



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the West about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Great Falls-Billings*  
 MONTANA, POPLAR

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**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

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| 1846         | Reverend Pierre Jean de Smet, S.J. visited the Assiniboine Indians and Métis on the Milk, Poplar, and Big Muddy Rivers  |
| 1905         | Jesuits (formerly Turin; now California Province, Los Gatos, California) established and attended Our Lady of Lourdes/ St. Ursula Mission (Assiniboine, Sisseton, Wahpeton, and Hunkpapa), Fort Peck Reservation, from St. Gabriel's, Havre |
| 1906-1909    | Jesuits attended Our Lady of Lourdes from St. Raphael's, Glasgow  |
| 1909-1913    | Jesuits attended Our Lady of Lourdes from St. Stephen's, Harlem   |
| 1913-1940    | Became a parish; Benedictines (Innsbruck Abbey, Tyrol, Austria) administered Our Lady of Lourdes Church   |
| 1940-present | Diocesan priests have administered Our Lady of Lourdes  |
| ca. 1980     | Diocesan priests attended Our Lady of Lourdes from Immaculate Conception, Wolf Point  |

Priests from Our Lady of Lourdes attended the following missions and stations among the Assiniboine, Sisseton, Wahpeton, and Hunkpapa Indians on the Fort Peck Reservation:

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| 1913-1917 (became a parish)                                  | Immaculate Conception Mission, Wolf Point |
| 1913-1917 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Wolf Point) | St. Joseph Mission, Frazer                |
| 1914-1968 (closed)   | St. Thomas Mission, Brockton              |
| 1917-1921  | Arthur Chapel, Arthur                     |
| 1917-1921  | Burch Chapel, Burch                       |
| 1917-1921  | Charlie Creek Chapel, Charlie Creek       |

1917-1921	Circle Chapel, Circle
1917-1921	Elder Creek/ Chelsea Chapel
1917-1921	Excess City Chapel, Excess City
1917-1921	Nickwell Chapel, Nickwell
1917-1921	Red Water Chapel, Red Water
1917-1921	Riverside Chapel, near Brockton
1917-1921	Riverside Chapel, near Vida
1917-1921	Roosevelt Chapel, Roosevelt
1917-1921	St. Isidore Chapel, St. Isidore
1917-1921, 1940-1950	St. Nicholas Mission, Sprole
1917-1921	Vida Chapel, Vida
1917-present	St. Anthony/ Fort Kipp Chapel, Fort Kipp
1917-1940	St. Ann Mission, Milk River

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1904-present

Volume: 4 volumes

Description: Sacramental records for Our Lady of Lourdes Church and its attended Indian missions.