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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
REGISTRATION FORM

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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Complex

other names/site number

2. Location

street & number 324 S. Washington Avenue not for publication N/A
city or town Hubbardston vicinity N/A
state Michigan code MI county Ionia code 067
zip code

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide X locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Paul D. Mura
Signature of certifying official

7/20/01
Date

MI SHPO
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria.
 See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

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4. National Park Service Certification

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I, hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register

Entered in the
National Register

9/24/01

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the
National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register

☐ removed from the National Register

☐ other (explain): _____

Signature of Keeper

Date
of Action

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☐ building(s)
☒ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>5</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> sites
<u>1</u>	<u> </u> structures
<u> </u>	<u>2</u> objects
<u>7</u>	<u>3</u> Total

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register N/A

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

_____ N/A _____

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:

Sub:

__RELIGION_____

__religious facility_____

__church school_____

__church-related residence_____

__FUNERARY_____

__cemetery_____

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat:

Sub:

__RELIGION_____

__religious facility_____

__church school_____

__church-related residence_____

__FUNERARY_____

__cemetery_____

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

__Gothic Revival_____

__Italian Renaissance_____

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation __STONE_____

roof __ASPHALT_____

walls __WOOD/Weatherboard_____

__BRICK_____

other

__N/A_____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

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St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Complex
(name of property)
Ionia County, MI
(county and state)

Narrative Description

The St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Complex is comprised of the church, rectory, school, and parish center buildings and a cemetery set in ample, tree-shaded grounds. St. John the Baptist Church, standing at the highest point in the cluster of parish buildings behind the rectory and school, is a symmetrical, tower-fronted, wood-frame building of Gothic Revival design constructed in 1868. The rectory, dating from 1907, is a two-story, hip-roof building with red brick walls, standing on a random ashlar foundation. The red brick-wall school, built in 1917, is a two-story (above raised basement) structure with projecting tower, containing arched entryway and upper-story openings, in the center of its broad, symmetrical front. The 1977 Family Parish Center stands across the street from the rest of the complex.

The complex stands on high ground at the southwest edge of the village of Hubbardston and faces south on Washington Street, one of the community's primary streets. The grounds are bounded by an old residential neighborhood to the east, woods and residential development to the west and south, Fish Creek and woods to the north, and by the village's cemetery to the northwest. The older part of the parish building complex occupies most of the eastern portion of the parish property and contains the rectory to the east and school to the west fronting on Washington and, behind (north of) the school, the church itself, facing east. The ground drops off steeply just to the west of the church and school to a lawn area on level ground near Washington Street. The parish's large cemetery forms a rectangle occupying much of the western part of the parish property.

Two drives provide access to the complex. The main one runs north from Washington Street at the east end of the church property and curves around to the west, separating the area containing the church, rectory, and school fronting on Washington from a smaller area to the north containing the parish center and an old house that is not part of the parish property. This blacktopped drive, which replaced two village streets, First and River, that intersected at right angles, runs to the north of the church itself, providing access to parking areas north and east of the church, near the cemetery that forms the west end of the parish property. A second, narrower lane angles from Washington at the west end of the school and curves around the west end of the school and church to intersect the First-River drive near the cemetery.

The parish property is attractively landscaped. Historic landscape elements include conifers—they appear to be hemlocks plus a few white pines—outlining the lane along the south edge of the cemetery and through its center and some older maples and conifers in the front yards of the school and rectory along Washington Street. Much new landscaping has been carried out in recent years. First Street, which ran north-south along the property's east edge, and River Street, which extended west at a right angle from the north end of First past the church to the

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Narrative Description continued

cemetery entrance, have been replaced with a blacktopped lane. The lane begins where First intersected Washington but curves in a gentle arc until it follows the former alignment of the western end of River Street. New plantings of conifers edge some of this new alignment.

