

Summary Information:

Collection Title: Joliet Religious Organizations Collection

Collection Number: MSS.27

Date Range: 1870, 1879, 1902-2010

Size: 8 Linear Feet

Location: RR.5.3, RR.5.4, CO.OS.5, CO.OS.6

Creator:

All Saints Greek Orthodox Church

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

B'nai B'rith

Cass Methodist Episcopal Church

Catholic Diocese of Joliet

Central Presbyterian Church

Christ Church

Church of St. Anthony

Church of St. Edward

Eastern Avenue Baptist Church

Faith Lutheran Church

First Baptist Church

First Christian Church

First Lutheran Church

First Norwegian Lutheran Church

First Presbyterian Church

Grace United Methodist Church

Guardian Angel Home

Holy Cross Catholic Church

Holy Family Catholic Church

Joliet Jewish Congregation

Joliet Jewish Women's Council

Ottawa Street Methodist Church

Richards Street Methodist Church

Ridgewood Baptist Church

S.S. Cyril and Methodius Church

Sacred Heart Church

Second Ave. Baptist Church

St. Anne Parish

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

St. Bernard's Church

St. George Serbian Church

St. John the Baptist Church

St. John's English Lutheran Church

St. John's Parish

St. John's Roman Catholic Church

St. John's Universalist Church

St. Joseph's Church

St. Jude Church

St. Mary Assumption Byzantine Catholic Church

St. Mary's Carmelite Church

St. Mary Nativity

St. Nicholas Orthodox Catholic Church

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

St. Raymond's Cathedral

Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church

Trinity Methodist Church

Troy Bible Church

Universalist Church of Joliet

Universalist Unitarian Church

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Will County Ministers Association

Willow Avenue Presbyterian Church

Abstract: The Religious Organizations Collection contains materials relating to this history of churches and other religious groups in Joliet. The collection contains photographs, programs, meeting minutes,

directories, service bulletins, correspondence, and additional materials ranging from 1870 through the 1990s and minimal materials from the early 2000s.

Acquisition Information: This collection has been composed from various accessions relating to the history of Churches and Religious organizations in Joliet. There was no reasonable original order to these materials, so an order has been created for research purposes. All materials are appropriately labeled with their accession numbers, and more information regarding acquisition can be provided if requested.

Separated Materials: None

Citation: Item Description. MSS.27 Joliet Religious Organizations Collection, Joliet Area Historical Museum. Box #, Folder #. Date Accessed.

Restrictions: None

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Background Information:

History: In lieu of an over-arching collection history, separate histories have been compiled for each religious denomination and are included under the appropriate series records below.

Scope and Content Arrangement: The Joliet Religious Organizations Collection contains photographs, programs, meeting minutes, directories, service bulletins, correspondence, and other materials relating to the history of religious organizations in Joliet. The collection is divided into 10 series based on denomination and the series have been arranged alphabetically.

The collection contains several oversized materials including photographs, religious certificates, and newspapers. These materials have been listed in Series 10 of the collection and are listed in the finding aid with their original series number as well. All oversized materials for this collection are housed in oversized storage located in the Curator's Office.

Series 1: Baptist Churches, 1916-1927, 1953, 2009

Series 2: Catholic Churches, 1879, 1902, 1916-2010

Series 3: Episcopal Churches, 1912-1935, 1981, 1992

Series 4: Jewish Congregations, 1989, 1995

Series 5: Lutheran Churches, 1870, 1915-1953, 1962-1974, 2007

Series 6: Methodist Churches, 1921-1996, 2000

Series 7: Orthodox Churches, 1962-1991

Series 8: Presbyterian Churches, 1898, 1904, 1925-1944, 2008

Series 9: Universalist, 1914-1936, 1951

Series 10: Oversized Materials

Related Materials:

Archival Collections

MSS.11 Joliet Catholic High Schools Collection

Library Holdings

100th Anniversary Founding of Parish St. John's Church, 75th Anniversary Arrival of Franciscans. 1952

Breslin, Mary. *Diocese of Joliet, Illinois: 50th Anniversary, 1999.* Rantoul, IL: East Central Communications, Inc. 1999.

