



The following is the finding aid for the St. Nicholas 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. [Genealogists should consult our genealogical resources guide.](#) [Researchers must make an appointment with an archivist to view the material.](#)

**St. Nicholas Congregation (Milwaukee, Wis.)
Records, 1935-1992
MC 92**

Volume
14.35 cubic feet

Access
Open/unrestricted except for marriage case files, payroll records, and student transcripts.

Historical Note
St. Nicholas parish was founded in 1933 as a mission church. The land that was purchased for the parish included a tinsmith's shop. The small "tin-shop" church was furnished with donations from several neighborhood parishes.

Fr. Stehling believed deeply in the importance of Catholic education so he moved the parish to its new location on Green Bay Avenue and began building the grade school. The school opened in 1950 with 106 students and four School Sisters of Notre Dame. Masses were held in the basement of the church until a new church could be built in 1956, the same year it obtained parish status.

The parish council was formed in 1974, and throughout the 1970s and 1980s several new organizations and committees were formed. By 1990 the number of parishioners was down to 750. In 1992, the parish merged with Holy Redeemer and St. Albert to form Blessed Trinity Parish. In 2011, Blessed Trinity merged into St. Catherine (51st & Center) in Milwaukee.

Scope and Content *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*
The collection consists of records of a northside Milwaukee parish that was founded in 1933 and merged with two other parishes (St. Albert Congregation, Holy Redeemer Congregation) in 1992. Strengths of the collection include parish bulletins (1963-1992) and parish council minutes (1978-1992).

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 1	F 1	Anniversary (50th)
B 1	F 2	Building plans, 1950s-1970s
B 1	F 3	Building plans, convent and school alterations
B 1	F 4	Building plans, parish, 1950s-1970s
B 1	F 5	Building plans, reports, school, 1950s
B 1	F 6	Building plans, reports, school addition, 1961

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B 2		Building plans, "Specifications for addition to school building; St. Nicholas Congregation, 1959
B 3		Bulletins, 1963-1969, 1972-1975
B 4		Bulletins, 1975-1980
B 5		Bulletins, 1981-1985
B 6		Bulletins, 1986-1990
B 7		Bulletins, 1991-1992, 1994
B 8	F 1	Christian Mothers Sodality, meeting minutes, 1935-1942
B 8	F 2	Directory, 1980s
B 8	F 3	Financial information, miscellaneous
B 8	F 4-7	Financial statements, general ledger/balance sheets, 1978/1979-1981/1982
B 12		Financial Information, misc.
B 9	F 1	Newspaper, "St. Nicholas Grapevine", 1974-1979
B 9	F 2	Newspaper, "St. Nicholas Grapevine", 1980-1984
B 12		Parish calendars, 1930s
B 9	F 3	Parish council, 1970s
B 9	F 4	Parish council minutes, 1978-1982
B 10	F 1-6	Parish council minutes, 1982-1988
B 11	F 1-2	Parish council minutes, 1990-1992
B 11	F 3	Parish council minutes, notes, 1970s
B 11	F 4	Parish officers meeting minutes, 1933-1973
B 11	F 5-8	Payroll records, 1978-1982 (restricted)
B 24		Personnel Records (restricted)
B 11	F 9	Photographs, articles & miscellaneous, 1950s-1980s
B 12		Prayerbook, 1800s
B 12		Print, "Old St. Nicholas Church"
B 11	F 10	Stehling, Rev. Joseph R.
B 18-23		Student Transcripts (restricted)
B 12		Unidentified volume in German