

**St. Paul's Catholic Church
Special Collections – Akron-Summit County Public Library**

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ACQUISITION: Donated by St. Paul's Catholic Church February 23, 2013.

ACCESS: Restricted access; materials fragile; access by request at Akron-Summit County Public Library's Main Library Special Collections division only.

VOLUME: 5 boxes, 9 oversized folders; 2.5 linear feet.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE: Led by Reverend James Hanley, St. Paul's Catholic Church celebrated its first mass October 12, 1919 in the Firestone Park School. Shortly after enough funds had been collected to build a new church, and by April 20, 1920, the first mass was held in it. In 1926, with the prompting of pastor Father Clement H. Boeke, a school was erected for the children of the parish. Throughout his time as pastor, Father Clement continued to expand the parish, building on to the original church, school, and adding a rectory. From 1973 to 1982, under the leadership of Father Thomas Kogle, parishioner involvement in the operation of the parish was increased; not only did this create a sense of community among the people but also allowed for a financially sound church. The church continued to grow and under the direction of Father Jenkins, pastor starting in 1982, a new church was constructed in 2003.

SCOPE AND CONTENT: Documents and photographs created by or about St. Paul's Catholic Church, the clergy, and parishioners from the 1920s-2000s.

ARRANGEMENT: The collection is divided into 6 Series. Series 1 contains photographs, both printed and on CD, negatives, and video from Father Boeke's funeral which has also been placed on DVD. Series 2 contains internal and external publications and writings. Series 3 contains news clippings about clergy, the church, and the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD). Series 4 contains various documents pertaining to organizations. Series 5 contains various documents pertaining to church events. Series 6 contains various documents pertaining to St. Paul's Catholic School. Series 7 contains awards and proclamations. They are organized chronologically when available.

INVENTORY:

SERIES 1: Photographs, negatives, and video

Box 1:

Subseries1: Pastors

Envelope #:

- 1 Hanley, James (circa 1919-1920)
- 2 Hanley, James, oversized, shelved with collection
- 3 Kirby, Thomas (circa 1920-1924)
- 4 Boeke, Clement (circa 1924-1961)
- 5 Gallagher, John (circa 1961-1965)

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- 6 Clark, John (circa 1965-1973)
- 7 Koegle, Thomas (circa 1973-1982)
- 8 Jenkins, John (circa 1982-2003)
- 9 Thomas, Ralph (circa 2004-2014)

Subseries 2: Assistant Pastors

Envelope #:

- 10 Dieterick, Frances (1931)
- 11 Byrider, Charles (1941)
- 12 Still, Ira (1943)
- 13 Scully, Martin (1944)
- 14 Kilcoyne, John (1945)
- 15 Dietz, Frederick (1949)
- 16 McCann, James (1950)
- 17 Hogan, Charles (1952)
- 18 Sweeney, Eneas (1953)
- 19 Lambur, Victor (1954)
- 20 Bayer, Lawrence (1958)
- 21 Abel, Donald (1959)
- 22 McCabe, Charles (circa 1962)
- 23 Blinn, Mark (1963)
- 24 Whelan, Hugh (1964)
- 25 Wysocki, Paul (1964)
- 26 Durant, Raphael (1966)
- 27 Shimalonis, Albert (1966)
- 28 Wittreich, John (1967)
- 29 Englert, William (1969)
- 30 Black, William (1971)
- 31 Rosing, Paul (1973)
- 32 Loya, John (1974)
- 33 Ciccolini, Sam (1975)
- 34 Smiga, George (1975)
- 35 Carlin, Robert (1976)
- 36 Halaiko, David (1976)
- 37 Diedrick, Charles (1978)
- 38 Ryba, Charles (1978)
- 39 Valenga, Steve (1982)
- 40 Klein, James (circa 1983)
- 41 Evans, Rich (1987)
- 42 Lonteen, Frank (1987)
- 43 Kunkel, Albert (1990)
- 44 Bernowski, Steve (1992)
- 45 Stein, Robert (1997)
- 46 Thomas, Ralph (2002)
- 47 Durant, Rafael (undated)
- 48 Unidentified Assistant Pastors (undated)

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Box 1-2:

Subseries 3: Church events and activities

DESCRIPTIVE NOTE: contains photographs from various church events, including but not limited to: church picnics, dinners, ceremonies, and fundraisers.