Golden Jubilee : Behtlehem Lutheran Church, Joliet, IL. 1932.

McMahon, Dr. Eileen. *Parishes on the Prairie: Roman Catholic Churches along the Illinois and Michigan Canal.* Lewis University, 2007.

Wagner, Louise. *History of St. Patrick Church Joliet, Illinois: 150 Years of Faith 1838-1988.* Danville, IL: Faulstich Printing Company, 1988.

The Service Hymnal: St. John's Lutheran Church Joliet, IL. Chicago: Hope Publishing Company, 1941.

The Hymnbook. Richmond, VA: Presbyterian Church in the United States, 1952.

The Methodist Hymnal: Official Hymnal of the Methodist Church. Nashville: The Methodist Publishing House, 1966.

Excell, E.O. *Hymns and Sacred Songs.* Chicago: Hope Publishing Company, 1918.

History of the Joliet Diocese: Presented on the Occasion of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus. 1955.

Content Listing:

Series 1: Baptist Churches, 1916-1927, 1953, 2009

Location: RR.5.3

Scope: The first Baptist organization in the Joliet area was organized in 1837 by Elder Ashley, and meetings were held by Rev. Solomon Knapp at the Broadway School. By 1853 a council formed for the purpose of reorganization, and it was determined that a dedicated church was needed. The first Baptist church was erected at the corner of Scott and Van Buren Streets but sold the property in 1902 to become St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Prior to the sale in 1890 the Baptist church split, forming the Eastern Avenue Baptist Church at Van Buren and Eastern Ave., and the First Baptist Church at the corner of Baker and Second Ave.

The materials contained in this series include church programs, publications, photographs, and directories from Baptist churches in Joliet. The series is organized alphabetically to group records from the same organization together within the series.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
Eastern Avenue Baptist Church, Piano and Violin Recital Program, 1916	1	1
First Baptist Church, "The Joliet Baptist," publication, 1924-1927	2	1
First Baptist Church Photographs	3	1
Reverend Singleton, City of Joliet Proclamation, 2009	4	1
Ridgewood Baptist Church 50 th Anniversary Program, 1953	5	1
Ridgewood Baptist Church Yearbook and Directory, 1927	6	1
Second Ave. Baptist Church Photographs	7	1

Series 2: Catholic Churches, 1879, 1902, 1916-2010

Location: RR.5.3

Scope: St. Patrick's was established in 1838 under Father Plunkett, a missionary who arrived in the area during the construction of the canal. In 1842 the congregation constructed a large stone church at the corner of Broadway and Jefferson Streets, the oldest Catholic Church in Joliet. The congregation was primarily made up of Irish, German and French canal workers. In 1918 the congregation separated to form St. Patrick's and St. Raymond's, both constructing new churches and the original structure was demolished in 1925.

Catholicism quickly grew in Joliet and the Diocese of Joliet was decreed in 1948 and established in 1949 under Bishop Martin D. McNamara . The Diocese is made up of seven counties including: DuPage, Kendall, Will, Grundy, Kankakee, Iroquois and Ford. The Church of St Raymond was named the Cathedral of the Diocese, but the building was inadequate to meet the requirements of a Cathedral and in 1950 fundraising began for a new structure. By December of 1954 the new Cathedral held its first mass with over 2,000 in attendance. The Cathedral was formally dedicated on May 26, 1955.

