St. Mary Church
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History: St. Mary Church is a non-Indian parish that had a number of Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian parishioners until ca. 1920s.

1890-1895 Diocesan priests attended Ardmore station (Choctaw and Chickasaw) from St. Elizabeth’s, Purcell
1895-1897 Diocesan priests attended Ardmore station from St. Patrick’s, Norman
1897-present Became a parish; Diocesan priests established and administered St. Mary/ Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church

History of St. Agnes Academy and Boarding School

1898-1932 (no longer Indian) Sisters of Mercy (now Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) established and staffed St. Agnes Academy for Girls (Choctaw and Chickasaw), Ardmore
1915-1921 (closed) Sisters of Mercy established and staffed St. Agnes Boarding School for Boys (Choctaw and Chickasaw), Ardmore
1932 (Indians diminished) St. Agnes became primarily a non-Indian school as tribal funds were no longer available for tuition payments

Diocesan priests from St. Mary's attended the following Indian missions and stations:

1900-1912 (transferred to Blessed Sacrament, Coalgate) Tishomingo station (Chickasaw)
1902-1912 (became a parish) St. Catherine Mission (Choctaw), Durant
1904-1910 (closed) Paul's Valley station (Choctaw and Chickasaw)
1904-1912 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Durant) Caddo station (Choctaw)
1908-1915 (closed) Winnewood station (Choctaw and Chickasaw)
Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1897-ca.1930s

Volume: Several volumes

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

A. Sacramental records, 1897-ca. 1930s, several volumes: for St. Mary's and its Indian missions and stations and for students at St. Agnes Schools; baptisms, 1897-ca. 1930s, marriages, 1899 ca. 1930s, deaths, 1898-ca. 1930s, first communions, 1910-ca. 1930s, and confirmations, 1902-ca. 1930s

B. School records, 1898-1932, volume unknown