

The list of pastors who have served this pulpit is as follows, to-wit: The Revs. T. Casimir Jablonowski, from April, 1883, to February, 1884; Marion Matkowski, February, 1884, to March, 1886; and Simon Ponganis, from 1886 to 1904, when Rev. C. Skory came to the pulpit and is the present pastor.

There are seven benevolent sodalities connected with St. Adalbert's, the chief of which is St. Adalbert's society, building erected at a cost of \$15,000, a large casino, in which their meetings are held and their entertainments given. In 1895 the congregation of St. Adalbert's erected a Sisters' house at a cost of about \$6,000, and together with the church is in a thriving condition.

**St. James' Church (Roman Catholic)**, W. Bridge street, opposite Straight.—The flourishing congregation includes all English speaking families of the Roman Catholic faith on the west side of the river within the city and a part of those in Walker and Tallmadge Townships, numbering about five hundred families.

In 1867 the present site, containing three acres, was purchased by Rev. B. J. Wermers, who was then pastor of St. Andrew's Church. He was soon succeeded by the late Rev. James C. Pulcher who began the erection of the church in 1869. It was designed by William G. Robinson and built by Grady & Smith, contractors. The corner-stone was laid by Rt. Rev. Bishop Borgess, D. D., on July 21, 1870, according to the imposing rites of the Roman Pontifical. The church was opened for services in the fall of 1872, but was not blessed by Bishop Borgess until July 25, 1875; finally, it was solemnly consecrated and set aside forever for the worship of God on September 16, 1902, by Rt. Rev. H. J. Richter, D. D., Bishop of Grand Rapids. This is the second church in order of time to be thus consecrated in the Diocese of Grand Rapids.

The style is Romanesque with Gothic gables and tower and has a seating capacity of 750 persons. The entire cost was \$38,000.

In 1873 the pastoral residence, a two story frame building, was erected on the east side of the church at a cost of \$3,200.00. This building was removed from the old site during 1905 and a handsome, modern brick structure will replace it during 1906. The estimated cost of the new residence is \$9,000.

In 1886 a fine parochial school was built on the west side of the church, capable of accommodating 200 pupils. An addition