The materials contained in this series include publications, service bulletins, programs, photographs, correspondence, and directories from Catholic churches in Joliet. The series is organized alphabetically to group records from the same organization together within the series.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
Annunciation Monastery of the Colettine Poor Clare Cloistered Nuns of Joliet Records, C. 1995	8	1
"Christ is our Hope," Magazine of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, 2010	9	1
Church of St. Anthony 50 th Anniversary Program, 1952	10	1
Church of St. Anthony Directory, 1977	11	1
Church of St. Anthony Service Bulletins, 1983	12	1
Diocese of Joliet 25 th Anniversary Program, 1973	13	1
Diocese of Joliet 60 th Anniversary Program, 2009	14	1
First Christian Church Calendar, 1964	15	1

First Christian Church, Dedication of Windows Program, 1972	16	1
First Christian Church Mother and Daughter Banquet Program, 1940, 1955	17	1
First Christian Church Photographs	18	1
Guardian Angel Home Anniversary Programs, 1947, 1997	19	1
Holy Cross Catholic Church Programs, 1921, 1931, 2001	20	1
Holy Family Catholic Church History, C. 1990	21	1
S.S. Cyril and Methodius Church Cook Books	22	1
S.S. Cyril and Methodius Church Photographs	23	1
Sacred Heart Church Anniversary Programs, 1986, 1996	24	1
Sacred Heart Church Photographs	25	1
St. Anne Parish Weekly Service Bulletin, 1982	26	1
St. Anthony's Catholic Church Photographs, C. 1925	27	1
St. Anthony's Church, Saint Fortunata Queen Photographs, 1954	28	1
St. Bernard's Church Dedication Program, 1959	29	1
St. John the Baptist 50 th Anniversary Publication, 1902	30	1
St. John the Baptist Church Certificate, 1879	31	1
St. John's Grade School Play Program, 1939	1	2
St. John's Parish Weekly Service Bulletin, 1939	2	2
St. John's Roman Catholic Church Photographs	3	2
St. John's School Photographs	4	2
St. Joseph's Church and Clergy Photographs	5	2
St. Joseph's Church, 25 th Anniversary Program, "Spominska knjiga," 1916	6	2
St. Joseph's Church, 50 th Anniversary Program, 1941	7	2
St. Joseph's Church, 60 th Anniversary Program, 1951	8	2
St. Joseph's Church, 75 th Anniversary Program, 1966	9	2
St. Joseph's Church Brochures, Programs and Publications, 1949, 1995-2010	10	2
St. Joseph's Church Building Centennial Program, 2005	11	2
St. Joseph's Church Bulletins, 1961, 1992, 2002	12	2
St. Joseph Church Calendars, 1991, 2005	13	2
St. Joseph Church, Directories, 1978, 1996	14	2
St. Joseph Church Finance Report, 1966	15	2
St. Joseph's Church, Prayer Cards, 1921-1922, 1932, 1966, 1971, 1978, 1992-1996	16	2
History of St. Joseph's Parish, 1991	1	3
St. Joseph School Centennial Correspondence, 1994-1995	2	3
St. Joseph School Centennial Programs, 1995	3	3
St. Joseph School Foundation Statement of Income and Disbursements, 2004	4	3
St. Jude Church Directory, 2000	5	3
St. Jude Church, First Communion Photograph, 1955	6	3
St. Mary Assumption Byzantine Catholic Church 75 th Anniversary Exhibit Program	7	3
St. Mary's Carmelite Catholic Church Photographs, C. 1940-1950	8	3
St. Mary's Carmelite Church 50 th Anniversary Program, 1918	9	3
St. Mary's Carmelite Church 75 th Anniversary Programs, 1945	10	3

