Cathedral Trail
Parish Information and Photos

This document was researched from the following sources;
• The History of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati 1821-1921 by the Rev. John H. Lamott S.T.D.
• The UsGenWeb Project - Profiles of Roman Catholic Parishes in Cincinnati and Hamilton County   http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohhamilt/catholic/parish1.html
• Cincinnati, the Queen City, 1788-1912, Vol. 1,

The photos contained here comes from a variety of sources including the following;
• The Greater Cincinnati Memory Project   http://www.cincinnatimemory.org/
• The Cincinnati Historical Library and Archives   http://library.cincymuseum.org/
• Greetings from Cincinnati http://www.cincinnativiews.net/churches_5.htm

Atonement
Address: West Third St.
Status: Closed 1913
Congregation Organized: 1870
Original Church Dedicated: June 29, 1873
Parent Parishes: Cathedral and St. Patrick
Ethnicity: An English-speaking congregation opened the parish. A Syrian Catholic congregation occupied the church beginning in 1910 (St. Anthony of Padua).
Notes: Began as a Chapel for the Sisters of Mercy and became a parish in 1872.

Christ Church / St. Patrick
Location: Liberty and Vine
Status: Closed 1840
Congregation Organized: 1818
Original Church Dedicated:
Ethnicity: Irish
Notes: It was the first Catholic Church in Hamilton County, and the parish began the first Catholic Cemetery in Cincinnati. The present St. Francis Seraph Church was built over the sight of Christ Church. In 1822 it was renamed St. Peter in Chains and in 1826 the original structure was moved to Sycamore Street.
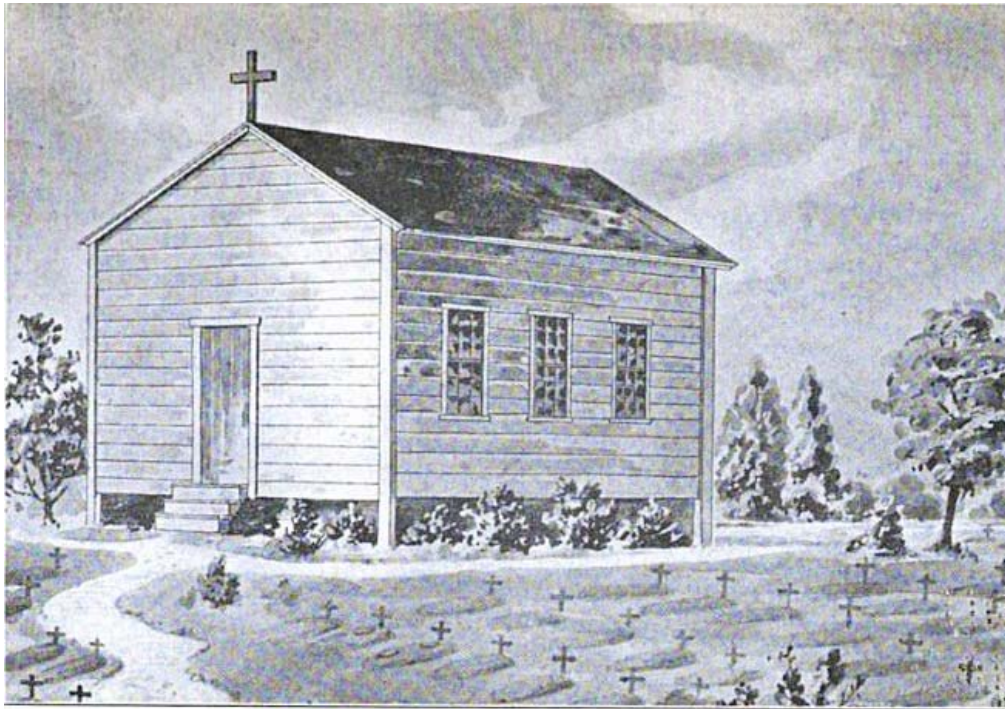
From the Archdioceses of Cincinnati's website
http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/20858/st-patrick-of-cincinnati/
"Christ Church, which stood at the corner of Liberty and Vine Streets in Cincinnati from 1818 to 1822, was put under the patronage of St. Patrick. Christ Church was moved to Sycamore Street and renamed St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. When the Cathedral that stands today was dedicated in 1845, the old church on Sycamore Street became St. Francis Xavier. And the original site of Christ Church is now the location of St. Francis Seraph."

From Cincinnati, the Queen City, 1788-1912, Vol. 1,
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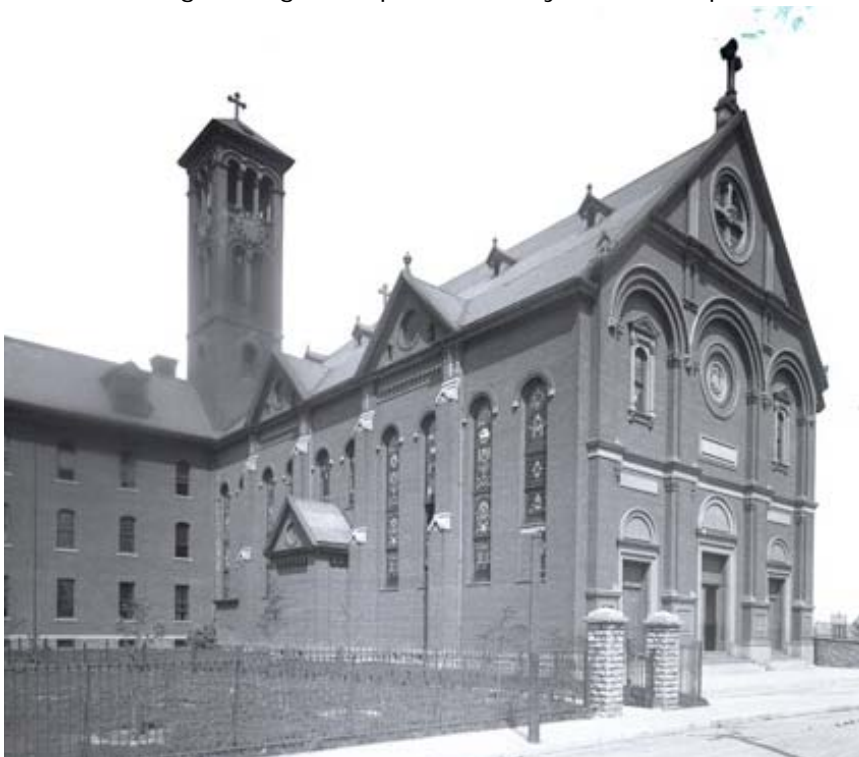

CHRIST CHURCH CINCINNATI. 1819

Holy Cross Church
Address: 1055 St. Paul Place, Cincinnati, Ohio
Status: Closed 1974
Ethnicity: English-speaking
Notes: In 1873 the English speaking members of Immaculate Conception parish decided to form their own parish, Holy Cross. Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception reunited in 1970 under the name Holy Cross-Immaculata. In 1974 the church of the Holy Cross was deconsecrated and the parish continues to use the old Immaculate Conception Church. The old Holy Cross Church and adjoining Holy Cross Passionist Monastery are still standing having been purchased by Towne Properties in 1978.

