



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Green Bay
 WISCONSIN, GREEN BAY

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History: The Diocese of Green Bay was established in 1868. In 1900 it reported 1,390 baptized Native American Catholics and in 1999 the National Council of Catholic Bishops estimated 1,336. The following Catholic Indian missions, parishes, and schools have been administered within its area:

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| 1660-1765 (Green Bay, 1868-present) | St. Francis Xavier Mission (Menominee, Métis, and others), Green Bay |
| 1831-1836? (Green Bay, 1868-present) | Indian School (Menominee, Métis, and others), Green Bay |
| 1836-1843? (Green Bay, 1868-present) | St. John Neopomucene Church and School (Menominee, Métis, and others), Little Chute |
| 1843-1852? (Green Bay, 1868-present) | St. Francis Xavier Mission and School (Menominee and Métis), Lake Poygan |
| 1859-present (Green Bay, 1868-present) | St. Michael Church (Menominee), Keshena Menominee Reservation |
| 1876-1954 (closed) | Our Lady of the Woods/ St. Mary of the Woods/ Our Lady of Sorrows Mission (Menominee), Kenepoway/ West Branch, Menominee Reservation |
| 1876-before 2000 (closed) | St. Joseph of the Lake Mission (Menominee), Little Oconto/ South Branch, Menominee Reservation |
| 1881-1980 | St. Joseph School (Menominee, Oneida, Stockbridge), Keshena, Menominee Reservation |
| 1891-present | Immaculate Conception/ St. Mary Church (Oneida), De Pere, Oneida Reservation |
| 1894-1928 (closed) | Holy Angels/ St. Mary Mission (Stockbridge), Red Springs, Stockbridge Reservation |
| 1909-present | St. Joseph Church (Oneida), Oneida, Oneida Reservation |

1909-present

St. Anthony Church (Menominee), Neopit,
Menominee Reservation

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1840-present, n.d.

Volume: ca. 2 cubic feet (includes 16 rolls microfilm and 132 microfiche cards)

Description: 2 series include Native Catholic records:

/1 Parish Files (and Sacramental Records)

Inclusive dates: 1840-present, n.d.

Volume: ca. 1.9 cubic feet (includes 16 rolls microfilm and 132 microfiche cards)

Description: Arranged alphabetically by parish location and there under by record type.

- A. Freedom, St. Nicholas Church, 1890-1897: includes some baptismal records for Oneida, Immaculate Conception Church
- B. Green Bay, St. Francis Xavier Mission, 1840-1852, 1 volume; Baptisms, 1840-1852; handwritten by Reverend F.J. Bonduel
- C. Gresham, St. Francis Solanus Church, 1881-2004; several items within 5 folders, 3 rolls microfilm, 23 micro-fiche; a mostly non-Indian parish, with some Stockbridge Indian parishioners from Red Springs after St. Francis Mission there closed in 1926:
 1. Sacramental records, 1881-2004; Baptisms, 1881-2004; First Communion, 1954-2003, Confirmations, 1898-2004, Marriages, 1881-2004, Funerals, 1882-2004
 2. Legal records, dates unknown, 2 folders
 3. Financial records, dates unknown, 1 folder
 4. Historical records, dates unknown, 1 folder
 5. Photographs, dates unknown, 1 folder
- C. Kenepoway (Kinepowa)/ West Branch, Our Lady of the Woods/ St. Mary of the Woods/ Our Lady of Sorrows Mission, 1880-1952?, 1 folder; Historical records; although the mission had a cemetery, no burial records are known to exist
- D. Keshena, St. Michael Church and St. Joseph School, 1877-present, 11 folders, 7 rolls microfilm, 53 microfiche:
 1. Sacramental records, 1877-2004, also includes Little Oconto/ South Branch, St. Joseph of the Lake Mission, ca. 1877-before 2000, and some baptisms from Oneida, Immaculate Conception Church, 1890-1897; Baptisms, 1877-2004; First Communion, 1881-2003, Confirmations, 1882-2004, Marriages, 1880-2004, Funerals, 1880-2004; see also New London, Most Precious Blood Church, 1860s
 2. Legal records, 1970-1981, 1 folder: regarding the transfer of property
 3. Correspondence, 1877-1878, 1880, 1883-1885, 1887-1888, 1890-1892, 1894, 1899, 1902, 1905-1910, 1912-1914, 1926, 1946, 1951-1952, 1954-1958, 1963-1966, 1968-1972, 1975-1976, 1978-present, 1 folder (over 300 letters): major correspondents include Reverend Servatius Altmicks, O.F.M., Odoric Derenthal, O.F.M., Blase Krake, O.F.M., Floribert Veverka, and Alexis Pruemmer, and Bishops Francis X. Krautbauer, Frederick X. Katzer, Sebastian G. Messmer, Stanislaus V. Bona, and Aloysius J. Wycislo, and the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions; a major topic is the transfer of parishes from Franciscan to diocesan control, ca. 1970s-1980s

