



*The following is the finding aid for the St. Mary, Richfield 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. Mary Congregation (Richfield, Wis.)  
Records, 1983-2003  
MC 244**

**Access**

Open/unrestricted, except prenuptial files.

**Historical Note**

In the summer of 1852, permission was granted to organize a new parish and three acres of land were deed to build a new church, just west of Richfield and just north of Hubertus. St. Mary Parish in Richfield was founded in 1854 with the first church built in 1858. From 1863 to 1915, St. Mary's was a mission of St. Boniface in Germantown, Wis. Completion of a new church happened in 1895, when the parish consisted of seventeen families. During the first half of the 20th century, St. Mary's church became a mission to several different parishes, including St. Hubert in Hubertus. Though St. Mary never had a school of its own, due to its mission status for many decades, the Franciscan Sisters of St. Hubert's did provide instruction to students on Saturdays. In the summer of 1967, the missin was elevated to parish status. By 1989, membership included 340 adults and 170 children. In 2002, despite reluctance from parishioners, St. Mary, St. Huber in Hubertus and St. Columba in Lake Five merged to create St. Gabriel Parish in Hubertus in 2002.

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

The bulk of this collection includes administrative records from the 1990s and covers St. Mary's attempt to keep their parish from merging with St. Hubert and St. Columba. Included in the collection are the minutes for the Parish Council, Administrative Committee, and the Facilities Planning Committee which was in charge of planning the merger. Also included is a detailed demographic analysis of the Richfield area.

**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.*

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
B 2	F 4	Abstract of Title
B 1	F 1	Administrative Committee, constitution
B 1	F 2	Administrative Committee, minutes, 1984-2002
B 1	F 3	Archdiocesan Assessment forms, 1992-2003
B 1	F 4	Audit reports, 1985-2001
B 1	F 5	Budgets, 1986-2002 (Restricted)
B 1	F 6	Cemetery administration, 2000-2001
B 1	F 7	"Combined Demographic Analysis," 1999, Copy 1
B 1	F 8	"Combined Demographic Analysis," 1999, Copy 2

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B 1	F 9	Education Endowment Fund, 1997
B 1	F 10	Facilities Planning Committee, 1997-2001
B 1	F 11	Financial Statements, 1983-2002
B 1	F 12	Insurance Reports, 1996-2001
B 1	F 13	Inventory, 2004
B 2	F 1	Parish Council, constitution
B 2	F 2	Parish Council, minutes, 1994-1998
B 2	F 3	Status Animarum, 1985-2002