

# History

The serious need for a hospital became apparent to the people of Harvey in 1910, when an association was formed and a stock company was organized for the purpose of building a hospital. Ground was broken January 23, 1913 and the hospital incorporated that year. The Harvey Hospital was opened March 23, 1914 by the Clark Brothers, assisted by Dr. Nugent and a woman doctor. The Hospital rendered efficient service but was short-lived due to financial difficulty.

The Harvey Hospital was reorganized in 1916 with a change of directors. Dr. Robert Reimche was in residence, assisted by Dr. Robb until the death of Dr. Reimche in 1918. The Hospital management was then assumed by Dr. Titzel, a surgeon from Des Moines, Iowa, but without success and the hospital was closed. The building came into use, first, as an apartment house, and then for classrooms for the Harvey Public School.

Dr. John J. Seibel, re-opened the building as a private hospital in 1927 and continued until the early 1930's, when it was operated as the Lutheran Good Samaritan Hospital. In June 1938, the stockholders offered the hospital for sale to the Reverend Charles A Eck, Pastor of the St. Cecelia Catholic Church.

After deciding to accept the offer of the stockholders, the Sisters took charge in the morning of October 16, 1938, and the hospital has successfully served the community since that time. Their desire was to respond to community needs and heal as Jesus heals. SMP took over the operation of the existing hospital building opened in 1910. The first baby born in the new establishment was Duane Holzer of Manfred, ND, on October 18, 1938.

Where many others had failed, the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation have operated the hospital as a vital service to the area, embracing many towns in numerous counties with infallible faith, and devotion to the sick, without regard to race or creed.

In 1943, the hospital was enlarged and improved to meet the existing needs and demands of both the Harvey community, plus surrounding areas.

In 1958, a new 51-bed hospital was built and dedicated, while the old building was converted into a nursing home.

A new extended care facility was built with 56 beds and dedicated in 1974.

In 1978, a new clinic was dedicated.

In 1979 construction of a new intermediate care facility to house 60 residents was completed and dedicated.

In December of 1989, a 6 unit congregate housing unit was built. This congregate housing meets the needs of those elderly residents who can live on their own with a small level of support. In 1994, St. Aloisius Medical Center added a 10 unit congregate housing unit.

Currently, 106 extended care beds are licensed as skilled care and there are 25 beds licensed for acute care under the Critical Access Hospital status.

An onsite daycare center especially for employee's children was opened in 2002.

In April of 2005 a grant was received for the addition of Cardiac Rehab which was later expanded to be used as a Wellness Center for both St. Aloisius staff and the community.

In August of 2006 the GIFT campaign was completed which raised over \$1,200,000 which was used for the addition to the front of St. Aloisius Medical Center. That project brought a new Emergency Room, Radiology Department, front lobby and Business Office, along with a new look to the front of our facility. A new CT scanner was installed in August 2007. During 2008, a sprinkler system was installed throughout the hospital and long term care areas.

Lab moved to the Outpatient Service Center (old clinic next to the hospital building) in November 2008 allowing more room for equipment and patient laboratory services.

The old Laboratory and Radiology area was renovated to include a new OR waiting/Staff Lounge and expansion of the Wellness Center in early 2009.

Early 2010 brought a new electronic sign which was installed at the front of St. Aloisius on Brewster Street.