

WEBSTER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 1839-1978

- 1839. Adam Hiserodt leased one acre to the Penfield School Board for 999 years. Webster separated from Penfield in 1840.
- 1879. New one-room schoolhouse built to replace first schoolhouse.
- 1901. Second room and cloakroom added to schoolhouse.
- 1908. Patron's Association of #4 was formed; raised money with dances, socials, fairs, plays etc.; bought large school bell, obtained piano, built concrete steps and walk, filled in pond and more.



SECOND SCHOOLHOUSE, CIRCA 1910

- 1921. Patron's Association added a pavilion south of the schoolhouse for summer activities.
 - 1930. District bought school bus; added 1-1/2 acres; installed blackboards.
 - 1930-1957. Use as schoolhouse continued.
 - 1957. New Bay Road School opened; old schoolhouse part time as kindergarten.
 - 1963. Old schoolhouse used as 5th grade classroom pending completion of the DeWitt Road School.
 - 1967-1970. Served as kindergarten. Closed forever as schoolhouse in Jan. 1970.
 - 1970-1977. Used as Senior Center, Teen Center and various other purposes.
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HOLY CROSS ANGLICAN CHURCH

Holy Cross Anglican Church was established to maintain original Anglican (English) traditions and values.



FR. AMBUSKE BLESSES HOLY CROSS - 1978

- 1977. Joe and Joan Watson are looking for a potential church building. Seeing the unused schoolhouse they asked Webster School Board if it could be leased.
- 1978. Leasing is approved and renovations begin. Altar, pews and other items are obtained from other churches. First service conducted Sunday June 4.



FIRST SERVICE - JUNE 4, 1978

- 1979. Holy Cross purchases property from Webster School Board. Original school bell is discovered in belfry and is currently used.
- 1977-1980. Numerous renovations and improvements. Pews cut in half to provide center aisle.
- 1981. Sanctuary false ceiling removed, altar moved providing space for chancel, blackboards removed, walls plastered and painted, new ceiling fixtures installed and a new roof put on the building.
- 1982. Rector's office was created plus storage space for the Altar Guild.
- 1984. Began construction of a large addition and basement extending south from the rear of the building.
- 1985. Eugene Van Voorhis and his mother commission Marilyn Belle-Isle of Webster to design stained glass windows.
- 1987. Addition completed to use as Sunday School room, dining, meeting and place for special events. Handicapped access entry ramp and bathroom were included; kitchen was enlarged. Stained glass windows were installed for church's 10th anniversary.



HOLY CROSS ANGLICAN CHURCH TODAY

- 1989. Walker & Sons organ from St. Martins in the Field, England, was generously given by Eugene Van Voorhis. Schoolhouse washrooms were removed to accommodate the 500 pipes and front entrance opened to the sanctuary.
- 1994. A 1902 pulpit was found at a flea market, refinished, and placed in service.
- 2004. An additional 0.97 acres of land adjoining existing property was purchased for future use.
- 2010. Holy Cross honored with special recognition by the Webster Historical Society.

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Services: Sunday, 10 AM

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