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**St. Boniface Congregation (Milwaukee, Wis.)
Records, 1912-1994
MC 81**

Access

Open/unrestricted except for marriage case files, student records, and certain financial records

Historical Note

St. Boniface was founded in 1888 by German immigrants. The parish school was organized shortly thereafter. By May 1890 the school had 302 pupils. The parish continued to prosper throughout the 1920's and 30's. The parish census of 1938 counted 4,512 parishioners. In the 1950's-70's the ethnic and racial makeup of St. Boniface's neighborhood changed. African-Americans came to predominate. In the 1960's, with the active involvement of Rev. Eugene Bleidorn and Rev. James Groppi, St. Boniface became a focal point of the civil rights movement in Milwaukee. By the 1990's church membership had dwindled. On October 31, 1994, St. Boniface officially closed.

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

The collection contains parish and some school and day care records of a Roman Catholic Church on the north side of Milwaukee. The parish records consist of church bulletins, financial records, and parish council records. Day care records consist of correspondence and policies. School records consist primarily of attendance records. The collection contains some nice photographs.

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.*

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 18	F 2	Archdiocesan financial reports, 1921-1947 (restricted)
B 1	F 1	Bonifest, 1978
B 1	F 2	Boys' choir, 1933-1934
B 1	F 3	Broadcast of Masses, 1936-1948
B 25	F 1	Bylaws, 1954-1977
B 1	F 4	Census reports, 1937, 1970, 1971
B 1	F 5	Christmas messages, 1931, 1933-1935
B 1	F 6-9	Church bulletins, 1938-March 1946
B 2	F 1-6	Church bulletins, March 1946-Jun 1975
B 3	F 1-4	Church bulletins, June 1976-1979
B 4	F 1-6	Church bulletins, 1980-1985
B 5	F 1	Church bulletins, Jan 1986-Dec 1987
B 5	F 2	Church bulletins, Jan 1987-Nov 1987
B 5	F 9	Church bulletins, July 1993-June 1994
B 5	F 3	Community Day Coalition, 1977-1978

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B 5	F 4-7	Correspondence, 1971-1994
B 5	F 8	Credit Union Bd. of Directors, minutes, 1937-1940
B 6	F 1	Credit Union Bd. of Directors, minutes, 1941-1943
B 6	F 2	Day care contracts/agreements/applications, 1977, 1982
B 6	F 3-6	Day care correspondence, 1975-1983
B 6	F 7	Day care financial information, 1975-1983 (restricted)
B 6	F 8	Day care financial reports, 1979-1980 (restricted)
B 7	F 1-3	Day care financial reports, 1981-1983 (restricted)
B 7	F 4	Day care leases, 1949-1988
B 7	F 5	Day care operation, 1977-1983
B 7	F 6-7	Day care policies
B 7	F 8-9	Day care purchase contracts, 1973-1979
B 8	F 1-3	Day care purchase contracts, 1980-1983
B 8	F 4	Day care rent, 1980-1981
B 8	F 5	Day care reports, 1974-1983
B 8	F 6-7	Financial records (parish), 1901-1984 incomplete (restricted)
B 18	F 3	Financial records, Dec 1935-July 1947 (restricted)
B 9		Financial ledger, 1966-1973 (restricted)
B 10		Golden anniversary booklets, 1938
B 10	F 2	Historical notes, 1938-1993
B 10	F 3	Insurance, 1978-1981
B 25	F 2-3	Insurance, 1982-1993
B 10	F 4	Leases, 1967, 1976
B 11		Ledgers, 1888-1993 (restricted)
B 12	F 1	Parish council minutes, May 1893-March 1953
B 12	F 2	Parish council documents, 1924?-1985?
B 12	F 3-5	Parish council minutes, 1980-1994
B 12	F 6	Parishioner list, 1980s?
B 12	F 7-8	Photo album, 1932-1963
B 12	F 9	Photo album, school dedication, 1955
B 16	F 1	Photos, Altar boys/ushers, 1948-1982, incomplete
B 16	F 2	Photos, Banners, c. 1975
B 16	F 3	Photos, Boys' choir, 1925, 1949
B 16	F 4	Photos, Buildings, early years
B 16	F 5	Photos, Classes, undated (includes baby class)
B 16	F 6	Photos, Classes, 1891-1941, incomplete
B 16	F 7	Photos, Classes, 1962/1963
B 16	B 8	Photos, Events, undated
B 16	F 9	Photos, Events, 1890-1938, incomplete
B 16	F 10	Photos, First Communion, 1892-1990, incomplete
B 16	F 11	Photos, Jubilee year, 1963
B 16	F 12	Photos, Jubilee year, 1963
B 16	F 13	Photos, Nuns, n.d.
B 16	F 14	Photos, Other representative photos
B 16	F 15	Photos, Picnics
B 16	F 16	Photos, St. Vincent de Paul Society ?
B 13	F 1	St. Boniface mortgage, 1954
B 13	F 2	St. Boniface Quarterly Review, 1924, 1925, 1928, 1932
B 13	F 3	St. Boniface Quarterly Review, minutes, 1923-1926

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 13	F 4	Sale of St. Boniface property, 1974
B 13	F 5-7	School attendance records, 1912-1932 (restricted)
B 13	F 8	School attendance, 1920-1927 (restricted)
B 14	F 1-10	School attendance, teacher's daily record, 1922-1932 (restricted)
B 14	F 11-18	School attendance, 1932-1942, n.d. (restricted)
B 15	F 1	School building committee, 1954-1964
B 15	F 2	School correspondence/reports, 1955-1985, incomplete
B 15	F 3	School, list of graduates, 1929-1970
B 15	F 4	School purchases
B 17		Scrapbook: CYO activities, 1946-1948
B 15	F 5	Spiritual/financial reports, 1924-1955, incomplete
B 25	F 4	Statistics, 1979-1989
B 18	F 1	Status Animarum, 1938, 1942
B 25	F 5	Status Animarum, 1974-1992
B 15	F 6	Taxes, 1977-1983 (restricted)
B 25	F 6	Young & Gifted Teaching Center, 1992-1993