



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Duluth
MINNESOTA, CLOQUET

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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

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

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 station

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