peace"
Zimprich	Dennis	J.		01/07/1949	04/07/1970		2			M; NBC; NDR; age-21; " SP4, Co A,1BN 22 Inf, 4 Inf Div Vietnam War, BSM-PH, killed in action" ; p. Richard & Inez (Raderschadt) Zimprich.

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Zimprich	Doris	Florence		03/11/1929	03/16/1929	03/18/1929	2	3	4	M; BC; Sec.4; Bk2-Pg297-Ln#3327; age-5 days; COD-icterus neonatorum gravidarum, hemolytica; RH Neg; d. Watertown, SD; b. Watertown, SD; p. Albert J. Zimprich & Kathrin M. (Cordell); informant-Albert J. Zimprich of Hazel, SD
Zimprich	Inez	C.	Raderschadt	07/02/1928	08/30/1994	09/03/1994	2		L	M; BC; Row 4; DR#18390; age-66; d. Prairie Lakes Hospital E. R., Watertown, SD; COD-ventricular fibrillation, probable myocardial infarction, emphysema, bladder cancer; b. Watertown, SD; p. John Raderschadt & Hazel (Ridgeway); h. Richard Zimprich; wed-04/10/1948 in Hollywood, CA; p. of Carleen, Jane, Janice & Diana; informant- Richard Zimprich of Watertown, SD; cremated
Zimprich	John			02/15/1854	11/29/1918	12/03/1918	2	2	1	M; BC; Sec 4; DR Bk.1-Pg 114- Ln #1582; birth date-"02/16/1854" on marker; age-69yrs/9mo/14da; b. Austria; married; w. Amelia (Brookman); p. J. Zimprich & Josephine (?); d. Codington Co., SD; COD-tuberculosis
Zimprich	Paul			1923	1945		2			M; NBC; NDR; NBP; Memorial Marker; NDR;age-22; killed in WW II (Crows Nest shot down).
Zimprich	Richard	P.		03/03/1925	04/09/2005	04/152005		R 4	K	M; BP# 9386; age-80; d. residence Watertown, SD; COD-acute myocardial infarction, strokes; farmer; b. Watertown, SD; p. Albert & Catherine (Cordell) Zimprich; w. Inez C. (Raderschadt); wed-04/10/1948 in Hollywood, CA; widowed; p. of Carleen, Jane, Janice, & Diana; cremation; informant-Carleen Kannas (daughter) of Watertown, SD;

HISTORY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH AND CEMETERY

A small number of Catholics arrived in this area in 1879, after the railroad started to lay tracks from Watertown to Huron.

The first town to appear along the tracks was Grover, SD in 1888. Grover began to grow as the trains were going through regularly. More Catholic families started to come to the growing community.

A traveling priest would come to Grover, by train or horse and buggy to say Mass three or four times a year. Mass would take place at the John and Amelia Zimprich's home by Grover, in the depot, or at the Grover School that was built in 1884. It was located a half mile west and one mile north of Grover. These missionary priests would come from Watertown, Kranzburg, Estelline, Clark, and Frankfort.

In 1901, the Catholic families initiated erecting a new church. It was completed in 1902 by the families who volunteered their skills, time and labor, assisted by carpenters, John B. Mondlock and John Raderschadt.

The new church was painted for the first time in 1903; the cost of the painting was \$30.00 for labor and \$15.70 for paint.

On August 21, 1903, John Zimprich and his wife Amelia legally gave two acres of their land from Section 35 in Kampeska Township, of Codington County to the Sioux Falls Diocese, to be used for a church and cemetery.

When the church was built, it had a tall steeple. As years went by timbers began rotting, so the bell was taken down to repair the steeple. At that time the steeple was made shorter, and the bell was left on the ground, in the southeast corner of the church. This took place sometime before 1925.

During the time Fr. Frank Majusiak was here, Father and Loren Bierne built a stand for the bell. Before Fr. Frank left in 1955, he took the bell to St. Henry's in Henry, SD. The plan was to place the bell in the southeast steeple of the church, but that was never accomplished. It was sold at St. Henry's parish church auction in the early 1980's.

On the top of the church's steeple there was a wooden cross. In August of 1988, the cross blew down. Fr. Kopel made a cross out of 4x4's and had it placed above the choir windows outside. Francis Flemming put it up in 1990.

The interior of the church at first had plaster walls and below the windows there was wainscoting. The ceiling is the original one with the wainscoting design.

The inside of the church was renovated when Fr. Frank Majusiak was here. White insulated paneling board was put on the walls.

The sacristy was on the north side of the altar. It was removed and Fr. Frank built a new addition for a sacristy on the west side of the church in 1948.

At this same time, a discussion was made to construct a basement under the church, but failed to mature.

When the new sacristy was built, St. Peter's put in a new furnace and took out their old coal stove that had been on the south side of the altar. This furnace served for almost 50 years. On March 18th and 19th of 1997 a new propane furnace was installed.

