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St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church Preservation Society

Our Mission

The Mission of the St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church Preservation Society is to preserve and protect our Holy Landmark while continuing to share our Catholic faith through the use of our Chapel as a holy place of worship for future generations.

Open Letter to the SMICCPS Membership

Dear Preservation Society Members and Friends,

What an amazing year we have had! Our Society membership is strong and continues to grow. As I reflect on all that we have accomplished, I realize it is all because of your continued support by volunteering, financing and praying together. Thank you!

The past few months have been particularly busy. We celebrated our community Thanksgiving prayer service and meal with our fellow Christians. It was a time spent with great food and wonderful conversation. This annual affair gets better each year. The newly decorated hall was noted by everyone.

We were able to honor our name sake, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, with a beautiful Mass celebrated by Father Hayes. Our newest organist, Ella Clifton, accompanied by her instructor, Mr. Edwards, provided the music. We initiated the Christmas season by having our Christmas party in the decorated hall. The delicious meal was followed by story time for the children narrated by Bob Breig and, of course, a visit from Santa Clause and his elf with gifts for the children.

This year we joined the Country Church tour group, so we called out the volunteers again to decorate the chapel and grounds. They did an outstanding job. The Chapel was stunning. Our ambitious events coordinators organized our first Chapel dinner bus tour. What a success! We hope to make it an annual event.

Christmas Eve service celebrated by Father Hayes was a fitting climax to a fulfilling year. The Chapel was full of devoted Christians, the music was heavenly, as our thoughts of past Christmases and loved ones filled our minds and hearts. We were so blessed to be able to be here in our Chapel for another Christmas!

Now it is 2020 and a whole new year to make progress and memories. I can't wait to see how much we can accomplish in this new year with your help.

Wishing you a Happy, Healthy, Blessed New Year!

Respectfully Yours,
Thomazine "Tommie" Buatte

Mass Schedule

- Sunday, January 12 — 9:00 AM, Father Hayes
- Sunday, January 26 — 9:00 AM, Father Rhinehart
- Sunday, February 9 — 9:00 AM, Father Hayes (Memorial Mass with Donuts in the Hall after Mass)
- Sunday, February 23 — 9:00 AM, Father Rhinehart
- Sunday, March 15 — 9:00 AM, Father Hayes (Chicken and Dumpling dinner in the Hall).
- Sunday, March 22 — 9:00 AM, Father Rhinehart.

Our Chapel is open every Wednesday from 7 AM to 7 PM for visitation.

Christmas Country Church Tour

On December 12 and 13, our Chapel participated in the 15th annual Christmas Country Church Tour along with 37 other community churches in four counties. This annual event offers the visitor insight into our larger faith community and an education into the early settlement of our towns and villages dating back as far as 175 years. Each church was decorated for the Christmas season and provided refreshments, entertainment, and warm and friendly hospitality.



We were delighted that over 500 visitors came to see our beautifully decorated Chapel for Christmas during this Tour. The first couple through our doors came all the way from Branson, Missouri! Visitors were greeted with a warm welcome by our member tour guides who provided them with written information about our Chapel and answered their questions. Live music was played throughout the tour, providing a truly wonderful atmosphere in which to celebrate the season of the birth of our Savior.

SMICCPS also offered our own private bus tour, which included a delicious three-course dinner before departing to visit other participating churches. The bus tour was so much fun and our open house was so enjoyable that we plan to do it again during next year's Christmas Country Church Tour on December 17 and 18, 2020. We encourage you to make plans to attend and share this wonderful experience with friends and family.

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A Special Thanks to our Members and Community
who helped to make our Christmas Country Church Tour a success.

Tour guides Eunice Allen, Henrietta Bartels, Joanne Donze, Joyce Hurst, and John & Jean Vogt. Organ music by Al Kaiser and Daniel Kuenzel. Guitar music by Kim and Abbey Fischer. Food servers Mary Brewster and Deloris Carson. The food for our wonderful meal was prepared and donated by Sharon Breig and Annette Cash.

Volunteer Opportunities

Our volunteers are so vital to the success of our preservation endeavor. Volunteers are needed not only to help with the cleaning and maintenance of our buildings, but also to assist at Church events and in Mass by serving, singing, or playing the pipe organ. We welcome all who want to provide their time and service. Please contact any of our Board members for more details.

Have questions about or input for our social media?

Do you have questions or want to submit photos to us? Just send us an email at smiccps@gmail.com.

Detailed information about mass schedules and society events can be found on our website at www.stmaryimmaculateconceptionchurch.com.

Contact Us

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Annual Membership

On May 30, 2018, the St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church Preservation Society was formed. Our community came together and met the challenge to save our Church property and its historic treasures for our future generations. Your annual membership pledge contributes to the operation and maintenance of the Church property, and we have you to thank for our success thus far.

Your continued financial support is so vital to the continued success of this preservation endeavor. Please continue to support the Society by renewing your pledge commitment. Thank you all for your support.

St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church Preservation Society Annual Membership Pledge

Annual membership levels for NEW members who join beginning **in July 2019**, includes invitations to special events, our quarterly newsletter, and use of the Chapel or Hall facilities as follows:

- * \$75 Membership includes: Funerals and Baptisms
- * \$250 Membership includes: Funerals, Baptisms, and Wedding **or** Hall Use (1 wedding or 1 hall use)
- * \$500 Membership includes: Funerals, Baptisms, Weddings, and Hall Use (within guidelines)

The Pledge Level you choose is a one-time pledge and can be renewed at a different level on your anniversary next year. Renewal is not automatic, allowing you an opportunity to renew each year at the level of support you choose.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Pledge Level: Circle One: Bronze \$75 — Silver \$250 — Gold \$500

Interests: Mass — Prayer Sessions — Events — Volunteer

Signature _____

Detach and mail this form and your pledge to:

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