



The following is the finding aid for the St. Nicholas, Dacada 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. Nicholas Congregation (Dacada, Wis.)
Records, 1942-1999
MC 161**

Volume

1.35 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted except for marriage prenuptial files.

Historical Note

St. Nicholas, Dacada, was founded in 1848 primarily by Luxembourg immigrants. It was named for St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, Turkey, who was a favorite saint of the Luxembourg people. The first church was a small log cabin, and a second church was built in 1863. The third church was completed in 1912.

The school was built in 1883 and was staffed by the School Sisters of Francis, who stayed until 1969. In 1934, 9th and 10th grades were added to the school, but by 1968 the 7th and 8th grades were discontinued. In 1969 St. Mary in Random Lake, St. Nicholas in Dacada, and Rosemary School in Fredonia formed Tri-Parish Consolidated Catholic School. In 1974, Rosemary left the consolidation to operate their own school.

One of the major challenges the parish faced in the 1960s was the incorporation of non-Luxembourger members into parish life. The parish council formed in 1979. In 1980, St. Mary and St. Nicholas began sharing one priest. In 1981, St. Nicholas became a Sheboygan County Landmark. In 1992, the school became a museum under the direction of the Luxembourg Society. In 1996, Fr. Cerpich began operating a five parish cluster as he also took on St. Mary's in Cascade and St. Michael in Mitchell. From 1989 until 1992 Bishop Arnold Cotey, SDS served in residence at St. Nicholas. He had previously served as the first Bishop of Tanganyika, Tanzania and retired at St. Nicholas. He was originally from Milwaukee.

On July 1, 1998 St. Mary in Random Lake, St. Nicholas in Dacada, St. Mary in Cascade and St. Patrick in Adell merged to form Our Lady of the Lakes in Random Lake.

Scope and Content Note

The bulletins from 1963-1968 include articles reflective of Catholic society in the 1960s. The Commentator/Lector training notes are notes for teaching commentators and lectors after Vatican II.

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 2	F 1	Articles, n.d., 1999
B 2	F 2-7	Bulletins, September 1963-1968
B 2	F 8	Commentator/Lector Training notes, n.d.
		Status Animarum (parish annual report) Liber