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Our Lady of Sorrows Parish (Milwaukee, Wis.)

Records, 1955-2007

MC 212

Volume

20.55 cubic feet

Access

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Historical Note

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Milwaukee, Wisconsin was incorporated June 1, 1955, by Archbishop Albert G. Meyer with Fr. Robert Schweizer as the founding pastor. The parish was temporarily housed in the gymnasium at Mother of Good Council Parish. Groundbreaking for their own church building was May 13, 1956, and the first mass celebrated in the new church was Christmas Eve 1956 with 980 parishioners present.

In Fall of 1958, the accompanying school building was completed and was staffed by the School Sisters of St. Francis. A convent building was completed in 1961 to house those sisters teaching at Our Lady of Sorrows.

Construction costs and debts were cleared by 1972. And with this stability came the formation of many parish organizations such as: the Christian Mothers Society, Church Youth Organization, The Holy Name Society, among others. A Parish Council was formed in 1975 to help manage the growth the parish was experiencing. Starting in the late 1980s and continuing into the 2000s, the parish and the school population growth stagnated and then began to decline. Finally in 2007, Our Lady of Sorrows merged with Corpus Christi, Mary Queen of Martyrs, and St. Philip Neri parishes to form Blessed Savior Parish, Milwaukee, Wis.

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

The collection has six series: Administrative, Building Information, Financial, Historical, Merger, and School Records. Administrative records include parish censuses, parish council information, and Status Animarums from the parish. Building information includes blueprints, building specifications, contracts, communications, proxies, sales of land, and information regarding the church organ and its housing. Financial Records include a church ledger, financial statements, loan repayments by the church, insurance information, and the estates/wills of people that gifted donations to the church. Within the historical records are church bulletins from 1955 until the merger in 2007, information on the various clergymen that served the parish, photos of the church and some of their events, information on a variety of parish organizations, and histories of the church including important events and anniversaries. The Merger series contains various census, statistics, plans, timelines, committee member information, and their meeting minutes. The Miscellaneous folder has papers from a presentation on the merger, resources for

parishioners on dealing with change in the church, clippings of articles about the merger, and ideas for collaborations between the parishes. School records have both daycare and the regular school information, enrollment requirements and statistics, external and internal memos, class photos, and even a few yearbooks from various years.

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		Parish Census, 1990, A-H
B 1		Parish Census, 1990, H-M
B 2		Parish Census, 1990, N-Z
B 17	F 1	Parish Census, 1998, A-H
B 17	F 2	Parish Census, 1998, J-P
B 17	F 3	Parish Census, 1998, R-Z
B 2	F 1	Parish Census Reports, 2004-2007
B 2	F 2	Parish Communications
B 2	F 3	Parish Council, Announcements and Communications
B 2	F 4	Parish Council, Meeting Minutes, 1975-1982
B 2	F 5	Parish Council, Meeting Minutes, 1983-1997
B 3	F 1	Parish Council, Meeting Minutes, 1998-2007
B 17	F 4	Parish Directories, 2004-2006
B 3	F 2	Parish Statistics
B 17	F 5	Status Animarum, 1956-1975
B 3	F 3	Status Animarum, 1976-1991
B 3	F 4	Status Animarum, 1997-2006
<i>Series 2: Building Records</i>		
B 3	F 5	Appraisal, Congregation Holdings, 1981
B 3	F 6	Appraisal, Congregation Properties, 1965
B 3	F 7	Appraisal, Congregation Properties, 1974
B 3	F 8	Appraisal, Congregation Properties, 1980-1981
B 4	F 1	Appraisal, Convent, 1985
B 4	F 2	Appraisal, Convent and Land, 2002
B 18	F 1	Blueprints, Rectory and Church Building, 1956-1979
B 4	F 3	Blueprints, School, 1958
B 18	F 2	Building Committee, 1955-1956
B 4	F 4	Building Specifications, Rectory and Church Building, 1956
B 4	F 5	Building Specifications, Rectory and Church Building, 1956
B 4	F 6	Building Specifications, School Building, 1957
B 4	F 7	Building Specifications, School Building Addition and Convent, 1961
B 5	F 1	Construction Appeal, 1956
B 18	F 3	Contracts, 1956-1958
B 5	F 2	Contracts, 1963
B 5	F 3	Contracts, 1980
B 5	F 4	Contracts, 1987
B 5	F 5	Contracts – Auditorium, 1956

