



The following is the finding aid for the Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish, Milwaukee 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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Ss. Cyril and Methodius Congregation (Milwaukee, Wis.)

Records, 1893-1975

MC 44

Volume

5 cubic feet

Administrative Note

The Polish Roman Catholic parish of Ss. Cyril and Methodius was organized in May 1893 by Fr. John Szulaski and some 300 members of the southern part of St. Hyacinth's congregation. Fr. Szukalski was named the first pastor of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, and oversaw the construction of a church building, parish school, and residences for himself and the School Sisters of Notre Dame, who taught in the school. The buildings are located in the area bounded by S. 15th and S. 16th Streets and W. Windlake Ave.

Throughout its history, Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church has been one of the largest and most vigorous in the Milwaukee Polish community. A new school building and church hall were constructed and dedicated in 1960.

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

Although the records of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Church are by no means complete, the financial records are quite comprehensive and informative. Printed financial reports ("sprawozdanie") listing names of individual parishioners with their annual donations to the church, summaries of church receipts and disbursements, and an occasional pastoral letter exist from 1905 to 1974, with two minor gaps in the series. Until 1953, these financial reports were written primarily in Polish. Detailed records of church receipts and disbursements may be found in the cash books, 1893-1908, 1922-1958, some of which contain printed summaries similar to those described above; a journal, 1959; and a receipt book for construction of the rector's residence, 1905-1954. Individual and family donations to the various church funds are recorded in the parish donations ledgers and volumes listing pew rents. In addition to weekly offerings, these ledgers at times also recorded pew rents, totals of Sunday and special collections, and donations to central heating, painting, and organ funds. Some volumes also give the addresses of prisoners. Together, the financial records permit the tracing of individuals and families of Ss. Cyril and Methodius from one generation to the next, and provide a picture of the development and growth of the parish.

Other records in the collection include folders of minutes of meetings of the board of directors and of the parish. The minutes of the board date from the decision to found the parish in 1893 to 1909, and primarily record the board's efforts to secure bank loans for new construction during these early years of the parish. In addition, there are a register of sick calls made by the priests, two volumes of Mass intentions and announcements to be made to the congregation, and an unidentified, undated volume, which appears to list the names of individuals who received chances or raffle tickets to sell and the

number of tickets taken and returned. There is also a comprehensive collection of weekly bulletins of church services, 1948-1967, 1971-1975.

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, “V” is an abbreviation for volume, and “F” is an abbreviation for folder. This list will help the researcher narrow down exactly what folder they want to look at.*

Box/ Volume	Folder	Folder Title
V 1		Cash books, 1893-1908 (includes balance sheets, summaries)
V 2		Cash books, 1922-1923 (includes sprawozdania, and envelope collections, 1934-1949 (incomplete)
V 3		Cash books, 1923-1939
V 4		Cash books, 1929-1933 (includes sprawozdania)
V 5		Cash books, 1941-1946
V 6		Cash books, 1947-1952
V 7		Cash books, 1952
V 8		Cash books, 1953-1958
B 1	F 3-8	Financial Reports (Sprawozdanie), 1905, 1908-1919, 1924-1974
V 25		Journal, 1959
V 27		Mass Intentions and Announcements, June 1945-November 1946
V 28		Mass Intentions and Announcements, November 1946-April 1948
B 4	F 5	Miscellany, 1946-1960
B 1	F 9	Miscellaneous Financial Records, 1893-1955
B 1	F 1	Minutes of Board of Directors Meetings (English), 1893-1909
B 1	F 2	Minutes of Parish Meetings (Polish), 1906-1945
V 10		Parish Donations, 1893-1908
V 11		Parish Donations, 1907-February 1911
V 12		Parish Donations, January 1923-April 1924
V 13		Parish Donations, May 1924-March 1926
V 14		Parish Donations, March 1926-March 1928
V 15		Parish Donations, March 1928-December 1931
V 16		Parish Donations, January 1932-December 1934
V 17		Parish Donations, January 1935-April 1937
V 18		Parish Donations, January 1946-May 1949
V 19		Parish Donations, June 1949-December 1952
V 20		Parish Donations, January 1953-December 1956
V 21		Pew Rents, 1904-1909 (includes Receipts and Disbursements, by month, for 1901)
V 22		Pew Rents, 1909-1920
V 23		Pew Rents, 1921-1922
V 24		Pew Rents, 1923-1949
V 9		Receipt book for construction of Rector's residence, 1905-1954 (additional receipts located in box 1, folder 9)
V 26		Sick Call Register, 1939-1950
V 29		Unidentified volume, possibly a record of a raffle, n.d.
B 2	F 1-9	Weekly bulletins, 1948-1961
B 3	F 1-7	Weekly bulletins, 1962-1967, 1971
B 4	F 1-4	Weekly bulletins, 1972-1976