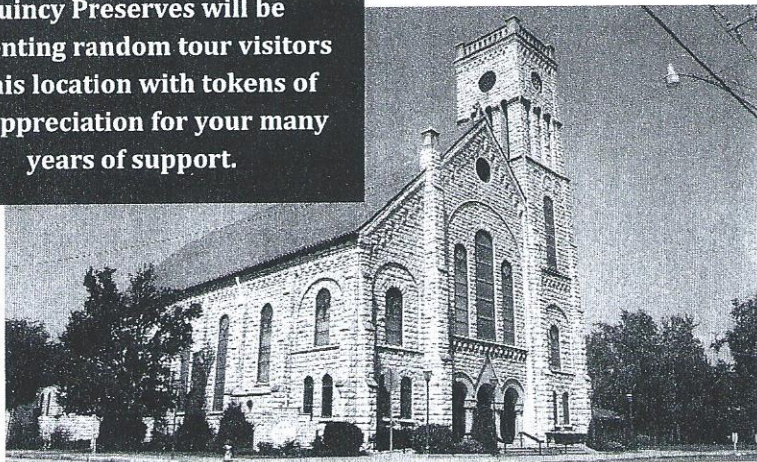


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1019 Cedar

Modified Romanesque Style • Circa: 1890s

Architect: Pfeifenger, Schmits, Waterkotte, Eikelschulte
Grandview Church

Dedicated on February 13, 1898, the church originally known as St. John the Baptist at 1019 Cedar is built of native limestone. Its imposing grandeur flows from the modified Romanesque style. The exterior features massive walls and pilasters. The majestic square tower, rising to a height of 110 feet, dominates the structure.

The sweeping lines and curves culminate in the sanctuary. The arched ceiling is supported by two rows of pillars, each embellished with hand-carved capitals. Large murals were painted on square canvases and attached to the walls, where quatrefoils were painted directly onto the walls for a seamless look. The stained glass windows were installed in 1929, completing the original body of the church.

Due to consolidation of the parishes, the Catholic Church put St. John's on the market in October of 2007.

In May, 2008, Grandview Church purchased the property. What followed was a year-long process of renovation. During that time, the Grandview congregation met in the adjacent school's gymnasium, which they shared with Quincy Christian School.

The renovation was a complete overhaul. The interior was cleaned and repainted using a color scheme designed by a congregation member. The stained glass windows were inspected and cleaned, revealing their stunning craftsmanship. An arched bow, made of Styrofoam, was installed to integrate the new sound system. As Pastor Thomas says, "We appreciate the heritage . . . but we make it our home now."

Many improvements were environmentally friendly. Instead of 900-watt incandescent bulbs in the ceiling, Grandview opted for florescent bulbs, which saves \$1,400 a year in lighting costs alone. Energy-efficient heat pumps are quieter than the old system. Even the Grandview Church sign is made from stone salvaged from Salvation Army.

Much of the work on the church was performed by congregation members, which kept the project debt-free. Local contractors were hired whenever possible, many with a family connection to the building.

Today, Grandview Church is home to a congregation of 250. It was a leap of faith to take over a large property with its unique history, but Grandview is committed to Quincy and the neighborhood.

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