



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Gaylord
 MICHIGAN, CROSS VILLAGE

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Holy Cross Church

M-35

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History:

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| 1829-1835, 1837-1847 | Diocesan priests visited Cross Village (Ottawa) from St. Peter's, Harbor Springs |
| 1832-1850s? | Lay teachers staffed a school (Ottawa) at Cross Village |
| 1836-1837 | Reverend Francis Pierz resided at Cross Village |
| 1847 | Diocesan priests administered Holy Cross/ St. Anthony Mission (Ottawa), which was built, ca. 1840 |
| 1855-1896 | Reverend John Weikamp, T.O.R., and the Regular Franciscans administered Holy Cross Mission and School (Ottawa) |
| 1896-1841, 1848-1953 | Franciscans (formerly St. John the Baptist; now Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) attended Holy Cross from Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs |
| 1897-1953 (closed) | Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity (Manitowoc, Wisconsin) administered the school |
| 1941-1948, 1953-present | Became a parish; Franciscans administered Holy Cross Church |
| 1970 | A fire destroyed some records |

Diocesan priests and Franciscans from Holy Cross have attended the following Ojibwa and Ottawa Indian missions:

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| 1847-1853 (closed) | St. Vincent de Paul Mission, Manistique |
| 1847-1854 (closed) | St. Joseph Mission, Manistee |
| 1847-1861 (transferred to Holy Cross, Beaver Island) | St. Leopold Mission, Beaver Island |
| 1847-1861 (transferred to Holy Cross, Beaver Island) | Immaculate Conception of Mary Mission, Garden Island |
| 1847-1868 (transferred to Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs) | St. Ignatius/ St. Francis Xavier Mission, Middle Village/ Middletown |
| 1947-1948 (transferred to Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs) | St. Ignatius Mission, Middle Village |
| 1953-present | St. Ignatius Mission, Middle Village |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1847-present

Volume: 1 cubic foot

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

- A. Sacramental records, 1847-1870, 1897-1900, 1952-present, .4 cubic foot: for Holy Cross and its Indian missions; baptisms, 1847-1870; marriages, 1847-1869; deaths, 1848-1870; first communions, 1897-1900; confirmations, 1864, 1868; baptisms, 1952-present; marriages, deaths, first communions, and confirmations, 1970-present; other sacramental records destroyed in a 1970 fire.
- B. "Status Animarium" or census records, 1860s, 1890s, 2 volumes:
 - 1. Census of Middle Village (copy), 1860s, 1 folder
 - 2. Census of Cross Village, ca. 1890s, 1 volume: gives the names of family members, dates of birth, and dates when the sacraments were administered
- C. Announcement books written in Ottawa language; 1901-1932, 3 volumes
- D. Members of the Confraternity of the Holy Scapular established at Cross Village on January 27, 1856, 1 volume: written by Reverend Frederic Baraga
- E. Photographs, 1920-1960, 250 prints: Cross Village and Petoskey with many of Indian powwows at Cross Village, 1920s-1930s
- F. Mission chronicle, 1856-1954, 57 pages: typed copy; original apparently burned in the 1970 fire
- G. School attendance records, 1900-1901, 1 folder
- H. Historical notes and clippings, n.d., 1 folder