



Archdiocese of Louisville
Cathedral of the Assumption
433 S. 5th St., 40202

Oct. 2023

Historic Summary

Church name (current)	Cathedral of the Assumption
Previous church name	On site of previous St. Louis Church
Address	433 S. 5th St.
City, State Zip	Louisville, KY 40202
Neighborhood	Downtown
County	Jefferson
Church construction date	1849-52; (tower/steeple, 1858, H. Whitestone)
Additions/renovations	Major interior renovation in 1990s?
Architectural style	Gothic Revival
Architect, if known	William Keeley (church)
Dates of other buildings	(1) Former school / office: 1867 (2) Rectory: 1902-05, D.X. Murphy (3) CIR Building /rear of rectory: ? (not on NRHP) (4) Patterson Educ. Center: 1965-71 (not on NRHP)
Do architectural plans already exist?	Unknown
Buildings listed on National Register?	Church, Rectory & School/Office – YES Education Building – NO
District/Site Name	Cathedral of the Assumption
Date listed	1977
NPS #	77000623
Link to NRHP form	https://catalog.archives.gov/id/123850478
Louisville Ind'l Landmark?	YES / Core Broadway Overlay District
Opportunity zone?	YES (Enterprise Zone)
WV site visit	8/9/23
Building inspection date	8/21/23 (AmeriSpec)



SCHOOL/OFFICE	Date or Age	Condition	Notes
Roof	Unk.	Standing seam metal: damaged ridge	SHELL- Replacing/repairing the roof protects the building
Windows		Fog/condensation in entry way window panes indicates broken seal; some windows difficult to operate	SHELL
Exterior shell		Cracked brick and mortar joints; peeling paint	SHELL - Tuckpointing protects the building
Interior		HVAC closet - signs of moisture	HEALTH/SAFETY
Heating system	Unk.	Gas forced air furnace; roof system not accessible	Recommend further evaluation
Cooling system	Unk.	Split air system	Recommend further evaluation
Electrical system		GFCI not present in first floor restrooms	Recommend further evaluation
Plumbing		Faucet leaks – 1st fl break room	Recommend further evaluation

School / Office: Approx. 8,200 square feet

EDUC. BLDG (not on NRHP)	Date or Age	Condition	Notes
Roof		EPDM rubber roof; no chimney rain cap	
Windows		(not inspected)	SHELL
Exterior shell		Caulking needed around building	SHELL
Interior		Damaged drywall in basement; moisture stains on ceiling tiles; asbestos floor tiles in basement; spacing between stairwell railings is greater than 4 inches	HEALTH/SAFETY
Heating system	Unk.	Circulating boiler; asbestos materials present	Recommend further evaluation
Cooling system	Unk.	Split air system	Recommend further evaluation
Electrical system		Not all receptacles are GFCI protected; replace battery in exit signs; Federal Pacific Electric panels (5) possibly unsafe due to reports that circuit breakers may fail to trip – see report	Recommend further evaluation
Plumbing system	20 yrs	Water heater reaching useful life	Recommend replacement

Patterson Education Center: Approx. 13,500 square feet



RECTORY	Date or Age	Condition	Notes
Roof	Unk.	Metal & roll roofing: granular loss/deterioration indicates end of life; evidence of gutters leaking; no vents / insulation in attic	SHELL – Replacing/repairing the roof & gutters protects the building – do this before tuckpointing
Windows		Window wood deterioration observed at rear of building	
Exterior shell		Deteriorating mortar at rear and on chimney (no chimney rain cap)	SHELL – Tuckpointing protects the building
Interior		Water damaged walls/ceilings at rear	HEALTH & SAFETY – address environmental issues like mold, etc.
Heating system	Unk.	Gas forced air furnace / circulating boiler	Recommend further evaluation
Cooling system	Unk.	Water chiller system	Recommend further evaluation
Electrical system		Exposed wires in attic	Recommend further evaluation
Plumbing system		Plumbing has mold/ water staining	Recommend further evaluation
Other: as built			May not be needed now if major work is not being planned

Rectory notes:

- Approx. 9,920 square feet
- If rectory is used as living quarters, health & safety issues should be addressed first