The St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Complex is comprised of the following features:

St. John the Baptist Church. The Church is a rectangular, wood-frame building of Gothic Revival design with a lofty slate-covered gable roof without aisles or clerestories. The church stands on a fieldstone foundation. Tall pointed arch windows pierce the building's facades. The clapboarded church's corners and the corners of the tower were finished in broad board antae that supported a broad frieze and return cornices in the church proper and broad frieze and bracketed cornice in the tower. A partly projecting square-plan tower containing the entrance occupies the central third of the symmetrical façade. Its front displays a large pointed-arch window and, above, an oculus window. A square-plan belfry with paired Gothic openings in each face crowns the tower. A spire that rose to a height of 156 feet was added in 1885, but was pulled down to save the church on July 23, 1918, when the building was set on fire by lightning. The belfry contains a 3,000-pound bell from the Meneely foundry in West Troy (now Lansingburgh), New York, purchased in 1883.

Changes to the church's exterior include the 1970s addition of a gabled porch to provide a covered entryway and staircase to the front entrance, and the 1980s addition of a barrier-free entrance next to the tower. The primary exterior alteration was the installation of steel siding, which took place in the late 1950s. It appears that most of the clapboarding and trim probably remains intact beneath. It is to be hoped that, once the parish has obtained full value for the siding, a treatment that better respects the architectural character of the original exterior finish can be carried out.

The church's interior retains its basic historic character, with a ceiling that is flat in the center and broadly coved along the side walls, a rear gallery supported by square wood posts detailed with panels, and a three-sided sanctuary set into a recess with wood-trimmed archway. Sixteen, twelve-foot-high stained glass windows made by Fredricks & Steffin of Detroit (later the Detroit Stained Glass Works) and donated by parishioners date from 1905. Two tiers of seventeen pews each flank a central aisle and face a central and side altars. The interior was extensively modernized in the late 1940s, 50s, and 60s, and the present pews, pulpit and lectern, and altars all date from those years.

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Retaining Wall. A several-foot-high retaining wall of large fieldstones with concrete coping supports the terraced ground around the church's west side and part of the north. The wall was built using stones left over from the construction of the church's foundation in 1868, but was not built until after the present rectory was constructed in 1907, perhaps around 1917, when the school was built.

Holy Innocents Shrine. A figure of Jesus with lamb and staff is located next to the parking lot, south of the church. A plaque states that the shrine was donated by the Knights of Columbus "In Memory of the Unborn Child" on December 20, 1998. This shrine is non-contributing because it is less than fifty years old.

School. Designed by Donaldson & Meier, the 1917 school is a two-story, rectangular, brick-walled building standing atop a high random ashlar basement. The exterior is of simply detailed Commercial Brick design, except for a partly projecting tower in the center of the broad street-facing front that uses arches to provide a vaguely Italian look. A 1960s one-story, flat-roof addition, with the footprint slightly larger than the original building's, extends to the south about the length of the original building.

Rectory. Also designed by Donaldson & Meier and built in 1907-08, the rectory is a two-story hip-roof, red brick-wall building with symmetrical five-bay façade. Like the school, the rectory stands on a random ashlar basement.

Garage. Built in 1917, the garage is a two-bay, hip-roof brick-wall structure that stands directly behind (north of) the rectory and faces east. A drive along the rectory's east side connects to Washington Street.

Family Parish Center. A broad-fronted, one-story contemporary building fronting on the north side of the former River Street that leads west to the cemetery, the parish center was dedicated November 6, 1977. It is non-contributing because it is less than fifty years old.

Father Fox Shrine. A depiction of Jesus on the cross set on a red brick pedestal, the shrine memorializes Fr. Eugene R. Fox, pastor of St. John the Baptist from 1938 to 1985. Fr. Fox passed away on December 16, 1992.

Cemetery. Located at the northwest end of the parish property and entered at its southeast corner from the west end of the main drive following the former River Street, the cemetery was established in 1884. The grounds are platted into four sections, but one of them, the triangular section B that occupies sloping, wooded ground near Fish

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Creek, has never been developed. The rectangular portion of the grounds that is in use has ground dimensions of approximately 400 feet, north and south, by 350 feet, east and west, and is divided up into rectangular plots. The topography is irregular, with the highest ground at the northwest corner and the lowest at the center of the south end, where a continuation of the embankment next to the church and school cuts into it.

