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Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1966 Erected Date: 1966

**Marker Location** 

Address: 9 South 4th Street

City: Niles

State: MI ZipCode:

County: Berrien

Township: Niles

Lat: 41.82765700 / Long: -86.25489200

Web URL:

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## **Trinity Church**

This is the oldest existing church structure in Niles, located in the oldest Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Western Michigan. The first Episcopal service in Niles was conducted by Bishop Philander Chase in 1832. The parish was organized in 1834. In that year there were fourteen houses in Niles. The first edifice, of frame construction, was built on this site in 1836 under the direction of the Reverend James Selkrig, the first rector. The present church was completed in 1858. On May 7, 1876, the Reverend Robert McMurdy presented 308 persons for confirmation. This is said to have been one of the largest such classes in American church history.

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