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**Holy Redeemer Congregation (Milwaukee, Wis.)  
Records, 1897-1995  
MC 93**

**Volume**

26.65 cubic feet

**Access**

Open/unrestricted except for Financial Committee Meeting Minutes, Financial Records, Marriage Case Files, and School Grade Records.

**Historical Note**

Holy Redeemer parish was founded on May 12, 1897 with a small steering committee in the village of North Milwaukee. The land chosen for the site of the new parish was surrounded with farm land, marshes, and woods. Fr. Fischer came on his bicycle from St. Boniface parish every other Sunday to celebrate Mass and other sacraments. A rectory was eventually built in 1907. During the Depression years Fr. Nellen took some of his parishioner's mortgages out of the parish to help pay them off. Throughout this period the parish was famous for their chicken dinners. By 1940 membership in the parish was over 5,000, and a new church was completed in 1958.

The parish school opened in 1922 with sixteen children. The School Sisters of St. Francis came to teach, even though Fr. Skolaski admitted that the parish could not afford to pay the teachers. As the size of the parish ballooned exponentially, so did the school, and by the end of the 1930s enrollment was over 600 students, and by 1953 enrollment was over 1,500. A ninth grade was added in 1942.

By the 1970s many parishioners began moving out of the northside, and as a result the parish began to shrink in size. In 1976 the parish began offering bingo twice a month to help support the school. In June of 1987, after a good deal of research into consolidating with other parish schools in the area, the Parish Council voted to close the school.

In an unprecedented move, after 17 years of dialog, Holy Redeemer and Mount Tabor, a United Church of Christ congregation signed a pledge to work together for social justice and the common good, and for the removal of any obstacle to the ecumenical spirit. By 1990 the number of parishioners was down to 500. In 1992 Holy Redeemer merged with St. Nicholas and St. Albert to form Blessed Trinity Parish. In 2011 Blessed Trinity parish merged with St. Catherine parish on 51<sup>st</sup> and Center, Milwaukee.

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

Holy Redeemer Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was a Roman Catholic church founded in 1897. Extensive series within the collection include: various Catholic War Veterans material from 1946-1962, Directors Meeting Minutes from 1897-1930, Holy Name Society Meeting Minutes from 1953-1969, Parish council Meetings Minutes from 1970-1989, many photographs, and Sunday Bulletins from 1935-

1974 and 1981-1990. Holy Redeemer Church merged into Blessed Trinity Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1991. Accession #10 11 08b in boxes 32-47 consist primarily of student transcript files, school personnel files, and various reports.

**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 1-2	Abstracts of Title, 1906-1957
B 3	F 1	Administrative Services Committee Meeting Minutes, 1989
B 3	F 2-6	Annual/Membership Reports, 1928-1965
B 3	F 7	Archdiocesan Accreditation, 1981-1986
B 48		Archdiocesan Financial Reports, 1924-1969 (restricted)
B 47	F 3	Archdiocesan Financial Reports, 1969-1991 (restricted)
B 47	F 7	Archdiocesan School Financial Reports, 1969-1986 (restricted)
B 3	F 8	Articles of Incorporation, 1897
B 4	F 1	Athletic Booster Club Ledger, 1961-1976
B 4	F 2-5	Athletic Booster Club Meeting Minutes, 1944-1967
B 4	F 6	Buildings and Grounds, 1937-1989
B 4	F 7-8	Catholic War Veterans Correspondence, 1947-1952
B 5	F 1	Catholic War Veterans Correspondence, 1953-1959
B 5	F 2-4	Catholic War Veterans Meeting Minutes, 1946-1962
B 5	F 5	Catholic War Veterans Miscellaneous, 1950-1960
B 5	F 6	Catholic War Veterans Officers’ Meeting Minutes, 1950-1955
B 6		Catholic War Veterans Scrapbook, 1947-1958
B 6	F 1	Christian Formation Committee Meeting Minutes, 1985-1989
B 6		Class Photographs, 1920-1987
B 7		Classbooks, 1966-1987
B 7	F 1-2	Collaboration with Other Parishes, 1983-1995
B 7	F 3	Communications Committee Meeting Minutes, 1985-1987
B 7	F 4	Constitution and By-Laws, 1974-1986
B 7		Directors Meeting Minutes, 1897-1930
B 7	F 5	Finance Committee Meeting Minutes, 1984-1987 (restricted)
B 7	F 6	Financial Reports, 1970-1991
B 7	F 7	Holy Name Society Meeting Minutes, 1953-1963
B 8	F 1	Holy Name Society Meeting Minutes, 1964-1969
B 8	F 2	Holy Name Society Reports to Milwaukee Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Men, 1961-1967
B 8	F 3	Human Concerns Committee Meeting Minutes, 1971-1986
B 8	F 4	Insurance, 1955-1963
B 8	F 5	Insurance Audit, 1934
B 8	F 6	Land Contracts, 1941-1943
B 8	F 7	Liturgy Committee Meeting Minutes, 1980-1987
B 9		Mass Records, 1957-1965
B 10	F 1	Mortgages, 1936-1951
B 10	F 2	Offers to Purchase with Acceptance, 1940-1942
B 10	F 3-4	Parish Council, 1971-1990
B 10	F 5-8	Parish Council Meeting Minutes, 1970-1989
B 10	F 9	Parish Organizations, 1968-1989

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Folder Title</b>
B 10	F 10	Parish Publications, 1957-1986
B 11	F 1-5	Photographs, 1959-1987, n.d.
B 11	F 6-7	Photographs, Buildings, 1931-1934, n.d.
B 11	F 8	Photographs, School, 1959-1986
B 12	F 1	Quit Claim Deeds, 1937-1941
B 12	F 2	Real Estate Sale Agreement, 1939
B 12	F 3	Receipt Books, 1942-1954
B 12		Receipt Books, 1955-1973
B 12	F 4	Releases, 1938-1941
B 12	F 5	St. Joseph Society Meeting Minutes, 1928-1929
B 12	F 6-7	School, 1927-1987
B 47	F 5-6	School, Annual Reports, 1969/70-1986/87
B 12		School Attendance Records, 1922-1931
B 47		School, Family List, 1986/87
B 13		School Grade Records, 1932-1935 (restricted)
B 48		School Reports, 1942-1943
B 47	F 1	School, Personnel Files, Lay Teachers (restricted)
B 47	F 2	School, Personnel Files, Religious Teachers (restricted)
B 41		School Personnel records (restricted)
B 14	F 1	Spiritual Life and Worship Committee Meeting Minutes, 1989
B 48		Status Animarum (parish annual report), 1945-1971
B 47	F 8	Status Animarum (parish annual report), 1972-1991
B 26-40		Student Transcripts (restricted)
B 14	F 2-8	Sunday Bulletins, 1935-1948
B 15	F 1-8	Sunday Bulletins, 1949-1964
B 16	F 1-5	Sunday Bulletins, 1965-1974
B 16		Sunday Bulletins, 1981-1982
B 17		Sunday Bulletins, 1983-1987
B 18		Sunday Bulletins, 1988-1990
B 18	F 1	Supplemental Agreement, 1945
B 18	F 2	Tax Deeds, 1936-1937
B 18	F 3	Warranty Deeds, 1928-1951
B 18	F 4	Your Basic Option Newsletter, 1971-1972