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**Our Lady of Angels Parish (Armstrong, Wis.)
Records, 1856-2010
MC 280**

Volume
7.25 c.f.

Access

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

Historical Note

In the 1840s and 1850s, Irish immigrants began to settle in Armstrong and made connections with nearby priests, eventually establishing their own parish. In 1856, the log church was built and named St. Matthew before a new brick church was built and renamed Our Lady of Angels in 1881. The parish began building a K-8 school in 1950 which was dedicated in August 1951. In 2000, the parish, along with St. Michael, Dotyville and St. Mary, Eden, decided to merge into one parish due to a population boom, priest shortage, and the difficulty of one pastor serving three communities. The parishes merged into Shepard of the Hills in 2001 and a closing mass for Our Lady of Angels was held on April 16, 2005.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of parish history records including a parish history booklet, a parish history scrapbook that was originally organized in a binder, information about the development of Armstrong, bulletins, a cookbook, a diamond jubilee booklet, newspaper clippings, parish directories, photos from events, a VHS of the opening and closing masses, and memorial cards which honor parish members who served in WWI and commemorate the dedication of the parish. There are administrative records including Catholic Mutual Insurance records, catholic stewardship appeal reports, parish census information, parish trustee records, pew rent records, and status animarums.

There are financial records including both annual and confidential financial reports, budgets, charts of accounts, general ledgers, proxies, wills and bequests, and invoices and bills paid for building construction, as well as property records including architectural drawings and plans, mortgage documents, the property title, and proxies. The collection also includes records such as financial reports, member lists and meeting minutes from parish organizations including the Altar Society, Holy Name Society, and Parish Council.

The collection also includes school records such as alumni association newsletters, class lists, lists of graduates, personnel records, a St. Patrick's Day program, school board meeting minutes, a school silver jubilee booklet, teacher lists, and tri-parish religious education program financial records including chart of accounts, annual reports, and general ledgers. There are also photos from school events as well as class photos and graduation photos.

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.*

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B 1	F 1	Altar Society, Financial Reports and Member Lists, 1919-1946
B 1	F 2	Altar Society, Financial Reports and Member Lists, 1919-1974
B 9	F 84	Altar Society, Financial Records, 1960-1965
B 1	F 3	Altar Society, Meeting Minutes, 1919-1994
B 1	F 4	Alumni Association, Newsletters, 1995-2001
B 1	F 5	Architectural Plans, Parish Addition and Remodel, 1922
B 1	F 6	Architectural Plans, School Building, 1950
B 1	F 7	Budgets, 1980-2001 (restricted)
B 9	F 85	Bulletins, 1953-1956
B 9	F 86	Bulletins, 1957-1959
B 9	F 87	Bulletins, 1960-1962
B 10	F 88	Bulletins, 1963-1965
B 10	F 89	Bulletins, 1966-1968
B 10	F 90	Bulletins, 1969-1971
B 10	F 91	Bulletins, 1972-1974
B 11	F 92	Bulletins, 1975-1977
B 11	F 93	Bulletins, 1978-1981
B 11	F 94	Bulletins, 1982-1984
B 11	F 95	Bulletins, 1985-1987
B 11	F 96	Bulletins, 1988-1990
B 12	F 97	Bulletins, 1991-1993
B 12	F 98	Bulletins, 1994-1996
B 12	F 99	Bulletins, 1997-1999
B 1	F 8	Catholic Mutual Insurance, 1992-2000
B 1	F 9	Catholic Stewardship Appeal Communication and Reports, 1995-1999
B 14	F 107	Census, c. 1917
B 14	F 108	Census, c. 1924
B 1	F 10	Chart of Accounts, n.d. (restricted)
B 1	F 11	Class Lists, 2001-2004
B 1	F 12	Class Photos, 1953-1986
B 2	F 13	Class Photos, 1991-2001
B 2	F 14	Cookbook, 1991
B 2	F 15	Diamond Jubilee Booklet, 1931
B 2	F 16	Financial Reports, 1997-2000
B 2	F 17	Financial Reports, Annual, 1898-1914 and Catholic Herald Record, 1939-1940
B 2	F 18	Financial Reports, Annual, 1905-1915
B 12	F 100	Financial Reports, Annual, 1910-1981
B 13	F 102	Financial Reports, Annual, 1981-1997
B 13	F 101	Financial Reports, Annual, 1943-1952 and Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 1944-1948
B 14	F 109	Financial Reports, Annual 1921-1935 and Cemetery Perpetual Care Record, 1938-1948
B 13	F 103	Financial Reports, Confidential, 1916-1969 (restricted)
B 2	F 19	Financial Reports, Confidential, 1969-1993 (restricted)
B 2	F 20	Financial Reports, Confidential, 1993-2000 (restricted)

