

**Historical Marker - L2091 - St. John the Baptist Church / St. John the Baptist Cemetery
(Marker ID#:L2091)**



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St. John the Baptist Church

Organized in 1855 to serve Irish Catholic immigrants, the parish of St. John the Baptist worshipped in a simple church on the Cowman farm until 1868. That year, the parish of seventy families built this church, which seated four hundred people. It was the largest church in Ionia County at that time. St. John's grew to include a cemetery (1884), a rectory (1907), a school (1917), a convent (1927), which was razed in 1987, and a parish hall (1977).

Significant Date:

Civil War and After (1860-1875)

Registry Year: 2001 **Erected Date:** 2001

Marker Location

Address: 324 S. Washington Rd

City: Hubbardston

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Ionia

Township: North Plains

Lat: 43.09161300 / **Long:** -84.84628900

Web URL:

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St. John the Baptist Cemetery

Consecrated in 1884, Saint John the Baptist Cemetery contains the graves of the Irish founders of the parish and their descendants. The oldest burials date from 1875 and were moved from the original Catholic cemetery, located one mile west of here. The Roach, Welch, Hogan, Cahalan, and Connell families donated the land for the cemetery. At the entrance a shrine pays tribute to Father Eugene R. Fox, who served at St. John's from 1938 to 1986.