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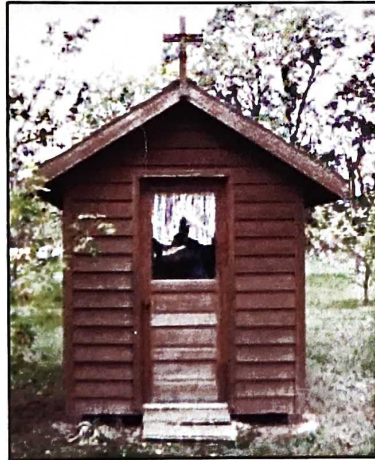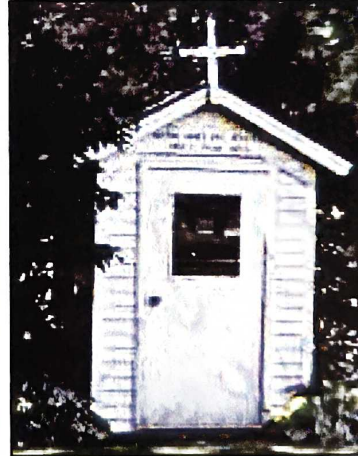
in
Brown, Kewaunee & Door Counties

St. Odile Chapel

St. Peregrine Chapel

La Petite Chapel la Sacra Crued

Notre Dame des Aflices

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Belgian Roadside Chapels

Roadside, or votive, chapels are a religious tradition brought from the old world. In the 1850's Belgian immigrants began settling in northeast Brown, northwest Kewaunee and southern Door counties. Mostly devout Roman Catholics, they made their homes in a wilderness where crude roads and few churches made it difficult to assemble and practice their faith. To compensate, some settlers continued the Belgian tradition of building a family chapel, often to give thanks for prayers answered or to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary or a special saint.

At first glance, these sacred places could be mistaken for a simple garden shed or privy, were it not for the small cross usually placed above the door or on the roof. While chapels in Belgium were often built of stone or brick masonry, the majority in this area are of wood, using material more readily available to the settlers.

Each chapel has a small altar on the wall opposite the door, which is lovingly decorated with flowers, candles, religious pictures and statues. Sometimes, personal items are hung on the walls, including photographs, and marriage and baptismal certificates. A chapel dedicated to a saint may have the name of the saint on a small sign above the door. By tradition, the chapels were open to any worshippers at any time, and were somewhat removed from the farm itself for privacy and quiet. These chapels are houses of worship and should be treated with reverence by the visitor.

Some chapels are on or near their original location, some have been moved, and some have been lost. This brochure is an effort to map the remaining chapels, some old and some of more recent origin. You can learn more about Belgian roadside chapel at the Belgian Heritage Center.

Each chapel description lists the name of the family that built the chapel and any subsequent owners. The following symbols indicate any limitations on access to the chapel and property:

(OP) – Open to the public. Some may be inaccessible or closed in winter.

(LP) – Limited public access. Visitors require permission or appointment from the owner.

(PR) – Private. No public access is allowed.

BROWN COUNTY

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel* (Derenne), 2640 South Webster Ave., Heritage Hill State Park, Allouez (OP, with admission charge)

St. Anthony of Padua Chapel* (LeMieux/ LaPlant), on UW Green Bay Campus (at wayside on Bay Settlement Road, descend the hill and walk right on Arboretum trail ¼ mile) (OP)

1 Our Lady of Queen of Peace (Agamite), 5199 Gilson Creek Road near Bader Road and County P, Dykesville (OP)

2 St. Therese Chapel (Tombal, Thiry), on the grounds of Our Lady of Good Help Shrine, 4047 Chapel Drive, (CTH K east of Champion), Robinsonville (OP)

3 St. John the Baptist Chapel (Nooyen), 5025 Luxemburg Road, New Franken (OP)

4 Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel (Heyman), 4526 Van Lanen Road, New Franken (LP)

