St. Mary Church
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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: St. Mary Church is a non-Indian parish. However, Benedictines from St. Mary's attended St. Theodore/ Mary Church (Ojibwa), Ponsford, Minnesota.

History of St. Theodore Church

1891-1903 Benedictines (St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota) attended Pine Point station (Ojibwa) from St. Benedict's, White Earth
1903-1969 Became a parish; Benedictines administered St. Theodore/ St. Mary Church
1969-1976 Benedictines attended St. Theodore's from St. Benedict's, White Earth
1976-present Diocesan priests attended St. Theodore's from St. Mary's, Two Inlets

Benedictines from St. Theodore's administered the following Ojibwa Indian missions and stations:

1903-1926 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Cass Lake) Sacred Heart Mission, Onigum/ Leech Lake
1903-1915 Round Lake station, Becker County
1905-1923 Bena station
1905-1926 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Cass Lake) Cass Lake station
1910-1924 (closed) Flat Lake station
1910-1924 (closed) Many Points Lake station
1912-1926 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Cass Lake) St. Ann Mission, Ball Club
1912-1926 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Cass Lake) Bowstring station
1912-1926 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Cass Lake) St. Gertrude Mission, Round Lake, Becker County
1915-1966 (closed) St. Anne Mission, Naytahwaush
c.a. 1922-1926 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Cass Lake) Cut Foot Sioux station
Catherine's, Cass Lake)  
1923-1926 (transferred to St. 
Catherine's, Cass Lake)  
St. Ann Mission, Bena  
1925-1926 (transferred to St. 
Catherine's, Cass Lake)  
Big Elbow Lake station  
ca. 1925-1926 (transferred to St. 
Catherine's, Cass Lake)  
Island Lake station  
1928-1964 (transferred to St. Agnes, 
Walker)  
Sacred Heart Mission, Onigum  
1928-1964 (transferred to St. Agnes, 
Walker)  
Ah-Gwah Ching Sanitorium, Walker/ 
Onigum  

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:  
Inclusive dates: 1903-present  
Volume: .8 cubic foot  
Description:  
A. Sacramental records, 1903-present, 8 volumes: for St. Theodore's, 
Ponsford, and its attended Indian missions and stations; sacramental 
records for Sacred Heart Mission, Onigum, date only to 1940; records for 
Sacred Heart from 1940-1964 are at St. Agnes Church, Walker; baptisms, 
marriages, deaths, 1903-present; first communions, 1940-present; 
confirmations, 1914-present  
B. "Status Animarium" or census record, 1930s, 1 volume: for Sacred Heart 
Mission, Onigum; includes names of parents and children with dates when 
sacraments were administered