



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Crookston
MINNESOTA, TWO INLETS

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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
1915-1966 (closed)	St. Gertrude Mission, Round Lake, Becker County
1918-1926 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Cass Lake)	St. Anne Mission, Naytahwaush
ca. 1922-1926 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Cass Lake)	Cut Foot Sioux station

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