

## **African American Parishes and Institutions in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, 1832-1951**

An interactive map of these can be found online in the genealogy section on our website at <http://archstl.org/archives/page/researching-archives>. The lists below include the date that the entity was founded or designated for African American use, and the religious order that operated it, if any. Missions and school were run through a parish; therefore, the parish's records should be consulted. For entities marked with an asterisks (\*), digitized sacramental records are available on FamilySearch.org. See <https://www.archstl.org/archdiocesan-archives/research/genealogy> for more information on how to navigate the sacramental records online.

### **Parishes, Missions and Schools of Religion**

Blessed Martin de Porres mission in Meachum Park (through St. Peter in Kirkwood) 1939\*  
Helpers of Holy Souls Convent 1923 (HHS)  
Holy Angels in Kinloch 1923-2002, (SJ until 1952, ArchStL in 1952)\*  
Holy Guardian Angels Mission (through parish) 1926 (SJ)\*  
Infant of Prague center 1941, 623 Holly Hills Ave. (SVD)  
Sacred Heart Center (through Visitation) 1938, 4406 Garfield Ave. (HHS)\*  
St. Alphonsus "Rock" 1941\*  
St. Ann Parish 1941\*  
St. Anne's Center circa 1945  
St. Benedict Center 1938, 3950 West Belle Pl. (HHS)  
St. Clement's Mission and School (through St. Alphonsus) 1941-1948 (CSsR and OSP)\*  
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Chapel (through St. Francis Xavier Church) 1858-1872 (SJ)\*  
St. Elizabeth Parish 1872-1950 (SJ)\*  
St. Joseph (through parish) 1923\*  
St. Lawrence O'Toole Center (through parish) 1940 (CSJ and ArchStL)\*  
St. Malachy Parish 1941 (SJ)\*  
St. Martin De Porres Mission (through St. Peter-Kirkwood), 1940\*  
St. Mary's Chapel 1832-1858, part of St. Louis College (SLU) (SJ)\*  
St. Nicholas (through parish) 1923\*  
St. Nicholas Parish 1924 (SVD)\*  
St. Patrick (through parish) 1923\*  
St. Patrick Parish 1924 begins Sunday Mass for Blacks\*  
St. Peter Claver Mission in Anglum/Robertson/Kinloch 1916 (SJ)\*  
St. Vincent Chapel (through Holy Family, Cape Girardeau) 1940

### **Full Curriculum Schools**

St. Bernadette School (through Visitation) 1942-1946 (MM)  
St. Bridget School (through parish) 1945 (SBS)  
St. Elizabeth School 1972-1945 (SJ, OSP and SBS)  
St. Joseph High School for Colored 1937-1951 (CSJ)  
St. Malachy School 1941 (DC)  
St. Nicholas grade school 1924 (SVD, SBS and CPPS)  
St. Nicholas High School 1938 (SVD and CPPS)

### **Other Institutions**

Father Dempsey's Lodging House for Colored Men 1932-1933, 1127 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Father Dunne's Home for Negro Boys 1931, 3028 Washington  
St. Frances Orphan Asylum, 1887 at Taylor and Page; 1897 in Normandy (OSP)  
St. Mary's Infirmary 1933 (SSM/FSM)  
St. Rita's Academy for Girls 1912-1950, 1912 at 3009 Pine St; 1914 at 3128 Laclede Ave. (OSP)\*

#### **Abbreviation Key:**

**ArchStL:** Archdiocese of St. Louis  
**CPPS:** Sisters of the Most Precious Blood, O'Fallon  
**CSJ:** Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet  
**CSsR:** Redemptorists, (Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer)  
**DC:** Daughters of Charity  
**HHS:** Helpers of the Holy Souls  
**MM:** Maryknoll Sisters  
**OSP:** Oblate Sisters of Providence  
**SBS:** Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament  
**SJ:** Jesuits (Society of Jesus)  
**SSM/FSM:** Sisters of St. Mary, now Franciscan Sisters of Mary  
**SVD:** Society of the Divine Word

## **Archives with Materials on African American Catholic Parishes and Institutions**

Below are religious order archives that have additional archival materials on historically Black Catholic institutions in St. Louis. This is a very brief description for your reference. Please note that you will have to visit their websites or contact them directly for more details on their holdings.

### **Franciscan Sisters of Mary (Formerly Sisters of St. Mary) Archives**

**Contact:** Scott Grimwood, [Scott.Grimwood@ssmhealth.com](mailto:Scott.Grimwood@ssmhealth.com)

**Description:** Records and photographs for St. Mary's Infirmary for African-Americans, St. Mary's Infirmary School of Nursing, African-American Novitiate. Expect some restrictions on student and patient records. Handful of photographs for St. Joseph High School for Colored. Biographical information on the Sisters.

### **Jesuit Archives**

**Phone:** 314-376-2440 **Email:** [jarcreference@jesuits.org](mailto:jarcreference@jesuits.org) **Website:** <http://jesuitarchives.org/>

**Description:** Records and photographs on St. Elizabeth's parish, St. Peter Claver mission in Anglum/Kinloch, Holy Angels in Kinloch, St. Malachy parish, catechetical centers. Biographical information on priests. Please note that the Jesuit Archives is CLOSED and will reopen Spring 2018.

### **Maryknoll Sisters Archives**

**Website:** [www.maryknollmissionarchives.org](http://www.maryknollmissionarchives.org) **Phone:** (914) 944-3620

**Description:** Six photographs of St. Bernadette's school. Biographical information on the Sisters.

### **Oblate Sisters of Providence Archives**

**Phone:** 410-242-1603 **Email:** [osparchives@oblatesisters.com](mailto:osparchives@oblatesisters.com)

**Website:** <http://www.oblatesisters.com/Archives.html>

**Description:** Student records, correspondence, photographs, ephemera, etc. for St. Elizabeth church & school; St. Frances Home; St. Rita Academy; Holy Angels in Kinloch; St. Clement mission (through St. Alphonsus "Rock"). Expect some restrictions on student records. Biographical information on Sisters.

### **Redemptorists Archives**

**Phone:** 215-922-2871 **Email:** [phayes@redemptorists.net](mailto:phayes@redemptorists.net)

**Website:** <https://redemptorists.net/redemptorists/archives/>

**Description:** Records and photographs from St. Alphonsus "Rock" church. Biographical information on priests. Also, ask St. Alphonsus "Rock" Church in St. Louis for additional historical information.

### **Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament Archives**

Located in the **Catholic Historical Research Center of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia**

**Phone:** (215) 904-8149 **Email:** [chrc.aop@gmail.com](mailto:chrc.aop@gmail.com) **Website:** <http://www.chrc-phila.org/>

**Description:** Records and photographs for St. Elizabeth parish and school, St. Nicholas school, St. Bridget of Erin school, St. Augustine parish in East St. Louis. Biographical information on Sisters.

### **Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Archives**

**Phone:** 314-678-0320 **Email:** [csjarchive@csjstl.org](mailto:csjarchive@csjstl.org)

**Website:** <https://www.csjstl.org/about-us/our-heritage/archives.php>

**Description:** Some photograph and some alumni information for St. Joseph High School for Colored. Biographical information on Sisters.

### **Saint Louis University Special Collections**

**Phone:** 314-977-5070 **Email:** [rbk@slu.edu](mailto:rbk@slu.edu) **Website:** <http://lib.slu.edu/special-collections>

**Description:** St. Elizabeth Chronicle (later the Interracial Review). See <http://libguides.slu.edu/c.php?g=489110&p=3343522> for an overview of primary resources on African American History at SLU and generally in St. Louis.