

HISTORY OF CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC CHURCH

Bishop Joseph F. Busch of St. Cloud, in the autumn of 1941, assigned Father Leo Revering to serve the “Catholic Mission to Isanti County,” then the last remaining county in Minnesota without a Catholic parish or resident priest. Initially residing at St. Edward Rectory in Princeton, Father Revering discovered that there were 10 families with Catholic origins living in Cambridge. After several weeks, he was able to locate 30 Catholics throughout the county.

Mass was being offered occasionally by visiting priests for patients at the Cambridge Epileptic Colony, and Father Revering—in the manner of missionaries a century before—said Mass in several private homes. Finally, arrangements were made to rent the upper floor of the Co-op Hall and, on October 12, 1941, Father Revering first celebrated Mass for the Catholic Community in Isanti County.

Father Revering gave the name of Christ the King to the mission, and on January 20, 1945, it was formally incorporated. By that time, services were being held in the Gillespie Hall above the Anderson Drug Store. On July 27, 1947, the first Mass was celebrated in the first church building, now the Cambridge Senior Activity Center. The present church was built and used for the first time on April 16, 1967.

Christ the King Parish now has approximately 200+ active families. Two daughter parishes were founded from the Cambridge church. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Isanti, with its first Mass on November 1, 1976, and Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Braham, which had its first Mass on December 21, 1986.

All 3 parishes are now clustered, starting with Sts. Peter & Paul in 2013 and followed by St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in 2014. They are presided over by one pastor.