



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

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History:

- 1669-1707 Jesuits (now La Province du Canada français, Montreal, Canada) visited the Menominee Indians in the Green Bay, Menominee River, and Oconto River areas
- 1823 Reverend Gabriel Richard (St. Anne's Church, Detroit, Michigan) visited the Menominee Indians in the Green Bay area
- 1825-1828 Reverend Joseph Badin (St. Joseph's Church, Pokagon, Michigan) visited the Menominee Indians in the Green Bay area
- 1828 Reverend P.S. DeJean (Arbre Croche, Michigan) visited the Menominee Indians in the Green Bay area
- 1830-1838 Reverend Samuel Mazzuchelli, O.P., and other Dominicans and Redemptorists from St. John the Evangelist Church, Green Bay, visited the nearby Menominee Indians
- 1831-ca. 1836 An Indian School in Green Bay served the Menominee Indians
- 1836-1843 St. John Neopomucene Church and School, Little Chute, served the Menominee Indians
- 1843-1852 Reverend Florimond J. Bonduel established and administered St. Francis Xavier Mission and School (Menominee), Lake Poygan, a temporary reservation
- 1852-1854 The Menominee Indians moved to the Oconto River temporarily
- 1853-1857 Reverend Otto Skolla established and administered St. Michael Mission (Menominee), Keshena/ Wolf River, Menominee Reservation
- 1859-1869 Capuchins (unknown) attended St. Michael's intermittently
- ca. 1869-1872 Diocesan priests attended St. Michael's from the Duck Creek, New London, and Oconto parishes
- 1872-1880 Became a parish; Diocesan priests administered St. Michael's Church
- 1880-1980 Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) administered St. Michael's
- 1881-1980 (closed) Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (St. Louis Province, St. Louis, Missouri) established and staffed St. Joseph's School (Menominee, Oneida, and Stockbridge)

1980-present Diocesan priests have administered St. Michael's

Various priests from St. Michael's attended the following missions and stations among the Menominee and Stockbridge Indians:

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
1882-1894 (became a mission)	Stockbridge Reservation station
1894-1928 (closed)	Holy Angels/ St. Mary Mission (Stockbridge), Red Springs, Stockbridge Reservation
1909-1931 (became a parish)	St. Anthony Mission (Menominee), Neopit, Menominee Reservation

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1880-present

Volume: 6 cubic feet

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

- A. Sacramental records, 1880-present, 19 volumes: baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1880-present; first communions, 1881-present; confirmations, 1882-present; includes St. Joseph of the Lake Mission, Little Oconto/ South Branch, 1877-before 2000, and some baptisms from Immaculate Conception Church, Oneida, 1890-1897
- B. School records, 1883-1980, 3 cubic feet: student record cards arranged alphabetically by surname; cards typically include the following information: biographical data, attendance, grades, test scores, and "personality evaluations"
- C. Photographs, 1930s-present, over 160 prints
- D. Parish *Bulletin*, 1957-present, 1.5 cubic feet