

## History of the Catholic Church in Lewiston, Idaho

1860 – Gold discovered on Nez Perce Reservation in Pierce, Idaho

1861 – Mining interest brought white settlers to Lewiston

1863 – Idaho Territory established

1867 – St. Stanislaus Parish established in Lewiston by Fr. Joseph Cataldo

1883 – Fr. Alexander Diomedi came to Lewiston as first resident pastor

1884 – Founding of first Catholic School – St. Aloysius Academy opened at 5th and D Streets by Sisters of St. Francis of NewCastle, Minn., across the street from St. Stanislaus Church

1886 – St. Stanislaus Church built at 5th and D Streets, Lewiston

1890 – Idaho Territory becomes a state

Second Nez Perce Treaty signed, reducing reservation to 1/10<sup>th</sup> of former size leading to Nez Perce Indian War

1895 – Property for future Catholic School purchased (where current school now stands, 641 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

1897 – Visitation Sisters built an academy where the Tri-Parish School now stands.

1902 – Sisters of St. Joseph came to Lewiston to establish the first hospital in North Central Idaho on Snake River Avenue.

1905 – St. Joseph Hospital built of bricks at 415 6<sup>th</sup> Street, staffed by

## Sisters of St. Joseph.

1905 – St. Joseph Sisters took charge of St. Stanislaus School.

1915 – 1920 – Kindergarten operated by St. Joseph Sisters in  
Lewiston

- Holy Family Parish established in Clarkston

1916 – Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in East Lewiston opens as mission  
of St. Stanislaus

1917 – 1918 – Spanish Flu epidemic

1919 – St. Joseph School of Nursing established

1925 – Sisters of St. Joseph of Idaho join with Sisters of St. Joseph  
Carondelet.

1935 – Fire burned St. Stanislaus church interior, Knights of  
Columbus Hall and St. Stanislaus School (classes were held at  
Lewis Clark Normal School)

1936 – St. Stanislaus School and K.C. Hall rebuilt

- Main altar of St. Stanislaus rebuilt and declared an

“Altare privilegiatum perpetuum quotidianum by Bishop Kelly.

1954 – St. Stanislaus Church redecorated

1957 – New Convent for Sisters built at 623 6<sup>th</sup> Ave.

- Our Lady of Lourdes School opened with Benedictine Sisters

1959 – St. Stanislaus School Building remodeled and gym built.

1967 – St. Stanislaus Parish Centennial celebrated.

1971 – Our Lady of Lourdes School Closed

1984 – Kindergarten established at St. Stanislaus School

Centennial of School celebrated

1991 – St. Stanislaus School signed Agreement with the three

Lewiston Parishes – name changed to St. Stanislaus Tri-Parish

School.

2002 – Tri-Parish Preschool for 4 year old children established at Our

Lady of Lourdes

2003 - Tri-Parish Preschool expanded to include 3 year old children

2004 – 120 year celebration of Catholic Education in Lewiston

2006 – Purchase of Property for new church and school for the

Lewiston Community