



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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St. Mary Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: St. Mary Church is a non-Indian parish that had a number of Choctaw and Chickasaw Indian parishioners until ca. 1920s.

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| 1890-1895 | Diocesan priests attended Ardmore station (Choctaw and Chickasaw) from St. Elizabeth's, Purcell |
| 1895-1897 | Diocesan priests attended Ardmore station from St. Patrick's, Norman |
| 1897-present
(Indians diminished) | Became a parish; Diocesan priests established and administered St. Mary/ Our Lady of Prompt Succor Church |

History of St. Agnes Academy and Boarding School

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| 1898-1932 (no longer Indian) | Sisters of Mercy (now Oklahoma City, Oklahoma) established and staffed St. Agnes Academy for Girls (Choctaw and Chickasaw), Ardmore |
| 1915-1921 (closed) | Sisters of Mercy established and staffed St. Agnes Boarding School for Boys (Choctaw and Chickasaw), Ardmore |
| 1932 (Indians diminished) | St. Agnes became primarily a non-Indian school as tribal funds were no longer available for tuition payments |

Diocesan priests from St. Mary's attended the following Indian missions and stations:

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| 1900-1912 (transferred to Blessed Sacrament, Coalgate) | Tishomingo station (Chickasaw) |
| 1902-1912 (became a parish) | St. Catherine Mission (Choctaw), Durant |
| 1904-1910 (closed) | Paul's Valley station (Choctaw and Chickasaw) |
| 1904-1912 (transferred to St. Catherine's, Durant) | Caddo station (Choctaw) |
| 1908-1915 (closed) | Winnewood station (Choctaw and Chickasaw) |

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1897-ca.1930s

Volume: Several volumes

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

- A. Sacramental records, 1897-ca. 1930s, several volumes: for St. Mary's and its Indian missions and stations and for students at St. Agnes Schools; baptisms, 1897-ca. 1930s, marriages, 1899 ca. 1930s, deaths, 1898-ca. 1930s, first communions, 1910-ca. 1930s, and confirmations, 1902-ca. 1930s
- B. School records, 1898-1932, volume unknown