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St. John the Divine Catholic Church
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St. John the Divine Catholic Church (demolished)
2511 Metropolitan Avenue
Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas
KHRI # 209-2190

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION

St. John the Divine Catholic Church was individually listed in the National Register on October 9, 2013 (NRIS # 13000820). The Church was originally a framed, red-brick structure built in 1887, but suffered damage from a flood. It was reconstructed and expanded in 1909-1913 to a larger church building in the Gothic Revival style. St. John the Divine was listed for its association with the Mexican-Catholic community of the Argentine in Kansas City. The building was adorned by its parishioners, reflecting vernacular Mexican and Spanish art and culture. The property played an important role in the religious and social community of Argentine.

The church building burned down on March 2, 2020, and was demolished after a Kansas Preservation Law review (KSR&C #20-03-029). The loss of the resource negatively affects its historic integrity, and the Kansas State Historic Preservation Office requests the property be removed from the National Register of Historic Places.

Patrick Zollner, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

DOCUMENTATION


PHOTOGRAFIC INFORMATION

Photographer: Katrina Ringler, KS-SHPO & City Planning Department

Date: March 4, 2020 & June 1, 2020

Photo 1 of 7: Looking south at lot front of the building.
Photo 2 of 7: Looking northeast from the back of the property.
Photo 3 of 7: Looking southwest from the front of the property.
Photo 4 of 7: Looking southwest from across Metropolitan Ave on the northside of the street.
Photo 5 of 7: Looking southwest from across Metropolitan Ave on the northside of the street.
Photo 6 of 7: Looking east from the northwest corner of the property.
Photo 7 of 7: Looking south from across Metropolitan Ave on the northside of the street.
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