A gravel drive that begins where the River Street drive ends runs north part of the way along the east edge of the cemetery, then turns left to run west across the grounds to the west side between sections A and D on the south and section C on the north. The road continues on into the West Side Cemetery that St. John the Baptist adjoins. Another gravel lane forms a "U," running south from the east-west roadway between the two main sections to the south end of the grounds, along the south edge of section A, and then north along the west side of the grounds steeply uphill back to the east-west drive. Large hemlocks (with a few other conifers mixed in) shade the east side and east-west drives, and oaks and other trees have grown up along the embankment at the cemetery's south edge. Young pines and spruces frame a receiving vault along the cemetery's south edge, and a few cedar and other conifers are present.

The cemetery grounds contain a broad variety of nineteenth- and early twentieth-century monuments. Among the nineteenth-century marble monuments, bluish ones predominate, but some white marble ones, including a small number of tablet memorials, are present. Monuments of grayish granite predominate in the cemetery, with some reddish granite ones present as well. Many of the monuments are cross-tipped. Several monuments pre-date the cemetery's establishment, and were presumably moved from the older cemetery, one mile to the west. The older monuments bear frequent witness to the places of origin in Ireland of those buried below them – such as that of Michael McCarthy, born in the Parish of Balleynail, County of Tipperary, or Elizabeth Rooney, born in Ballenkillen Parish of Bayenalstown, County Carlow.

Receiving Vault. A small gable-front receiving vault with walls of stone stands at the south edge of the cemetery with its front facing south. The walls of the structure, constructed about 1916 using more of the stones stockpiled for construction of the church, are built of large and small fieldstones carefully graded and positioned for contrasts of color, shape, and size. Cut stones form a cross above a double door set in a segmental-arch head-opening.

X A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

 B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

 X C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

 D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

 X A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

 B removed from its original location.

 C a birthplace or a grave.

 X D a cemetery.

 E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

 F a commemorative property.

 G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

 ARCHITECTURE

 ETHNIC HISTORY

Period of Significance

 1868-1951

Significant Dates 1868

 1907

 1917

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

 N/A

Cultural Affiliation N/A

Architect/Builder Donaldson and Meier, architects____

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

___ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.

___ previously listed in the National Register

___ previously determined eligible by the National Register

___ designated a National Historic Landmark

___ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____

___ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

X State Historic Preservation Office

___ Other State agency

___ Federal agency

___ Local government

___ University

___ Other

Name of repository:

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 14.75 acres

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing	Zone	Easting	Northing
1	16	675100	4772920	3	16	675360 4773090
2	16	675360	4773000	4	16	675120 4773280
___ See continuation sheet.						

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

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Statement of Significance

The St. John the Baptist church complex reflects a history of Catholicism and Irish settlement in the North Plains Township and Hubbardston area dating back a century and a half. The Irish settlement in North Plains Township began around 1849 and the St. John the Baptist Parish, the first Catholic parish in Ionia County, was founded six years later, in 1855. The 1868-69 St. John the Baptist Church is a large and imposing example of the early Gothic Revival in Ionia County, and the 1907 rectory, 1917 school building, and c. 1916 receiving vault are also unique examples of their building types and styles in the local context.

John Cowman is thought to have been the first Irishman to locate in North Plains Township. He settled in Section 11 in 1849. Drawn by Cowman's presence, six other families – the Welches, Cusacks, Hogans, Beahans, McKennas, and Roaches—soon settled nearby. In 1851, Fr. George Godez, pastor at Westphalia, a German Catholic settlement located about twelve miles south, began pastoral visits to the North Plains Irish settlement. Fr. Godez was the only Catholic priest in a several county area, and also attended the scattered Catholics of Portland, Eagle, Lyons, and Fowler. Two years later the settlement built a small chapel on the Cowman farm, located one mile west of what became Hubbardston. A photograph of the ruinous building taken in its latter days shows a simple clapboarded building of vernacular Greek Revival design. Sunday services were held, with John Cowman or Thomas Cusack leading worship except on the infrequent occasions when Fr. Godez or some other priest was present.

The arrival of additional families gradually increased the Irish and Catholic community in North Plains. In 1855 a parish, designated St. John the Baptist on Fish Creek, was established, and Fr. Charles Bolte appointed pastor. During Fr. Bolte's pastorship in the late 1850s and 60s the parish membership grew rapidly. Much of the growth was due to the rise of the village of Hubbardston. Improvement of the village site began with a small sawmill built in 1852 by Joseph Brown. In 1853 Hubbard, Taylor & Co. bought Brown out, enlarged the mill, and began lumbering and sawmilling operations. The first store opened in 1855 and construction of a gristmill was begun in 1857. The mill proprietors platted the village of Hubbardston in 1865 and the village was incorporated in 1867.

