

St. Isadore's Church.—In 1897 the congregation of St. Adalbert's Polish Catholic Church became so large and widely separated, that the Rev. Simon Ponganis arranged for the construction of a new building on North Diamond street, to be known as St. Isadore's Church—a house of worship for those of the congregation living on the northeast side of the city, and as a result of his efforts, the building was completed but stood vacant until 1899, when Rev. M. Matkowski, who was formerly located at Posen, Michigan, took charge of the parish, and has since been its only pastor, and at the present time (1905) the building, which cost \$6,000, is used both for divine worship and school purposes; the upper floor is used for the church and the lower is class rooms, which was, until 1904, a residence for the Sisters, until the new building which was erected at a cost of \$4,000 was completed, which is now their home.

Over two hundred families now worship at St. Isadore's. In the early part of the present year, St. Isadore's Casino, a society club house was completed at a cost of \$6,000, which is now being used by its members for social gatherings, and the church of St. Isadore's is now in a flourishing condition.

St. Alphonsus' (Roman Catholic) Church, on East Leonard street, between Lafayette street and Coit avenue, was erected in 1888. The parish was created in August of that year, and the Rev. Theodore Lamy was the first priest appointed to the charge, came to the new parish August 21, and one week later was joined by the Rev. Terrence Clarke. The parish includes all the East side, north of Fairbanks street, and within its limits are about 200 Catholic families. The first services of the congregation were held September 2, 1888, in one of the large rooms of the then unfinished orphans' asylum, as the church edifice was as yet incomplete, and afterward in Patrick Finn's hall on Plainfield avenue, and were so continued until the occupancy of the chapel proper a few weeks later. Father Lamy held the charge until 1893, and then Father F. Girardey officiated about one year; then in November, 1894, Rev. Daniel Mullane; following him came Father Joseph Distler, who remained until May, 1898, when Father P. H. Barrett was placed in charge, and in 1904 Rev. George Hild, the present pastor, took charge. The congregation numbers about one thousand, some forty of the families living in the country.