St. Joseph Church
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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1892-1896 Benedictines (St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota) attended Ball Club station (Ojibwa) from Immaculate Conception, Red Lake
1896-1906 Benedictines attended Ball Club station from Holy Family, Cloquet
1906-1912 Benedictines established and attended St. Ann Mission from Holy Family, Cloquet
1912-1926 Benedictines attended St. Ann’s from St. Theodore’s, Ponsford
1926-1934 Benedictines attended St. Joseph’s/ Ann’s from St. Catherine's, Cass Lake
1934-1980s? Became a parish; Benedictines administered St. Joseph Church
1980s?-present Diocesan priests have administered St. Joseph’s

Diocesan priests and Benedictines from St. Joseph's have administered the following Ojibwa Indian missions and stations:

1934-1938 (closed) Round Lake station
1934-1940 (closed) Bowstring station
1934-1940 (closed) Cut Foot Sioux station
1934-1940 (closed) Lake Winnibigoshish station
1934-present St. Ann Mission, Bena
1936-1952 (closed) Inger station
1936-1948 Squaw Lake station
1948-1962 (transferred to St. Catherine Mission
St. Michael's, Northome)
1963-present Sacred Heart Mission, Federal Dam

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1906-present

Volume: 2.5 cubic feet
Description: The records at St. Joseph Church are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by type of record.

A. Sacramental records, 1906-present, 7 volumes: for St. Joseph’s and its missions and stations; baptisms, 1906-present (1906-1934 records are copies from Holy Family, Cloquet; St. Theodore's, Ponsford; and St. Charles', Cass Lake); marriages, 1935-present; deaths, 1936-present; first communions, 1947-present; confirmations, 1934-present

B. Subject file, 1960s-present, 2 cubic feet: Arranged alphabetically