Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Duluth

MINNESOTA, CASS LAKE

St. Charles Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: St. Charles Church is a non-Indian parish. However, St. Charles includes the records of St. Catherine Church, Cass Lake, which was a center for Ojibwa Indian missions.

History of St. Catherine Church

1873-1879, 1883-1895
Diocesan priests attended Cass Lake station (Ojibwa) from St. Benedict/ Our Most Holy Redeemer, White Earth

1879-1883, 1895-1898
Benedictines (St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota) attended Cass Lake station from Immaculate Conception/ St. Ignatius, Red Lake

1898-1905, 1934-1945
Benedictines attended Cass Lake station and later St. Catherine Mission, from Holy Family, Cloquet

1905-1926
Benedictines attended Cass Lake station from St. Theodore’s, Ponsford

1926-1934
Became a parish; Benedictine’s administered St. Catherine Church

1945-1952 (closed)
Diocesan priests attended St. Catherine’s from St. Charles', Cass Lake

Benedictines from Cass Lake administered the following Ojibwa Indian missions:

1926-1934 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Red Lake)
St. Anne Mission, Naytahwaush

1926-1934 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Ball Club)
Cut Foot Sioux station

1926-1928 (transferred to St. Theodore's, Ponsford)
Sacred Heart Mission, Onigum

1926-1934 (became a parish)
St. Joseph Mission, Ball Club

1926-1934 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Ball Club)
St. Ann Mission, Bena

1926-1934 (transferred to St. Joseph's, Ball Club)
Bowstring station

1926-1928
Island Lake station
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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1926-1952

Volume: 4 volumes

Description: Sacramental records; baptisms, marriages, and deaths for St. Catherine Church and its Indian missions and stations; includes records for St. Catherine’s, and St. Joseph’s, Mission Corner, 1935-1944, when attended from Holy Family, Cloquet.