The St. John the Baptist church building was soon outgrown (it was reportedly enlarged several times), and the location one mile outside of the growing village was not very convenient. In 1868 a plot on Second Street between River and Washington streets at the southwest edge of Hubbardston was purchased for a new church building. The church's cornerstone bears the date June 24, 1868, and the new church, the building still in use, was completed in August 1869. The 1881 Ionia County history stated that the church, at the time of construction, "was then considered the largest church-building in the county. It cost eight thousand dollars, and will seat, perhaps, seven

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hundred persons" (p. 274). Members of the parish hauled stone from the Maple River in Matherton for the church's foundation. So much stone was provided that enough was left over to build a receiving vault and retaining wall decades later.

Other historic features of the parish complex include the cemetery, rectory, and school. A small cemetery at the site of the original church served the parish until 1884, when a five-acre tract northwest of the present church purchased two years earlier to serve as a cemetery was consecrated and opened. Some burials from the earlier cemetery were moved to the new one. The St. John the Baptist Cemetery, especially the original section nearest the church, contains numerous late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century monuments whose inscriptions wistfully note the birthplaces in various parishes, towns, and counties of Ireland of those buried beside them. A receiving vault constructed within the cemetery about 1916 has been maintained in very good condition.

The present rectory, a plain but substantial brick building, with front porch providing a gently Tudor influence, standing on a random ashlar foundation, was erected in 1907-08, during the pastorate of Fr. James J. McCabe. Designed by Donaldson & Meier of Detroit, architects of a great number of Catholic church and parish buildings in the Detroit area, it replaced an old frame rectory that stood directly south of the church. A two-bay garage, built in 1918, stands directly behind the rectory.

The St. John the Baptist parish school building dates from 1917. A two-story brick building with round arches in the projecting front tower providing a suggestion of an Italian or Mediterranean look, it was also designed by Donaldson & Meier of Detroit. The parish school was established in 1883. In that year, Fr. Ronayne purchased a former public school building located across the street east of the church to serve as a school building. The Sisters of St. Dominic from Racine, Wisconsin, assumed charge of the school in 1888. A new school, the brick building standing to the church's south and fronting on Washington, was constructed in 1917 on the site of the old rectory. The Sisters of St. Dominic continued to provide teachers for the school until 1964 when, because of a shortage of teachers, they withdrew, causing the school to close.

In architectural terms, the parish complex is comprised of a group of buildings that all possess significance in the context of the community and the county. The St. John the Baptist Church is a large and imposing example of early Gothic Revival in Ionia County. The building's form and original detailing – its classical vocabulary of broad pilasters at the corners, tall entablature, and cornice returns; its original windows with their multi-paned sash and interlacing muntins in the pointed arches (before the stained glass was installed); and the broad and low

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interior with flat ceiling coved along the edges – fit into the broad pattern of American early Gothic Revival church architecture dating back to the 1830s and before. St John the Baptist falls at the end of a long tradition of Gothic-clad, classical design. Other southern Michigan examples include the Vermontville Congregational Church and the Christian Church in Muir built a few years earlier.

The parish's rectory and school are handsome early twentieth-century examples of their building types that stand out among Hubbardston's generally modest, frame building stock for their substantial masonry construction and sober but stylish design. Donaldson & Meier, a partnership of John M. Donaldson and Henry J. Meier (son Walter R. Meier replaced his father when he died in 1917), founded in 1880, designed many of Detroit's leading Catholic churches and institutional buildings. The firm probably did a substantial amount to school and rectory work for Catholic parishes such as St. John the Baptist, but little is as yet known of the firm's other architectural work in the state outside of the Detroit metropolitan area.

Receiving vaults are not uncommon in Michigan cemeteries, and the c. 1916 St. John the Baptist receiving vault is certainly modest in overall size. What the building lacks in size, however, it certainly possesses in architectural character. Built of large and small stones carefully selected and positioned for color, shape, and textural contrast, the receiving vault has to be considered a jewel among such buildings.