Holy Name
Address: 2448 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
Telephone: (513) 721- 5608
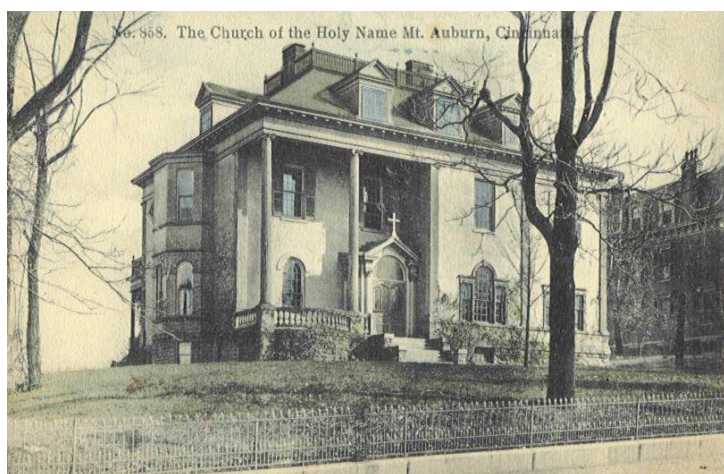Community: Mt. Auburn
Location: McMillan Ave. & Auburn Ave.
Status: Currently Active
Congregation Organized: 1904
Parent Parishes: Assumption (Walnut Hills), St. George, and St. Francis Xavier

Notes: The first Church of the Holy Name was started in 1904 in the old Zimmerman residence that was built in 1859 in Mt. Auburn. Three years later a combination school & church was built and opened. The school closed in the 1960's and the students were transferred to St. George School, now known as Corryville Catholic School. The latest church was built and consecrated in 1951

Holy Trinity (Heilige Dreieinigkeit)
Location: W. Fifth Street and Barr St./Mound St.
Status: Closed 1958
Congregation Organized: 1834
Original Church Dedicated: October 5, 1834
Parent Parishes: St. Peter In Chains Cathedral
Ethnicity: German
Records for this Parish are located at: Chancery
Office of the Archdiocese, 100 East Eighth
Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, (513) 421-3131
Notes: First German parish and second Catholic
parish in Cincinnati.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Immaculata)
http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/holy-cross-immaculata-church-celebrates-150th-anniversary/676
Address: 30 Guido St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Web Site: http://www.hciparish.org/
Status: Currently Active (united with Holy Cross in 1970)
Congregation Organized: 1859
Original Church Dedicated: December 9, 1860
Parent Parishes: St. Philomena
Ethnicity: only German after 1873
Records for this Parish are located at: Immaculata (on-site)
Notes: In 1873 the English speaking members of Immaculate Conception parish decided to form their own parish, Holy Cross leaving Immaculata for the Germans. Holy Cross and Immaculate Conception united in 1970 under the name Holy Cross-Immaculata.

In 1974 the church of the Holy Cross was deconsecrated and the parish continues to use the Immaculate Conception Church. The Immaculate Conception Church has been the site of a Good Friday Pilgrimage since 1860. With the size of the parish dwindling to 500 families and the Passionists unable to supply a priest, the Passionist Fathers who had operated the church since 1871 relinquished control in June of 1996 to the Archdiocese.

Archbishop John Baptist Purcell invited the Passionist Order of Priests to accept the administration of Immaculata Parish in1870. After exploring the possibilities involved in forming a new community in Cincinnati, they accepted Purcell's offer and took over the day to day ministry of Immaculata Parish in 1871, replacing the archdiocesan priests who had tended to the parish since its first mass in 1860. The first Passionist Superior of the parish was Fr. Guido Matassi (Guido Street is named after him) who arrived at Immaculata, and was installed by Archbishop Purcell on May 23, 1871.

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Interior of the Church of Immaculate Conception, Mt. Adams, Cincinnati, O.

Making the pilgrimage-Mt. Adams-Cin'ti, O,

Old St. Mary
Address: 123 E. 13th St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45210
Telephone: (513) 721- 2988
E-mail: oldstmarys@erinet.com
Web Sites: *Old St. Mary's Homepage
Community: Over-The-Rhine
Location: between Clay & Main, 13th & Clay
Status: Currently Active
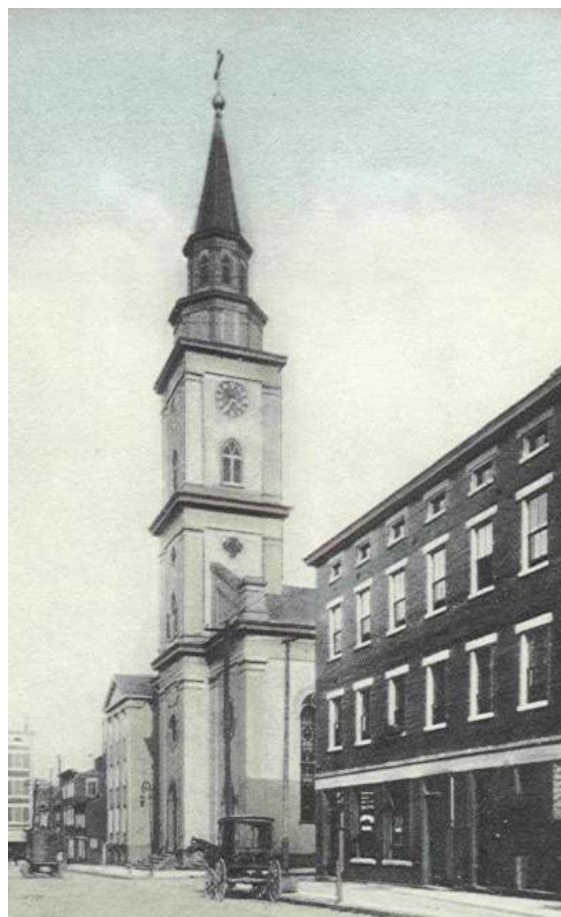Congregation Organized: 1840
Original Church Dedicated: July 3, 1842
Parent Parishes: Holy Trinity
Ethnicity: German
Records for this Parish are located at: Old St. Mary (on-site)
Notes: Oldest standing church in Cincinnati. In May through August of 1849, 796 parishioners of St. Mary's died in the cholera epidemic. There were 345 funerals in July alone. The "Old" was added in 1904 when St. Mary's in Hyde Park was founded.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
Address: 527 Broadway, Cincinnati, Ohio
Community: Downtown Cincinnati
Location: between Fifth and Sixth Streets
Status: Closed July, 1970, United with Sacred Heart, Camp Washington
Congregation Organized: 1890
Original Church Dedicated: August 27, 1893
Parent Parishes: Original Italian National Church
Ethnicity: Italian
Records for this Parish are located at: Sacred Heart
Notes: The parish combined with the parish of the same name in Camp Washington (see below) in 1970. Both parishes were run by the Scalabrini Fathers.

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St. Ann Church
Location: Longworth St. between Race and Elm 1866-1873;
New St.. between Sycamore and Broadway 1873-1908;
John St. between Richmond and Court Streets
Status: United With St. Edward in 1938, Closed in 1965
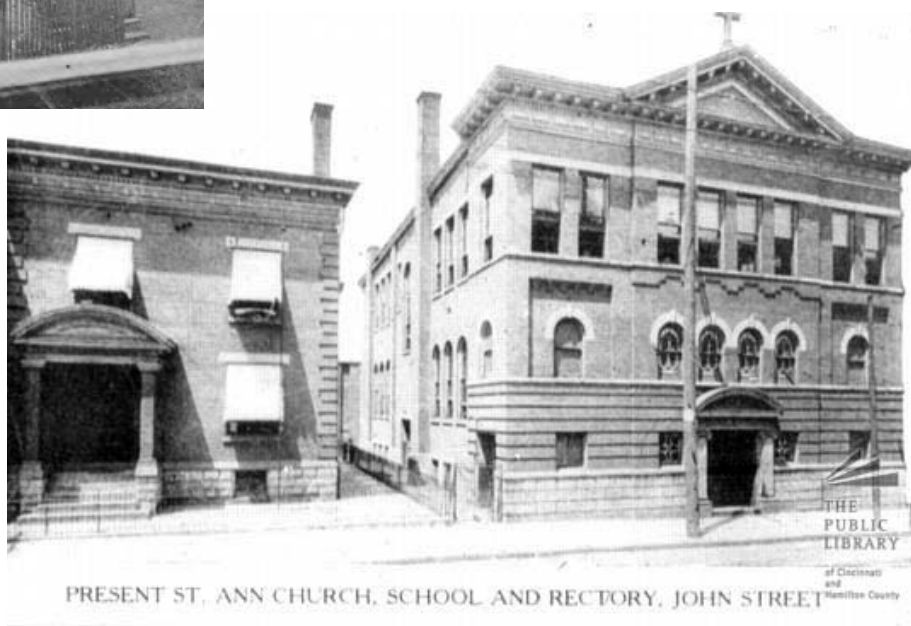Congregation Organized: 1866
Original Church Dedicated:
Parent Parishes: St. Xavier Church, Sycamore Street, is where most African-American Catholics worshiped prior to 1866.
Ethnicity: African-American
Records for this Parish are located at: St. Xavier Church, Sycamore Street

St. Ann - 1874

PRESENT ST. ANN CHURCH, SCHOOL AND RECTORY, JOHN STREET

St. Anthony of Padua Maronite Catholic Church
Address: 2530 Victory Pkwy., Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
Telephone: (513) 961-0120, Fax: (513) 861-5075
Community: Walnut Hills
Status: Currently Active
Congregation Founded: 1910
Original Church Dedicated:
Ethnicity: Lebanese
Records for this Parish are located at:
Notes: Church located at 2524 Victory Pkwy. This parish is of the Maronite rite, aligned with the Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon in Los Angeles. This parish was originally located at West Third Street (see Atonement).

