



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

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St. Michael Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: St. Michael Church is a non-Indian parish that had a number of Ojibwa Indian parishioners until ca. 1940s.

1891-1895	Benedictines (St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota) attended Wild Rice River station from St. Benedict's, White Earth
1895-1900	Benedictines established and attended St. Michael Mission (Ojibwa), Pembina, from St. Benedict's, White Earth
1900-1908	Benedictines attended St. Michael's from St. Joseph's, Beaulieu; in 1906, St. Michael's moved to Mahnomen
1908-1971	Became a parish; Benedictines administered St. Michael Church
1971-present	Diocesan priests administered St. Michael's

Benedictines and diocesan priests from St. Michael's have administered the following Ojibwa Indian missions and stations:

1908-1911 (became a parish)	Assumption Mission, Callaway
1910-1917 (transferred to St. Francis, Oklee)	St. Ann Mission, Waubun
1913-1916	Bejou station
1916-1927 (transferred to Holy Redeemer, Ogema)	Immaculate Conception Mission, Bejou
1934-1939 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Beaulieu)	St. Anne Mission, Naytahwaush
1934-1939 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Beaulieu)	Immaculate Conception Mission, Bejou
1934-1939 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Beaulieu)	St. Agnes Mission, Island Lake
1934-1939 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Beaulieu)	Big Elbow Lake Station
1947-present	Immaculate Conception Mission, Bejou
1959-1971 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Beaulieu)	St. Agnes Mission, Island Lake

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1900-present

Volume: 2.75 cubic feet

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

- A. Sacramental records, 1900-present, 20 volumes: for St. Michael and St. Joseph Churches and their Indian missions and stations; baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1900-present; first communions and confirmations, 1914-present
- B. "Status Animarium" or census record, ca. 1915, 1 volume: for St. Joseph Church, Beaulieu; includes names of parents and children with birth and death dates
- C. Announcement books, 1912-1951, 7 volumes: for St. Michael Church, 1912-1922, 1929, 1932-1934, 1936-1940; and Immaculate Conception Mission, 1931-1951
- D. Financial records, 1908-1950, 7 volumes: for St. Michael Church, day books with receipts and expenditures, 1908-1930; and Immaculate Conception Mission, ledger and day books, 1916-1939, 1944-1950
- E. Minutes of parish meetings, 1913-1940, 1 volume: for St. Michael Church
- F. Journals, 1933-1957, 2 volumes: for St. Joseph Church, 1933-1955; includes historical background on the parish, annual historical summaries, and minutes of parish meetings; and Immaculate Conception Mission, 1952-1957
- G. "Publications of Monthly Services," 1925-1929, 1957-1966, 1 folder: for Immaculate Conception Mission