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**JASPER'S ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
ORAL HISTORIES, 1995–1998**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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RELATED HOLDINGS: *St. Joseph Catholic Church, Jasper, Indiana: 175th Anniversary, 1837–2012: A Video Tour*, DVD (BX4603.J28 S75 2012)
St. Joseph Parish, Jasper, Indiana: Diocese of Indianapolis (1834–1898 Diocese of Vincennes) Centenary 1837–1937 (BX4603.J28 K54 1937)
St. Joseph Parish, Jasper, Indiana, 1937–2002: A 65–year History (BX4603.J28 F54 2002)
Indiana Historical Tour in Dubois County, Indiana : May 1, 1955 (Pam Q Coll. F532.D8 N67 1955)

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

“A Home for God’s People: Memories of St. Joseph Catholic Church” describes the project in the Indiana Heritage Research Grant #97–3005 abstract in the following way:

“This oral history project focuses on the memories related to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Dubois County, a congregation formed by the county’s German Catholic pioneer settlers. Founded in 1837, ‘Jasper’s faithful watchtower,’ as the church is affectionately known, was southwestern Indiana’s first German–language parish. This is a study of the memories associated with St. Joseph Catholic Church as seen through the lens of French historian Pierre Nora’s theory of the *lieux de memoire*. Nora’s approach reconstructs collective memory by studying ‘places of memory’. He believes that, after a sense of common history and identity has been shattered, people construct places of memory in order to memorialize their past and the community ties that they have lost. St. Joseph Church is a place of memory that symbolizes the traditional predominance of the Catholic church in the lives of most Dubois County residents, a way of life that has faded. Many interviewees draw on religion to interpret their community’s past and present. They also use religion to shed light on their own individual life experiences. Taped recordings of ten life history interviews and transcripts of seven of these interviews will be deposited at the Oral History Research Center at Indiana University.”

The original transcripts and recordings are housed in the Indiana University Center for Documentary Research and Practice by the Indiana University Center for the Study of History and Memory.

Sources:

Material in collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains the final report and transcripts from seven of the ten oral histories conducted by Heiko Muehr with members of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana. The other six transcripts are from other projects conducted by the Indiana University Oral History Research Center with Dubois County residents and which potentially contributed to the final report for this project. The collection is organized by project—the St. Joseph Catholic Church material is first (in alphabetical order), followed by the transcripts from other projects (in reverse chronological order).

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