**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**

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**Diocese of Great Falls-Billings**

MONTANA, POPLAR

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

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Access: Some restrictions apply

**History:**

1846  
Reverend Pierre Jean de Smet, S.J. visited the Assiniboine Indians and Métis on the Milk, Poplar, and Big Muddy Rivers

1905  
Jesuits (formerly Turin; now California Province, Los Gatos, California) established and attended Our Lady of Lourdes/ St. Ursula Mission (Assiniboine, Sisseton, Wahpeton, and Hunkpapa), Fort Peck Reservation, from St. Gabriel’s, Havre

1906-1909  
Jesuits attended Our Lady of Lourdes from St. Raphael’s, Glasgow

1909-1913  
Jesuits attended Our Lady of Lourdes from St. Stephen’s, Harlem

1913-1940  
Became a parish; Benedictines (Innsbruck Abbey, Tyrol, Austria) administered Our Lady of Lourdes Church

1940-present  
Diocesan priests have administered Our Lady of Lourdes

ca. 1980  
Diocesan priests attended Our Lady of Lourdes from Immaculate Conception, Wolf Point

Priests from Our Lady of Lourdes attended the following missions and stations among the Assiniboine, Sisseton, Wahpeton, and Hunkpapa Indians on the Fort Peck Reservation:

1913-1917 (became a parish)  
Immaculate Conception Mission, Wolf Point

1913-1917 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Wolf Point)  
St. Joseph Mission, Frazer

1914-1968 (closed)  
St. Thomas Mission, Brockton

1917-1921  
Arthur Chapel, Arthur

1917-1921  
Burch Chapel, Burch

1917-1921  
Charlie Creek Chapel, Charlie Creek
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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1904-present

Volume: 4 volumes

Description: Sacramental records for Our Lady of Lourdes Church and its attended Indian missions.