St. Peter's has noted several changes inside the church in the late 1960's with Vatican Two. The altar was moved so the priest faced the congregation, and Mass was said in English; no longer in Latin. The communion rail was taken out at this time.

The old altar was removed, and the west wall of the church was paneled. The big crucifix came from Holy Name Parish in Watertown. The new altar and the pulpits at St. Peter's came from St. Michael's in Clark. Fr. Kunz added a tabernacle and vigil light in 1983, so the Blessed Sacrament is kept in the church at all times.

In 1906, when the first resident priest, Fr. J. Twohig arrived at St. Henry Catholic Church at Henry, SD, he came to St. Peter's parish to say Mass also. St. Peter's parish began having Mass on the first Sunday of the month until 1929.

When Fr. John Garry came in 1930 to St. Henry Church, he began saying Mass every Sunday at St. Peter's.

The parish of St. Peter's has been a mission of St. Henry from 1906 to 1983. Then it was a mission parish of St. Michael's of Clark for 10 years. We had two priests from St. Michaels that came to St. Peter's, Fr. James Kunz (1983-1985) and Fr. Jerome Kopel (1985-1993).

In January of 1994, St. Peter's joined in a three member parish with one priest. The three parishes consist of Blessed Sacrament of Florence, St. Peter's of Grover, and St. Henry of Henry. The priest lives in Florence; the first priest of this organization was Fr. Dale Sieverding.

Priests that served at St. Peter's

Missionary Priests: Fr. Phillip Albrecht 1882-1884; Fr. Joseph Perrault 1885-1887; Fr. M. Nolan 1887-1891; Fr. Charles Robinson 1891-1894; Fr. J. Neibling 1894-1903; Fr. John Wernich 1894-1903; Fr. Joseph Gydonsek 1894-1903; Fr. P. Gardiner 1894-1903; Fr. Peter Lauer 1896-1904; Fr. Emil Bonnetterre 1903-1906

Resident Priests: Fr. F. Twohig 1906-1908; Fr. Timothy O'Gorman 1908-1910; Fr. John Hogan 1910-1910; Fr. Terrence Slattery 1910-1910; Fr. E. Cuniff 1919-1920; Fr. John Bushman 1920-1929; Fr. Joseph Carroll 1929-1930; Fr. Davis 1930-1930; Fr. C. Garry 1930-1936; Fr. Joseph Halpin 1936-1941; Fr. John Rowan 1941-1944; Fr. Frank Majusiak 1944-1955; Fr. Joseph Anderson 1955-1961; Fr. John Murray 1961-1962; Fr. Walter Duraczynski 1962-1966; Fr. Robert Mullet 1966-1979; Fr. William Walker 1979-1980; Fr. Robert Mullet 1980-1983; Fr. James Kunz 1983-1985; Fr. Jerry Kopel 1985-1994; Fr. Dale Sieverding 1994-1994; Fr. Gregg Frankman 1994-1998; Fr. Albert Cizewski 1998-2002; Fr. Doug Binsfeld 2002-present;

Religious Vocations from St. Peter's

Three women of St. Peter's Parish chose the religious life. All three Sisters entered the Presentation Convent in Aberdeen, SD.

Sister DePazzi Zimprich, daughter of John & Cecile Zimprich entered the convent in 1944 and made her final vows in 1947. Sister DePazzi passed away on November 29, 1994.

Sister Virginia Hallauer, daughter of Carl Sr. and Bertha Hallauer entered the convent in 1946 and made her final vows in 1952.

Sister Kathleen Bierne, daughter of Lawrence and Jean Bierne entered the convent in 1958 and made her final vows in 1965.

The Music at St. Peter's

The first organ at the church was traded with Carl Hallauer Sr. in 1938 or 1939. They had a better one at home than the church originally had.

In July of 1979, the church sold this old pump organ for \$300.00.

When Fr. Joseph Anderson was here, St. Peter's got a new organ in 1960 for the cost of \$500.00. Eleanora Hallauer was the first to play it. In May of 2000 Jerald and Nelda Popham gave a newer organ to St. Peters.

Over the years these ladies have played the organ at St. Peter's: Ms. Albert (Catherine) Zimprich, Mrs. John (Cecile) Zimprich, Carol Zamow, LaVonne Zamow, Audrey Strohfus, Mary Zamow, Eleanora Hallauer, Mary Cypher, Joyce Oleson.

When Fr. Frank was here he wanted a music director, so Emma Hallauer directed the music and choir from 1944 to 1958.

Cemetery

The St. Peter's Cemetery is located just north of the church. The oldest grave is Joseph Amrheim. His headstone reads Born: January 20, 1845; Died June 21, 1904.

In 1994, St. Peter's Parish organized a Cemetery Association for future care. The evergreen trees around the cemetery were planted as memorials by families in the 1990's.

The St. Peter's Catholic Church at Grover has served the Catholic families for a hundred years. Some families have been in Grover for five generations. May the Lord continue to bless the families of St. Peter's Parish.