



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Superior
WISCONSIN, STONE LAKE (RESERVE)

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St. Francis Solanus Church
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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

ca. 1845-1860	Diocesan priests visited the Lac Court Oreille Reservation (Ojibwa) from St. Joseph's, La Pointe
1860-1878	Diocesan priests visited the Lac Court Oreille Reservation from Christ Church, Bayfield
1878-1882	Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) visited the Lac Court Oreille Reservation from Christ Church, Bayfield
1881-1894	Franciscans established and attended St. Francis Solanus Mission (Ojibwa) from St. Francis, Superior
1885-1910	School Sisters of St. Francis (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) established and staffed Lac Court Oreilles Day School (Ojibwa), Stone Lake
1894-1918	Franciscans attended St. Francis Solanus from St. Agnes, Ashland
1910-1920 (closed)	Sisters of St. Joseph (Superior, Wisconsin) staffed the school
1918-1938	Became a parish; diocesan priests administered St. Francis Solanus Church
1921, 1923-1924	A fire destroyed St. Francis Solanus Church, which was rebuilt 2-3 years later
1927-present	School Sisters of St. Francis (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) established and staffed St. Francis Solanus School
1938-present	Franciscans have administered St. Francis Solanus Church

Diocesan priests and Franciscans from St. Francis Solanus attended the following Ojibwa Indian missions and stations:

1918-1919 (closed)	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mission, Mouth of Yellow River
1918-1937 (closed)	Holy Angels Mission, Mud Lake
1918-1944 (became a parish)	St. Anthony of Padua Mission, Lac du Flambeau
1922-1934 (closed)	St. Anthony of Padua Mission, Pakwawong

1934-1964 (transferred to St. Ignatius Mission, New Post
Philip's, Stone Lake)

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1885-present

Volume: Approximately 8.5 cubic feet

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

At the Church

Sacramental records, 1885-present, 10 volumes: baptisms, 1885-present; marriages, deaths, and first communions, 1896-present; confirmations, 1901-present

At the School

- A. Student files, 1920s-1970s, approximately 3 cubic feet: permanent record cards arranged alphabetically by surname; cards prior to 1950 contain only biographical information; after 1950, cards include grades and occasionally progress reports and other supporting information
- B. Photographs, 1965-present, 24 photo albums each containing 125-150 prints

At the Convent

- A. Student files, 1970s-present, approximately 1 cubic foot: arranged by grade and thereunder by surname
- B. Attendance and grade reports, 1927-1962, 36 volumes
- C. Chronicle, 1960-present, 2 volumes: includes handwritten daily entries and newspaper clippings on the Mission and School
- D. Diary, 1964-1966, 1 volume: author unidentified
- E. Writings by Sister Sirilla La Rush, S.S.S.F., re: the mission, school, and local Ojibwa Indian history and culture, 1925-1960, 3 notebooks
- F. Photographs, 1930s-1940s, 125 prints
- G. Clippings and publications relating to the mission and School, 1960s-present, .1 cubic foot
- H. Microfilm, Sacred Heart Franciscan Records relating to St. Francis Assisi, Red Cliff, St. Francis Solanus, Reserve (Stone Lake), St. Philip, Stone Lake, and St. Francis Xavier, Superior, and papers of Reverend Odoric Derenthal, O.F.M.; reels 22-23, 28-30, 5 reels from Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin