Assumption and St. Vincent de Paul Churches, Perryville, Missouri
Date Range: 1853-2000
Quantity: 4 feet, 2 inches (12 full size boxes, 1 oversize box)

History

Catholic settlers arrived in Perry County, Missouri, during a twelve-year period (1787-1799). In 1799, Angle-American Catholics, earlier migrants from Maryland to Kentucky, moved westward to Perry County for land near the Mississippi River. In response to their Catholic heritage, these residents built a log church but lacked a resident priest. These Catholics first depended on the occasional priest traveler and later on the monthly visit of priests from Ste. Genevieve and elsewhere. In 1817, the Catholic settlers learned that the newly appointed Bishop of Louisiana, William Dubourg, intended to establish his see in St. Louis. A committee traveled to St. Louis to petition for a permanent priest, furthering their cause by offering to buy land and provide financial support for the seminary Dubourg planned to establish. On March 1817, the bishop arrived in The Barrens, and impressed by the prospects, arranged for the Vincentian priests he had recruited in Italy to move from Kentucky to Perry County. In 1820, the first house and the log church were blessed. Plans for a new church resulted in laying a foundation stone in 1827. Ten years later, on October 29, 1837 Assumption Church was completed and consecrated. St. Boniface Church was established in 1865 for Catholics of German descent in 1868, and was under diocesan priests until 1947 when the Vincentians took responsibility for the joined parishes of Assumption and St. Boniface. The Congregation of the Mission had been in charge of the Catholic services in Perry County for more that 125 years, when a location for a new church was selected in early 1960s. The first Sunday Mass in St. Vincent de Paul Church was celebrated on May 30, 1965.

Description

This collection is divided into five series: History, Vincentian Community Life, Subject Files, Publications, and Ledger Books/Oversize Materials. Please note there is only one file folder of material about St. Boniface Church (Box 1, Folder 9).

Related Collections

Personnel Files of Rev. Carl Callier, C.M., Box 5
Saint Mary's of the Barrens (SMOB) Photographs, Box 1, Assumption Church
St. Vincent's School, Perryville, Missouri

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Box	Folder	Title	Date
Container List			
1	**History and Background**		
	1	Notes	various dates
	Vincentian Community Life		
	2	Annual Report to Paris	1907
	3	Visitation Reports	1951-1966
	4	House Council Minutes	1952-1968
	Subject Files (arranged chronologically)		
	5	Mount Hope Cemetery	1877
	6	Seminary Picnic: Newspaper Clippings	1902-1999
	7	Sisters' House	1907, 1961
	8	Parish Year Book, Directory, Calendar	1908-1912
	9	St. Boniface Church: Photos and Newspaper Clippings	1909-1950s
	10	Miscellaneous Publications, Almanac	1922-1936
	11	Knights of Columbus	1922
	12	Pamphlets and Brochures	1950
	13	Audio Cassette: "Remembrance" (St. Mary's of the Barrens Musicians)	1985
2	**Publications: Assumption Church**		
	1	Parish Monthly: May-June1912, January-June 1913	1912-1913
	2	Parish Monthly: July-December 1913, January-March 1914	1913-1914
	3	Parish Monthly: April-December, 1914	1914
	4	Parish Monthly: January-December, 1915	1915
	5	Parish Monthly: January-December, 1916	1916
	6	Parish Monthly: January-October 1917	1917
3	1	Parish Monthly: November-December 1917, March-June 1918	1917-1918
	2	Parish Monthly: July-December 1918, February-November 1919	1918-1919
	3	Parish Monthly: February-November 1920	1920
	4	Parish Monthly: January-February, June-December 1921	1921
	5	Parish Monthly: January-October 1922, February-April 1923	1922-1923
	6	Parish Message	1933-1946
4	**Publications: St. Vincent de Paul Parish**		
	1	Booklets & News Articles	1964-1968
	2	Parish Council Committee Reports	1986
	3	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Bulletins	1990
	4	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Bulletins	1991
	5	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Bulletins	1992
	6	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Bulletins	1993
	7	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Bulletins	1994
	8	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Bulletins	1995
5	1	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Bulletins	1996
	2	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Bulletins	1997

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5	**Publications: St. Vincent de Paul Parish**		
	3	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Bulletins	1998
	4	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Bulletins	2000
	5	Publications: History, Directories	1979-1992
6	**Ledger Books**		
	1	Grants of Faculty from Archbishop Kenrick	1853-1893
	2	Grants of Faculty from Archbishop Kenrick	1853-1893
	3	Assumption Church Announcements	1857-1863
	4	Assumption Church Announcements	1863-1867
	5	Assumption Church Announcements	1870-1888
	6	Assumption Church Announcements	1904-1909
7	1	Assumption Church Announcements	1909-1912
	2	Assumption Church Announcements	1912-1916
	3	Assumption Church Announcements	1916-1918
	4	Assumption Church Announcements	1918-1920
	5	Assumption Church Announcements	1922-1923
8	1	Assumption Church: Finances	1890-1907
	2	Assumption Church: Pew Book	1893-1902
	3	Assumption Church: Pew Book	1901-1907
	4	Subscriptions: Parish Monthly	1913
	5	Parish Monthly: Accounts	1913-1916
9	1	Assumption Church: Scapular	1852-1906
	2	Parish Library	1862-1880
	3	Sacred Heart League	1896-1906
	4	Assumption Church Census	1906
	5	Assumption Church: Sick Calls	1927-1933
	6	St. Vincent's School Benefactors	1896
	7	St. Vincent's School Subscribers	1896-1899
	8	St. Vincent's School Building Fund	1916-1927
10	1	Assumption Church: Mass Intentions	1925-1931
	2	Assumption Church: Mass Intentions	1931-1939
	3	Assumption Church: Mass Intentions	1939-1941?
	4	Assumption Church: Mass Intentions: January to June	1942
	5	Assumption Church: Mass Intentions: June to December	1942
	6	Assumption Church: Mass Intentions: January to October	undated
11	1	Assumption Church: Finances	1924
	2	Assumption Church: Finances	1925
	3	Assumption Church: Finances	1932
	4	Assumption Church: Finances	1933

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12	**Ledger Books**		
	1	Assumption Church: Finances	1934
	2	Assumption Church: Finances	1936-1937
	3	Assumption Church: Financial Expenses	1936
13	**Oversize Materials**		
	1	Assumption Church: The De Andreis Crucifix	

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