



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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**Immaculate Conception Church**

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

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| 1887-1893          | Benedictines (now St. Gregory's Abbey, Shawnee, Oklahoma) established and administered Immaculate Conception Church (Osage), Osage Reservation |
| 1887-1915          | Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia established and staffed St. Louis Girls Boarding School (Osage and others), Pawhuska, Osage Reservation |
| 1889               | Fire destroyed St. Louis School, but it was rebuilt and reopened the same year   |
| 1893-present       | Diocesan priests administered Immaculate Conception  |
| 1901-1913(closed)  | Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia established and staffed St. Louis Girls Day School (Osage and others), Pawhuska                         |
| 1915-1942          | Sisters of Loretto (Nerinx, Kentucky) staffed St. Louis Girls Boarding School  |
| 1922-1942          | Sisters of Loretto established and staffed Immaculate Conception Day School  |
| 1942-1949 (closed) | Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People (Bensalem, Pennsylvania) staffed St. Louis School                              |
| 1942-1969 (closed) | Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament staffed Immaculate Conception School  |

Benedictines and diocesan priests from Immaculate Conception have attended the following Indian missions and stations:

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| 1887-1888 (transferred to St. Elizabeth's, Purcell)                             | Kiowa and Comanche Reservation station |
| 1887-1889 (transferred to St. Mary's, Guthrie, and St. Joseph's, Oklahoma City) | Iowa Reservation station               |
| 1887-1889 (transferred to Quapaw Agency)  | Peoria Reservation station             |
| 1887-1889 (transferred to St. Mary's, Guthrie, and St. Joseph's, Oklahoma City) | Otoe Reservation station               |

1895-1921 (transferred to Quapaw Agency)	Ottawa Reservation station
1887-1889 (transferred to St. Mary's, Guthrie, and St. Joseph's, Oklahoma City)	Pawnee Reservation station
1887-1889 (transferred to St. Mary's, Guthrie, and St. Joseph's, Oklahoma City)	Ponca Reservation station
1887-1889 (became a mission)	Hominy Creek station (Osage)
1887-1893 (transferred to St. John's, Gray Horse)	Kaw Reservation station (Kansa)
1889-1908 (closed)	Caney Creek station (Osage)
1895-1921 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Skiatook)	Hominy station (Osage)
1889-1906 (became a parish; no longer Indian)	St. John Mission (Cherokee), Bartlesville
1889 (became a parish)	St. John Mission (Osage), Gray Horse/Hominy Creek
1900-1906 (closed)	Dewey station (Cherokee)
1900-1921 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Skiatook)	Big Heart Settlement station (Osage)
1904-1906 (transferred to St. John's, Bartlesville)	Cleveland station (Pawnee), and in 1905, St. Joseph Mission
1904-1906 (transferred to St. John's, Gray Horse)	Fairfax station (Osage)
1904-1906 (closed)	Skiatook station (Osage)
1904-1906 (closed)	Washunga station (Kansa)
1906-1913 (transferred to St. John's, Pawnee)	Foraker station (Osage)
1911-1913 (transferred to St. John's, Pawnee)	St. Joseph Mission (Pawnee) Cleveland
1912-1921 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Skiatook)	Avant station (Osage)
1912-1921 (became a parish)	Skiatook station (Osage)
1915-1921 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Skiatook)	St. Joseph Mission (Pawnee) Cleveland
1915-1925 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Fairfax)	Immaculate Conception Mission (Osage), Foraker
1915-1925 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Fairfax)	Burbank station (Osage)
1922-1925 (transferred to Sacred Heart, Fairfax)	Shidler station (Osage)
1926-1930 (became a mission)	Hominy station (Osage)
1930-1949 (became a parish)	Joseph Mission (Osage), Hominy
1932-1949 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Hominy)	St. Joseph Mission (Pawnee), Cleveland
1980-present	St. Mary Mission (Osage), Barnsdell

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1887-present

Volume: 2 cubic feet

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

- A. Sacramental records, 1887-1908, 1922-present, 9 volumes: for Immaculate Conception Church and its Indian missions and stations; baptisms, 1887-1808, 1925-present, marriages, 1887-1907, 1922-present, deaths, 1925-present, first communions, 1895, 1898, 1925-present, and confirmations, 1895-1900, 1925-present; baptismal and death records for 1908-1925 were lost in a flood
- B. School records, 1887-1965, 1 cubic foot: student files for St. Louis and Immaculate Conception Schools, alphabetically arranged; majority are "permanent record" cards, one for each student, which include the following information: name, age, parents, residence, attendance, grades, and when entered, graduated, or transferred; according to a note in the files, record cards of students attending the schools before 1942 were "compiled from data on old attendance records; many are incomplete"; beginning in the 1960s student records are more complete
- C. Subject file, 1930-present (most 1960s), .3 cubic foot: alphabetically arranged; noteworthy files include "Indian," containing correspondence, 1930s-present, between the priests at Pawhuska, the bishops of Oklahoma City, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions; deeds and wills and financial reports, 1960-present