

Parish Of St Michael- Grosse Isle

Following the Dominion Land Survey of townships 11, 12, and 13 ranges 1E and 1W families began settling the area. The pioneers had a strong faith and in 1889 began worship services in local homes. Rev. James H. R. Wood from the Church of The Ascension Stonewall called a general meeting on October 23, 1890 to discuss building a Church in Grosse Isle. At the first meeting plans were made to form the parish of St. Michael and begin construction of a local Church in 1891.

With the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway through Rosser in 1881, this settlement was known as Rosser-North and residents received their mail in Rosser. Our Church was built before the formation of the Rosser Municipality which was formed in 1893.

Mr Walter J. T. James donated the land located on the North East corner of the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 36-12-1W, just $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of the Prime Meridian of Canada.

Construction began in the fall of 1891 and in December the beautiful stained glass window donated by friends of the Church was put into place. Services began the first Sunday of April in 1892 and on August 28, 1892 Consecration of the Church and Burial grounds was conducted by the Metropolitan Bishop Robert Machray assisted by Rev. James H. R. Wood.

In 1903 following the arrival of the Canadian Northern (later the Canadian National Railway) the pioneers submitted the name Grosse Isle to Premier R. P. Roblin requesting this name be considered for this district and after accepting their request the area was named Grosse Isle.

There have been baptisms, confirmations, weddings, and burials at St Michael's and presently we attend summer services. This historic landmark has been available the entire time for use, and is the only Church presently open in Grosse Isle.

On August 28, 2016 at 2:00 P M the Right Reverend Donald Phillips will conduct a special Communion service to designate the Church and Burial grounds of St Michael a Municipal Heritage Site.

We invite you to help us celebrate this occasion and socialize over light refreshments.

