

SISTER M. CHARLES BERNERT NUMBER 5
DATE OF DEATH: NOVEMBER 15, 1877
DATE OF BIRTH: NOVEMBER 22, 1849

On the 15th of November, 1877, Sister M. Charles Bernert, a perpetual professed member, died at the Motherhouse at the age of nearly 28 in the 8th year of her religious life. Sister Charles was a faithful religious and a very zealous and successful teacher, especially at primary work in which she was employed at St. John's School in Joliet during the first few years of her teaching career.

Sister Charles was the first victim of consumption in the Community which had existed 14 years and now numbered over 100 members.

N.B.: Sister Charles was our first Sister buried in St. John Cemetery, Joliet.

P.S.: Sister Charles had two sisters in the Congregation: Sister Adelaide, who died in 1882, and Sister Aloysia, who died in 1883. These Sisters were the Great-Aunts of Mother Borromeo Mack. In 1979 the Bernert family gave Mother Borromeo a large framed needlepoint tapestry of St. Joseph that had been with the family through the century. The early Sisters had designed, stitched and framed these art pieces. This one and two others are on display in the Heritage Room.