



The following is the finding aid for the St. Joseph 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. Joseph Congregation (West Allis, Wis.)
Records, 1906-1999
MC 113**

Volume

8.35 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted except for the marriage files and some financial records.

Historical Note

St. Joseph's Church West Allis was organized by Rev. Joseph Knitter in 1906 in response to a growing Polish population in the area. In November of 1906 Polish families were called to Holy Assumption Parish Hall and a Parish committee was formed. In 1907 the Articles of Incorporation were written and signed. The first Church building was built in 1909. A convent and a school were also built in 1909. Rev. Anthony Kierzek was appointed the first pastor in 1908. The parish rectory was built in 1914. The congregation continued to grow and in 1924 a new Church was built in response to the needs of the Parish. In 1949 the interior was renovated. The Parish celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1960. Final Mass was celebrated on June 27, 1999.

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

The records of St. Joseph Church consist of parish records and parish society records. The first series contains records related to the administration of the parish. There are administrative records including articles of incorporation and by-laws, Parish council records, financial reports, and status animarum (annual) reports. There are also records related to the parish building, the convent, and the school. There are a few photographs of the interior of the Church. There are bulletins from 1946-1996 (some years missing). Two member indexes (one early and one later) are also included in the series.

The second series contains records related to organizations and activities of the Parish. This series consists mostly of meeting minutes of the Holy Name Society, The Christian Mothers Society, The Home and School Association and the Sodality of Our Lady.

Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders are listed alphabetically by series. "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
<i>Series 1: Administrative Records</i>		
B 4	F 1	90 th Anniversary Plate, 1999
B 1	F 1-5	Annual Reports (financial reports to parish), 1925-1975 (missing 1956)

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 11		Architectural Blueprints, Floor plans
B 11		Architectural Blueprints, Heating System
B 1	F 6	Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, 1994-1995
B 1	F 7	Biography, Rev. James Posanski, 1998
B 4		Board of Directors, Meeting Minutes, 1906-1946
B 1	F 8-9	Building and Grounds Committee, 1984-1995
B 2	F 1	Building Expenses, 1924-1925
B 5	F 1	Bulletins, 1946
B 6	F 1-6	Bulletins, 1946-1951
B 5	F 2-9	Bulletins, 1951-1958
B 5		Bulletins (Bound), 1983-1996 (missing 1993, 1995)
B 1	F 10	Closing Correspondence, 1996-1999
B 1	F 11	Conrad Schmitt Studios Inc., Architectural Proposal, 1984
B 1	F 12	Day Care Center, 1984-1999
B 1	F 13	El Salvador Mission, 1992-1993
B 1	F 14	Enhancement Program, 1996-1997
B 2	F 2	Furniture Contracts, 1984
B 1	F 15	High Rollers Trip, 1999
B 1	F 16	Historical Data, 1940
B 1	F 17	Historical Data, 1961-1979
B 1	F 18	Hospital Chaplains, 1994-1996
B 1	F 19	Insurance, 1933-1935
B 1	F 20	Insurance, 1975-1979
B 1	F 21	Insurance, 1986-1995
B 2	F 3	Land Survey, 1978-1984
B 1	F 22	Legal Records and Settlements, 1966-1967
B 8		Member Indexes
B 1	F 23	Neighboring Parish Meeting, 1991-1995
B 1	F 24	Parish Celebrations, 1935-1999
B 1	F 25	Parish Convent, 1978-1995
B 1	F 26	Parish Convent, Contracts, 1961
B 1	F 27	Parish Council, By-Laws and Mission, n.d.
B 2	F 4	Parishioner's Donations, 1910-1917
B 2	F 5	Parishioner's Donations, 1924-1938
B 2	F 6	Parishioner's Donations, 1928-1937
B 2	F 7	Parishioner's Donations, 1933-1938
B 11		Pew Rents, 1925-1939
B 1	F 28	Photographs, Easter Decorations, 1993
B 1	F 29	Photographs, General, n.d.
B 1	F 30	Planning and Collaboration Office, Demographic Analysis, 1996
B 1	F 31	Sangre de Christo, 1988
B 7		Scrapbook, Bulletins, 1958-1961
B 2	F 8	Secretary's Day Book, 1939-1942
B 2	F 9	Secretary's Day Book, 1942-1944
B 2	F 10	Stanley A. Rypel, Architect, Specifications for the Parish, 1961
B 1	F 32-33	Status Animarum (parish annual report), 1970-1992
B 1	F 34-35	Tax Exemption, 1962-1998
B 1	F 36	Wavier and Proxy Forms, 1984-1995

Box	Folder	Folder Title
<i>Series 2: Organizations and Activities</i>		
B 4		The Christian Mothers Society, Meeting Minutes, 1960-1970
B 4		The Christian Mothers Society, Meeting Minutes, 1970-1984
B 4		The Christian Mothers Society, Meeting Minutes, 1984-1998
B 4		Holy Name Society, Meeting Minutes, 1924-1932
B 4		Holy Name Society, Meeting Minutes, 1932-1939
B 10	F 1	Home and School Association, By-Laws, 1954-1963
B 10	F 2	Home and School Association, Correspondence, 1955-1964
B 10	F 3	Home and School Association, Expense Book, 1954-1964
B 10	F 4	Home and School Association, Meeting Minutes, 1954-1958
B 10	F 5	Home and School Association, Meeting Minutes, 1958-1963
B 10	F 6	Home and School Association, Meeting Minutes, 1961-1963
B 10	F 7	Sodality of Our Lady, Meeting Minutes, 1939-1941
B 10	F 8	Parish Bazaar, 1939
B 10	F 9	United Societies of St. Joseph, 1940
<i>Series 3: Financial Records</i>		
B 3	F 1	Archdiocesan Assessment, 1994-1999
B 2	F 2	Archdiocesan Audit, 1988-1990
B 3	F 3	Archdiocesan Audit, 1994
B 4		Financial, Expense Reports, 1911-1938
B 4		Financial, Income Reports, 1911-1921
B 7		Financial Records, 1958-1964
B 7		Financial Records, 1965-1974
B 7		Financial Records, 1975-1983
B 4		Financial Records Ledger, 1929-1935
B 3	F 4	Financial Report (to Archdiocese), 1926-1944
B 3	F 5	Financial Report (to Archdiocese), 1944-1958
B 3	F 6	Financial Report (to Archdiocese), 1958-1969
B 9		General Ledgers, 1985-1999
B 9		Pastor Account Book, 1937-1942
B 9		Pastor Account Book, 1948-1952
B 9		Pastor Account Book, 1953-1957
B 9		Pastor Account Book, 1958-1963
B 9		Pastor Account Book, 1963-1968
B 9		Pastor Account Book, 1974-1979
B 9		Pastor Account Book, 1979-1984
B 9		Pastor Account Book, 1985-1989
B 9		Pastor Account Book, 1994-1999
B 3	F 7	Payroll Records, 1991-1999