



The following is the finding aid for the St. Mary Czestochowa 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.

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**St. Mary Czestochowa Congregation (Milwaukee, Wis.)
Records, 1907-2003
MC 156**

Volume

8.5 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted except for certain financial records, certain St. Vincent de Paul records containing personal information, census records, and student records.

Historical Note

St. Mary Czestochowa parish was created in 1907 to help relieve the overcrowding at St. Casimir parish. The first building was a combination church and school building. There were numerous additions to this building until the parish was able to save enough money for a new church. The new church was built in 1956 in the Georgian/Colonial Style. It was renovated in 1966 following the directives of Vatican II.

The school opened in 1908 and students were taught by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. The school closed in 1991 and that fall St. Casimir and St. Mary Czestochowa schools merged to form All Saints Elementary School, located at the St. Mary Czestochowa site. This school closed and merged with Catholic East Elementary in 1997. St. Casimir and St. Mary Czestochowa merged in 2003 to form Our Lady of Divine Providence Parish.

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

This collection consists primarily of administrative files, financial records and student records. Of particular note are the parish annals and the school chronicles which document the life of the parish and school from the inception of the parish through 1967, in the case of the annals, and 1991, in the case of the school chronicles. The collection also contains detailed records of the new church, which was constructed in 1956. This includes correspondence with the architect, specifications, and architectural drawings of the windows. Also included are lists of school graduates from 1931 to 1987, and parish council meeting minutes from 1982 to 1996. The later parish council meeting minutes contain records of the beginnings of collaboration with St. Casimir parish.

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 2	F 8	Aetna Life Insurance Co. Contract, 1962
B 1	F 1	Annals, 1956-1967
B 2	F 9	Athletic Club Meeting Minutes, 1975-1984
B 3	F 1	Athletic Club Meeting Minutes, 1953-1975
B 1	F 2	Building, Misc. Documents, 1954-1994
B 1	F 3	Building, New Church, Architect Correspondence, 1952-1956
B 3	F 2	Building, New Church, Blueprints & Drawings, 1954-1956
B 1	F 4-6	Building, New Church Specifications, 1954-1956
B 3	F 3	Building, New Church, Vendor Correspondence & Contracts, 1954-1956
B 1	F 7	Building, New Church, Windows, 1955
B 1	F 8	By-laws, Articles of Incorporation, Parishioner Handbook, 1907-1994
B 1	F 9	East Side Child & Youth Ministry, 1990-1991
B 3	F 4-5	Estates, 1974-1993
B 1	F 10	Events, 1995
B 1	F 12	Historical Information & Booklets, 1957-1982
B 1	F 13	Holy Name Society, Prayers, n.d.
B 13		Mass Intention Books, 1989-2003
B 1	F 14	Newsletter, St. Casimir/St. Mary Czestochowa, 1996
B 4		Parish Census Forms, c. 1969-1979 (restricted)
B 1	F 15-17	Parish Council Meeting Minutes, 1982-1996 (includes some St. Casimir PC)
B 1	F 18	Parish Council Steering Committee, 1990-1991
B 1	F 19	Photographs, n.d.
B 1	F 20	Riverwest Vision Team, 1994-1995
B 1	F 21	School, Annual Enrollment Reports to MPS, 1957-1986
B 1	F 22	School, Annual Enrollment Reports to NCEA, 1969-1990
B 1	F 23	School, Annual Enrollment Reports to Wisconsin DPI, 1974-1989
B 1	F 24	School, Block Grant, 1986-1987
B 1	F 25-27	School Chronicle, 1956-1991
B 1	F 28	School, Class Photographs, 1984-1986
B 1	F 29-30	School, Family & Teacher Lists, 1966-1989
B 1	F 31	School, Graduates, 1931-1950
B 2	F 1	School, Graduates, 1951-1987
B 2	F 2	School, Handbook and Calendar, 1988-1990
B 2	F 3	School, Title II Funding, 1966-1976
B 2	F 4	School, Title IV Funding, 1976-1981
B 2	F 5	School, Title IX, Sex Discrimination, 1976
B 2	F 6	Student Seminary Fund, 1960-1983
B 2	F 7	St. Vincent de Paul Society, Correspondence and Organizational Information, 1994-1997
B 10	F 3	St. Vincent de Paul Society, Financial Information and Client Information (restricted)
B 10	F 4	St. Vincent de Paul Society, Treasurer's Report Book, 1981-1994 (restricted)

Box	Folder	Folder Title
<i>Series 2: Financial Records</i>		
B 9	F 9-17	Financial Records, 1988/89-1998/99 (restricted)
B 12		Financial Reports to Archdiocese, 1919-1985, 1995 (restricted)
B 1	F 11	General Ledger, 1907-1923
B 12		General Ledgers, (includes salary information), 1953-1968 (restricted)
B 12		General Ledgers, 1969-1984, 1984-1986, 1987-1991, 1991, 1989-1992 (restricted)
B 9	F 18-21	Payroll Records, 1971-1990 (restricted)
B 10	F 1-2	Payroll Records, 1991-1999 (restricted)
B 10	F 5-8	Weekly Contributions, 1987, 1990, 1992, 1993 (restricted)
B 11	F 1-5	Weekly Contributions, 1997, 1999, 2001 (restricted)