



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:

1949-1994 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

1899-1946 (closed)	Our Lady of the Snows Mission, Hessel
1899-1960 (closed)	St. Florence Mission, Indian Point
1899-present	Bay Mills/ Iroquois Mission station, and since 1939, St. Kateri Tekakwitha/ St. Catherine Mission, Bay Mills
1923-19xx (transferred to Capuchins, Sacred Heart Friary, Baraga)	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