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**St. Matthias Congregation (Nabob, Wis.)  
Records, 1919-1992  
MC 200**

**Access**

Open/unrestricted except for student records/transcripts.

**Historical Note**

St. Matthias parish in Nabob was founded in 1849. Prior to this, services were held in the home of Matthew Weber. The parish was predominantly made up of German immigrants who came from the Trier area in Germany. The tradition has been that the name Matthias was chosen in memory of the first person buried in the cemetery: Matthias Willkomm. The first church was a small log building that served the parish from 1849-1867. In 1867, the present fieldstone church was built, and in 1906 several additions were added. For the entirety of its existence, St. Matthias was a mission of six other neighboring parishes. German continued to be the dominant language of the parish until the 1940s.

Sisters of St. Agnes taught from 1879 until the School Sisters of St. Francis came in 1900. When the sisters left in 1969, the school was forced to close. In 1992, St. Matthias and St. Lawrence in St. Lawrence began sharing one pastor. In 1999, the two parishes merged under the name St. Lawrence. St. Matthias continues to operate as a chapel.

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

Collection consists partially of school transcripts from 1921-1969. The ledgers cover the period from 1921 through the mid-1930s when the school switched to individual paper transcripts that were arranged alphabetically. A note in the file states that some records were destroyed by a fire in 1948. There is a news clipping relating to this 1948 fire and the efforts to extinguish it. There is also one class photograph from the 1968-1969 school year. Annual reports, bulletins, a parish directory, and plans for pipe organ installation were transferred from the Sacred Heart Congregation records and are included in this collection.

**Box and Folder List** *This is a list of folders names within the collection. The folders have been arranged 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.*

| <b>Box</b> | <b>Folder</b> | <b>Folder Title</b>                        |
|------------|---------------|--|
| B 3        | F 1           | Anniversary, 1974                          |
| B 3        | F 2           | Annual reports, 1919-1926, 1930-1939       |
| B 3        | F 3           | Annual reports, 1940-1949                  |
| B 3        | F 4           | Annual reports, 1950-1959                  |
| B 3        | F 5           | Bulletins, 1952, 1954, 1974, 1992          |
| B 3        | F 6           | Class photos and graduates list, 1968-1969 |

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| B 1        |               | Ledgers, 1924-1927, 1932-1934, 1921-1933 (restricted) |
| B 1        |               | Ledgers, 1921-1927 (restricted)                       |
| B 1        |               | Ledgers, 1927-1932 (restricted)                       |
| B 3        | F 7           | News clipping, school fire, 1948                      |
| B 3        | F 8           | Parish directory, 1971                                |
| B 3        | F 9           | Pipe organ construction plans, 1938                   |