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B 18	F 4	Correspondences, 1956-1957
B 18	F 5	Decree of Canonical Erection, 1955
B 18	F 6	Insurance and Certificates
B 5	F 6	Land Swap Agreement, 1955
B 5	F 7	Master Plans and Overview
B 5	F 8	Organ Information
B 18	F 7	Proxies, 1966-2005
B 18	F 8	Proxies, Land Sale, 1974
B 18	F 9	Proxies, Land Sale, 1976
B 5	F 9	Proxies, Lease, 1985
B 19	F 1	Sale of Convent, 2005
B 19	F 2	Surveys, 1971-1976
B 19	F 3	Surveys, 2005
<i>Series 3: Financial Records</i>		
B 5	F 10	Bills from the City – Paid
B 5	F 11	Estate – Borek, John (restricted)
B 5	F 12	Estate – Breen, Clementine (restricted)
B 5	F 13	Estate – Danielson, Adolph (restricted)
B 5	F 14	Estate – Danielson, Malinda (restricted)
B 5	F 15	Estate – Gruenewald, Florence (restricted)
B 5	F 16	Estate – Haertl, Leonard (restricted)
B 5	F 17	Estate – Hall, Edward (restricted)
B 5	F 18	Estate – Hermann, Dolores (restricted)
B 5	F 19	Estate – Hulee, Armin (restricted)
B 5	F 20	Estate – Kelly, William (restricted)
B 5	F 21	Estate – Kitzman, Dolores (restricted)
B 5	F 22	Estate – Liefert, Elmer (restricted)
B 5	F 23	Estate – Rampetsreiter, Marie (restricted)
B 5	F 24	Estate – Rickert, Frank (restricted)
B 5	F 25	Estate – Rizzo, Esther (restricted)
B 5	F 26	Estate – Salamone, Antoinette (restricted)
B 5	F 27	Estate – Schauble, Joseph (restricted)
B 5	F 28	Estate – Schnieder, Leila (restricted)
B 5	F 29	Estate – Staley, Margaret (restricted)
B 5	F 30	Estate – Serio, Ann (restricted)
B 5	F 31	Estate – Weyrough, Irene (restricted)
B 19	F 4	Finance Committee, 1956
B 6	F 1	Finance Council Minutes, 1999-2007
B 19	F 5	Financial Statements, 1955-1969
B 6	F 2	Financial Statements, 1969-1989
B 6	F 3	Financial Statements, 1989-2000
B 19	F 6	Financial Statements, 2001-2008
B 6	F 4	Insurance – Fire, Liability, etc.
B 22	F 1	Ledger, 1955-1959
B 22	F 2	Ledger, 1960-1963
B 22	F 3	Ledger, 1964-1966
B 19	F 7	Loan Repayment – Northwestern Mutual, 1956-1961
B 6	F 5	Loan Repayment – Northwestern Mutual, 1966-1969

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B 6	F 6	Loan Repayment – Western Bank, 1957-1961
<i>Series 4: Historical Records</i>		
B 6	F 7	Parish Anniversaries
B 19	F 8	Parish Bulletins, 1955
B 19	F 9	Parish Bulletins, 1956
B 19	F 10	Parish Bulletins, 1957
B 19	F 11	Parish Bulletins, 1958
B 19	F 12	Parish Bulletins, 1959
B 19	F 13	Parish Bulletins, 1960
B 19	F 14	Parish Bulletins, 1961
B 20	F 1	Parish Bulletins, 1962
B 20	F 2	Parish Bulletins, 1963
B 20	F 3	Parish Bulletins, 1964
B 20	F 4	Parish Bulletins, 1965
B 20	F 5	Parish Bulletins, 1966
B 20	F 6	Parish Bulletins, 1967
B 20	F 7	Parish Bulletins, 1968
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B 20	F 9	Parish Bulletins, 1970
B 20	F 10	Parish Bulletins, 1971
B 20	F 11	Parish Bulletins, 1972
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B 7		Parish Bulletins, 1973-1974
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B 12		Parish Bulletins, 2002
B 13		Parish Bulletins, 2003
B 13		Parish Bulletins, 2004
B 13		Parish Bulletins, 2005
B 14		Parish Bulletins, 2006
B 14		Parish Bulletins, 2007
B 14	F 1	Parish Dedication, 1957
B 14	F 2	Parish Events
B 14	F 3	Parish Groundbreaking
B 21	F 1	Parish Histories
B 14	F 4	Parish News Clippings
B 14	F 5	Parish Organization, Booster Club
B 14	F 6	Parish Organization, Christian Mothers
B 14	F 7	Parish Organization, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
B 14	F 8	Parish Organization, Holy Name Society
B 14	F 9	Parish Organization, NET Team
B 14	F 10	Parish Organization, St. Vincent De Paul
B 14	F 11	Parish Organization, Youth Organization
B 14	F 12	Parish, Priest Information
B 14	F 13	Photographs, Aerial
B 14	F 14	Photographs, Clergymen
B 14	F 15	Photographs, Church Closing
B 14	F 16	Photographs, Cornerstone Removal
B 14	F 17	Photographs, First Communion
B 14	F 18	Photographs, Interior
B 14	F 19	Photographs, Pentecost Event
<i>Series 5: Merger</i>		
B 15	F 1	Merger, Census and Financials
B 15	F 2	Merger, Committee Formation Workshops
B 15	F 3	Merger, Communications
B 15	F 4	Merger, Data, 1996
B 15	F 5	Merger, Events and Prayer Services
B 15	F 6	Merger, Facilities and Property Assessment, 1997
B 22	F 4	Merger, Miscellaneous
B 15	F 7	Merger, Parishioner Feedback
B 21	F 2	Merger, Plans and Timelines
B 21	F 3	Merger, Team Members and Meeting Minutes
B 15	F 8	Merger, Tri-Parish Administrative/Facilities Usage
B 15	F 9	Merger, Tri-Parish Assessment, 1996
B 15	F 10	Merger, Tri-Parish Communication Committee
<i>Series 6: School Records</i>		
B 15	F 11	Home and School Association
B 15	F 12	O.K. Kids Day Care
B 15	F 13	O.K. Kids Day Care, Personnel (restricted)
B 16	F 1	School Choice, Financial Report, 2004-2006
B 16	F 2	School Class Photos, 1959-2006
B 16	F 3	School, Enrollment Information

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B 21	F 4	School, External Memos
B 16	F 4	School, Internal Memos
B 16	F 5	School, Parent Handbook
B 16	F 6	School, Planning
B 16	F 7	School, Yearbooks
B 16	F 8	Vacation Bible School
<i>Restricted Materials</i>		
B 23-29		Student Transcripts (restricted)
B 30-36		Pre-nuptial Files (restricted)