St. Mary's Carmelite Church 100 th Anniversary Program, 1968	11	3
St. Mary's Carmelite Church 123 years of Service Program, 1991	12	3
St. Mary's Carmelite Church Directory, 1986	13	3
St. Mary Nativity 100 th Anniversary Program, 2006	14	3
St. Mary Nativity Weekly Service Bulletins, 1991	15	3
St. Patrick's Catholic Church 175 th Anniversary Program, 2013	16	3
St. Patrick's Catholic Church Calendar, 1978	17	3
St. Patrick's Catholic Church Newsletters, 2011-2013	18	3
St. Patrick's Catholic Church New Year's Festival Invitation, 1879	19	3
St. Patrick's School Graduation Programs, 1924-1925	20	3
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church 40 th Anniversary Program, 1990	21	3
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Program	22	3
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church Photographs	23	3
St. Raymond's Cathedral, Bishop Blanchette, Ceremony of Consecration Programs, 1965	1	4
St. Raymond's Cathedral, Bishop Siegel, Episcopal Ordination Program, 2010	2	4
St. Raymond's Cathedral Negatives, 1953	3	4
St. Raymond's Cathedral Negatives Accompanying Documentation, 1953	4	4
St. Raymond's Cathedral Photographs	5	4
St. Raymond's Cathedral Programs and Publications, 1925, 1954-1991	6	4
St. Raymond's Cathedral, Reverend Funeral Service Programs, 1982, 1985	7	4
St. Raymond's School, Annual Exercises of the Pupils Program, 1934	8	4
St. Raymond's School Class Photographs	9	4
Troy Bible Church Dedication Program, 1944	10	4
Will County Ministers Association, Good Friday Program, 1956	11	4

Series 3: Episcopal Churches, 1912-1935, 1981, 1992

Location: RR.5.3

Scope: Christ Church was founded in 1835 under Bishop Chace. In the 1880s the organization commissioned Joliet architect F.S. Allen to design and build a church on Van Buren St. The church was designed in the gothic revival style and built from Joliet limestone.

The materials contained in this series include programs, certificates, photographs, and service bulletins from Episcopal churches in Joliet. The series is organized alphabetically to group records from the same organization together within the series.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
Christ Church Altar Photographs	12	4
Christ Church 100 th Anniversary Program, 1935	13	4
Christ Church Baptismal Certificate, 1923	14	4
Christ Church Calendar, 1912	15	4
Christ Church Confirmation Certificate, 1934	16	4

Christ Church, Knights of May Prayer Cards, 1929	17	4
Christ Church Photographs, 1981	18	4
Christ Church Sketches	19	4
Christ Church Weekly Service Bulletin, 1992	20	4
Church of St. Edward Episcopal Photographs	21	4

Series 4: Jewish Congregations, 1941-1945, 1989, 1995

Location: RR.5.3

Scope: Jewish families began to settle in Joliet in the early 1860s and by 1900 there were 65 Jewish families living in the Joliet area. Two Jewish congregations were in place by December of 1902: the Jewish Congregation of Joliet (later known as B'nai B'rith) and the Hebrew Protective Association of Joliet. In 1927, Orthodox, Conservative and Reformed Jewish factions in Joliet formed a single congregation, meeting in the basement in a house at 114 East Clinton. A temple was erected at Eastern and Clinton Ave in 1928, later to be replaced by the Midland Avenue Temple in 1968.

The materials contained in this series include bulletins, meeting minutes, correspondence, and financial records from the Joliet Jewish Congregation and related organizations. The series is organized alphabetically to group records from the same organization together within the series.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
B'nai B'rith Membership Bulletin, 1944	22	4
Joliet Jewish Congregation, Dedication of the Holocaust Victims Memorial, 1989	23	4
Joliet Jewish Congregation History, 1995	24	4
Joliet Jewish Women's Council Event Invitation	25	4
Joliet Jewish Women, Sisterhood Hadassah Yearbook, 1972-1973	26	4
M.A. Felman Lodge #939, B'nai B'rith Correspondence, 1942-1945	27	4
M.A. Felman Lodge, B'nai B'rith Executive Committee Records, 1941-1943	28	4
M.A. Felman Lodge #939, B'nai B'rith Meeting Minutes, 1941-1945	29	4
M.A. Felman Lodge #939, B'nai B'rith Membership Records, 1942-1944	30	4
M.A. Felman Lodge #939, B'nai B'rith, Quarterly Fiscal Assessments, 1943-1944	31	4
Minutes of Meeting of Northern Illinois Council of B'nai B'rith, 1943	32	4