Located along a primary highway and on a hilltop site, the St. John the Baptist complex stands out as the primary historic landmark in Hubbardston. This is all the more the case since the village's flour mill, one of the community's oldest buildings, was destroyed by fire and a camelback truss highway bridge, one of the largest single-span historic metal truss highway bridges in the state, that stood alongside the mill, was demolished for a new bridge. These sad events both took place within the past fifteen years. The St. John the Baptist complex fortunately remains, a monument to the long heritage and continuing presence of the Irish and Catholic community in the Hubbardston area.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The property is comprised of the following parcels:

1. Lots No. 243, 244, 245, 255, and 302 of the Village of Hubbardston, according to the plat map made by S. C. Alderman.
2. Commencing 8 rods W of NW cr of Blanford St. according to recorded plat of Hubbardston; th W 8 rods; th S 8 rods; th N 8 rods to the POB, containing 64 rods of land, being the land purchased by Bridget Cahill of School District No. 8 Fractional.
3. All that certain tract or parcel of land lying in the village of Hubbardston, beg at NE cr of Lot 249; th W'ly in range with N line of sd lot 8 chains 95 links to E line of land now owned and occupied by Z. R. Abbott; th S'ly along sd E line 5 chains 72 links to N line of highway; th E'ly along N line of sd highway 8 chains 82 links to W line of Lefond St; th N'ly along W line of sd street 4 chains 8 links to POB, containing 4.37 acres more or less
4. Commencing at a point 45 rods 8 ft 9 inches N of NW cr of Catholic Church ground; th running S to sd church grounds; th E 21 rods 15 ft 9 inches; th NW in a straight line to POB, containing 5 acres of land more or less.

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Boundary Justification

These four tracts together comprise the entire church property in the village of Hubbardston.

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization State Historic Preservation Office

date_ June 2001_____

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city or town Lansing

state MI

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Additional Documentation

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Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

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Property Owner

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(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Most Reverend Robert J. Rose, Bishop of Grand Rapids

street & number 660 Burton, SE

telephone ()

city or town Grand Rapids

state MI

zip code 49507-3290

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EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY NAME: St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Complex

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MICHIGAN, Ionia

DATE RECEIVED: 8/10/01 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 10/02/01
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 10/18/01 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 9/25/01
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 01001019

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

___ACCEPT ___RETURN ___REJECT _____DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

RECOM./CRITERIA_____

REVIEWER_____DISCIPLINE_____

TELEPHONE_____DATE_____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N



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view: looking SW at church building



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view: looking northeast at school, side of church



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view: looking northwest at rectory



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View: NNE at receiving vault/cemetery



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view: looking NE at cemetery



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looking N. through center of cemetery



