



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Our Lady of the Lake Church

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Our Lady of the Lake Church was created through the merger of two parishes, one of which was St. Agnes, a non-Indian parish. Until ca. 1910s, St. Agnes had a number of Ojibwa Indian parishioners.

History of St. Agnes Church, Ashland

1872-1886	Ashland Station and later the Mission at Ashland attended by priests residing at Christ Church, Bayfield, Wisconsin
1874	Construction of St. Agnes Mission begun
1878	Construction of St. Agnes Mission completed
1886-present	St. Agnes is a parish administered by Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri)

From 1886-1922, Franciscans from St. Agnes attended the following missions and stations among the Ojibwa Indians:

1886-1918(transferred to St. Francis Solanus, Reserve)	Lac du Flambeau Reservation Station, and in 1894, St. Anthony of Padua Mission, and in 1895, St. Joseph Mission, Lac du Flambeau
1892-1899(transferred to St. Louis, Washburn)	Drummond Station
1892-1918(transferred to St. Francis Solanus, Reserve)	Holy Angels Mission, Mud Lake
1894-1903(no longer Indian)	Yellow Lake Station
1894-1905(transferred to St. Mary's, Bruce)	St. Joseph Mission, Bellilfalls
1894-1906(transferred to St. Mary's, Bruce)	St. Francis of Assisi Mission, Flambeaufarm
1894-1906(transferred to St. Mary of Good Counsel, Solon Springs)	St. Mary of the Angels Mission, Gordon
1894-1906(becomes a parish)	St. Mary of Good Counsel Mission, Solon Springs/ White Birch
1894-1910(closes)	Trade River Station, and in ca. 1904, Sacred Heart Mission, Trade River
1894-1918(transferred to St. Francis Solanus, Reserve)	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission, Mouth of Yellow River

1894-1918(becomes a parish)	St. Francis Solanus Mission, Reserve
1894-1922(transferred to St. Francis Solanus, Reserve)	St. Anthony of Padua Mission, Pakwawong
1895-1899(closes)	Apple River Station
1895-1906(closes)	Wolf's Creek Station
1895-1910(closes)	Bashaw Station
1897-1908 (transferred to Holy Family, Bayfield)	Balsalm Lake Station
1897-1912 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Hayward)	Springbrook Station, and in 1910, St. Mary Magdalene Mission, Springbrook
1899-1904 (closes)	Eureka Station
1899-1905 (transferred to St. Mary's, Cumberland)	Clam Falls Station
1899-1906 (closes)	Superior Junction Station
1902-1912 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Hayward)	Hayward Government Indian School
1904-1906 (closes)	Luck Station
1904-1910 (closes)	Loon Lake Station
1905-1910 (closes)	Arbuckle Station

In addition to its own records, St. Agnes has the records of St. Mary's/Our Lady of Seven Dolors Mission, Odanah.

History of St. Mary/ Our Lady of Seven Dolors Mission, Odanah

1855-1860	Bad River Reservation visited by diocesan priests residing at St. Joseph Church, La Pointe
1860-1886	Bad River Reservation and later the Mission at Odanah attended by priests residing at Christ Church, Bayfield, Wisconsin
1868	St. Mary/ Our Lady of Seven Dolors Mission (Ojibwa), is built
1883	St. Mary School, Odanah, opens and is administered by Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration (La Crosse, Wisconsin)
1886-1954	St. Mary/ Our Lady of Seven Dolors Mission, Odanah, attended by Franciscans residing at St. Agnes Church, Ashland, Wisconsin
1954-1969	St. Mary/ Our Lady of Seven Dolors Church is administered by Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri)
1969	St. Mary's School closes
1969-1977	St. Mary/ Our Lady of Seven Dolors attended by Franciscans residing at St. Agnes Church, Ashland
1977-present	St. Mary Mission is attended by diocesan priests from St. Anthony of Padua, Lac du Flambeau

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1884-present, n.d.

Volume: 1.6 cubic feet

Description: Records at St. Agnes are not organized according to a classification scheme. Consequently, description is by type of record.

A. Sacramental records, 1884-present, 1.5 cubic feet:

1. Our Lady of Seven Dolours Mission, Odanah, 1884-present, 11 volumes: baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1884-present; first communions, 1899-present; confirmations, 1898-present
 2. St. Agnes Church, Ashland, 1886-1922, several volumes: for St. Agnes and its Indian missions and stations
- B. Historical notes, 1930s-1970s, n.d., 2 folders: include records created from a U.S. Works Progress Administration Indian Research Project directed by Sister Macaria Murphy, F.S.P.A.; excerpts from "Indian Missions of the Lake Superior Region" by Reverend Chrysostom Verwyst, O.F.M., a biographical sketch of Reverend John Gafron, O.F.M. by Reverend Casimir Vogt, O.F.M., and clippings regarding Indian missions in northern Wisconsin
- C. Photographs, 1960s-1970s, 40 prints