Series 5: Lutheran Churches, 1870, 1915-1953, 1962-1974, 2007

Location: RR.5.3

Scope: The first Lutheran congregation was organized under Rev. Christian Sans in 1872. By 1873 their first church was built on N. Ottawa Street. The materials contained in this series includes programs,

photographs, directories, publications, and sermons from Lutheran churches in Joliet. The series is organized alphabetically to group records from the same organization together within the series.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
Bethlehem Lutheran Church 125 th Anniversary Program, 2007	1	5
Bethlehem Lutheran Church Rev. Rydman Photograph, C. 1870	2	5
Faith Lutheran Church Photographs	3	5
First Lutheran Church Calendar, 1967	4	5
First Lutheran Church Directories	5	5
First Lutheran Church Photographs	6	5
First Lutheran Church Program Honoring Rev. Goeken for 25 Years of Service, 1950	7	5
First Lutheran Church Remodel Records, 1962-1963	8	5
First Lutheran Church Weekly Service Bulletins, 1963	9	5
First Lutheran Trumpet, Monthly Publication, C. 1960s	10	5
First Norwegian Lutheran Church Weekly Service Bulletin, 1941	11	5
St. John's English Lutheran Church Anniversary Program, 1923, 1928, 1953	12	5
St. John's English Lutheran Church Program of Services, 1926	13	5
St. John's English Lutheran Church Weekly Service Bulletin, 1929	14	5
St. John Lutheran Church Cook Books	15	5
A Brief History of St. Peters Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2007	16	5
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Fact Sheet, 1994	17	5
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Joliet Walther League Programs, 1915, 1917	18	5
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Monthly Radio Bulletins, 1937-1938	19	5
St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church Sermons, 1937	20	5
St. Peter's Lutheran Church Directory, 1974	21	5
St. Peter's Lutheran Church Photographs	22	5
St. Peter's Lutheran School Commencement Programs, 1919	23	5
Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church Photographs	24	5

Series 6: Methodist Churches, 1921-1996, 2000

Location: RR.5.3, RR.5.4

Scope: The first Methodist congregation in Joliet was formed in the early 1830s under Reverend Jesse Walker. Services were originally held outdoors or in the homes of the first settlers. Once Fort Nonsense was built in 1832, the congregation would meet there for sermons. The Methodist congregation is the oldest in Joliet, and also established the first physical church in the city; a small one room building located on the corner of Washington and Ottawa Street in 1837. In 1859 the property caught fire, and a new structure was built in its place. By 1909 the Methodist congregation sold the property and relocated to a new church on the corner of Ottawa and Cass Streets, the Ottawa Street Methodist Church. The Church remained active until its closing in 1991, at which time the congregation merged with Grace Methodist Church.

The materials contained in this series includes directories, photographs, programs, service bulletins and newsletters, and administrative records from Methodist churches in Joliet. The series is organized alphabetically to group records from the same organization together within the series.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
Cass Methodist Episcopal Church, Ladies of Aveda Band, Concert Program, 1921	25	5
Grace United Methodist Church Class Photograph, 1957	26	5
Grace United Methodist Church Directory, 1966	27	5
Grace United Methodist Church Directory, 1993	28	5
Grace United Methodist Church Directory, 1996	29	5
Grace United Methodist Church Directory, 2000	30	5
Grace United Methodist Church, Grace Notes Newsletters, 1975, 1977	31	5
Grace Methodist Church Photographs, 1951, 1957	32	5
Grace United Methodist Church Proposed Budgets, 1979, 1983	1	6
Grace United Methodist Church Weekly Service Bulletins, 1962	2	6
Parks Ave. Methodist Episcopal Church Photographs	3	6
Richards Street Methodist Church 55 th Anniversary Program and Directory, 1930	4	6
Richards Street Methodist Church Dedication of the New Memorial Chancel, 1963	5	6
Richards Street Methodist Church Photographs, 1925-1980	6	6
Richards Street Methodist Church Weekly Service Bulletins, 1956, 1966-1967	7	6
Richards Street Methodist Episcopal Church 55 th Anniversary Program and Directory, 1930	8	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Administrative Board Records, 1983-1986	9	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church and Grace Methodist Church Merger Documents, C. 1991	10	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Blueprints	11	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Certificates, 1942, 1950	12	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Choir Photographs, C. 1940s	13	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Christmas Cards	14	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Clergy Photographs	15	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Council on Ministries Records, 1979-1987	16	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Dedication Program, 1970	17	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Directory, 1910	18	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Directory, 1974	19	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Directory, 1980	20	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Directory, 1983	21	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Directory, 1988	22	6
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Directory, 1991	1	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church History, 1991	2	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Inventory, 1968, 1972	3	7

