St. Isaac Jogues Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

1949-1994 Jesuits (Detroit Province, Detroit Michigan) established and administered St. Isaac Jogues Church (Ojibwa)
1994-present Capuchins (now Detroit Province, Detroit Michigan) have administered St. Isaac Jogues

Jesuits administered the Ojibwa Indian missions of the Upper Peninsula (excluding the mission at Baraga) from various sites including:

- 1850s-1939 Sault Sainte Marie
- 1939-1946 St. Ignace
- 1946 Upper Peninsula divided into Eastern and Western Districts
- 1946-1948 St. Ignace for the Eastern District
- 1946, 1955-1960 Escanaba for the Western District
- 1947-1955 Marquette for the Western District
- 1948-1994 Sault Sainte Marie for the Eastern District
- 1960-1994 Assinins and Bark River for the Western District

Although the Ojibwa Indian missions were attended from the places noted above, the related sacramental records were kept at the following locations:

- 1834-1940 Holy Name of Mary Church, Sault Sainte Marie for the entire Upper Peninsula excluding the Baraga Mission
- 1940-1959 St. Isaac Jogues Church, Sault Sainte Marie for the entire Upper Peninsula excluding the Baraga Mission
- 1960-present St. Isaac Jogues Church for the Eastern District; for the Western District, the sacraments administered were recorded in the books of the parish where the Indian community resided

St. Isaac Jogues Church holds records pertaining to the following Ojibwa Indian missions:

- 1892-1960 (closed) St. Lawrence Mission, Indian Point
- 1894-1943 (closed) St. Teresa Mission, Sugar Island
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Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1940-present

Volume: 1.8 cubic feet

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

A. Sacramental records, 1940-present, 6 volumes:
   1. Baptisms, 1940-1946: for all Indian missions in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan
   4. Baptisms, marriages, deaths, first communions, and confirmation, 1949-present: for St. Isaac Jogues Church
   5. Baptisms, marriages, deaths, first communions, and confirmations, 1962-present: for Bay Mills, St. Catherine Mission

B. Subject file, 1940s-present, .7 cubic foot: alphabetically arranged; noteworthy folders include:
   1. Assinins, St. Joseph Orphanage correspondence, 1940s
   2. Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions correspondence, 1940s-present
   3. Camp Baraga, 1940s
   4. Diocesan correspondence, 1940s
   5. Photographs of Indian missions in the Upper Peninsula, 1960s, 25-30 prints
   6. Reports to the bishop, 1940s-present
   7. Sermon notes of Reverend Joseph Lawless, S.J., 1940s-1960s
   8. Clippings, historical notes, 1940s-1960s

C. Financial records, 1950s, .5 cubic foot: primarily receipts and vouchers