



The following is the finding aid for the St. Matthew 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. [Genealogists should consult our genealogical resources guide.](#) [Researchers must make an appointment with an archivist to view the material.](#)

**St. Matthew Congregation (Milwaukee, Wis.)
Records, 1911-1999
MC 118**

Volume
13.2 Cubic Feet

Access
Open/unrestricted except for the marriage files and some financial records.

Historical Note
St. Matthew's Church was founded in 1892 in response to the needs of English-speaking Catholics in South Milwaukee. Fr. J.M. Naughtin was the first pastor and served until 1895. Fr. Francis C. Ryan succeeded Fr. Naughtin, serving as pastor from 1895-1933. During his pastorate a parsonage, a new school and a Sisters' convent were erected. In 1905 a new church building was constructed to meet the needs of the growing congregation. In 1924 a fire caused considerable damage to the church, causing a need for extensive restoration. In 1961, following a beautiful renovation, another fire devastated the Church. A new combination of rectory and administrative buildings were constructed shortly after. In 1967 the parish celebrated its Diamond Jubilee. In 1970 the first parish council was formed. In 1992 the Church celebrated its 100th anniversary. St. Matthew's Church was closed in 1999.

Scope and Content Note
The records of St. Matthew's Church consist of records related to the parish and to the school. This collection includes the records of the Liturgy Planning Committee and the Parish Council. There are photographs of the building and of anniversary celebrations. There are also records from St. Matthew's school and the Southside Education Committee. Other materials include historical clippings, Parish Quarterly Bulletins and Parish Sunday Bulletins.

Records that relate to the consecration of Bishop Paul Tanner of St. Augustine, Florida are also contained in this collection. Bishop Tanner lived in Milwaukee as a child and went to school at St. Matthew's. These records include photographs of the consecration dinner, a souvenir of his installation, newspaper clippings and other materials related to his life.

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 6		100 th Anniversary Celebration Albums, 1992
B 6	F 1	Bishop Paul Tanner, Consecration, Photographs, 1968
B 6	F 2	Bishop Paul Tanner, Information and Clippings, [Ca. 1960s]

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B 6	F 3	Bishop Paul Tanner, Souvenir of the Installation of the Seventh Bishop of St. Augustine, 1968
B 1	F 24	Bulletins, 1925-1932, 1935-1936
B 1	F 25	Bulletins, 1938-1942
B 2	F 1	Bulletins, 1943-1949
B 2	F 2	Bulletins, 1950-1951, 1953-1961
B 3		Bulletins, 1966-1967
B 4		Bulletins, 1968-1972
B 3		Bulletins, 1973-1986
B 5		Bulletins, 1987-1996, 1998
		Cash Disbursement Books (6 volumes) (restricted)
B 6		Diamond Jubilee, Photo Album, 1967
B 1	F 1	Finance Committee, 1986-1988 (restricted)
B 7	F 1	Financial Statements, 1896, 1888-1901, 1905-1909, 1911-1919
B 7	F 2	Financial Statements, 1922-1943
B 7	F 3	Financial Statements, 1944-1965
		Financial Records, Cash Disbursement Books (6 volumes) (restricted)
B 1	F 2-3	Fiscal Reports and Budgets, Binder, 1982-1987 (restricted)
B 7		"Just an Ordinary, Decent Place to Live", <i>The Milwaukee Journal</i> , 1978
B 1	F 4	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, Advent/Christmas, 1984-1985
B 1	F 5-6	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, Archdiocesan and Parish Themes, 1975-1980
B 1	F 7	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, Church Feast Days, 1975-1980
B 1	F 8	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, General, 1975-1978
B 1	F 9	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, General, 1979-1981
B 1	F 10	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, General, 1981-1983
B 1	F 11	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, General, 1982-1985
B 1	F 12	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, General, 1986-1987
B 1	F 13	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, Lent/Holy Week/Easter, 1974-1979
B 1	F 14	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, Lent/Holy Week/Easter, 1980-1981
B 1	F 15	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, Special Liturgies, 1975-1980
B 1	F 16	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, Spiritual Life and Worship, 1971-1977
B 1	F 17	Liturgy Planning Committee, Meeting Minutes, Thanksgiving, 1973-1980
B 1	F 18	New Member Packet, n.d.
B 1	F 19	Parish Building Records, 1960-1966
B 1	F 20	Parish Building Records, 1976-1986
B 1	F 21	Parish Council, Binder, 1983-1987
B 1	F 22-23	Parish Council, Binder, 1995-1999
B 7	F 4	Parish History, Anniversary Booklets, 1967, 1992
B 7	F 5	Parish History, 1913-1999
B 8		Parish Member Index
B 7	F 6	Parish Mission Statement, 1984
B 2	F 3	Photographs, Building, n.d.
B 2	F 4	Proxy and Wavier, 1953-1968
B 2	F 5	Quarter Bulletins, 1912-1915
B 2	F 6	Quarterly Bulletins, 1912-1923
B 2	F 7	School, Graduate Lists, 1913-1988
B 2	F 8	School, Records, 1983-1985

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B 2	F 9-10	School, Southside Education Commission, Binder, 1987-1988
B 2	F 11	School, Southside Education Commission, Early Childhood/Elementary Focus Group, 1988
B 2	F 12	School, Southside Education Commission, Evaluation of the Potential for Catholic Regional Schools Systems in Southern Milwaukee Co. 1989
B 2	F 13-14	School, Southside Education Commission, Study of Elementary Education in Southern Milwaukee Co., 1989
B 2	F 15	School, Teacher Contracts, 1984-1985 (restricted)
B 2	F 16	Staff/Team Meetings, Binder, 1995-1999
B 2	F 17	Usher's Society, 1926-1954