



The following is the finding aid for the St. Stephen Martyr 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.

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St. Stephen Martyr Congregation (Milwaukee, Wis.)

Records, 1907-2010

MC 153

Volume

18.35 cubic feet

Access

Open/unrestricted. Student grades, teacher personnel records, and some financial records are restricted.

Historical Note

Established in 1907, St. Stephen Martyr was created to give Milwaukee's Slovak community its own parish with priests that spoke Slovak. Originally based at Fifth and Walnut Streets just west of downtown, the parishioners of St. Stephen began looking to the Northwest Side to build a new church as early as 1930. Due to the hardships of the Great Depression and World War II, this goal would not be realized until 1952, when a new parish school, rectory, and temporary church were completed at 50th Street and Hope Avenue. Construction fundraising continued, and a new permanent church building was completed next door in 1971.

In 2001, St. Stephen Martyr merged with Mother of Perpetual Help to form Mary Queen of Martyrs parish. The St. Stephen building continued to be used until 2007, when Mary Queen of Martyrs merged with Corpus Christi, Our Lady of Sorrows, and St. Philip Neri to form the current Blessed Savior parish.

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

The collection is divided into six series: Administrative, Financial, Historical, Property, Sacramental, and School records. The collection consists primarily of parish records and correspondence. Notable elements within the collection include parish bulletins, financial reports the contents of the church's cornerstone, and photographs. Property Records generally relate to the lengthy process of planning, designing, and building the parish church and school, which began in the 1930s and was completed in 1972.

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 Records</i>		
B 1	F 1-13	Bulletins, 1940-1953
B 2	F 1-6	Bulletins, 1955-1962
B 3	F 1-16	Bulletins, 1972-1988
B 4	F 1-12	Bulletins, 1988-2000

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 5	F 1	Bylaws and articles of incorporation, 1920s-2001
B 5	F 2	Correspondence, 1959-1960
B 5	F 3	Correspondence, 1980-1981
B 5	F 4	Membership roll, 1984
B 5	F 5	Membership roll, 1988
B 5	F 6	Parish Council constitution
B 5	F 7-9	Parish Council meeting minutes, 1979-1989
B 5	F 10	Parish Council meeting minutes, 1999
B 5	F 11	Parish Council, Building and Finance Committees, 1969-1991 (bulk 1969-1972)
B 5	F 12	Parish Council, presentations to Building Committee, 1965
B 2	F 7	Rosary Society membership rolls, 1961
B 5	F 13	Social Club, Annual Sports Night programs, 1953, 1955, 1963
B 2	F 8	St. Vincent de Paul Society minutes, 1915-1934
B 2	F 9	Status Animarum reports, 1960-1971
B 5	F 16-17	Status Animarum reports, 1972-1990
B 5	F 14	Ushers' Society membership, 1960
B 5	F 15	Young Ladies' Sodality of the Blessed Virgin minutes, 1929-1935
<i>Series 2: Financial Records</i>		
B 7	F 1	Annual financial reports, 1920-1931
B 6	F 1-3	Annual financial reports, 1933-1966
B 7	F 2	Balance sheets, 1907-1918
B 7	F 3	Balance sheets, 1914-1923
		Balance sheets, 1919-1949
B 7	F 4	Balance sheets, 1924-1935
B 7	F 5	Balance sheets, 1925-1934
B 8	F 2-4	Balance sheets, 1936-1958
B 9	F 1-4	Balance sheets, 1959-1984
B 10	F 1-2	Balance sheets, 1984-1990
B 6	F 8-9	Balance sheets, 1990
B 11	F 1-2	Balance sheets, 1991
B 6	F 7	Balance sheets, activity fund, 1984-1989
B 8	F 1	Balance sheets, convent account, 1932-1935
B 11	F 3	Dartball Team "B" ledger, 1961-1972
B 13	F 1-7	Financial statements and audits, 1981-1988
B 11	F 4	General ledgers, 1971-1973
B 11	F 5-8	General ledgers, 1977-1990
B 12	F 1	General ledger, 1990
B 12	F 2	General ledger, 1999
B 13	F 8	Insurance appraisal and assessment reports, 1950-1952
B 13	F 9-12	Insurance appraisal and assessment reports, 1959-1976
B 13	F 13	Insurance appraisal and assessment reports, 1979-1983
B 12	F 3-4	New church fund contributions, 1941-1970
B 12	F 5-8	New church fund contributions, index of contributors, c. 1941-1958
B 10	F 3	New church fund contributions, index of contributors, societies and notes
B 10	F 4-5	Pew rents, c. 1930
B 13	F 14	Property transfers, 1970-1971
B 14	F 1-6	Wills and bequests, 1968-1999

