



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Rapid City*  
SOUTH DAKOTA, LOWER BRULE

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**St. Mary Church**

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1895-1923	Benedictines established and attended St. Mary Mission (Brulé), Lower Brule Reservation, from Immaculate Conception, Stephan
1923-present	Congregation of Priests of the Sacred Heart (United States Province, Hales Corners, Wisconsin) administered St. Mary Church
1942	St. Mary Church burned down and was rebuilt 2 years later
1998-2003	Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Family (Dubuque, Iowa) evangelize St. Mary's

Priests of the Sacred Heart from St. Mary's have attended the following missions and stations among the Brulé Indians on the Lower Brule Reservation:

1923-1981 (closed)	Divine Infant Mission, Fort George
1923-1939 (closed)	Cedar Creek station
1923-1939 (closed)	Medicine Creek station

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1923-present

Volume: Approximately 2.3 cubic feet

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

- A. Sacramental records, 1923-present, 3 volumes: baptisms and marriages, 1923-present; deaths, 1926-present; first communions and confirmations, 1974-present
- B. Financial records, 1973-1977, 2 volumes: journals containing monthly statements

C. Subject file, 1977-present, approximately 2 cubic feet: alphabetically arranged; contains records generated and collected by Reverend Patrick Lloyd, C.S.J., and Reverend Paul Casper, C.S.J.