St. Edward
Community: Downtown Cincinnati
Location: Clark and Mound Sts.
Status: Closed 1965
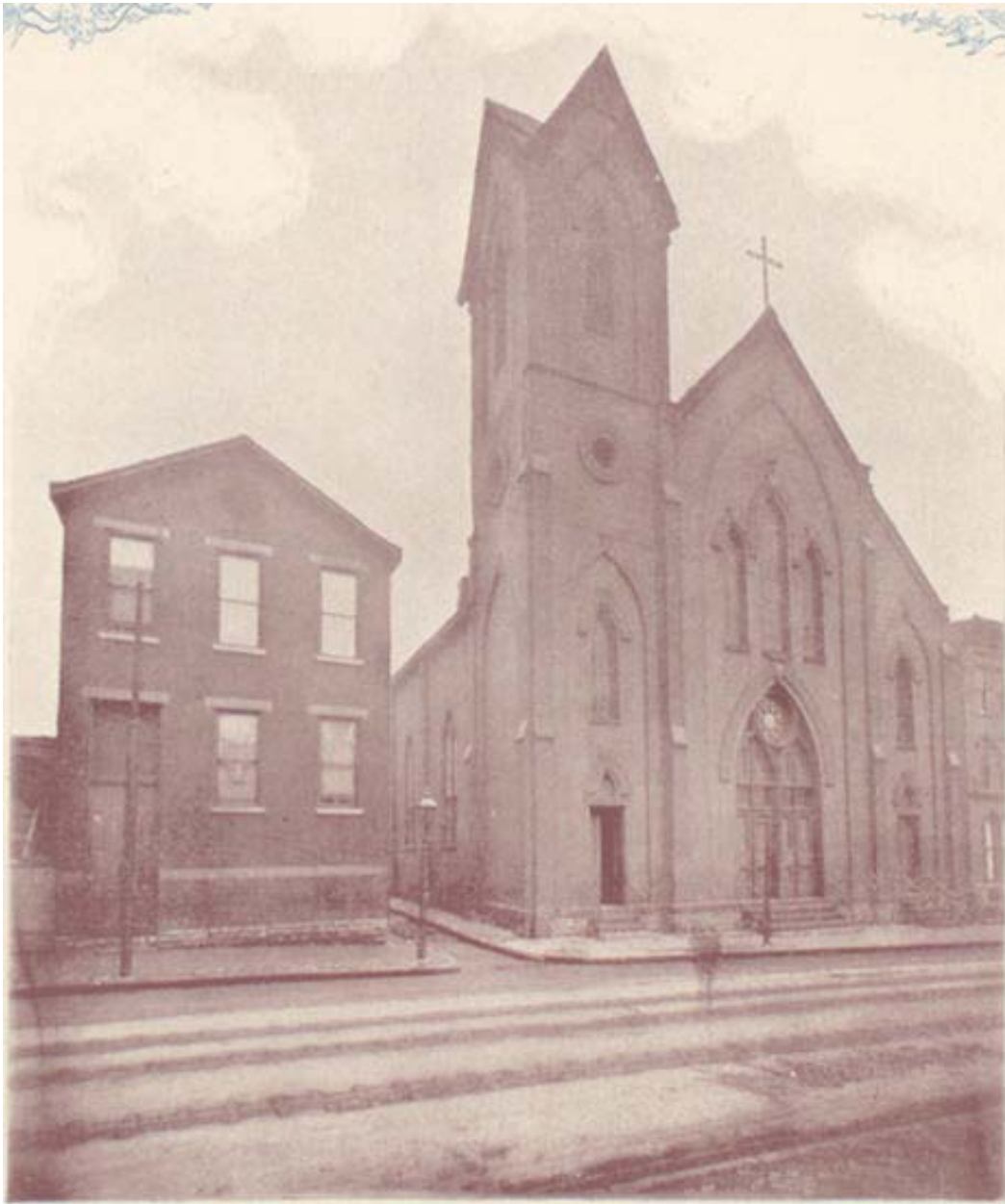Congregation Organized: 1864
Original Church Dedicated: November 6, 1864
Parent Parishes: St. Peter In Chains Cathedral
Ethnicity: English-speaking, Irish
Records for this Parish are located at: St. Joseph Church, West End?
Notes: United with St. Ann Church in 1938.

St. Francis de Sales
Address: 1600 Madison Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
Telephone: (513) 961-1945
E-mail: edmjac@queencity.com
Web Site:
http://www.stfrancisdesalescinti.catholicweb.com
Community: Walnut Hills
Location: at Woodburn Ave. (church location: 2900 Woodburn Ave.)
Status: Currently Active
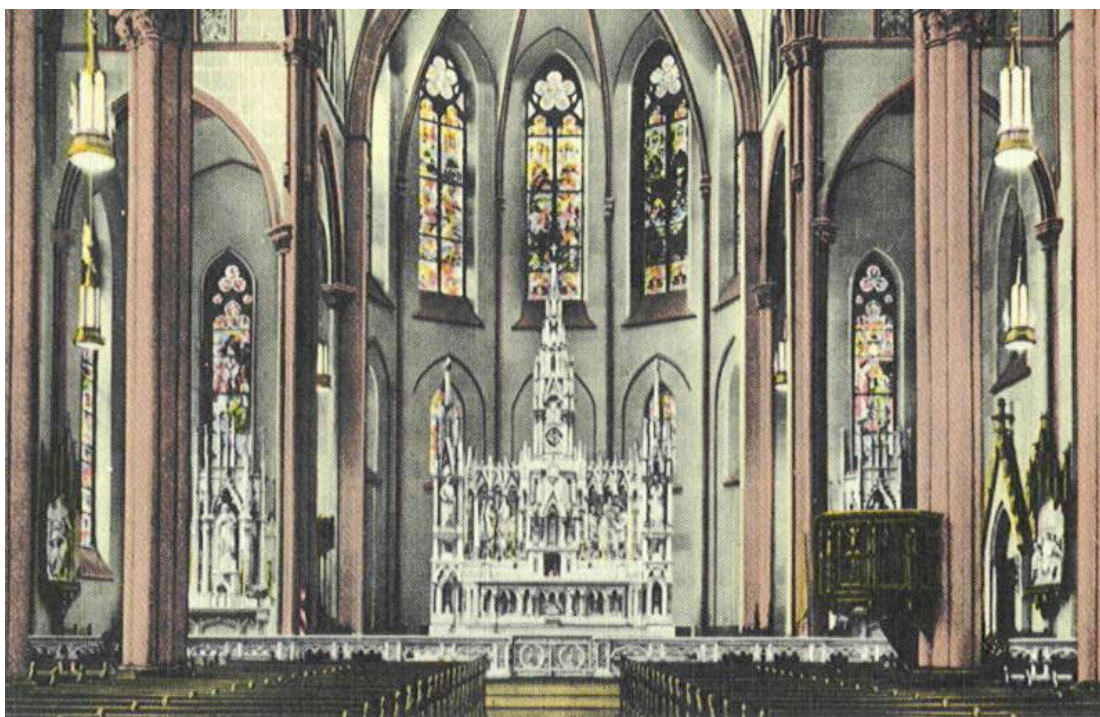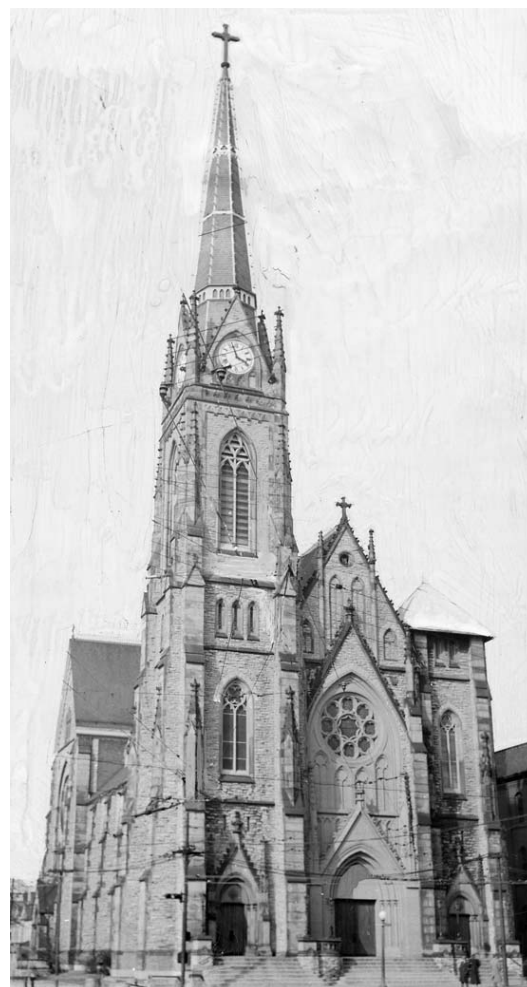Congregation Organized: 1849
Original Church Dedicated: November 3, 1850
Parent Parishes: Old St. Mary and St. Paul
Ethnicity: German
Records for this Parish are located at: St. Francis de Sales (on-site)
Notes: Established by the Marianist Fathers (Society of Mary). St. Francis was home to the largest bell in America at one time. The 17.5 ton bell, "Big Joe," was made by the Verdin Company of Cincinnati in 1879. When it was first rung the vibrations broke nearby windows. Since then it has been rung by an oversized hammer.