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B 2	F 21	Financial Reports, Monthly and Member Contributions, 1934-1942
B 14	F 110	General Ledgers, 1987-1993
B 14	F 111	General Ledgers, 1992-1994
B 3	F 22	General Ledgers, 1994-1999
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B 3	F 24	Graduation Photos, 1952-2006
B 3	F 25	Holy Name Society, Financial Reports, 1991-1996
B 3	F 26	Holy Name Society, Meeting Minutes, 1925, 1960-1968
B 3	F 27	Holy Name Society, Meeting Minutes, 1968-1977
B 3	F 28	Holy Name Society, Meeting Minutes and Communication, 1978-1983
B 3	F 29	Holy Name Society, Meeting Minutes, 1983-1986
B 3	F 30	Invoices and Paid Bills, Building Construction, 1984-1987
B 3	F 31	List of Graduates, 1959-2006
B 3	F 32	Memorial Cards, 1919-1923
B 3	F 33	Mortgage Documents, 1950
B 4	F 34	Newspaper Clippings, 1923-2010
B 4	F 35	Parish Council, By-Laws and Constitution, c. 1985
B 4	F 36	Parish Council, Meeting Minutes, 1986-1989
B 4	F 37	Parish Council, Meeting Minutes, 1990-1994
B 4	F 38	Parish Council, Meeting Minutes, 1994-1996
B 4	F 39	Parish Council, Meeting Minutes, 1996-1997
B 4	F 40	Parish Council, Meeting Minutes, 1997-1998
B 4	F 41	Parish Council, Registry Forms, 1986-1997
B 4	F 42	Parish Directories, 1991-1995
B 5	F 43	Parish History, Booklet, 1981
B 5	F 44	Parish History, Development of Armstrong, c. 1800s
B 5	F 45	Parish Trustee Records, 1984-2002
B 5	F 46	Personnel Records, 1972-2005 (restricted)
B 13	F 104	Pew Rent Records, 1889-1905 and Congregation Meeting Minutes, 1937
B 14	F 112	Pew Rent Records, 1921-1947
B 5	F 47	Photos, 125 th Anniversary Celebration, 25 October, 1981
B 5	F 48	Photos, Basketball, c. 1975-1976
B 5	F 49	Photos, Christmas, c. 1981
B 5	F 50	Photos, Church Exterior, n.d.
B 5	F 51	Photos, Church Interior, n.d.
B 5	F 52	Photos, Events, 1968-1984
B 5	F 53	Photos, First Communion, 1956-2007
B 5	F 54	Photos, Men's Breakfast with Karl Swanke, 1983
B 5	F 55	Photos, Parish and School Events, 1980-1981
B 5	F 56	Photos, Rectory Move, January 1980
B 5	F 57	Photos, Senior Valentine Party, c. 1983
B 5	F 58	Photos, School Evaluation Team, c. 1980
B 5	F 59	Photos, School Events, 1983-1993
B 6	F 60	Photos, School Events, 1993-1995
B 6	F 61	Photos, School Events, 1995
B 6	F 62	Photos, School Events, August 1995-October 1996
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B 6	F 64	Photos, School Events, 1997-1998
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B 6	F 67	Property Records, misc., 1856-1981
B 14	F 113	Property Title, 1922
B 6	F 68	Proxies and Waivers, 1926-2000
B 6	F 69	St. Patrick's Day Program, c. 1950
B 6	F 70	School Board, Meeting Minutes, 1978-1988
B 7	F 71	School Board, Meeting Minutes, 1988-1995
B 7	F 72	School Board, Meeting Minutes, 1995-2000
B 7	F 73	School Silver Jubilee Booklet, 1977
B 7	F 74	Scrapbook, Parish History, 2005
B 7	F75	Scrapbook, Parish History, 2005
B 7	F 76	Scrapbook, Parish History, 2005
B 7	F 77	Scrapbook, Parish History, 2005
B 13	F 105	Status Animarums, 1944-1971
B 8	F 78	Status Animarums, 1972-1990
B 8	F 79	Status Animarums, 1991-1997
B 8	F 80	Teacher Lists, 1952-2001
B 8	F 81	Tri-Parish Religious Education Program, Chart of Accounts, n.d. (restricted)
B 8	F 82	Tri-Parish Religious Education Program Financial Reports, Annual, 1999-2000
B 8	F 83	Tri-Parish Religious Education Program, General Ledgers, 1999-2000
B 14	F 114	VHS, Closing and Opening Mass, 1998
B 13	F 106	Wills and Bequests, 1940-1999