

Holy Apostles Catholic Church Timeline

- 1920 Eagle - St. Mary's Catholic Mission began with purchase by Bishop Gorman of a house on East Second Street in Eagle, administered from Caldwell.
- 1927 Eagle - St. Mary's Mission transferred to become subsidiary to Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Boise.
- 1930 Eagle - Bishop Edward Kelly transferred Eagle to be dependent of Emmett parish tended by Father J. J. Creegan.
- 1937 Eagle - Construction approved by Bishop Kelly for church building on west side of Eagle Road with a seating capacity of 108; St. Mary's Mission to be tended by Chaplain of St. Alphonsus Hospital.
- 1937 Eagle - Boise's second Catholic parish opened by Bishop Kelly with construction of *St. Mary's Catholic Church* located at State and 26th Streets in Boise.
- 1941 Meridian - Catholics in Meridian petitioned Bishop Kelly to create a local parish, Mass provided by Father J. J. Creegan from St. Mary's in Eagle.
- 1944 Meridian - Community of 32 registered families transferred to St. John's Cathedral on December 27. Mass celebrated in American Legion Hall.
- 1946 Meridian - Mother Frances X. Cabrini canonized on July 7 and new church building opened on First Street in Meridian, Fr. Schmidt presided at first Mass.
- 1946 Meridian - Bishop Edward Kelly and Father Nicholas Hughes dedicated St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Catholic Mission on December 8.
- 1963 Meridian - Twenty acres purchased on north side of Cherry Lane on July 19.
- 1963 Meridian - Father Francis McGlinchey, first resident priest until 1970.
- 1966 Meridian - Parish of Meridian formally established, no longer a mission, November 13.
- 1970 Meridian - Father Thomas Halpin as pastor oversaw construction of church buildings.
- 1971 Eagle - Catholic Community of Eagle purchased 10 acres on East First Street. Land was subdivided into ten home lots plus 3 acres, St. Mary's Mission building relocated to cul-de-sac.
- 1971 Eagle - St. Mary's Mission (Eagle) renamed to St. Matthew's Parish to avoid confusion with St. Mary's of Boise, under Fr. Wemhoff, first pastor.

- 1973 Construction of church and classrooms completed in December.
- 1974 Dedication with name change from St. Frances Xavier Cabrini to Holy Spirit Catholic Church on January 29.
- 1974 Eagle - Father Roger LaChance assigned to St. Matthew's.
- 1975 Eagle - Father Ed Cope exchanged with Fr. LaChance who moved to Lewiston.
- 1976 Meridian - Construction of hall/gym, kitchen and additional classrooms.
- 1979 Eagle - Fr. Dohman became pastor in Eagle parish which had grown to 130 families. Fr. James Gelson, SJ, named pastor of St. Matthew's when Fr. Dohman retired.
- 1982 Meridian - Father Halpin retired in January; Fr. Douglas Riffle appointed pastor.
- 1987 Eagle - Fr. Dennis Day became pastor.
- 1993 Eagle - New facility constructed in Eagle. Original St. Matthew's building sold to New Heights Baptist Church.
- 1994 Eagle - First Mass celebrated in new St. Matthew's church.
- 1994 Eagle - St. Matthew's Council #11318 of Knights of Columbus Chartered April 6th.
- 1994 Meridian - Father Riffle retired in June.
- 1994 Meridian - Father Timothy Ritchey appointed pastor beginning in July.
- 1995 Meridian - Holy Spirit Council #11548 of Knights of Columbus Chartered on April 24.
- 1996 Eagle - First Evangelization Retreat at St. Matthew's parish in April.
- 1996 Eagle - Fr. Dennis Day transferred to Sandpoint, ID in June.
- 1996 Eagle - Fr. Mark Finley, Pastor July 1996 to June 1997.
- 1997 Eagle - Fr. Timothy Ritchey assigned to St. Matthew's in July.
- 1997 Meridian - First Evangelization Retreat at Holy Spirit parish in November.
- 1998 Eagle - St. Matthew's parish renamed in July to Holy Apostles North.
- 1998 Meridian - Holy Spirit became Holy Apostles South under Father Ritchey in July.
- 1998 Meridian - Fr. Ritchey letter of appeal on November 1 to raise \$3 Million.

- 2000 Holy Apostles - January 29, Ground Breaking for Holy Apostles Catholic Church, Bishop Michael Driscoll officiating with Father Tim Ritchey.
- 2000 Holy Apostles - Cow Chip Bingo fundraiser on September 30.
- 2000 Holy Apostles - October construction underway.
- 2001 Holy Apostles - Merger of Holy Apostles North and Holy Apostles South completed.
- 2001 Holy Apostles - First Mass at Easter Vigil on April 14.
- 2001 Holy Apostles - Holy Apostles Catholic Church dedicated by Bishop Michael P. Driscoll on June 6th.
- 2001 Holy Apostles - Parish Photo Directory merged.
- 2006 Holy Apostles - Newly ordained Father Ben Uhlenkott joined Pastoral Council.
- 2006 Holy Apostles - June, stand-alone Adoration Chapel approved.
- 2007 Eagle - Original St. Matthew's building renovated and relocated to become City of Eagle Museum of History and Preservation.
- 2007 Holy Apostles - April, construction of stand-alone Adoration Chapel began.
- 2007 Holy Apostles - Fr. Tim Ritchey reassigned to Post Falls, Idaho in June.
- 2007 Holy Apostles - Fr. Len MacMillan became pastor at Holy Apostles in July.
- 2008 Holy Apostles - Dedication of Eucharistic Adoration Chapel at Holy Apostles on May 19, only such Chapel West of Mississippi River.