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St. Francis Seraph (St. Francis of Assisi)
Address: 1615 Vine St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45210
Telephone: (513) 721- 4700
E-mail: seraph@franciscan.org
Web Site: http://www.stfrancisseraph.org
+Treasured Catholic Churches of Cincinnati: St. Francis Seraph
Community: Over-The-Rhine
Location: Liberty and Vine
Status: Currently Active
Congregation Organized: 1858
Original Church Dedicated: December 18, 1859
Parent Parishes: St. John the Baptist, Green Street
Ethnicity: German
Records for this Parish are located at: St. Francis Seraph (on-site)
Notes: This church was built on the sight of the first Catholic Church in Cincinnati, Christ Church/St. Patrick's. Adjoining the church was Cincinnati's first Catholic cemetery. When other cemeteries opened many bodies were moved and those unclaimed were placed in St. Francis' crypt. The parish is staffed by the Franciscans (Order of Friars Minor).

St. George
Address: 42 Calhoun St., Cincinnati, Ohio
Community: Corryville
Location: near the campus of the University of Cincinnati
Status: Closed 1993, united With St. Monica
Congregation Organized: 1868
Original Church Dedicated: November 15, 1868
Parent Parishes: St. John and St. Francis Seraph
Ethnicity: German
Records for this Parish are located at: St. Monica Church
Notes: St. George was organized by the Franciscan Fathers. On June 30, 1993 St. George closed and the church was combined with St. Monica. The new parish, St. Monica-St. George uses the old St. Monica Church as its place of worship and has records for both the original parishes at that location.

Notes: The building had a extensive fire in 2008

St. John the Baptist
Community: Over-The-Rhine
Location: Green and Bremen/Republic Sts
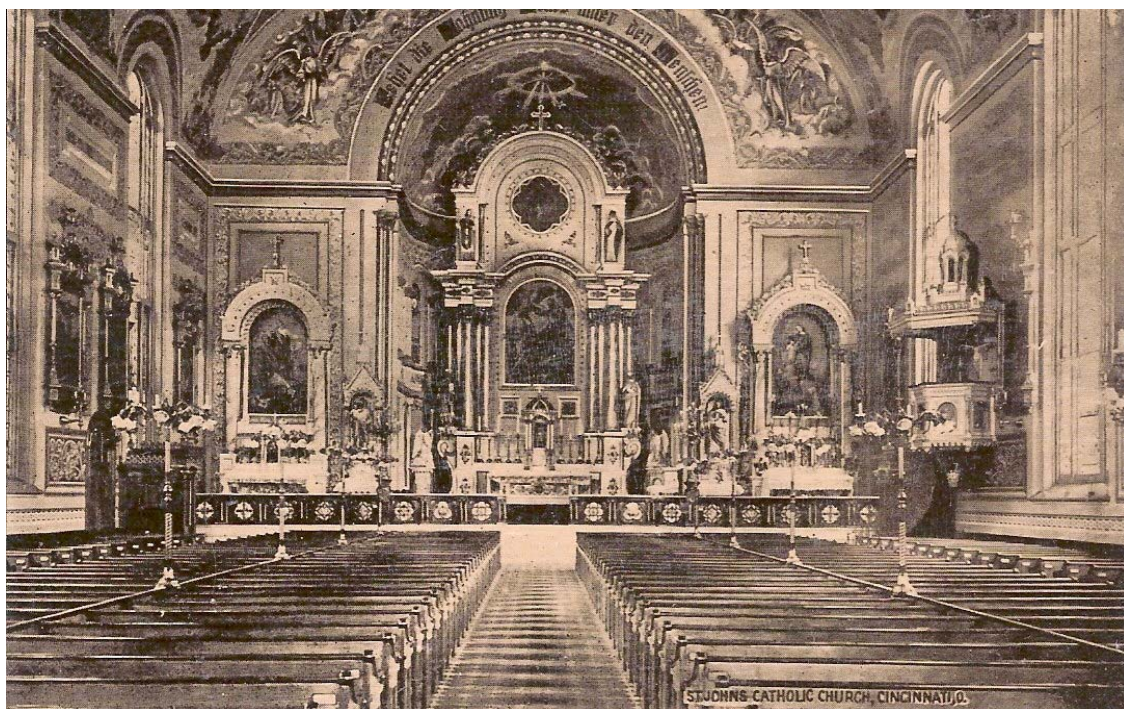Status: Closed 1969
Congregation Organized: 1844
Original Church Dedicated: November 1, 1845
Parent Parishes: Old St. Mary
Ethnicity: German
Records for this Parish are located at: St. Francis Seraph for years 1845-1960.
Notes: The parish's annual passion play, acted out for the first time in 1917, continued until 1972. It has the distinction of having been the longest lasting theatrical presentation in Cincinnati.

St. Johns Catholic Church, Green & Bremen, Cincinnati.

ST. JOHNS CATHOLIC CHURCH, CINCINNATI, O.