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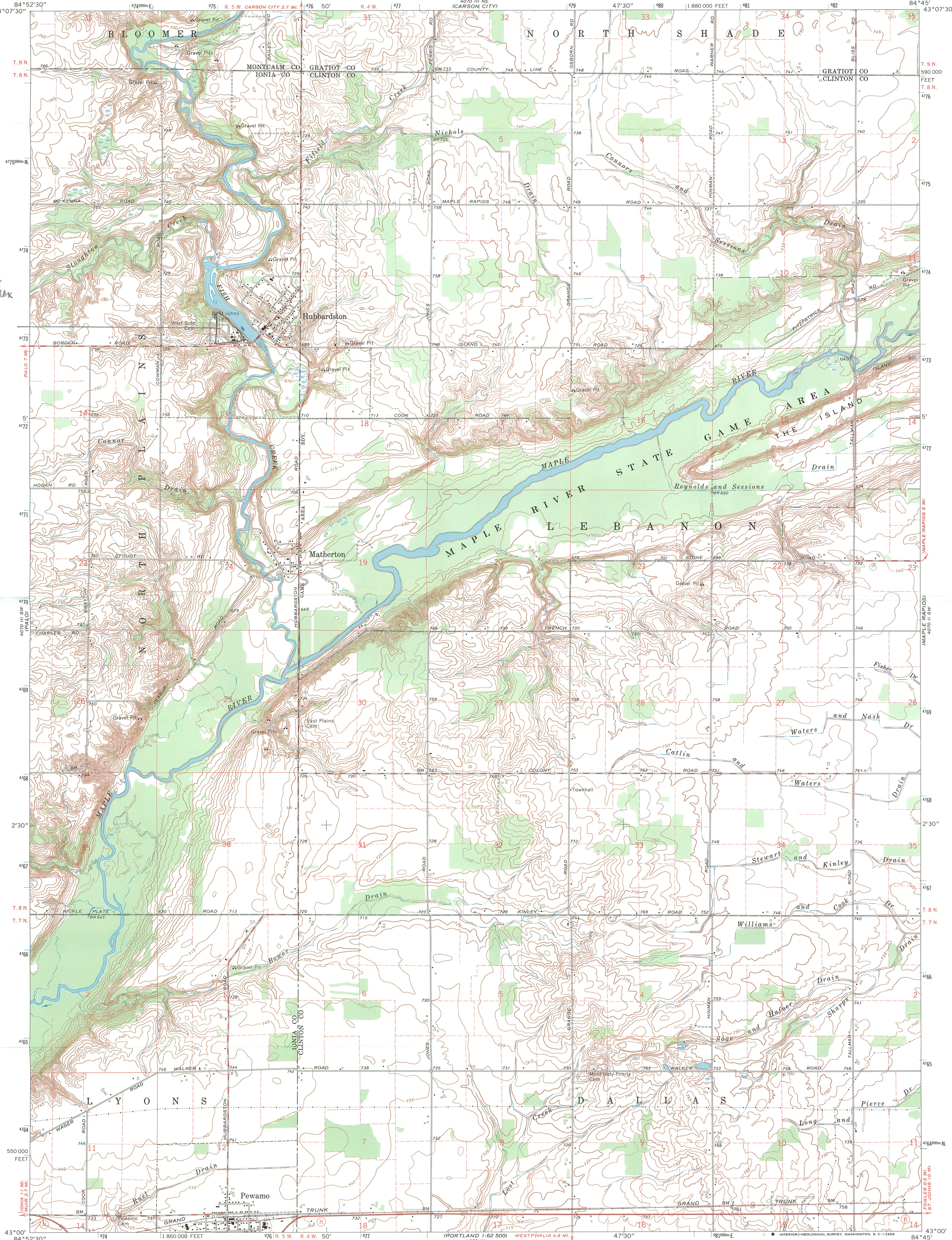
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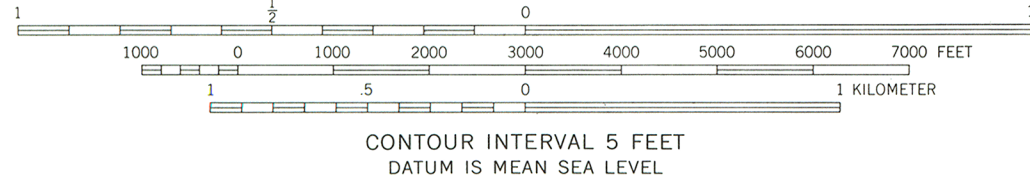
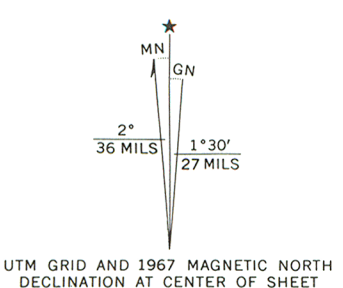
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looking SW



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Heavy-duty ——— Light-duty ———
Medium-duty ——— Unimproved dirt ———
State Route

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1967

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Ms. Carol D. Shull, Keeper
National Register of Historic Places
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800 Capitol Street, NW, Suite 400
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Ms. Shull:

Enclosed you will find national register nomination materials for the St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Complex in Hubbardston, Ionia County, Michigan. This property is being submitted for listing in the national register. No written comments concerning this nomination were submitted to us prior to the submission of this nomination to you.

Questions concerning this nomination may be addressed to Robert O. Christensen, National Register Coordinator, at 517/335-2719 (ChristensenRO@state.mi.us), or to Heather R. Harrison, Designation Assistant, at 517/373-1904 (HarrisonH@state.mi.us).

Sincerely yours,

Brian D. Conway
State Historic Preservation Officer

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