Box	Folder	Folder Title
<i>Series 3: Historical Records</i>		
B 15	F 1	Certificates, 1926-1996
B 27		Certificates, oversized
B 16		Cornerstone contents, 1966
B 18	F 1	Knights of St. Mary
	Digital	Newspaper clippings
B 15	F 2	Order of Friars Minor Conventual new constitution, correspondence, 1968
B 17	F 1	Order of Friars Minor Conventual new constitution, draft text, 1968
B 17	F 2	Order of Friars Minor Conventual new constitution, proposals, 1968
B 17	F 3	Parish histories, 1932, 1957
B 17	F 4	Parish histories, 1971
B 17	F 5	Parish histories, 1982
B 17	F 6	Parish history book galleys, 1970
B 15	F 3	Parish history book, correspondence with Custombook (publisher), 1968-1971
B 15	F 4	Parish history book, plans and correspondence with others, 1968-1971
B 17	F 7	Photographs, 1988 summer festival
B 17	F 8	Photographs, miscellaneous, 1936 and undated
B 18	F 2	Slovak-American Home
B 27		Slovak illustrated Bible, 1936
B 18	F 5	Slovak-language publications, miscellaneous
B 15	F 5	Special events and programs, 1969-1982
B 18	F 6-7	Tri-Parish Bishop's Visit, 1994
B 18	F 3	Wisconsin Slovak newsletter, 1982-2001, incomplete
B 18	F 4	Wisconsin Slovak newsletter, 1991-1995
<i>Series 4: Property Records</i>		
B 19	F 1	Architectural drawings and plans
B 18	F 8	Architectural specifications, new school and rectory (Project No. 4993), 1950-1952
B 18	F 9	Architectural specifications, new church (Project No. 68198), 1968-1969, Set No. 1
B 20	F 1	Architectural specifications, new church (Project No. 68198), 1968-1969, Set No. 2
B 20	F 2	Architectural specifications, new church (Project No. 68198), 1968-1969, additional specifications and bids
B 20	F 3-4	Bids, 1968-1969
B 20	F 5-6	Contracts, 1968-1972
B 20	F 7	Correspondence with architect Henry R. Slaby, 1949-1972
B 21	F 1	Correspondence with contractors, 1950-1953
B 21	F 2-3	Correspondence with contractors, 1959-1973
B 21	F 4	Correspondence with Church officials on new construction
B 21	F 5	Correspondence with government agencies and courts
B 21	F 6	Financing
B 21	F 7	Insurance records
B 19	F 2	Loans, Slovak Catholic Sokol
B 21	F 11	Maintenance records, 1974-1983
B 21	F 8	Memorials for the new church
B 21	F 9	Payments and waivers of lien, 1950-1954
B 19	F 3	Photographs, contract signing for new church, 1967
B 21	F 10	Proxies and waivers

Box	Folder	Folder Title
B 19	F 4	Real estate, abstracts of title
B 19	F 5	Real estate correspondence, 1936-1937
B 19	F 6	Real estate plats, 1942-1950
B 19	F 7	Real estate transactions, 1950-1969
B 19	F 8	Sale of convent home property, appraisals, 2000
B 19	F 9-10	Sale of convent home property, 2002-2010
<i>Series 5: Sacramental Records</i>		
B 23	F 2	Guestbook for visiting mass celebrants, 1952-1961
B 22	F 1	Invested and professed religious, 1931-1960
B 22	F 2-5	Mass calendars, 1949-1960
B 23	F 1	Mass calendar, 1960-1963
B 24	F 1	Mass intentions, 1932-1939
B 23	F 3	Mass intentions, 1947-1955
B 23	F 4	Mass intentions, 1978-1981
B 24	F 2	Mass record, 2007
B 23	F 6	Order and province obligations, 1960
B 23	F 5	Pro populo masses, 1958-1960
<i>Series 6: School Records</i>		
B 25	F 1-4	Chronicles, 1955-1980
B 25	F 5	Class pictures, 1963/1964
B 24	F 3	Class pictures, 1968-1970 and undated
B 25	F 6	Class pictures, 1968/1969
B 25	F 7	Class pictures, 1970/1971
B 25	F 8	Class pictures, 1972/1973
B 25	F 9	Class pictures, 1974/1975
B 25	F 10	Class pictures, 1976/1977
B 25	F 11	Class pictures, 1977/1978
B 26	F 1-3	Grades, grades 1-6, 1924-1936 (restricted)
B 27	F 1	Grades, grades 7-8, 1924-1936 (restricted)
B 27		Grades, grades 5-8, 1932-37 (restricted)
B 26	F 4	Grades, all levels, 1935-1936 (restricted)
B 25	F 12	Graduation pictures
B 25	F 13	Photographs, miscellaneous
B 27	F 2	Photographs, miscellaneous and oversized
B 25	F 14	Photographs, Sewing Guild, 1992-1995
B 25	F 15-16	Register of students, 1910-1922
B 24	F 4	Register of students, 1923-1952
B 24	F 5-9	Teacher contracts, 1991-1996 (restricted)
B 24	F 10	Teacher contracts, broken contracts (restricted)
B 24	F 1	Teacher contracts, Sr. Anita Henning (restricted)
B 25	F 17	Tuition records, 1911-1916
B 24	F 12	Tuition records, 1916-1920
B 25	F 18	Yearbook, 1989/1990