St. Joseph (West End)
Address: 745 Ezzard Charles Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203
Telephone: (513) 381-4526
E-mail: stjosephchurch@fuse.net
Web Site: http://www.stjoseph-catholicchurch.org
Community: West End
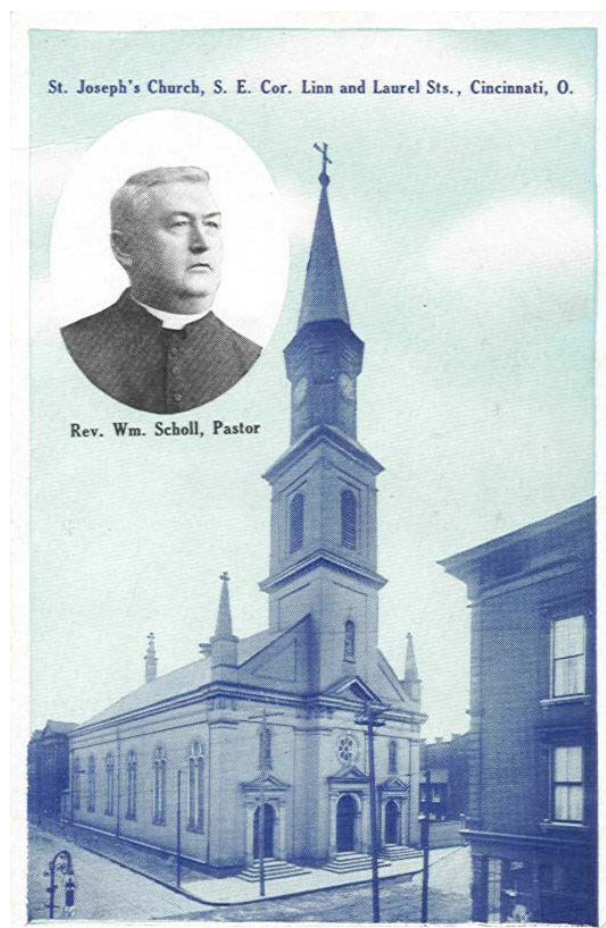Status: Currently Active
Congregation Organized: 1846
Original Church Dedicated: December 20, 1846
Parent Parishes: Holy Trinity and St. John the Baptist, Green St.
Ethnicity: organized German, now 95% African-American
Records for this Parish are located at: St. Joseph (on-site)
Notes: The original church stood for 112 years at Linn and Laurel Sts. before it was torn down due to road widening. The new church was dedicated in 1965.

St. Joseph's Church, S. E. Cor. Linn and Laurel Sts., Cincinnati, O.

Rev. Wm. Scholl, Pastor

St. Joseph of Nazareth (St. Stephen)
http://tctphotos.blogspot.com/2008/07/st-joseph-of-nazareth-church-cincinnati.html
Community: Over-The-Rhine
Location: Liberty and Elm Sts.
Status: Closed August 1, 1963
Congregation Organized: 1914 (as St. Stephen)
Original Church Dedicated: April 18, 1920
Parent Parishes: St. Stephen Hungarian Church, Mount Adams
Ethnicity: Hungarian
Records for this Parish are located at:
Notes: St. Joseph's congregation bought the former St. Matthew Evangelical Church in 1919. The "Hungarian" designation of the parish ceased in the 1930's. The church building was razed in 1963 after the parish closed.

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St. Louis / St. Ludwig
http://tctphotos.blogspot.com/2008/08/introducingthe-chancery-of-archdiocese.html
Address: 29 E. Eighth St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Telephone: (513) 263-6621
Web Site: http://stlouischurchcincinnati.org
Community: Downtown Cincinnati
Location: at Walnut St. & Eighth St.
Status: Currently Active
Congregation Organized: 1869
Original Church Dedicated: March 13, 1870
Parent Parishes: Third filial parish of Old
St. Mary
Ethnicity: German
Records for this Parish are located at: St.
Louis
Notes: St. Ludwig's Kirche was originally
built in 1870 for a Christian sect known as
the Campellites. By 1900 the church
shifted its focus from serving German
Catholics to serving downtown workers.
 From 1918-1970 there existed a 2 a.m.
Printers' Mass. The present St. Louis
Church was built after St. Ludwig's was
demolished in 1928.

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St. Monica
Address: 328 West McMillan St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45219
Telephone: (513) 381-6400
E-mail: st.monica-st.george@fuse.net
Web Site: http://home.fuse.net/stmonica-stgeorge

Community: Fairview Heights (Clifton Heights)
Status: Currently Active
Congregation Organized: 1910
Original Church Dedicated: November 10, 1912
Parent Parishes: St. George, St. Francis Seraph, St. John, St. Augustine and Sacred Heart
Records for this Parish are located at: St. Monica (on-site)
Notes: St. Monica served as the Archdiocesan Cathedral between 1938 and 1957. In 1993, St. Monica merged with St. George and the parish has since been called St. Monica-St. George. It now serves as the Newman Center for students at the University of Cincinnati.

St. Patrick
Community: Cincinnati
Location: Third and Mill Sts.
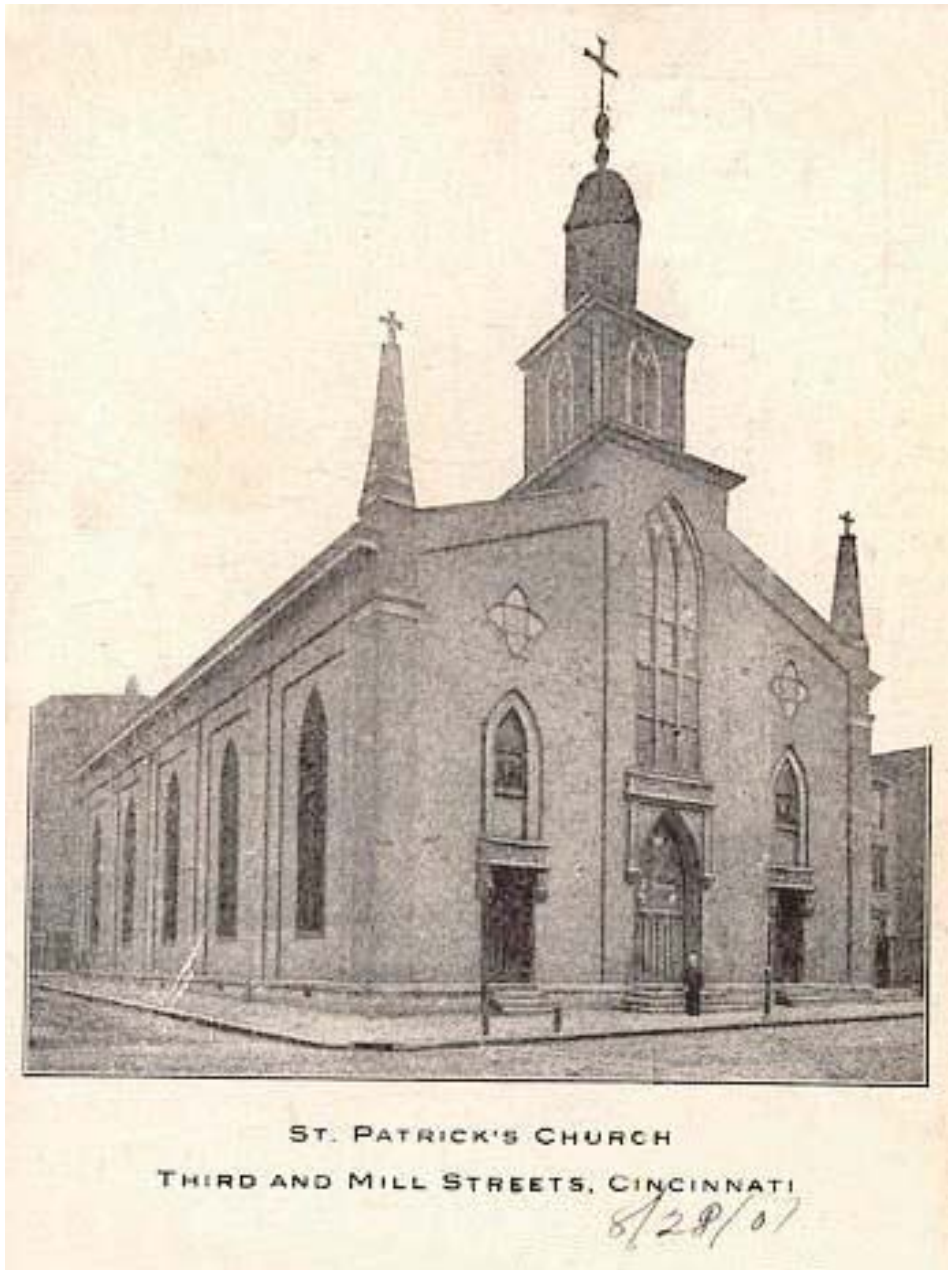Status: Closed 1918
Congregation Organized: 1850
Original Church Dedicated: November 24, 1850
Parent Parishes: St. Peter in Chains Cathedral
Ethnicity: Irish
Records for this Parish are located at: Chancery Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E. 8th St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, (513) 421-3131
Notes: Church was demolished to make way for a railroad.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
THIRD AND MILL STREETS, CINCINNATI

