



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans

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Diocese of Duluth
MINNESOTA, CASS LAKE

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St. Charles Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: St. Charles Church is a non-Indian parish. However, St. Charles includes the records of St. Catherine Church, Cass Lake, which was a center for Ojibwa Indian missions.

History of St. Catherine Church

1873-1879, 1883-1895	Diocesan priests attended Cass Lake station (Ojibwa) from St. Benedict/ Our Most Holy Redeemer, White Earth
1879-1883, 1895-1898	Benedictines (St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota) attended Cass Lake station from Immaculate Conception/ St. Ignatius, Red Lake
1898-1905, 1934-1945	Benedictines attended Cass Lake station and later St. Catherine Mission, from Holy Family, Cloquet
1905-1926	Benedictines attended Cass Lake station from St. Theodore's, Ponsford
1926-1934	Became a parish; Benedictine's administered St. Catherine Church
1945-1952 (closed)	Diocesan priests attended St. Catherine's from St. Charles', Cass Lake

Benedictines from Cass Lake administered the following Ojibwa Indian missions:

1926-1934 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Red Lake)	St. Anne Mission, Naytahwaush
1926-1934 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Ball Club)	Cut Foot Sioux station
1926-1928 (transferred to St. Theodore's, Ponsford)	Sacred Heart Mission, Onigum
1926-1934 (became a parish)	St. Joseph Mission, Ball Club
1926-1934 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Ball Club)	St. Ann Mission, Bena
1926-1934 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Ball Club)	Bowstring station
1926-1928	Island Lake station

1926-1934 (transferred to Holy Family, Cloquet)	St. Joseph Mission, Mission Corner
1926-1934 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Ball Club)	Round Lake station
1926-1934 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Ball Club)	Lake Winnibigoshish station
1926-1934 (transferred to St. Michael's, Mahnomen)	Big Elbow Lake station
1928-1934 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Red Lake)	St. Agnes Mission, Island Lake
1945-1952 (closed)	St. Joseph Mission, Mission Corner

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1926-1952

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Description: Sacramental records; baptisms, marriages, and deaths for St. Catherine Church and its Indian missions and stations; includes records for St. Catherine's, and St. Joseph's, Mission Corner, 1935-1944, when attended from Holy Family, Cloquet.