

doubling the capacity of the school was added during 1896, furnishing, likewise, a fine hall with a seating capacity of 500 persons. The total cost of the school building, which is of solid brick, was \$8,500. A new residence, or convent building, for the teachers of the school was erected in 1888, it being 28x54 feet, two stories high and of solid brick. In 1902 an annex 27x28 was built to the convent. The entire building cost \$6,500.

The whole property of St. James' is free from debt.

The school is taught by nine School Sisters of Notre Dame of Milwaukee, Wis. There are twelve grades taught under the supervision of the pastor. The enrollment averages 350 pupils.

Rev. James Claude Pulcher, first pastor of St. James' Church, was born in Jefferson County, N. Y., March 21, 1843. In his early childhood his parents left New York State and settled in the vicinity of Detroit, Mich., where he spent his boyhood days. Feeling himself called to the priesthood, he began his studies at Mount St. Mary's Seminary of the West. He then went to the University of Louvain, Belgium, where he successfully completed a philosophical and theological course and was ordained a priest on December 23, 1866. Returning home he was appointed assistant pastor at St. Mary's, Muskegon, where he labored for several months, when he was sent to Grand Rapids to succeed Rev. B. J. Wermers as pastor of St. Andrew's. Always zealous for the welfare of his people he saw the need of a house of worship on the west side and at once began the building of St. James'. In the fall of 1872 he took up his residence on the west side as pastor of the new church. In 1876 Father Pulcher was transferred to the Church of Our Lady of Help, Detroit, and Rev. Gustave Limpens became pastor of St. James'. The health of Father Limpens was seriously impaired and after a lingering illness he died of Bright's Disease on Jan. 25, 1881, and was interred in St. Andrew's Cemetery two days later. Bishop Borgess at once transferred Father Pulcher back to his old charge. He returned on Feb. 5, 1881, and remained its pastor until his death. He labored with untiring energy, as the splendid buildings erected by him testify; nor was he less zealous for the spiritual welfare of his flock. Everybody knew and loved Father Pulcher. He was a man of deep faith, yet broad-minded. Being a man of great integrity he hated meanness under whatever guise it might appear, yet the erring who came to him for advice were sure to find a wise and sympathetic