St. Paul (Over-the-Rhine)
Address: 12th and Spring Sts.
Web Site: Over-The-Rhine Chamber of Commerce: St. Paul
Community: Over-The-Rhine
Status: Closed 1974
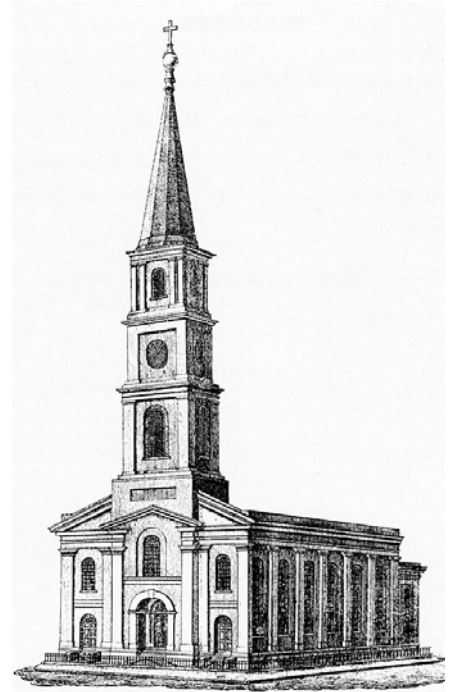Congregation Organized: Winter 1847 (1848)
Original Church Dedicated: January 20, 1850
Parent Parishes: Old St. Mary's; St. Paul's was to take care of the members of St. Mary's who lived east of Clay Street.
Ethnicity: German
Records for this Parish are located at: Old St. Mary's Church
Notes: In 1899 a fire destroyed all but the church walls and stained glass windows. The church was deconsecrated in 1974 and was named to the National Register of Historic Places that same year. In 1981, the Verdin Company, a bell and clock company, purchased the church, convent, schools, and rectory. The buildings were restored and the church was transformed into a bell and clock museum/showroom. The other buildings were transformed into company offices.

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St. Peter in Chains Cathedral
Address: 325 West 8th, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Telephone: (513) 421-5354, Fax: (513) 241-9517
Web Site: http://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org
Community: Downtown Cincinnati
Location: at Central Ave., 8th & Plum Sts.
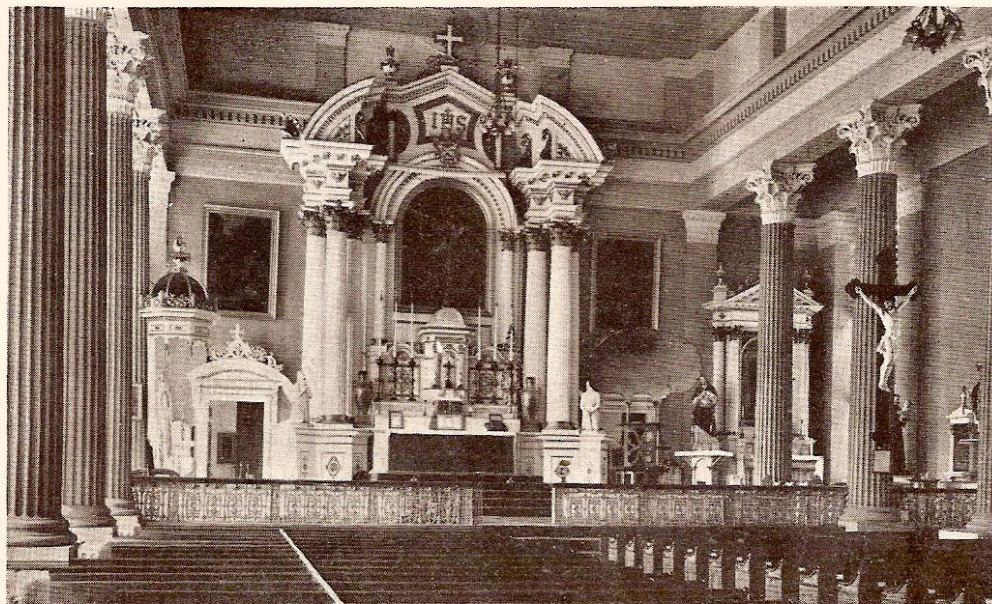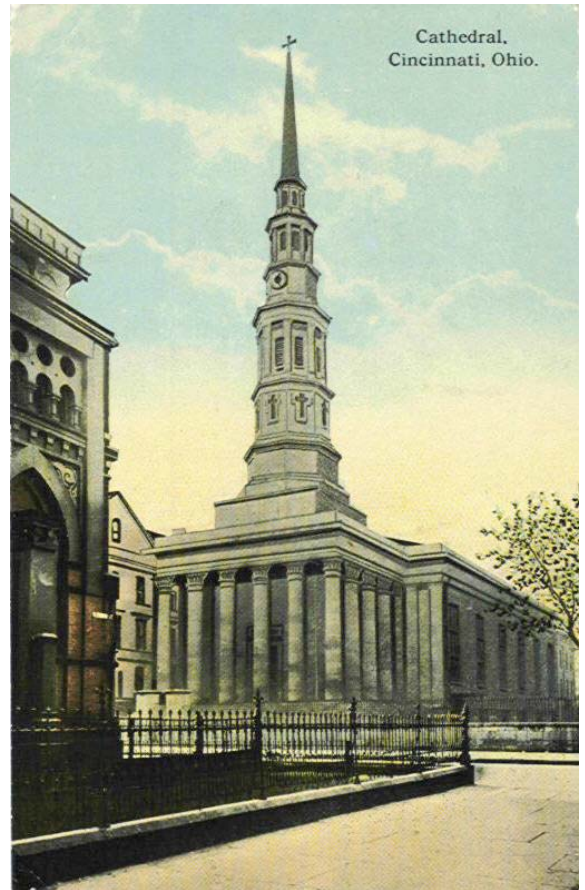Status: Currently Active
Congregation Organized: 1840
Original Church Dedicated: November 2, 1845
Parent Parishes: Christ Church
Notes: Sycamore Street was the location of the first diocesan cathedral. It was dedicated to St. Peter on December 17, 1826. Christ Church's frame building was moved to this location in 1826 to serve as the first seminary. In 1840 the land for a new cathedral was purchased and work was begun. St. Monica, Fairview Heights served as the cathedral between 1938 and 1957
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"The bishop (Bishop Fenwick), and with him his clergy and people, who all resided in what is now the lower part of the city, saw the necessity of having their church located nearer. The distance to what is now Vine and Liberty Streets (Christ Church) was great, and in inclement weather the tramp on Sundays, through cornfields and orchards, through mud and water, was not at all pleasant. Vine Street did not then glory in a granite street or sidewalks. Accordingly, the bishop set about to purchase a more suitable lot…"

Cathedral, Cincinnati, Ohio.

