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**St. George Congregation (Kenosha, Wis.)
Records, 1890-1999
MC 123**

Volume

22.7 cubic feet

Access

Open/Unrestricted except for annual financial statements, payroll records and marriage case files.

Historical Note

St. George was founded in 1849 by about 30 German Catholic families who wanted a German parish to worship at. A small frame church was built in 1851, which served the parish until a new brick church was built in 1866. The church and school were destroyed by a fire in 1875. A larger brick church was built in 1877. In 1950 another fire caused significant damage to the school hall. In 1965 the 90 year old school building was demolished to make way for a more modern building. In 1975 the convent closed and the building became the CCD center. The parish council formed in 1973. In 1981 the 3 year Renew Program started, which resulted in the prayer Network and Social Faith groups. Adult religious education classes were organized in the 1980s. In 1983 the food pantry was set up and shared by the Community Concerns Committee, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and the Lincoln Neighborhood Center.

The school was established shortly after the parish was founded. The School Sisters of Notre Dame came to the school in 1858. In 1944, St. George became the first Catholic school to have a complete Junior High School when it added the 9th grade, but this was discontinued in 1955. In 1986 St. George and St. Casimir discussed consolidating their schools, but a satisfactory arrangement couldn't be reached and St. George closed its school in 1987.

Land for the cemetery was first purchased in 1854. The original cemetery appeared to have been on Washington Road, but was abandoned and forgotten soon after. It was only discovered after excavations for a new grocery store revealed human remains. It is unclear when the original cemetery ceased to be used and the new one on Lakeshore drive was purchased. In 1938 a building was erected near the entrance to the cemetery which had administrative offices, garages, room for equipment, and living quarters for the undertaker.

St. Casimir and St. George merged January 1, 2000 to form St. Elizabeth Parish.

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

This collection is divided into five series: Administrative, Organizations, Parish Council & Committees, School, and Marriage Case Files.

The Administrative Series includes financial records, Status Animarum, Sunday Bulletins, anniversary programs and photographs of the interior of St. George.

Organizational records contain information about the Catholic Order of Foresters and the Holy Name Society. The Catholic Order of Foresters was a mutual benefits society. St. George's C.O.F. chapter, Heiss Court 159, was established in 1890. Membership Assessment Dues were recorded three times: first at a monthly meeting, then into an individual account ledger and finally a printed statement from the Chicago, IL headquarters. Also included are meeting minutes (1892-1906 in German), ceremonial handbooks and histories. The Holy Name Society records include minutes, cash books and meeting invitations.

The Parish Council & Committees Series records include meeting minutes from 1973-1995. With each meeting minutes are the corresponding committee reports and minutes. These committees include: financial, RENEW, liturgy, building & grounds, and community concerns.

The School Series records include meeting minutes from the Education Committee and the Kenosha Area School/Education Task Force. The Home and School Association Records are also included which consist of minutes, cash books and a three volume scrapbook with photographs, letters, and histories.

Box and Folder List *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders are listed 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
<i>Series 1: Administrative</i>		
B 31	F 1	Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, 1891, 1898, undated
B 31	F 2	Asbestos Report, 1995
B 1	F 1	Board of Trustees, minutes, 1923-1939
B 31	F 3	Budgets, 1980-1986 (restricted)
B 35	F 1	Bulletins, 1957, 1963-1965, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1988, 1997
B 4	F 3-6	Bulletins, 1972-1976
B 5	F 1-4	Bulletins, 1976-1980
B 31	F 4	Catholic Stewardship Appeal Gift Reports, 1992-1995, 1997
B 31	F 9	Corporation Meetings, 1976-1977, 1980-1983
B 31	F 10	Corporation Meetings, 1984, 1986-1987, 1989
B 31	F 11	Donation Records, 1982, 1986, 1992, 1995-1998 (restricted)
B 1	F 2-7	Finance, general ledger, 1991-1996 (restricted)
B 1	F 8	Financial Statements, annual, 1975-1979, 1981-1982, 1987-1992
B 1	F 9	Financial Statements, annual, 1993-1998
B 2	F 1	History, anniversaries, 1951; 1976; 1991
B 2	F 2-4	Insurance Appraisal Reports, 1983-1997, missing 1985, 1992
B 31	F 16	Miscellaneous, 1991, 1995, undated
B 32	F 1-5	Parish Census Records, ca. 1987, A-R
B 33	F 1-2	Parish Census Records, ca. 1987, S-Z
B 33	F 4	Parish Directories, 1984, 1991
B 35	F 3	Parish histories, 1937, 1952, 1988, undated
B 2	F 5	Parish Magazine Volume III., 1929-1930
B 3	F 1	Parish Magazine Volume IV, 1930-1931
B 3	F 2	Parish Magazine Volume V & VI, 1932-1934