Envelope #:
49-100 (1920-2005)

Box 3:

Subseries 4: Buildings and grounds

Envelope #:
101 Aerial photographs of buildings (undated)
102 Anniversary sign (circa 1994)
103 Architectural art (undated)
104 Chapel and School (undated)
105 Chapel and School (undated)
106 Chapel and School (undated)
107 Church (circa 1998)
108 Church demolition (circa 2000)
109 Firestone factory and park (undated)
110 Grotto (undated)
111 New church construction; viewing model (2001)
112 New church construction; groundbreaking and dedication (2002)
113 New church construction; inside and outside new building (2003)
114 Original church (undated)
115 Inside of rectory (circa 1950)
116 Outside of rectory (circa 1950)
117 Miscellaneous photographs in church (undated)
118 Buildings, oversized, shelved with collection

Subseries 5: Organizations

Envelope #:
119 Sports Booster Club (circa 1924-1985)
120 Communion Class (1931-1955), oversized, shelved with collection
121 Hand bell choir (circa 1970s)
122 Choir (circa 1990s)
123 Choir (circa 1990s)
124 Boy Scouts (1993)

Box 4:

Subseries 6: St. Paul's Catholic School

Envelope #:

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- 125 Graduation class group shots (1931-1937)
- 126 Graduation class group shot, oversized, shelved with collection (1937)
- 127 Miscellaneous photographs (circa 1940s-1950s)
- 128 Yearbook (1971-1972)
- 129-133 Miscellaneous photographs (circa 1970s)
- 134 Identified instructors (circa 1970s)
- 135 8th grade class (1979-1980)

Subseries 7: Miscellaneous photographs

Envelope#:

- 136-137 Miscellaneous photographs (undated)
- 138 Group shot of church workers (undated)
- 139 Mock up (undated)

Subseries: Negatives

Envelope #:

- 140-148 (undated)

Subseries: Photos on CD

Disc #

- 1 Firestone Park (1920s-1940s)
- 2 Demolition (2002)
- 3 World Youth Day (2002)

Subseries: Video

Disc #:

- 4 Father Boeke's funeral (1961)

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- 1 Father Boeke's funeral (1961)

SERIES 2: PUBLICATIONS AND WRITINGS

Box 5:

Subseries: Internal

Folder #:

- 1 Memorial Day Program (1921)
- 2 Souvenir books (1926)
- 3 Assorted bulletins and offering envelopes (1943-1945)
- 4 "St. Paul's Bulletins", vol. 1 1958-1980, bound volume, shelved with collection
- 5 "St. Paul's Parish" History/Guide (1976)
- 6 Directories (1980-2007)
- 7 History of St. Paul's Parish (circa 2003)

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- 8 45 Year Reunion booklet, class of 1960 (2005)
- 9 "The Pastor's Corner", excerpts (undated)

Subseries: External

Folder #:

- 10 Letter from H.S. Firestone (1920)
- 11 Sheet music (1959)
- 12 Letters concerning death of Father Hanley (1965-1966)
- 13 "A History of St. Paul's Parish, Akron, Ohio" by DeKemper, Tom (1987)
- 14 "A Brief History of the Sisters of St. Dominic of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Akron Ohio" (2007)
- 15 Sisters and relationship to St. Paul's in "Bearers of the Word" (undated)

SERIES 3: NEWS CLIPPINGS

Box: 5

Folder #:

- 1 Kirby, Thomas (1920)
- 2 McCabe, Charles (1971-1988)
- 3 Clark, John (1973)
- 4 Diederich, Francis (1981)
- 5 Abel, Donald (undated)
- 6 Boehnlein, Francis (undated)
- 7 Ciccolini, Samuel (undated)
- 8 St. Paul's Catholic Church (1920-1994)
- 9 CCD (1974-1997)

SERIES 4: ORGANIZATIONS

Box 5:

Folder #:

- 1 First Communion Class (1923-1958)
- 2 Ladies Guild (1925-1956)
- 3 Organ Club, scrapbook (1928-1934)
- 4 Organ Club, poster, oversized, shelved with collection (1930)
- 5 Organ Club, programs (1931-1934)
- 6 Organ Club, miscellaneous (1934-1937)
- 7 Boy Scouts, individual records (1950-1955)
- 8 Boy Scouts, troop charters (1966-1967)
- 9 Boy Scouts, assorted pamphlets (1969)
- 10 Boy Scouts, rosters (1969-1984)
- 11 Boy Scouts, Camp Manatoc booklets (1970)
- 12 Boy Scouts, awards (2005)

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- 13 Boy Scouts, miscellaneous forms (undated)
- 14 Choir, undated
- 15 Sports Booster Club, undated

SERIES 5: EVENTS

Box 5:

Folder #:

- 1 Field Mass, Decoration Day (1921)
- 2 Play productions (1955-1962)
- 3 Polka Mass (1993)
- 4 Construction (circa 2002-2003)
- 5 Picnics (undated)

SERIES 6: ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Box 5:

Folder #:

- 1 Student certificates for William Ringkor, oversized, shelved with collection (1927-1928)
- 2 Class photographs, photocopies (1964-2009)
- 3 Class of 1961 directory (2006)
- 4 Perfect attendance recognition (undated)

SERIES 7: AWARDS AND PROCLAMATIONS

Box 5:

Folder #

- 1 "Maurus Ab Immaculata" (1954)
- 2 Proclamations for 75th Anniversary, oversized, shelved with collection(1994)