ST. PETERS CATHEDRAL, CINCINNATI

St. Peter in Chains interior after 1957 enlargement and renovation.
http://www.newliturgicalmovement.org/2010/01/other-modern-renovating-cathedral-of-st.html

St. Philomena Church
http://tctphotos.blogspot.com/2008/10/st-philomenas-to-be-razed.html
Address: 619 East Third Street, Cincinnati, Ohio
Community: Downtown Cincinnati
Location: East Pearl (Congress) and Fourth St.
(3rd St.)
Status: Closed 1954
Congregation Organized: 1846
Original Church Dedicated: May 21, 1848
Parent Parishes: Holy Trinity
Ethnicity: German
Records for this Parish are located at: Chancery
Office of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, 100 E.
8th St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, (513) 421-3131
Notes: St. Philomena was the fourth German
Catholic Church in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati Tornado, July 7, 1915
Ruins of dwellings on E. Pearl St.
Steeple of St. Philomena Church fell on these houses

St. Rose of Lima
Address: 2501 Eastern Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Telephone: (513) 871-1162
E-mail: strosecin@aol.com
Community: East End-Fulton
Location: at Lumber Street
Status: Currently Active
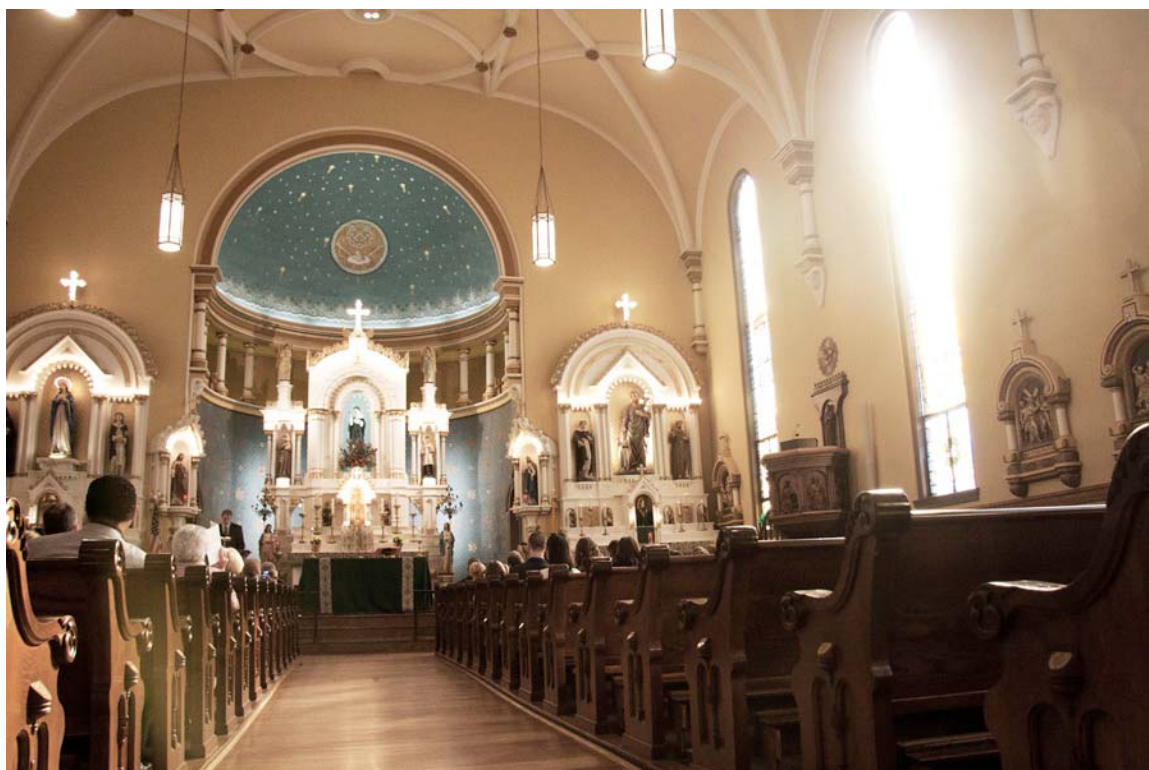Congregation Organized: 1867
Original Church Dedicated: May 21, 1869
Parent Parishes: St. Philomena and St. Francis de Sales
Ethnicity: German
Records for this Parish are located at: St. Rose (on-site)

St. Stanislaus Church
Community: Cincinnati
Location: Liberty and Cutter Sts.
Status: Closed 1935
Congregation Organized: 1872 (1873)
Original Church Dedicated: April 28, 1875
Parent Parishes: Original Polish National Church
Ethnicity: Polish

St. Thomas Church
Address: Sycamore St.
Community: Downtown Cincinnati
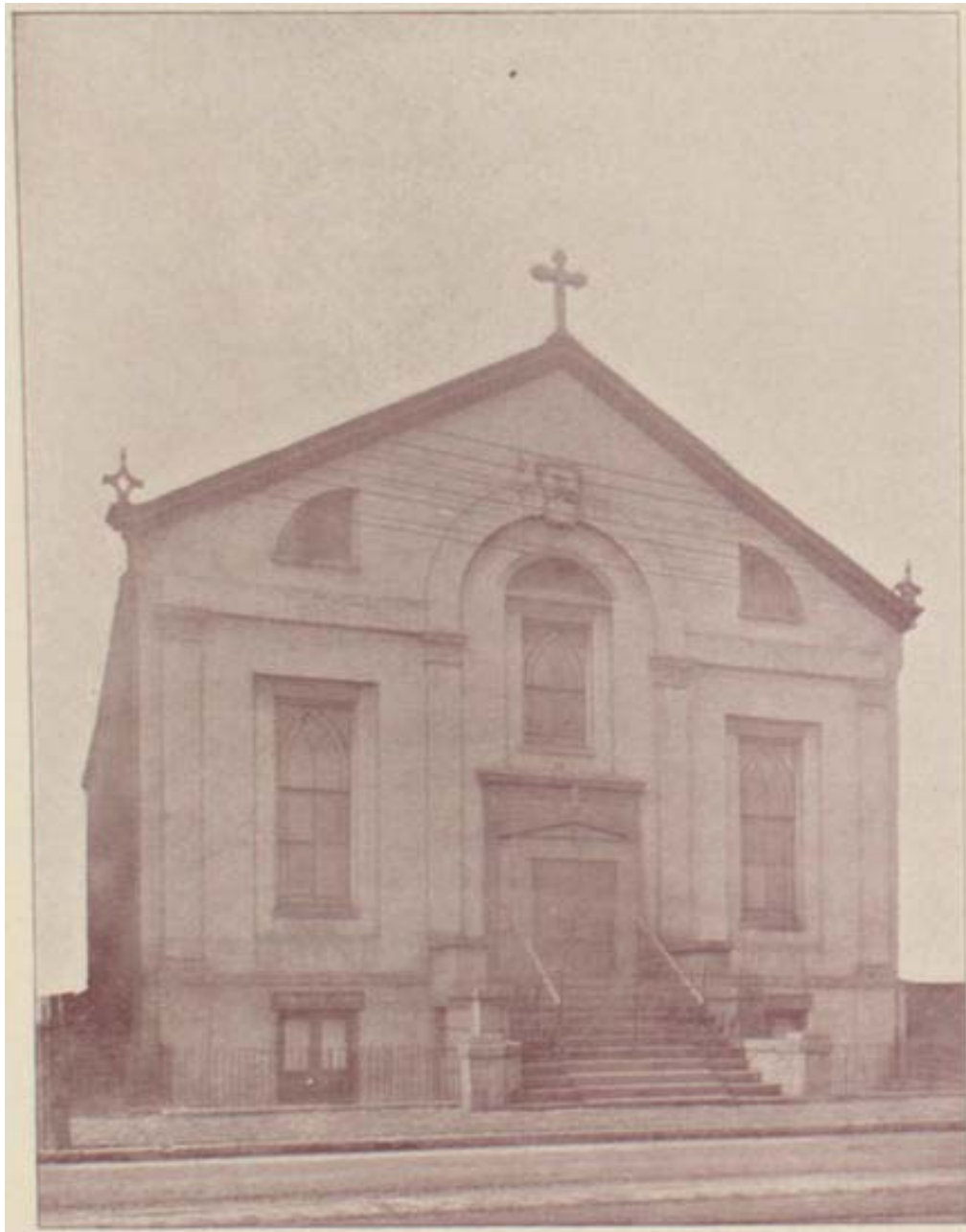Location: between 5th & 6th
Status: Closed 1918
Congregation Organized: 1852
Original Church Dedicated: January 2, 1853
Parent Parishes: St. Francis Xavier, Sycamore St.
Ethnicity: Irish
Records for this Parish are located at: St. Xavier, Sycamore Street has records up to 1860.

St. Willibrord
Address: Walnut and Liberty Sts.
Community: Over-The-Rhine
Status: Closed 1866 (1860)
Congregation Organized: 1852
Original Church Dedicated:
Parent Parishes:
Ethnicity: Dutch (Netherlands)
Records for this Parish are located at: No records are known to exist.

