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## **St. Agnes Congregation (Milwaukee, Wis.)**

**Records, 1927-1994**

**MC 102**

### **Volume**

11.95 cubic feet

### **Access**

Open/unrestricted except for budget records, Archdiocesan financial statements, marriage records, payroll records and student grades.

### **Historical Note**

In 1925, Holy Angels was having difficulties ministering to all of the people moving into the area and it was determined that a new church should be built. The Archdiocese purchased land in 1925 and a small, temporary church was built at 29<sup>th</sup> and Hopkins. The pews were assorted chairs and the roof of the building leaked. A new combination building was constructed in 1926, which consisted of a two-story building containing a basement hall, a first floor church, and four classrooms on the second floor. Another building was completed in 1948 that had a basement church, a convent, four additional classrooms, and a temporarily unfinished third floor.

Plans for a new church were discussed during the 1950s, but plans were delayed due to the parish's persistent debt. Finally, a new and permanent church was completed in 1961 with a seating capacity of 1,046. Membership peaked in 1964 with 2,000 families, and that same year St. Agnes established the first Women's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in the United States. However, only a few years after the new church was completed the population of the neighborhood began to change dramatically and hundreds of parishioners left the parish each year. In 1970 St. Agnes was one of the few parishes that was under the care of a Pastoral Team, which was made up of both priests and sisters. The parish council was formed in 1971.

In the 1970s, many of the programs shifted to accommodate the changes in the neighborhood and black membership in the parish began to rise. The St. Agnes Day Care Center was licensed and certified by the State of Wisconsin to provide programs to accommodate preschool children of working parents. A breakfast Program began in 1972

The school opened in 1926 with over 100 children taught by the School Sisters of St. Francis. The school continued to grow, and additions were put on the school building in 1928, 1936 and 1940. In the 1970s, St. Agnes School became part of the Central City Catholic School System. St. Agnes parish closed in October of 1994. Parishioners of the former St. Agnes, St. Anne, Holy Angels, St. John de Nepomuc, and St. Thomas Aquinas tended to join the new All Saints parish, which was created on November 1, 1994.

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

St. Agnes Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was a Roman Catholic Church founded in 1927. It closed in 1994 and parishioners began attending the newly formed All Saints Church. The collection includes Sunday bulletins from 1972-1993 and Status Animarum from 1944-1993.

In 2000, accession 00 08 25 was added to the existing collection. These records are located in boxes 24-30. The collection includes records detailing the merger of the parish schools through the Central City Project records, records of the planning and merging of parishes in the District 13, and photographs of the Central City Parish Inventory which is a record of historical and valuable artifacts from nine parishes: St. Agnes, St. Anne, St. Boniface, St. Elizabeth, St. Gall, Holy Angels, St. Leo and St. Thomas.

**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.*

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
B 1	F 1	Annual meetings, 1930-1945, missing 1932, 1934, 1943, 1944
B 1	F 2	Annual meetings, 1957-1974, missing 1950-1954, 1970
B 1	F 3	Articles of incorporation, 1927, 1948
B 1	F 4	Budgets, 1944-1945, 1982-1983 (restricted)
B 1		Budgets, 1987-1994 (restricted)
B 1	F 5	Building, construction, 1941, 1949
B 1	F 6	Building, construction/remodeling, 1948; 1980
B 1	F 7	Building and finance committee, 1945-1953
B 1	F 8	Building, plans/specifications, 1927, 1959
B 28	F 2	Building, sign addition, 1987
B 24	F 1	Central city school project, council minutes, 1984-1985
B 24	F 2	Central city school project, council minutes, 1986-1988
B 24	F 3	Central city school project, planning books, 1983-1986
B 23	F 4	Confirmation, 1943, 1946, 1954-1985
B 24	F 4	Correspondence, City of Milwaukee, 1987-1992
B 6	F 2	Day care, 1973-1983
B 24	F 5	District 13 planning, city convocation, Feb. 13, 1993
B 24	F 6	District 13 planning, committee minutes, 1993-1994
B 24	F 7	District 13 planning, committee minutes (in Spanish), 1993-1994
B 24	F 8	District 13 planning, parish model responses, 1994
B 28	F 3	District 13 planning, vicar
B 24	F 9	Employee Contracts, 1982-1994 (restricted)
B 1	F 9	Estate documents, wills, 1955-1976
B 28	F 4	Estate documents, wills, 1985-1989
B 28	F 5	Estate documents, wills, 1990-1992
B 24	F 10	Finance committee minutes, 1983-1987, 1994 (restricted)
B 25	F 1	Financial, miscellaneous records, 1988-1989, 1994
B 6	F 4-6	Financial statements, annual, 1936-1975, incomplete
B 25	F 2	Financial statements, annual, 1976-1982
B 6	F 3	Financial statements, Archdiocese, 1944-1969 (restricted)
B 25	F 3	Financial statements, Archdiocese, 1971-1992 (restricted)
B 23	F 3	First communion, 1926, 1951-1985, incomplete
B 7	F 1-2	History, 1938-1994
B 7	F 4	History, Church dedication, 1960

