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DATA SHEET

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICENATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

455 North Hayes

\_\_ NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Pocatello

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Second

STATE

Idaho

\_\_ VICINITY OF

CODE  
16

COUNTY

Bannock

CODE

005

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
\_\_ STRUCTURE  
\_\_ SITE  
\_\_ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

\_\_ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_ IN PROCESS  
\_\_ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
\_\_ UNOCCUPIED  
\_\_ WORK IN PROGRESS  
\_\_ ACCESSIBLE  
\_\_ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
\_\_ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE  
\_\_ MUSEUM  
\_\_ COMMERCIAL  
\_\_ PARK  
\_\_ EDUCATIONAL  
\_\_ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
\_\_ ENTERTAINMENT  
☒ RELIGIOUS  
\_\_ GOVERNMENT  
\_\_ SCIENTIFIC  
\_\_ INDUSTRIAL  
\_\_ TRANSPORTATION  
\_\_ MILITARY  
\_\_ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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Pocatello

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Idaho

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Bannock County Courthouse

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Pocatello

STATE

Idaho

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1972

\_\_ FEDERAL ☒ STATE \_\_ COUNTY \_\_ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Idaho State Historical Society

CITY, TOWN

Boise

STATE

Idaho

## 7 DESCRIPTION

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

St. Joseph's is a parish church in the Gothic Revival style. The bulk of the structure is rusticated white sandstone quarried locally at the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. The clapboarded wooden frame open belfry is capped by an octagonal copper spire with a ball and cross finial. All ground level openings are framed with smooth-finished sandstone Gothic arches, contrasting with the rusticated walls. The second story windows are round: The gable window has a star-of-David motif and the tower contains two wheel windows. The stained glass for these windows and the lancets came from Portland.

The pews also came from Portland. The present altar and the stations of the cross were installed between 1919-1922. Also at this time the steeple was covered with copper. The original doors have been replaced, and the glass tympanum covered.

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church

St. Joseph's is one of two Gothic-styled nineteenth-century stone churches to be found in Pocatello. The other, Trinity Episcopal Church, is already on the National Register. They are of equal significance, as rare nineteenth century examples of Idaho churches rendered in stone. Pocatello was fortunate to have a nearby stone quarry at Fort Hall, from which to gather the stone. The city was the Union Pacific's major center in the state, serving as a machine shop and switching center. Thus it was a major area of Catholicism in the state, due to the large immigrant labor population, much of which derived from southern Europe.

In all likelihood the construction of St. Joseph's in stone prompted the Anglican Episcopalians to follow suit.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD                                        | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |                                                 |                                                 |                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|                                               |                                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |                                                 |                                              |

SPECIFIC DATES

1897

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

St. Joseph's is architecturally significant as a well-proportioned Gothic-Revival parish church executed in stone. As Pocatello's oldest surviving church, it has especial importance as a community landmark. It is also among the state's earliest surviving stone churches.

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Pocatello Tribune, December 26, 1896, p. 9; December 22, 1897, p. 1, c. 2-3.  
Neil, J. M. Saints and Oddfellows, Boise Gallery of Art, 1976, p. 90.

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
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## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Don J. Hibbard, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION

Idaho State Historical Society

STREET & NUMBER

610 North Julia Davis Drive

CITY OR TOWN

Boise

DATE

20 May 1977

TELEPHONE

384-2120

STATE

Idaho

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL      STATE X LOCAL     

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*Mark Wells*

TITLE

Idaho State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

20 May 1977

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*Charles A. ...*

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

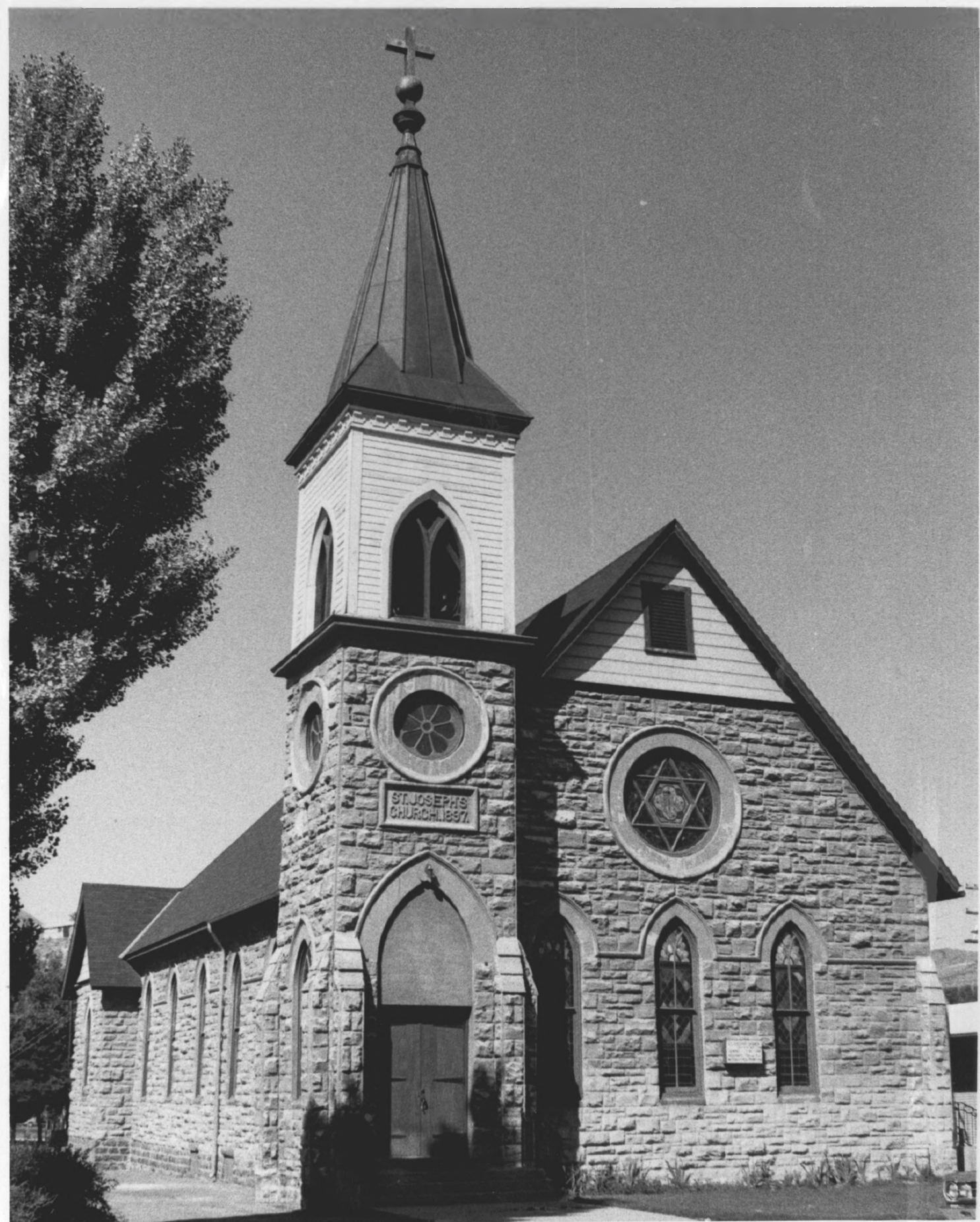
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8/29/78

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

2-18-78



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BANNOCK County

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

455 N. Hayes

Pocatello, Idaho

J. M. Neil - Photographer - 1976

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Front from the northeast

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