No pictures of the Church could be found. Here is the patron Saint.

St. Xavier / St. Francis Xavier
Address: 607 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
Telephone: (513) 721- 4045
Web Site:
http://www.stxchurch.homestead.com
Community: Downtown Cincinnati
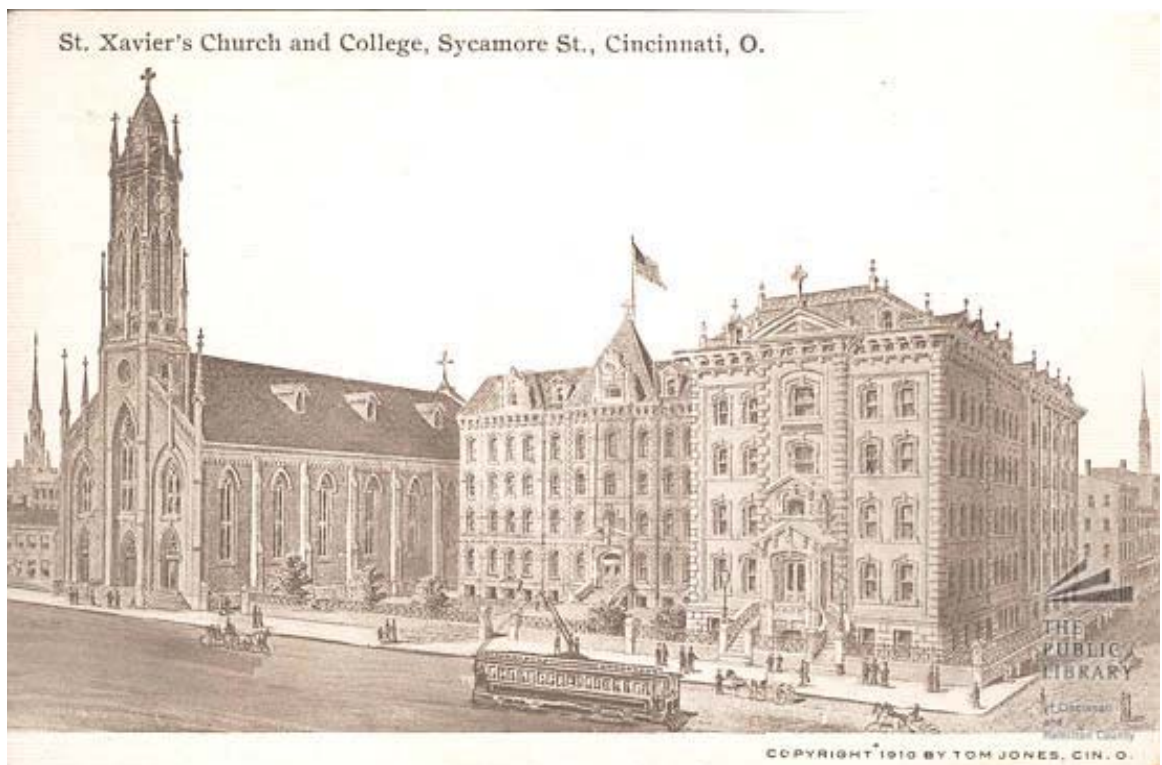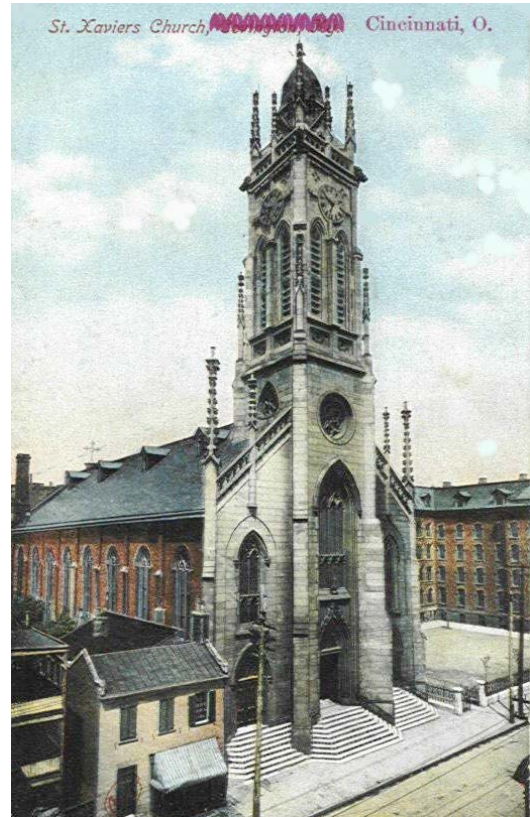Status: Currently Active
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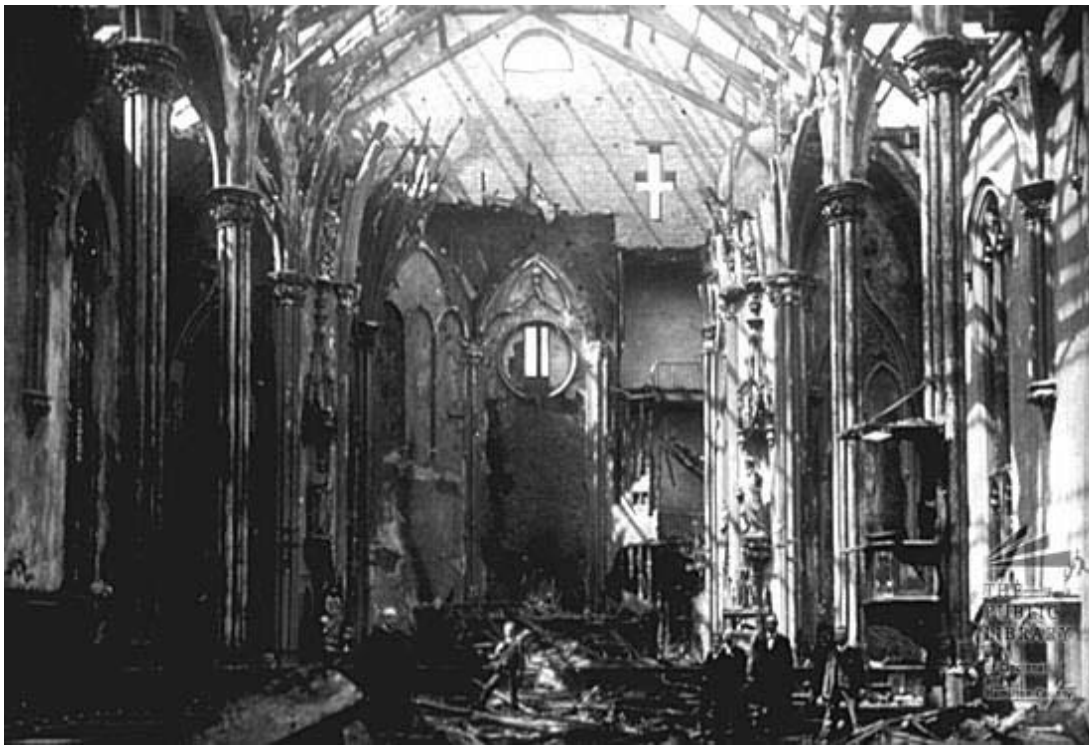Original Church Dedicated:
Parent Parishes: St. Peter In Chains
Notes: Sycamore Street was the location of the first diocesan cathedral. It was dedicated to St. Peter on December 17, 1826. Christ Church's frame building was moved to this location in 1826 to serve as the first seminary. St. Francis Xavier has existed as its own parish since 1845 when the cathedral was moved elsewhere. The parish has been under the direction of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) since 1840.

Note - The parking lot to the north once housed a school. The school would eventually become both St. Xavier High School and Xavier University. The old school building was demolished in 1960 when St. Xavier High School moved to it's current campus.

St. Xaviers Church, Cincinnati, O.

St. Xavier's Church and College, Sycamore St., Cincinnati, O.

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After a fire in 1882.