



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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St. Isaac Jogues Church

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Access: Some restrictions apply

History:

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

Jesuits have 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	Esanaba for the Western District
1947-1955	Marquette for the Western District
1948-present	Sault Sainte Marie for the Eastern District
1960-present	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

The records at St. Isaac Jogues Church pertain to the following Ojibwa Indian
missions:

1892-1960 (closed)	St. Lawrence Mission, Indian Point
1894-1943 (closed)	St. Teresa Mission, Sugar Island
1899-1946 (closed)	Our Lady of the Snows Mission, Hessel
1899-1960 (closed)	St. Florence Mission, Indian Point

1899-present	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha/ St. Catherine Mission, Bay Mills
1923-present	Sacred Heart Mission, Sugar Island
1941-1960 (closed)	Holy Angels Mission, Sugar Island
1942-1960 (closed)	St. Aloysius Mission, Neebish Island
1943-1960 (closed)	Ss. John and Anne Mission, Sugar Island
1946-1960 (transferred to Sacred Heart Friary, Baraga)	St. James Mission, Hannahville
1947-1958 (transferred to St. Charles, Rapid River)	Sacred Heart Mission, Stonington
1949-1958 (transferred to Sacred Heart Friary, Baraga)	St. Catherine Mission, Zeba
1953-1961 (closed)	Our Lady of the Way Mission, Eckerman

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
2. Baptisms, 1947-1955: for Eastern District of the Upper Peninsula
3. Baptisms, marriages, deaths, first communions, and confirmations, 1947-1959: for the Western District of the Upper Peninsula
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
6. Baptisms, marriages, deaths, first communions, and confirmations, 1962-present: for Sugar Island, Sacred Heart 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