



*The following is the finding aid for the St. Stanislaus Kostka Literary and Debating Society 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.*

[Researchers must make an appointment with an archivist to view the material.](#)

**St. Stanislaus Kostka Literary and Debating Society (St. Francis Seminary)  
Records, 1882-1963  
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**Volume**

1.6 cubic feet

**Access**

Open/unrestricted.

**Historical Note**

This student organization was founded by twelve Polish students on November 1, 1882. Father John Rodowicz, pastor of St. Hedwig's, was elected as its first president.

The object of this society was to interest students in Polish and help them learn the language. The society held weekly exercises, such as lectures, essays, and debates. The society also had a library containing a large number of works of Polish literature.

**Scope and Content**

Minute and membership books; record books which contain minutes, membership list, programs, photographs, newspaper clippings, and correspondence; financial records; a twenty-fifth anniversary book; programs; library materials. This St. Francis Seminary student organization collection is predominantly in Polish, but by the 1950s minutes in the record book begin to be written in English.

**Box and Folder List** *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged 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.*

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
B 1	F 1	Constitution; Honorary Members, 1884-1902
B 1	F 2	Constitution; Honorary Members, 1906-1922
B 1	F 3	Correspondence, 1891-1961
B 1	F 4	Financial Materials - Miscellaneous
B 1	F 5	Library Catalogs
B 1	F 6	Library Record
B 1	F 7	Meeting Summaries, 1907-1932
B 1	F 8	Minutes and Members, 1882-1893
B 2	F 1	Minutes and Members, 1893-1897
B 2	F 2	Minutes and Members, 1897-1906
B 2	F 3	Minutes and Members, 1906-1923
B 2	F 4	Minutes and Members, 1915-1923

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
B 2	F 5	Minutes, Research notes from Peter Leo Johnson collection
B 2	F 6	Miscellaneous Materials
B 2	F 7	Programs, 1892-1957
B 3	F 1	Records, 1923-1948
B 3	F 2	Records, 1948-1961
B 4	F 1	Student Essays, 1910
B 4	F 2	Treasurer's Records, 1906-1924
B 4	F 3	Treasurer's Record, 1924-1963
B 4	F 4	Twenty-fifth anniversary book, 1882-1907