



The following is the finding aid for the St. Mary Help of Christians Parish, West Allis collection located at the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Archives. A finding aid is a catalog tool used in archives that briefly describes the material found in a collection. These records are not available digitally unless otherwise noted.

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St. Mary Help of Christians Congregation (West Allis, Wis.)

Records, 1904-2007

MC 178

Volume

14.2 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted except for general ledgers, parishioner registration cards, prenuptial files and student files.

Historical Note

St. Mary Help of Christians was founded in 1904 after Archbishop Sebastian Messmer requested Father Alois Kastigar to organize a parish for the Slovenian people of Milwaukee. On May 27, 1904 the congregation was formally incorporated under the laws of the State of Wisconsin. The parish was provided a church building with a rectory at 5th and Walnut in Milwaukee where they remained until 1907 when a new church was built in West Allis. The completed church was blessed on May 31, 1908 by Bishop James Trobec and remained the parish's home until a new church was built in 1967.

In 1948, a school was constructed with classrooms for grades 1-8. The first classes were taught in 1949 by three sisters from the Congregation of St. Agnes. Due to increasing costs and declining enrollment, the school closed after the 1993 school year.

For a number of years the parish was home to the Tridintine Mass community, but due to demographic trends, declining membership, and depleted financial reserves, the church closed in 2007. The final Mass was celebrated on February 18, 2007.

Scope and Content *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*

This collection contains various records concerning both the church and the school including membership cards and other parishioner registries, class lists, correspondence, parish meeting and board of directors meeting minutes, financial records, announcements/bulletins from 1938-2005, historical information, as well as building information for the church, convent, and school buildings, including information regarding asbestos removal that was conducted in the 1980s.

Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders are listed alphabetically. "B" is an abbreviation for box and "F" is an abbreviation for folder. This list will help the researcher narrow down exactly what folder they want to look at.*

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 1	F 1	Appraisals/Inspections, 1998
B 1	F 2	Articles of Incorporation (copies) and bylaws; 1904-1906, 1994
B 1	F 3	Asbestos employee notifications, 1989-1991
B 1	F 4	Asbestos EPA compliance, 1987-1998
B 1	F 5	Asbestos EPA fine, 1985
B 1	F 6	Asbestos information letters to parents, 1988-1991
B 1	F 7	Asbestos management plan
B 1	F 8	Asbestos reinspection report, 1992
B 1	F 9	Asbestos removal, 1985-2003
B 1	F 10	Asbestos removal letters to comply, 1985
B 1	F 11	Asbestos reports, 1980-1988
B 1	F 12	Board of Directors special meeting, 1937
B 1	F 13	Board of Trustees minutes, 1939-1941
B 1	F 14	Boy Scouts
B 1	F 15-17	Bulletins/announcements, 1938
B 2	F 1-7	Bulletins/announcements, 1941-1947
B 3	F 1-6	Bulletins/announcements, 1948-1953
B 4	F 1-6	Bulletins/announcements, 1954-1959
B 5	F 1-10	Bulletins, 1960-1969
B 6	F 1-10	Bulletins, 1970-1979
B 7	F 1-11	Bulletins, 1980-1986
B 8	F 1-16	Bulletins, 1990-2005
B 9	F 1	Burial permits, 1949-1968
B 9	F 2	Certificates of insurance, 1949-2001
B 9	F 3	Class lists, 1951/1952-1959/1960
B 9	F 4	Class lists, 1960/1961-1969/1970
B 9	F 5	Class lists, 1970/1971-1971/1972, 1989/1990
B 9	F 6	Convent property
B 9	F 7-15	Correspondence, 1939-1947
B 10	F 1-10	Correspondence, 1948-1957
B 10	F 11	Deeds, titles, mortgages, conveyances; 1949, 1966-1967, 1980-1999
B 10	F 12	EWA minutes, 1996-1997
B 11	F 1-7	Financial statements, annual, 1910-1959
B 12	F 1-4	Financial statements, annual, 1960-2003
B 12	F 5	Financial statements, ledger book; 1943-1963
B 12	F 6	General ledgers, 1972-1974 (restricted)
B 12	F 7	General ledgers, 1945-1977 (restricted)
B 12	F 8	General ledgers, 1980-1981 (restricted)
B 13	F 1-4	General ledgers, 1942-1955 (restricted)
B 14	F 1-9	General ledgers, 1983-2004 (restricted)
B 15	F 1	Historical
B 15	F 2	Holy Name Society minutes, 1948-1952
B 15	F 3	Holy Name Society minutes, 1952-1956
B 15	F 4	Parish Council mission, bylaws, constitution, members
B 15	F 5	Parish meeting minutes, 1939-1944

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B 15	F 6	Parish meeting minutes, 1946
B 15	F 7	Parish meeting minutes, 1948-1949
B 15	F 8	Parish meeting minutes, 1950-1955
B 15	F 9	Parish meeting minutes, 1956-1957
B 15	F 10	Parish meeting minutes, 1958-1961
B 15	F 11	Parish meeting minutes, 1962-1965
B 16	F 1	Parish meeting minutes, 1966-1969
B 16	F 2	Parish meeting minutes, 1975-1979
B 16	F 3	Parish meeting minutes, 1989-1994
B 16	F 4	Parish meeting minutes, 1996
B 16	F 5	Parish meeting minutes, 1997
B 16	F 6	Parish meeting minutes, 1998
B 16	F 7	Parish meeting minutes, 1999-2001
B 16	F 8	Parish meeting minutes, 2002-2004
B 16	F 9	Parish meeting minutes, 2005
B 16	F 10	Parish meeting minutes, 2006-2007
B 16	F 11	Parishioner lists, 1994-2003
B 16	F 12	Parishioner lists, 2003-2007
B 18-21		Parishioner registration cards, A-Z (restricted)
B 16	F 13	Proxies, 1955-2004
B 16	F 14	School board
B 17	F 1	School building, contract and specifications
B 17	F 2	School liens, costs
B 28		School Records, Teacher personnel files (restricted)
B 25-27		School Transcripts (restricted)
B 17	F 3	Status animarum (parish annual report), 1933-1949
B 17	F 4	Status animarum (parish annual report), 1950-1959
B 17	F 5	Status animarum (parish annual report), 1960-1969
B 17	F 6	Status animarum (parish annual report), 1970-1979
B 17	F 7	Status animarum (parish annual report), 1980-1989
B 17	F 8	Status animarum (parish annual report), 1990-1999
B 17	F 9	Status animarum (parish annual report), 2000-2006