



The following is the finding aid for the St. Patrick Parish, Fond du Lac, 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. Patrick Congregation (Fond du Lac, Wis.)
Records, 1901-2000
MC 127**

Volume
11.75 cubic feet

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

Historical Note
St. Patrick Parish was organized in 1855 in response to a growing number of Irish Catholics in the Fond du Lac area. Land for the church was donated by John B. Macy. The church building was constructed by hand by the parishioners and took nearly 8 years to complete. Rev. James Colton served as the parish's first pastor. The parish provided religious education early on, even though there was no formal school building until 1938. The sister's convent was also built in 1938. C.C.D. classes and adult education were also offered through the church. St. Patrick parishioners also participated in parish organizations such as the Altar and Rosary Society, The Holy Name Society, the Young Ladies' Sodality and youth groups. The parish also held memorable St. Patrick's Day celebrations. In 2000 St. Patrick merged with five other parishes in the Fond du Lac Area (St. Joseph, St. Louis, St. Mary, St. Peter and Sacred Heart) to form Holy Family Parish, Fond du Lac.

Scope and Content *a brief description of the types of materials in the collection.*
This collection consists of parish records. Administrative records include copies of the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, insurance and property records, Parish Council records, and financial reports. In addition, there are records related to the parish building. There are Parish bulletins from 1965-1998 (missing 1969-1971, 1973). Records relating to the merger of parishes in the Fond du Lac area are included. There are documents, photographs and newspaper clippings of parish societies, activities, and parish related news. This collection contains Parish committee information, which includes information and meeting minutes for the St. Patrick's Annual Festival. Box 13 contains information regarding the process of St. Patrick's becoming an historical landmark as well as several parish histories written in the 20th century. Box 15 contains a scrapbook with newspaper clippings and annual reports.

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
B 1	F 1	Administrative Services, 1998-2000
B13	F1	Altar Consecration, 1887-07 - 1977-05-19
B 1	F 2	Altar and Rosary Society, Meeting Minutes, 1998-2000

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B 13	F 2	Anniversary Books, 1975
B 1	F 3	Annual Report, 1922, 1928-1929, 1931-1933
B 1	F 4	Annual Report, 1935, 1937-1944
B 1	F 5	Annual Report, 1945-1949
B 1	F 6	Annual Report, 1950-1959
B 1	F 7	Annual Report, 1960-1966
B 4	F 1	Annual Report, 1971-1979
B 4	F 2	Annual Report, 1980-1988
B 1	F 8	Archdiocesan Personnel Board Evaluation, 1986
B 4	F 3	Articles of Incorporation, 1973
B 13	F 3	Building, 1950-1983-06-03
B 1	F 9	Building, Arthur Roberts Addition, 1983-1984
B 1	F 10	Building and Grounds Committee, 1994-2000
B 4	F 4	Bulletins, 1965
B 4	F 5	Bulletins, 1966
B 4	F 6	Bulletins, 1967
B 4	F 7	Bulletins, 1968
B 4	F 8	Bulletins, 1972
B 1		Bulletins, 1974-1984
B 2		Bulletins, 1985-1998
B 2	F 1	Christian Formation Committee, 1996-2000
B 5		Congregation and Society Meeting Minutes, 1901-1967
B 6	F 1-2	Contributions, 1985-1994 (restricted)
B 13	F 4	Correspondence, 1945-12-20-1973-07-11
B 13	F 5	Drama Club, 1925
B 2	F 2	Educational Committee, Meeting Minutes, 1969-1983
B 6		General Ledger, 1992-1997 (restricted)
B 15	F 1	Financial Records, 1860-1883
B 15	F 2	Julia Boyle's Trust Fund, 1933
B 2	F 3	Fond du Lac Catholic School Board, Meeting Minutes, 1989-1992
B 13	F 6	Historical Landmark, 1972-04-11-1971-11-01
B 2	F 4	History, [Ca. 1858-2000]
B 3	F 1	Human Concerns Committee, 1995-1999
B 3	F 2	Insurance and Property Record Report, 1975
B 3	F 3-11	Insurance and Property Record Report, 1985-1993
B 3	F 12	Joint Parish Council, Meeting Minutes, 1990
B 3	F 13	Liturgy Committee, 1981-1986
B 3	F 14	Liturgy Committee, 1993
B 6		Monthly Balance Reports, 1993-1997 (restricted)
B 13	F 7	Newspaper Clippings, 1938-1993-08-27
B 3	F 15	Parish Constitution, 1977-1979
B 3	F 16	Parish Corporate, 1984-1991
B 3	F 17	Parish Council, Committee Members, 1968-1980
B 3	F 18-28	Parish Council, Meeting Minutes, 1968-2000
B 13	F 8	Parish Directories, 1982
B 3	F 19	Parish Festival, 1995-1996
B 13	F 9	Parish Festival Bulletin, 1995-06-18 – 1996-07-28
B 13	F 10	Parish Festival Chairpersons and Volunteers, 1987-1996

