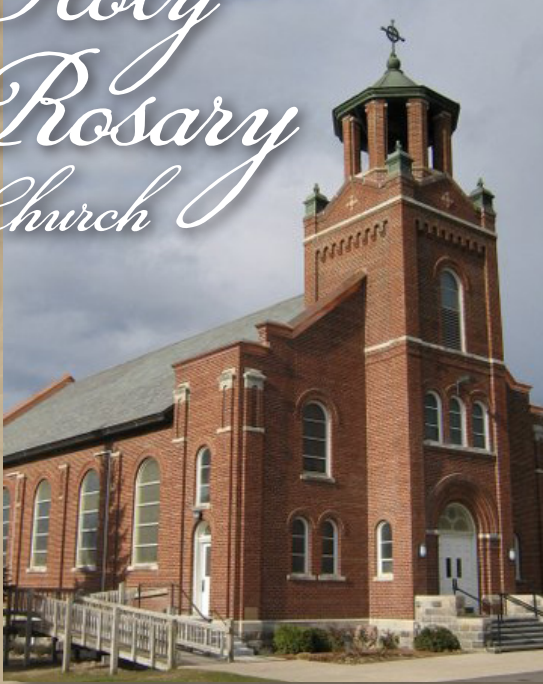


Holy Rosary Church



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Holy Rosary Church was built in 1923 to serve a Polish community in beautiful rural Leelanau County, Michigan. Despite difficult economic times almost 100 years later, the small community raised the money needed to provide the best materials for the exterior restoration: slate and copper.



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SLATE

After removing the original asphalt shingles, and abating an additional layer of asbestos roof tiles, we installed new slate on the sanctuary, apse and sacristies.

The weather in Northern Michigan is often dramatic.



SHEET METAL

The flat roofs of the bell tower received new copper pans, and drainage was improved to keep runoff away from the masonry.

We were able to restore the bell mechanism so it can again be hand-rung by rope in the vestibule, while still keeping it's automatic timed ringer.



MASONRY

Extensive scaffolding was required to access the bell tower masonry. The bell tower masonry above the main roof was partly rebuilt and completely repointed, and the damaged limestone was replaced. Good access permitted us to "babysit" the lime mortar as it hardened.



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BEFORE

Apart from the normal effects of age, the original bell tower design permitted runoff to concentrate in unfortunate areas, causing accelerated damage, as with these mortar joints and limestone.



DURING

Protecting the historic stained glass windows - made in Munich - was essential before we began repairing and repointing the top of the masonry tower. A custom mortar was carefully installed by hand. The masonry below the corner finials was completely rebuilt.



AFTER

After almost 100 years, the areas of the building getting the most weather are now on track for a fresh century of service.



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