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B 37	F 1-26	Parish personnel records (restricted)
B 3	F 3	Payroll and salaries, 1981-1994 (restricted)
B 3	F 4	Photographs, Christmas [n.d]
B 33	F 5	Property Records, 1981
B 3	F 5	Proxies, 1948-1989
B 33	F 6	Proxy and Waiver Documents, 1994
B 33	F 9	Religious education program, 1986-1987
B 4	F 1	Status Animarum (parish annual report), 1972-1984
B 4	F 2	Status Animarum (parish annual report), 1986-1999
B 34	F 9	Stipend book, 1993-2000
B 35	F 4	St. George Parish Synod records, 1986-1987
B 6	F 1-4	Wills & Bequests, 1970-1993
B 35	F 5-6	Wills, Trusts, and Estates
<i>Series 2: Organization Records</i>		
B 30		Catholic Order of Foresters, artifacts
		Catholic Order of Foresters, assessment receipts, individual, 1930-1947
B 19	F 1-3	Catholic Order of Foresters, assessment receipt, individual, 1948-1965 incomplete
B 20	F 1-5	Catholic Order of Foresters, assessment receipts, monthly, 1929-196
B 20	F 6-9	Catholic Order of Foresters, assessment receipts, statements, 1942-1965
B 5	F 5	Catholic Order of Foresters, cash balance book, 1937-1939
B 6	F 5-7	Catholic Order of Foresters, cash balance book, 1940-1968
B 5	F 6	Catholic Order of Foresters, ceremonial handbooks, 1921-1967, incomplete
B 7	F 1	Catholic Order of Foresters, constitution & by-laws, 1954, 1964, n.d.
B 7	F 2	Catholic Order of Foresters, history, 1952
B 8	F 1-4	Catholic Order of Foresters, minutes, 1890-1906, 1892-1906 in German
B 8	F 5	Catholic Order of Foresters, minutes, 1928-1940
B 7	F 3	Catholic Order of Foresters, rules & regulations book, 1941; 1958
B 31	F 5	Christian Mothers Society Board Minutes, 1986-1992
B 31	F 6	Christian Mothers Society Meeting Minutes, 1983-1992
B 31	F 7	Christian Mothers Society Records, 1897, 1978, 1987, 1991-1992, 1997
B 7	F 4	Holy Name Society, cash ledgers, 1937-1952
B 9	F 1	Holy Name Society, cash ledgers, 1952-1964
B 9	F 2	Holy Name Society, meeting invitations, 1959-1971
B 9	F 3-4	Holy Name Society, membership dues list, 1933-1942
B 8	F 6	Holy Name Society, minutes, 1924-1927
B 9	F 5-6	Holy Name Society, minutes, 1953-1966; 1978-1981
B 33	F 7-8	Purgatorial Society Ledger, 1940-1949
B 36	F 1-6	Purgatorial Society Ledgers, 1940-1977
<i>Series 3: Parish Council and Committees</i>		
B 9	F 7	Parish council and committee minutes, 1973-1974
B 10	F 1-7	Parish council and committee minutes, 1975-1981
B 11	F 1	Parish council and committee minutes, 1982
B 10	F 8	Parish council and committee minutes, 1983
B 11	F 2-7	Parish council and committee minutes, 1984-1986
B 12	F 1-8	Parish council and committee minutes, 1986-1992
B 13	F 1	Parish council and committee minutes, 1993-1995
B 13	F 2	Parish council minute notebooks, 1981-1985

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B 33	F 3	Parish council minutes, 1998-1999
B 35	F 7	Parish committees notebook, ca. 1970-1986
<i>Series 4: School Records</i>		
B 31	F 8	Class Photos, 1970-1971
B 13	F 3	Education committee minutes, 1982-1983
B 13	F 4	Education committee minutes, 1984-1985
B 31	F 12	Graduating Class Student Lists, ca. 1930-1986
B 13	F 5	Home & School Association, awards
B 13	F 6-7	Home & School Association, cash receipts & expenses, 1924-1958
B 14	F 1	Home & School Association, executive board minutes, 1953-1976
B 14	F 2	Home & School Association, manuals, 1940; 1953; 1978
B 14	F 3-6	Home & School Association, minutes, 1924-1939; 1966-1984
B 15	F 1-2	Home & School Association, minutes, 1939-1970
B 31	F 13	Home & School Association minutes, 1985-1986
B 14	F 7	Home & School Association, scrapbook vol. 1
B 16	F 1-3	Home & School Association, scrapbook vol. 1
B 16	F 4-5	Home & School Association, scrapbook vol. 2
B 17	F 1-4	Home & School Association, scrapbook vol. 2 & 3
B 17	F 5	Home & School Association, ways & means committee, 1967-1980
B 31	F 14	Kenosha Adult Religious Education (KARE) records, 1978-1979
B 31	F 15	Kenosha Catholic Board of Education (KCBE) minutes, ca. 1972-1976
B 35	F 2	Kenosha Catholic Board of Education (KCBE) minutes, ca. 1977-1980
B 17	F 6-7	Kenosha Area School/Education Planning Task Force, minutes, 1984-1986
B 31	F 17	National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) survey responses, 1970, 1972-1986
B 34	F 1	School, Accreditation and Evaluation records, ca. 1972-1982
B 34	F 2	School, Accreditation and Evaluation records, 1983-1986
B 34	F 3	School, building condition report, ca. 1987-1991
B 18	F 1	School, closing of school, 1986
B 18	F 2	School, closing of school news clippings, 1985-1986
B 34	F 4	School, dedication booklet, 1996
B 34	F 5	School financial records, 1980-1985
B 34	F 6	School, history, 1934, undated
B 18	F 3	School, parent newsletters, 1976-1979
B 18	F 4	School, parent newsletters, 1983-1985
B 37	F 27-46	School, personnel records (restricted)
B 34	F 7	School, photographs, undated
B 18	F 5	School, teacher bulletins (1984-1986, incomplete)
B 37	F 48	School, teacher records of employment, 1983-1986 (restricted)
B 34	F 8	School, yearbook, 1981-1982
B 37	F 47	School Sisters of Notre Dame, teacher contracts, 1977-1979 (restricted)
B 42		Student ledger, 1928-1932
B 41		Student ledger, 1950s
B 34	F 10-11	Student rosters, 1963-1986