Ottawa Street Methodist Church, Mary-Martha Circle Yearbook, 1970-1971	4	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Mother-Daughter Banquet Program, 1964	5	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Newsletters, 1972-1990	6	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Photographs	7	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Planning Conference, 1957	8	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Programs and Documents, 1885, 1953, 1983-1991	9	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Proposed Budget, 1959	10	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Weekly Service Bulletins, 1928, 1946, 1955-1957	11	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Weekly Service Bulletins, 1957-1959	12	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Weekly Service Bulletins, 1967, 1981-1996	13	7
Ottawa Street Methodist Church, Women's Society of Christian Service Yearbook, 1970-1972	14	7
Sermons Given by Robert H. Hamill at Ottawa Street Methodist Church, 1951-1956	15	7
Trinity Methodist Church 32 nd Anniversary Banquet Program, 1938	16	7
Trinity Methodist Church Directories, 1939	17	7
Trinity Methodist Church, Trinity Men's Club Banquet Programs, 1909-1910	18	7
Trinity Methodist Church Weekly Service Bulletins, 1938-1939	19	7

Series 7: Orthodox Churches, 1962-1991

Location: RR.5.4

Scope: Beginning in the early 1900's immigrants from Greece began to arrive in the Joliet area, many settled in the Bluff area along Broadway. Greek, Russian, and Serbian immigrants began worshiping as an Orthodox congregation together. By 1916 the Greeks separated themselves through the formation of the All Saints Greek Orthodox Church, using a remodeled brick home as their church until the present-day church on Broadway Ave. was built in 1943. In 1927 the Serbian Orthodox community separated through the formation of the St. George Serbian Church on Scott and Ohio Streets. They would later relocate to a church on Stryker Avenue. The remaining congregation formed the St. Nicholas Orthodox Catholic Church located on Barber Lane.

The materials contained in this series includes programs and photographs from Orthodox churches in Joliet. The series is organized alphabetically to group records from the same organization together within the series.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
All Saints Greek Orthodox Church Annual Picnic Program, 1966	1	8
All Saints Greek Orthodox Church 60 th Anniversary Program, 1976	2	8
All Saints Greek Orthodox Church 75 th Anniversary Program, 1991	3	8
All Saints Greek Orthodox Church Photographs	4	8
St. George Serbian Church Photographs	5	8
St. Nicholas Orthodox Catholic Church 55 th Anniversary Program, 1962	6	8
St. Nicholas Orthodox Catholic Church 75 th Anniversary Program, 1982	7	8

St. Nicholas Orthodox Catholic Church Consecration Commemorative Program, 1966

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Series 8: Presbyterian Churches, 1898, 1904, 1925-1944, 2008

Location: RR.5.4

Scope: The first Presbyterian congregation was organized in Joliet in 1835 under Rev. J.H. Prentiss and Rev. Kirby. In 1844 Rev. Benj. W. Dwight reorganized the group as the Central Presbyterian congregation. For a time they held service in the third story of a building on Merchant's Row, then in the Will County Courthouse, and finally in the Universalist Church on Clinton Avenue. By 1850 the Central Presbyterian congregation built their own church on Ottawa Street.