4. Financial records, dates unknown, 1 folder
5. Histories, 1933, n.d., 21 pages:
 - a. "History of Keshena Mission," 1933, 11 typed pages: author unidentified
 - b. "Menominee Indian Missions," n.d., 10 typed pages: author unidentified
6. Photographs, 1895, n.d., 1 folder (at least 9 prints)
7. Cemetery, dates unknown, 1 folder
8. Miscellaneous, n.d., 2 folders; clippings
9. School, dates unknown, 2 folders; St. Joseph Industrial School
- E. Little Oconto/ South Branch, St. Joseph of the Lake Mission, 1882-2000, 5 folders:
 1. Sacramental records: see Keshena, St. Michael Church
 2. Legal records, dates unknown, 2 folders
 3. Correspondence, dates unknown, 1 folder
 4. Financial records, dates unknown, 1 folder
 5. Historical records, dates unknown, 1 folder; includes listing on national and state registers of historic places in 2000
- F. Marinette, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1875-ca. 1890: includes sacramental records for White Rapids station
- G. Neopit, St. Anthony Church, 1908-2004, n.d., 6 folders, 3 rolls microfilm, and 39 microfiche:
 1. Sacramental records, 1909-2004; Baptisms, 1909-2004; First Communions, 1910-2003, Confirmations, 1911-2004, Marriages, 1909-2004, Funerals, 1909-2004
 2. Legal records, 1960s-1981, 1 folder; regarding the transfer of property
 3. Correspondence, 1908-1910, 1913-1914, 1946-1947, 1951-1952, 1958, 1968-1969, 1972-1973, 1976, 1978-present, 1 folder (over 50 letters): major correspondents include Reverends Blase Krake, O.F.M., Simon Schwarz, and Marcellus Cabo, O.F.M., and Bishops Sebastian Messmer, Stanislaus Bona, and Aloysius Wycislo
 4. Financial records, dates unknown, 1 folder
 5. Histories and historical notes, n.d., 1 folder: includes a "History of St. Anthony's Parish," n.d., 8 typed pages, author unidentified
 4. Photographs, 1970s-later?, 1 folder (at least 2 prints)
- H. Oneida, Immaculate Conception/ St. Mary Church, 1890-1981, n.d., 5 folders, 3 rolls microfilm, 19 microfiche:
 1. Sacramental records, 1889-2005; Baptisms, 1889-2005; First Communions, 1906-2005, Confirmations, 1890-2005, Marriages, 1893-2005, Funerals, 1892-2005; for baptisms, 1890-1897, see also Keshena, St. Michael Church and Freedom, St. Nicholas Church
 2. Legal records and Financial reports, 1949-present, 2 folders; includes transfer of property
 3. Correspondence, 1890-1891, 1905-1907, 1937, 1939, 1947-1948, 1951, 1956-1957, 1961-present, 1 folder (over 40 letters): major correspondents include Reverend P.J. Lochman and Bishop Frederick Katzer
 4. Historical records, 1924, 1967, n.d., 1 folder; includes histories of the Catholic Church on the Oneida Reservation by Reverends Aloysius A. Vissers, O.Praem., 1924, and Adrian Traeger, O.Praem., 1967
 5. Clippings, n.d., 1 folder
- I. Oneida, St. Joseph Church, 1926-1980, n.d., 6 folders, 3 rolls microfilm, 21 microfiche:
 1. Sacramental records, 1933-2005; Baptisms, 1933-2005; First Communions, 1940-2005, Confirmations, 1949-2005, Marriages, 1947-2005, Funerals, 1947-2005
 2. Legal records, 1913-present, 2 folders; re: transfer of property

3. Correspondence, 1926, 1938-1939, 1947, 1962, 1970, 1972-1978, 1980-present, 1 folder (over 20 letters): major correspondents include Reverends Thomas G. Fox and Willard Van De Loo and Bishop Aloysius Wycislo
 4. Financial records, dates unknown, 1 folder
 5. Historical records, dates unknown, 1 folder
 6. Photograph, n.d., 1 folder (at least 1 print)
- J. Red Springs, Stockbridge Reservation, Holy Angels/ St. Mary Mission, 1881-1925, 4 folders, 2 rolls microfilm, and 2 microfiche:
1. Sacramental records, 1881-1925; Baptisms, 1881-1925; Marriages, 1904-1922, Funerals, 1888-1924
 2. Correspondence, dates unknown, 1 folder
 3. Financial records, dates unknown, 1 folder
 4. Historical records, dates unknown, 1 folder
 5. Mergers/Closures, 1925?, 1 folder
- K. White Rapids Station, Marinette, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1910?-before 1936, 1 folder: Historical records, n.d.; for sacramental records from White Rapids, see Marinette, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1875-ca. 1890

/2 "Orders of Priests"

Inclusive dates: ca. 1940s-1980s?

Volume: At least .1 cubic foot

Description: Arranged alphabetically by the name of the congregation.

- A. Franciscans, Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri, 1945, 1949, 1958, 1963, 1966-1967, 1972-1981?, 1 folder?: correspondence relating to the appointment of Franciscans to various Indian missions and to financial matters; major correspondents include Bishop Aloysius Wycislo and Reverend Vitus Duschinsky, O.F.M., Provincial Minister of the Sacred Heart Province
- B. Premonstratensians, De Pere, Wisconsin, ca. 1940s-1980s?, 1 folder?