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B 7	F 5	History, Golden Jubilee, 1975
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B 7	F 7	Insurance certificates, 1974-1989
B 25	F 4	Insurance policies, 1978-1992
B 25	F 5	Insurance, risk improvement reports, 1983-1987; 1990; 1992
B 25	F 6	Insurance, statement of valuables, 1972-1981
B 28	F 6	Land Sale, Believers in Christ ministries, 1990
B 25	F 7	Leases, contracts, 1984-1988; 1993
B 25	F 8	Leases, correspondence, 1984-1989
B 25	F 9	Legal documents, embezzlement case, 1989, 1992
B 25	F 10	Liturgy committee minutes, 1989-1992
B 7	F 8	Mortgage bonds, 1954-1956, 1959, 1964
B 7	F 9	Mortgage documents, 1927-1955
B 7	F 6	Newspaper clippings, 1943-1989
B 7	F 10	Parish council, constitution, 1972?
B 25	F 11	Parish council, constitution/bylaws, 1977, 1986
B 7	F 11	Parish council, minutes, 1925-1935
B 8	F 1	Parish council, minutes, 1936-1946
B 8	F 2	Parish council, minutes, 1955-1958
B 8	F 3	Parish council, minutes, 1971-1972
B 8	F 4	Parish council, minutes, 1978-1979
B 8	F 5	Parish council, minutes, 1980-1982
B 25	F 12	Parish council, minutes, 1983-1985
B 26	F 1-4	Parish council, minutes, 1986-1993
B 8	F 6	Parishioner lists, 1947; n.d.
B 29	F 1-2	Payroll book, 1958-1979 (restricted)
B 29	F 3, 4	Payroll books, 1981, 1993-1994 (restricted)
B 30	F 1-2	Payroll book, 1984-1985 (restricted)
B 23		Payroll book, church, 1975-1980 (restricted)
B 23		Payroll book, school, 1977-1982 (restricted)
B 26	F 6	Photographs, central city parishes' inventory, St. Agnes – Boniface [1994?]
B 26	F 7	Photographs, central city parishes' inventory, St. Elizabeth – Thomas [1994?]
B 22	F 1	Photographs, confirmation 1955, 1957, 1959, 1964
B 26	F 5	Photographs, council members [n.d.]
B 22	F 2	Photographs, school pictures 1943, 1975 (most undated)
B 22	F 3	Photographs, grade school pictures 1959-1960, 1962-1963 to grade 3
B 22	F 4	Photographs, grade school pictures 1962-1963 (grades 4-8), 1967-1969
B 22	F 5	Photographs, grade school pictures 1969-1972
B 22	F 6	Photographs, grade school pictures 1972-1973, 1975-1976
B 22	F 7	Photographs, grade school pictures 1976-1985 (1977-1978 grade 3 only)
B 23	F 2	Photographs, parish photographs (1925-1992)
B 26	F 8	Pipe organ purchase (1986)
B 8	F 7	Profile of parish, 1939, 1993, incomplete
B 26	F 9	Proxies, 1954-1981
B 27	F 1	Proxies, 1985-1994
B 8	F 8	Publications, Agnesiana, 1938-1943, incomplete
B 9	F 1	Publications, Agnesiana, 1946-1948
B 9	F 2	Publications, Messenger, 1937-1953, incomplete
B 9	F 3	Publications, Parish Picnic, Graduation, Yearbooks, 1927-1942, incomplete

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B 9		School calendars, 1972-1982
B 10		School calendars, 1982-1985
B 10A		School enrollment cards, A-W, 1967-1976
B 10	F 1	School evaluations team report, 1982
B 10	F 2	School family directory and parent information, 1979-1990
B 10	F 3	School graduates, 1927-1985
B 10		School self-study, 1981-1982
B 10	F 4	School staff handbook, 1979-1980
B 11	F 1-4	St. Vincent de Paul Society, 1977-1983
B 11	F 5	Status Animarum (parish annual report), 1944-1971, incomplete run
B 11	F 6	Status Animarum (parish annual report), 1972-1985, incomplete run
B 11	F 7	Status Animarum (parish annual report), 1986-1993
B 27	F 2	Stewardship committee, parish pledge records, 1986-1987 (restricted)
B 27	F 3	Stewardship committee, phone survey, 1980s (restricted)
B 27	F 4	Stewardship, "God's plan for Church support", 1974
B 27	F 5	Stewardship programs, 1984-1994, incomplete
B 10A		Student grades, 1933-1937 (Restricted)
B 2	F 1-6	Sunday bulletins, 1972-1977
B 3	F 1-5	Sunday bulletins, 1978-1982
B 4	F 1-5	Sunday bulletins, 1983-1987
B 5	F 1-5	Sunday bulletins, 1988-1992
B 6	F 1	Sunday bulletins, 1993
B 28	F 7	Synod Recommendations, 1986-1987
B 11	F 8	Tax exemption reports, 1962, 1972, 1982
B 27	F 6	Tax exemption, 1988, 1994
B 11	F 9	Usher society, 1952-1976
B 23	F 1	Video, St. Agnes youth choir, Washington, D.C. (n.d)