The First Presbyterian Church was organized in 1866 under Rev. O.A. Kingsbury. They built their first church shortly after at the corner of Broadway and Western Avenue.

The materials contained in this series includes programs, directories, photographs, and publications from Presbyterian churches in Joliet. The series is organized alphabetically to group records from the same organization together within the series.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
Central Presbyterian Church Brochure	9	8
Central Presbyterian Church Centennial Celebration Program, 1944	10	8
Central Presbyterian Church Dedication of the Church Edifice, 1898	11	8
Central Presbyterian Church Directory, 1904	12	8
Central Presbyterian Church Photographs	13	8
First Presbyterian Church Photographs	14	8
First Presbyterian Church Programs and Publications, 1898, 1926	15	8
First Presbyterian Church Sacred Concert Records, 1925	16	8
Westminster Presbyterian Church, A Brief History, 2008	17	8
Willow Avenue Presbyterian Church 50 th Anniversary Program, 1944	18	8
Willow Avenue Presbyterian Church, Matrons Circle Program, 1938	19	8
Willow Avenue Presbyterian Church Mother's Day Service Programs, C. 1930s	20	8
Willow Ave. Presbyterian Church Photographs	21	8

Series 9: Universalist, 1914-1936, 1951

Location: RR.5.4

Scope: The Universalist Unitarian Church began in Joliet in 1836 under the name St. John's Universalist Church. By 1856 the organization built their first church at the corner of Clinton and Chicago Streets. By 1870 their membership began to decline, in an effort to reestablish themselves the congregation demolished their current church and built the Auditorium Building in 1891. The second floor of the building housed the Universalist Church, while the remaining floors were used as a meeting place for civic organization, shops were located on the street level, and the Joliet Music College resided on the third floor. It is considered one of the first cultural arts centers in Will County. The congregation closed the downtown building in the 1980s and relocated to West Jefferson St. in the early 2000s.

The materials contained in this series includes programs, publications and photographs from Universalist churches in Joliet. The series is organized alphabetically to group records from the same organization together within the series.

Folder Title:	Folder #:	Box #:
St. John's Universalist Church Anniversary Programs, 1914, 1920	22	8
St. John's Universalist Church Publication, 1929, 1936	23	8
Universalist Church of Joliet, Rev. Macpherson Testimonial Dinner Program, 1951	24	8
Universalist Unitarian Church Photographs	25	8

Series 10: Oversized Materials

Location: CO.OS.5, CO.OS.6

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Bishop Lux Photograph	Series 2	OS.05
Father Lawrence Martin Jenco Release Flyer, 1895	Series 2	OS.05
St. John's Church, Communion Certificate, 1911	Series 2	OS.05
St. Joseph's Church Placemats, 1971, 1995	Series 2	OS.05
St. Joseph's Church and School Photographs	Series 2	OS.05
St. Mary's School Photographs	Series 2	OS.05
St. Raymond Parish Documents, 1933-1934, 2017	Series 2	OS.05
St. Raymond School Photographs, 1926, 1928	Series 2	OS.05
S.S. Cyril and Methodius Church Photographs	Series 2	OS.05
Joliet Catholic Explorer, Diocese of Joliet Newspaper, 1979, 1986	Series 2	OS.06
Christ Episcopal Church Interior Photograph	Series 3	OS.05
Ottawa Street Methodist Church Interior Photograph	Series 6	OS.05
Ottawa Street Methodist Church School Certificate, 1937, 1939	Series 6	OS.05
Ottawa Steet Methodist Church Choir Photograph, 1943	Series 6	OS.05
All Saints Greek Orthodox Church Picnic Photograph, 1920	Series 7	OS.05