KEWAUNEE COUNTY

5 Blessed Virgin May World War I Soldier's Memorial Chapel (Vandevelde), Saint Martin's Catholic Cemetery, E699 CTH K at Tonet Road, Tonet (OP)

6 Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel (Pirlot/Delveaux), E929 CTH K at Rendezvous Road, east of Tonet (OP)

7 St. Odile Chapel (St. Odile Catholic Cemetery) across from E1354 Thiry Daems Road, Thiry Daems (OP)

8 Walloon Shrine of Saint Hubert/ All Saints Chapel (Bellin), E2661 Pheasant Road between CTH C and Red River & Lincoln Town Line Road, south of Lincoln (LP)

9 Our Lady of the Afflicted Chapel (Cochart), St. Peter's Catholic Church yard, E2591 County S, Lincoln (OP)

10 St. Anthony of Padua Chapel (Looze/Kinnard), E 2709 CTH S at Tamarack Road, Lincoln (OP)

11 Holy Family Chapel (Opicka), Spruce Road, northeast of Lincoln (PR)

12 St. Hubert Chapel (Massart), E9553 CTH C, southeast of Rosiere (chapel in home) (PR)

13 St. Donat Chapel (DeVillers/Massart), E9553 CTH C, southeast of Rosiere (OP)

14 St. Peregrine Chapel (Bouchonville/Spude), St. Hubert Catholic Cemetery, E3081 CTH X, Rosiere (OP)

15 St. Jude Chapel (LeGrave), N9487 Red River & Lincoln Town Line Road at Eagle Road, southwest of Rosiere (OP)

16 St. Francis of Assisi Chapel (Wendricks/ Lautenbach), CTH X, southwest of Rosiere ~~the~~ ~~~~ (PR)

DOOR COUNTY

17 St. Hubert Chapel (Guilette/Evrard), St. Francis De Paul Catholic Cemetery, 200 CTH Y, north of Duvall (LP)

18 Our Mother of Perpetual Help Chapel (Baudhuin/Jadin/Thayse), 9861 Swamp Road west of CTH C, northwest of Rosiere (OP)

19 St. Michael the Archangel Grotto (Englebert), Saint Michael's Catholic Cemetery, 562 Misere Road north of CTH J, Misere (OP)

20 St. Ghislane Chapel (Flemal, Massart), Saint Michael's Catholic Cemetery, 562 Misere Road north of CTH J, Misere (OP)

21 Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel (LaCrosse), 9415 CTH D west of Misere Road, southeast of Brussels (addition to garage, call ahead or knock), (LP)

22 Our Lady of the Snows Chapel (Englebert), 1003 Pleasant Ridge Road at Rass Road, southwest of Namur (OP)

23 Blessed Virgin Mary Chapel (Baudhuin), CTH DK near 1298 Pit Road, east of Namur (OP)

24 St. Roch Chapel (Jadin/Gerondale), on the grounds of the Belgian Heritage Center, 1257 CTH DK, Namur (OP)

25 Norbertine Chapel Belgian Heritage Center, in the former St. Mary of the Snows school/convent building, 1255 CTH DK, Namur, (LP)

26 Little Chapel of the Sacred Heart (Englebert/Rockendorf), Corner of Cemetery Road and CTH C, north of Brussels (OP)

27 St. Francis and St. Mary Grotto, St. Francis Catholic Cemetery, 9716 Cemetery Road, north of Brussels (OP)

28 Two Hearts Chapel (Moore), Dead End Road, northeast of Namur (PR)

29 Chapel of the Holy Family (Pierre), 1853 CTH N, Town of Union (not visible from road, use driveway) (OP)

30 St. Odile Chapel (Destree), 9780 Fox Lane (1/4 mile east CTH C), Town of Gardner (OP)

*not shown on map   July 2021

Map locations are approximate.

For GPS coordinates and updates visit
belgianchapels.org.

Owners and access restrictions are subject to change.

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