



Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church

146 W. 1st Street
Dimock, SD
Hutchinson County

<http://www.peterandpauldimock.parishesonline.com/scripts/HostedSites/Org.asp?ID=12756>

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church that rises above the prairie in Dimock was built around 1908 and designed by Joseph Schwarz. The high-style detail and cost of this beautiful church is representative of second-generation churches that were possible with the good economic times of the early twentieth century. Its Gothic Revival architecture was symbolic of the higher emotions of a spiritual community. The Gothic style used characteristic lancet arches and stained glass windows to create a vertical and light feeling. Schwarz was an architect of German Catholic heritage who moved Sioux Falls in the early 1880s and designed many churches for the Catholic diocese, as well as churches for other denominations, commercial buildings, courthouses, and university buildings. He was proficient in stone masonry techniques as well as multiple architectural styles, from Romanesque to Italianate to Neoclassical.