



Guide to Catholic-Related Records in the Midwest about Native Americans
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Diocese of Marquette
MICHIGAN, SAULT SAINTE MARIE

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Holy Name of Mary Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History: Holy Name of Mary Church is a non-Indian parish that had a number of Ojibwa Indian parishioners, 1834-ca. 1920s.

1834-1838	Redemptorists (presently, Denver, Colorado) established and administered a chapel (Ojibwa) at Sault Sainte Marie
1836-1838	Redemptorists established and staffed a school
1837-1838	Redemptorists established and administered St. Mary Mission
1838-1845	Diocesan priests attended St. Mary's from St. Peter's, Harbor Springs
1846-1861	Jesuits (Upper Canada Province, Toronto, Canada) administered St. Mary's
1847-1860s	Jesuits established and staffed a School for Boys
1853-1860	Ursulines (presently, Crystal City, Missouri) established and staffed a School for Girls
1861-1864	Became a parish; diocesan priests administered St. Mary Church
1864-1914	Jesuits administered Holy Name of Mary/ St. Mary's and attended Indian missions from Holy Name until 1939
1866-1873	Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (St. Louis, Missouri) administered the school
1874-1896	Daughters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (presently, Holyoke, Massachusetts) administered the school
1896-1920s (no longer Indian)	Sisters of Loretto (Toronto, Canada) administered the school
1914-1920s (no Longer Indian)	Diocesan priests administered Holy Name

Jesuits from Holy Name have attended the following Ojibwa Indian missions:

1850s-1939	Entire Upper Peninsula except the Baraga Mission
1948-present	Eastern District of the Upper Peninsula

Jesuits from St. Ignace have attended the following Ojibwa Indian missions:

1939-1946	Entire Upper Peninsula except the Baraga Mission
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1946-1948 Eastern District of the Upper Peninsula

Jesuits from Escanaba have attended the following Ojibwa Indian missions:

1946, 1955-1960 Western District of the Upper Peninsula except the Baraga Mission

Jesuits from Marquette have attended the following Ojibwa Indian missions:

1947-1955 Western District of the Upper Peninsula except the Baraga Mission

Jesuits from Assinins and Bark River have attended the following Ojibwa Indian missions:

1960-present Western District of the Upper Peninsula except the Baraga Mission

Although the Indian missions were attended from the sites noted above, the sacramental records have been kept at the following locations:

1834-1940 Holy Name of Mary Church, Sault Sainte Marie: Entire Upper Peninsula, excluding the Baraga Mission

1940-1959 St. Isaac Jogues Church, Sault Sainte Marie: Entire Upper Peninsula, excluding the Baraga Mission

1960-present St. Isaac Jogues Church: Eastern District of the Upper Peninsula

1960-present For the Western District, sacraments administered were recorded in the books of the parish where the Indian community resides

Ojibwa Indian missions whose sacramental records are stored at Holy Name of Mary Church include:

1857-1880 (transferred to Jesuits, Upper Canada Province)	Our Savior, Friend of Children Mission, Sugar Island
1862-1880 (transferred to Jesuits, Upper Canada Province)	St. Joseph Mission, Sugar Island
1884-1891 (became a parish)	Sacred Heart Mission, DeTour
1892-1960 (closed)	St. Lawrence Mission, Indian Point
1894-1930 (closed)	St. Joseph Mission, Sugar Island
1894-1943 (closed)	St. Teresa Mission, Sugar Island
1899-1946 (closed)	Our Lady of the Snows Mission, Hessel
1899-1960 (closed)	Drummond Island station, and in 1941, St. Florence Mission, Drummond Island
1899-present	Bay Mills/ Iroquis Mission station, and in 1939, St. Catherine Mission, Bay Mills
1923-present	Sacred Heart Mission, Sugar Island

Holdings of Catholic-related records about Native Americans:

Inclusive dates: 1834-1940

Volume: 1 cubic foot

Description: Sacramental records for all Indian missions in the Upper Peninsula, excluding Baraga; baptisms, 1834-1940; marriages and deaths, 1836-1940.