

**Historical Marker - L2149 - St. Mary's Catholic Church/St. Mary's Catholic Church  
(Marker ID#:L2149)**



**Front - Title/Description**

***St. Mary's Catholic Church***

St. Mary's Church began as a mission of the Catholic diocese of Grand Rapids. The first church was built around 1884. The parish grew to become a predominantly Polish congregation while under the pastorate of Father Casimir Skory (1892-1905). In 1893 Father Skory founded St. Mary's School, which was served by the Dominican Sisters. Father Skory was instrumental in the planning and construction of this church in 1900.

**Significant Date:**

Industry and Invention (1875-1915)

**Registry Year:** 2005    **Erected Date:** 2005

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The Neo-Gothic St. Mary's Catholic Church has been a Gaylord landmark since it was dedicated on September 15, 1990. When the Diocese of Gaylord was established in 1972, the church became the cathedral. The diocese built a new cathedral in 1976 and closed St. Mary's. In 1985 a local group, fearing the building would be razed, purchased it for use as a performing arts center, which they named the Mount Carmel Centre.

**Marker Location**

**Address:** 147 N. Otsego St.

**City:** Gaylord

**State:** MI    **ZipCode:** 49735

**County:** Otsego

**Township:** Livingston

**Lat:** 45.02913428 / **Long:** -84.67723667

**Web URL:**