



The following is the finding aid for the Holy Family Congregation 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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**Holy Family Congregation (Cudahy, Wis.)
Records, 1912-2000
MC 231**

Volume

8.35 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted except for financial records, prenuptial files, and student transcripts.

Administrative Note

The Congregation of Holy Family was incorporated on July 5th, 1900, with the cornerstone of the first church laid on April 21, 1901. It was built on land donated by Michael Cudahy, Sr. at a cost of \$3,000. During the early days of the church, the children received religious education in a small wooden building next to the church. In 1910, a brick school building was erected. In the years following, the number of Holy Family parishioners grew, and it was clear that more space was needed. In 1930, plans to build a new church building were formed and on June 20th, 1931, Archbishop Samuel A. Stritch dedicated the church. A new school building was completed in 1958.

The parish celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in 1975 and celebrated its 100th Anniversary in the Fall of 1999. The Centennial Mass was given in April of 2000. On July 1, 2000, Holy Family Parish merged with St. Frederick and St. Joseph Congregations to create Nativity of the Lord Parish.

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

This collection contains the records of Holy Family Church and School, and associated organizations from its establishment in the 1900s until its closing in 2000. The materials are divided into series: Administrative, Photographs, Yearbooks, Financial, and Film.

The Administrative series consists of meeting agendas and minutes, booklets, bulletins, directories, enrollment information, histories, marketing materials, newsletters, news clippings, and more. Of note are the articles of incorporation of the church, land surveys, and the signatures of both Bing Crosby and Eleanor Roosevelt. Some files in the histories folder are written in Polish.

The Photographs series contains photographs documenting parish and school life, including parish events, class photographs, shots of the interior and exterior of both the church and school, and a scrapbook created by Holy Family School during World War II.

The Yearbooks series contains as the name suggests, with yearbooks dating from 1974 to 1999.

The Financial series contains expenses, employee pension information, payroll information, and ledgers. Of note is the final parish report.

The Film series contains two Cine-Kodak Kodachrome 8mm color film reels containing footage of two events held in 1951.

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.*

Box	Folder	Folder Title
<i>Series 1: Administrative</i>		
B 3		Abstract of Title, Lot 34, 1942
B 3		Abstract of Title, Lots 1 -6, 1943
B 3		Abstract of Title, Lot 35, 1943
B 3		Abstract of Title, Lot 36, 1943
B 3		Abstract of Title, Lot 37, 1943
B 3		Abstract of Title, Lot 38, 1943
B 3		Abstract of Title. Lot 39, 1943
B 3		Abstract of Title, Lot 40, 1943
B 3		Abstract of Title, Lot 9
B 3		Abstract of Title, Lots 1-6 & 33-40, 1957
B 1	F 1	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Materials, 1992-1998
B 1	F 2	Ebert Painting, Inc. V. Holy Family Catholic Church
B 1	F 3	Eleanor Roosevelt Signature
B 1	F 4	Articles of Incorporation
B 1	F 5	Bing Crosby Letter, 1952 October 27
B 1	F 6	Bulletins
B 1	F 7	Centennial Booklets, 2000
B 1	F 10-11	Centennial Guestbook, 1999-2000
B 1	F 8	Directories
B 1	F 9	Gold Anniversary Booklets, 1975
B 1	F 12	Histories
B 3	F 5	Land Survey, 11-21-1988
B 2	F 5	News clippings
B 8	F 1	News clippings
B 2	F 6	News clippings, Photocopied
B 1	F 13	Newsletters
B 1	F 14	Newspaper
B 2	F 9	Parish Council, Constitution and Bylaws
B 2	F 10-39	Parish Council, Meeting Agenda, Materials, and Minutes, 1996-1999
B 3	F 4	Parish Merger, District Listening Session, 1997
B 2	F 7	Renovation Committee, Meeting Materials, 1996 January 17 – April 12
B 2	F 2	Silver Anniversary Booklets, 1958
B 2	F 3	School Advertisements
B 2	F 4	School Enrollment, 1912-1991
B 2	F 8	Society of St. Vincent de Paul
<i>Series 2: Photographs</i>		
B 5	F 1	Altar Dedication, 1992 September 19
B 5	F 5	Church Activities, c. 1940s-1950s

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 5	F 6	Church Activities, c. 1940s-1950s
B 5	F 7	Church Activities, c. 1960s-1990s
B 5	F 8	Church Activities, c. 1970s
B 4	F 20	Church, Interior
B 4	F 1	Class Photographs, 1917-1928
B 4	F 2	Class Photographs, 1930-1933, 1941-1949
B 4	F 3	Class Photographs, 1950-1959
B 4	F 4	Class Photographs, 1960-1969
B 4	F 5	Class Photographs, 1962-1963
B 4	F 6	Class Photographs, 1964-1965
B 4	F 7	Class Photographs, 1965-1966
B 4	F 8	Class Photographs, 1966-1967
B 4	F 9	Class Photographs, 1967-1968
B 4	F 10	Class Photographs, 1968-1969
B 4	F 11	Class Photographs, 1969-1970
B 4	F 12	Class Photographs, 1970-1976, 1978
B 4	F 13	Class Photographs, 1970-1971
B 4	F 14	Class Photographs, 1995-1999
B 5	F 2	First Communion, c. 1920s-1990s
B 5	F 3	First Communion, c. 1960s-1970s
B 5	F 4	First Communion, c. 1980s-1990s
B 5	F 9	Negatives
B 8		Oversized Photographs
B 4	F 15	School Activities, c. 1940s-1950s
B 4	F 16	School Activities, c. 1940s-1950s
B 4	F 17	School Activities, c. 1980s
B 4	F 18	School Activities. c. 1990s
B 8		War Effort Scrapbook
<i>Series 3: Yearbooks</i>		
B 5	F 10	Yearbooks, 1974-1976, 1978-1980
B 5	F 11	Yearbook, 1977
B 5	F 12-13	Yearbooks, 1980-1999
<i>Series 5: Film</i>		
B 8		May Procession, 8mm
B 8		Summer Picnic, 8mm