Holy Family Church
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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: The current Holy Family Church, Fond du Lac Reservation, was created through the merger of two former parishes with holdings of Catholic records about Ojibwa Indians: Holy Family Church, Cloquet, and Sacred Heart Church, Duluth.

### History of Holy Family Church

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<td>1835-1860</td>
<td>Diocesan priests visited the Fond du Lac Reservation (Ojibwa), Minnesota, from St. Joseph’s, La Pointe, Wisconsin</td>
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<td>1860-1872</td>
<td>Diocesan priests attended Fond du Lac station from Holy Family, Bayfield, Wisconsin</td>
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<td>1872-1882</td>
<td>Oblates of Mary Immaculate (unknown) attended Fond du Lac station from Sacred Heart, Duluth, Minnesota</td>
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<td>1880-1882</td>
<td>Oblates of Mary Immaculate established and attended Holy Family Mission, Cloquet, from Sacred Heart, Duluth, Minnesota</td>
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<td>1882-1894</td>
<td>Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) attended Holy Family Mission and Fond du Lac station from St. Francis Xavier, Superior, Wisconsin</td>
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<td>1894-1896</td>
<td>Benedictines (St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota) attended Holy Family Mission and Fond du Lac station from Immaculate Conception, Red Lake, Minnesota</td>
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<td>1896-present</td>
<td>Became a parish; Benedictines have administered Holy Family Church</td>
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Benedictines from Holy Family have administered the following Ojibwa Indian missions and stations:

- 1896-1901 (closed) Lake Winnibigoshish station, Leech Lake Reservation
- 1896-1901 (closed) White Oak Point station
- 1896-1904 (closed) Kettle River station
- 1896-1904 (closed) Sandy Lake station
- 1896-1904 (closed) Stoney Brook and Columbia Junction
1896-1911 (closed)  Fond du Lac Reservation station
1896-1906  Ball Club station, Leech Lake Reservation
1896-1922 (closed)  Sawyer station
1896-1912  Brookston station, Fond du Lac Reservation
1898-1901 (closed)  Pokegama station
1898-1905 (transferred to St. Theodore's, Ponsford)  Cass Lake station, Leech Lake Reservation
1906-1912 (transferred to St. Theodore's, Ponsford)  St. Ann Mission, Ball Club, Leech Lake Reservation
1907-1911 (closed)  Beaver Bay station
1907-1933 (became a parish)  St. John the Baptist/ St. Francis Xavier Mission, Grand Marais
1907-1933 (transferred to St. John the Baptist, Grand Marais)  Holy Rosary Mission, Grand Portage
1912-present  St. Patrick Mission, Brookston, Fond du Lac Reservation
1915-1917  Nett Lake Reservation station
1917-1923 (transferred to Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Canada)  Immaculate Conception Mission, Nett Lake, Nett Lake Reservation
1934-1945 (transferred to St. Charles, Cass Lake)  St. Joseph Mission, Mission Corner
1934-1945 (transferred to St. Charles, Cass Lake)  St. Catherine Mission, Cass Lake, Leech Lake Reservation
1947-present  Ss. Mary and Joseph Mission, Sawyer

History of Sacred Heart Church

Sacred Heart Church was a non-Indian parish. However, Oblates of Mary Immaculate from Sacred Heart attended the following Ojibwa Indian mission and station:

1872-1882 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Superior, Wisconsin)  Fond du Lac Reservation station, Minnesota
1880-1882 (transferred to St. Francis Xavier, Superior, Wisconsin)  Holy Family Mission, Cloquet, Fond du Lac Reservation, Minnesota

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1872-1882, 1900-present

Volume: 1 volume and 2 cubic feet

Description: The records at Holy Family Church are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by record type.

A. Sacramental records, 1872-1882, 1 volume for Fond du Lac station and Holy Family Mission, previously at Sacred Heart, Cloquet; 1905-present, 8 volumes for the former Holy Family and its Indian missions; Previous records from 1896-1905 were destroyed by a fire in 1918
B. "Status Animarum" or census records, 1930s, 2 volumes: for the former Holy Family and its Indian missions; 1 volume was created by Reverend Simon Lampe, O.S.B. in the 1930s and includes names of parents and children with birth and death dates; the other volume was created in ca.
1939 and includes names of parents and children with birth, baptism, and death dates
C. Financial records for the former Holy Family and its Indian missions, 1950-present, 3 folders
D. Newspaper clippings, 1978-present, .5 cubic foot: re: Fond du Lac and Red Lake Reservation events
E. Mission newsletter, the Redlake Benedictine, quarterly, 1956-1959: published by Reverend Alban Fruth at St. Mary Mission, Red Lake
F. Photographs, 1900-present, 500 prints: Primarily of missions at Cloquet, Sawyer, and Brookston, since 1976; a few are copies of older parish photographs, some since ca. 1900
G. Videocassette, 1958, 30 minutes: Pertains to St. Mary Mission and School, Red Lake; primary subjects includes Indian children (some engaged in an Indian powwow), and views of the mission and school