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B 13	F 11	Parish Festival Finance, 1986-1996
B 13	F 12	Parish Festival First Aid, 1988-1991
B 13	F 13	Parish Festival Meetings, 1987-07-20 – 1996-07-30
B 13	F 14	Parish Festival Raffle, 1998-1995
B 13	F 15	Parish Histories, 1895-1997
B 4	F 9	Parish Property Records, 1993-1995
B 3	F 30	Parish Survey, 1996
B13	F 16	Parishioner List, 1996
B 6		Payroll, 1991-1998 (restricted)
B 6	F 3	Pension, 1989-1996
B 3	F 31	Photographs, n.d., 1967
B 13	F 17	Photographs - Activities, 1912-1991
B 13	F 18	Photographs - Exterior, Late 1800s-1990
B 13	F 19	Photographs - First Holy Communion, early 1900s, 1960, n.d.
B 14	F 1	Photographs - Holy Day Decorations, 1952, 1958, n.d.
B 14	F 2	Photographs - Interior, Late 1800s-1997
B 14	F 3	Photographs - Negatives, 1949, 1965
B 14	F 4	Photographs - Parishioners, 1891-1974
B 14	F 5	Photographs - Priests, 1858-1998
B 14	F 6	Photographs - Sisters of St. Agnes
B 14	F 7	Photographs - Slides, 1990 August 27
B 14	F 8	Photographs - St. Patrick's School, 1930s-1990
B 14	F 9	Rev. George Corbett Eilers, biographical
B 14	F 10	Rev. Joseph J. Keenan Memorial Book, 1911
B 3	F 32	Prayer and Worship Committee, 1996-1997
B 6	F 4	Sacramental Records Requests, 1930-1961 (restricted)
B 14	F 11	School Documents, 1960-03-04 - 1992
B 14	F12	School Teacher Lists, 1938-1973
B 15		Scrapbook
B 14	F 13	St. Anne Society Documents, 1971, 1972, n.d.
B 14	F 14	St. Anne Society Newspaper Clippings, 1963, 1978, n.d.
B 14	F 15	St. Patrick's Day, 1946, n.d.
B 3	F 33	Sts. Louis and Patrick School Board, Meeting Minutes, 1981-1985
B 4	F 10	Sts. Louis and Patrick School Board, Teacher Salaries, 1990-1991
B 3	F 34	Stewardship Committee, 1993-1997
B 3	F 35	Tax Certificates, 1962, 1990
B 3	F 36	Wavier and Proxy, 1958-1993
B 6	F 5	Weekly Envelope Collection, 1996-1997 (restricted)
B 14	F 16	Young Ladies Sodality, 1917, 1918, n.d.
B 14	F 17	Youth of St. Patrick's - Sports-O-Rama, n.d.