



**Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans**  
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*Diocese of Sioux Falls*  
SOUTH DAKOTA, MARTY

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**St. Paul Church**

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History:

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| 1839, 1866  | Reverend Pierre-Jean de Smet, S.J., visited the Yankton Indians   |
| 1840  | Reverend Christian Hoecken, S.J., visited the Yankton Indians   |
| 1877  | Reverend Martin Marty, O.S.B., visited the Yankton Indians  |
| 1880-1881 (closed)                                    | Reverend John F. Malo and the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Aberdeen, South Dakota) established and administered St. Ann Chapel and School (Yankton), Wheeler   |
| 1884-1887 (closed)                                    | Yankton Indian Industrial School (Yankton), Yankton, Yankton Reservation  |
| 1884-1888   | Diocesan priests visited the Yankton Reservation from St. Vincent, Springfield  |
| 1911-1913   | Reverend Henry J. Westropp, S.J., visited the Reservation from St. Francis, St. Francis   |
| 1914-1916   | Reverend Westropp established and administered St. Paul Mission (Yankton), Ravinia, Yankton Reservation   |
| 1917-1921   | Reverend Sylvester Eisenman, O.S.B., and the Benedictines (St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana) attended St. Paul Mission, St. John Mission (Yankton), Greenwood, and St. Francis Solano Mission (Yankton), White Swan, from Immaculate Conception, Stephan |
| 1920  | An Indian day school opened at Ravinia  |
| 1921-1984   | Benedictines (St. Meinrad Archabbey, St. Meinrad, Indiana, 1921-1954; Blue Cloud Abbey, Marvin, South Dakota, 1954-1984) administered St. Paul Church   |
| 1924-1975<br>(transferred to a community corporation) | Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People (Bensalem, Pennsylvania), and also Oblate Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (Marty, South Dakota) after 1935, staffed St. Paul School, in part to 1980s  |
| 1935  | Reverend Sylvester Eisenman, O.S.B., founded the Oblate   |

1985-1996 Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Paul's  
 A priest of Congregation of Priests of the Sacred Heart  
 (Hales Corners, Wisconsin) from St. Mark's, Lake  
 Andes, attended St. Paul's with an Oblate Sister of  
 the Blessed Sacrament and a Permanent Deacon

1997-present A Regular Franciscan (Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
 Province, Loretto, Pennsylvania, from St. Mark's,  
 Lake Andes, attended St. Paul's with an Oblate Sister  
 of the Blessed Sacrament and a Permanent Deacon

First Jesuits and then Benedictines from St. Paul's attended the following  
 Indian missions, stations, and schools in South Dakota and Nebraska:

1915-1916 (transferred to Immaculate Conception, Stephan)	St. John Mission (Yankton), Greenwood, South Dakota
1915-1916 (transferred to Holy Rosary, Pine Ridge)	Sacred Heart Mission (Santee and Ponca), Santee, Santee Reservation, Nebraska
1921-1978 (closed)	St. Francis Solano Mission (Yankton), Lake Andes/ White Swan, South Dakota
1921-present	St. John the Evangelist Mission (Yankton), Greenwood
1931-1957 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Santee), Santee
1934-1948 (closed)	St. John Day School (Yankton), Greenwood, South Dakota
1938-1958 (closed)	St. Gregory Mission (Brulé), Greenwood/ Missouri Bottom, South Dakota
1939-1946 (closed)	St. Placid Home for Homeless Indian Babies (Yankton), Marty, South Dakota
1940-1965 (closed)	St. Catherine of Sienna Mission (Yankton), Rising Hail Colony, South Dakota
1941-1957 (closed)	Sacred Heart Mission (Santee and Ponca), Niobrara, Nebraska
1948-1957 (transferred to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lynch, Nebraska)	St. William Mission (Santee and Ponca), Niobrara, Nebraska

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1839-present

Volume: Approximately 1 cubic foot

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

- A. Sacramental records, 1839-present, 6 volumes: baptisms, 1839-present;  
 marriages, 1922-present; deaths, 1918-present; first communions, 1944-  
 present; baptisms from 1839 to ca. 1870s were transcribed by Reverend  
 Henry Westropp, S.J., ca. 1910s
- B. Census record, 1940s, 1 folder: lists members of each household in the  
 parish
- C. Financial records, 1920s-present, 1 folder; primarily deeds, abstracts,  
 and other documentation dealing with land transactions