St. Francis Xavier Church

513 Howard Street
Petoskey, Michigan 49770
Phone 231-347-4133
http://www.petoskeystfrancis.org/

Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1859-1897 (closed) Diocesan priests established and attended St. Francis Solano Mission (Ottawa), Petoskey, from Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs
1879-1881 Diocesan priests established and attended St. Francis Xavier Mission (Ottawa) from Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs
1881-1884 Became a parish; diocesan priests administered St. Francis Xavier Church
1884-1897 (no longer Indian) Franciscans (Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis, Missouri) attended St. Francis Xavier from Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs
1897-present Franciscans have administered St. Francis Xavier
1927-ca. 1937 Franciscans restored St. Francis Solano Mission

Franciscans from St. Francis Xavier attended the following missions and stations among the Ojibwa and Ottawa Indians:

1897-1899 (closed) St. Ignatius Mission, Beaver Island
1897-1905 (transferred to Holy Cross, Beaver Island) Garden Island station
1897-1905 (transferred to Holy Cross, Beaver Island) High Island station
1897-1918 (transferred to Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs) St. Joseph Mission, Elbridge
1897-1918 (transferred to Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs) Fern station
1897-1918 (transferred to Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs) St. Mary Mission, Peshabestown
1897-1920 (closed) Blessed Sacrament Mission, Elk Rapids
1897-1929 (transferred to St. Mary's, Charlevoix) St. Francis Solanus Mission, Bay Shore
1910-1918 (transferred to Holy Garden Island station
Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1881-present

Volume: 1 cubic foot

Description: Sacramental records for:
A. St. Francis Xavier Church and its Indian missions and stations:
   baptisms, marriages, and deaths, 1881-present; first communions, 1885-present; and confirmations, 1883-present
B. St. Francis Solanus, Bay Shore: baptisms and deaths, 1902-present;
   marriages, 1901-present; first communions, 1910-present; and confirmations, 1920-present

Although St. Francis Solanus Mission, Bay Shore was attended from St. Mary's, Charlevoix, 1929-1947, and Holy Childhood, Harbor Springs, 1948-1955, the sacramental records for these years are at St. Francis Xavier Church.