



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 Friends,

Hallelujah! The mask mandate has been eased! For those fully vaccinated, masks are no longer required. Some may choose to continue to wear masks for personal reasons. We continue to encourage social distancing.

We welcomed the return of Father Rhinehart in May. He officiated at our first outdoor Mass. We look forward to more outdoor gatherings this summer.

What a glorious day! Joining with Immaculate Conception Kaskaskia congregation, we celebrated Father Haye's 60 years in the priesthood. He continues to shepherd his flock. We are so blessed.

As we said good-bye to Daniel, we can welcome Brennden Pfaff as our temporary organist. He will be with us until his college days begin this Fall. Music is uplifting and another way we communicate with God.

The Preservation Society continues to maintain and improve the properties. Your Mass attendance reassures us of your support. As Jesus sent the disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations", we ask that you go and encourage Mass attendance, bring new members to increase our social gathering and support.

Active participation in the Mass is a way for you to support the preservation of this chapel. Please volunteer to be a reader, server, decorator member, committee member, etc. There is much to be done, so volunteer.

The coming of warm weather and the prospects of a return to normal should reassure us that God is hearing our prayers. HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Respectfully Yours,
Thomasine "Tommie" Buatte
President, SMICCPs

Mass Schedule

All Masses will begin at
9:00 am on the following
Sundays:

July 4, Father Hayes

July 18, Father Hayes

July 25, Father Rhinehart

Aug 1, Father Hayes

Aug 15, Father Hayes

Aug 22, Father Rhinehart

Sept 5, Father Hayes

Sept 12, Father Rhinehart

Sept 19, Father Hayes

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them" Matthew 18:20

Church Attendance Guidelines

Effective July 1, 2021, the COVID attendance requirements will be eased and the dispensation of the obligation to attend Holy Mass will be lifted.

New Organist

We welcome Brennden Pfaff of Farmington as our new organist. Brennden is a graduate of Valle High School in Ste. Genevieve and will be attending Missouri State University this fall.

Board Members

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Committees

Finance: Karl Schultz/Brian Helms

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Memorials

Memorial envelopes are now available at Basler Funeral Home in Ste. Genevieve and at Ford and Sons in Perryville.

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

Contact Us

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Join us on Facebook at the St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church Preservation Society Group for up-to-the-minute information from the Society.

Our Chapel Organ



An important part of the Preservation Society's mission is to sustain and improve the physical facilities of the Chapel, Rectory, School, and Hall. Included in each building, but especially in the Chapel, are unique assets and artifacts. One very important and unique feature of the Chapel is the organ.

The organ was manufactured by the Wicks Organ company of Highland, Illinois. They began making pipe organs early in the last century, and ours was the 531st organ they made, in 1924. Its name of reference to organists and organ makers is "Opus 531".

In the early days of the Preservation Society, we were able to bring Horst Buchholz to St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church. He is the Director of Sacred Music at the Cathedral Basilica and the Archdiocese to advise us about the state of the organ and provide recommendations for maintaining it in excellent condition.

He played it as a master does, and was pleased with the condition of the organ, given its age, and the fact that the Preservation Society had a keen interest in preserving and improving it. He also offered to perform a concert program for us when the time was right. In all, we were honored and privileged to have him present and interested in this important historical instrument, of which we are the stewards.

We recently had some necessary service provided for the organ, including tuning each of the pipes before the Christmas Mass. We hope you have been able to enjoy the music it makes and the musicians responsible for playing and singing for worship. It truly is a Heavenly experience for the ears and mind.

The service we had performed by the Wicks Company was just a beginning, though. The organ is in need of additional maintenance and preservation of existing components, and replacing some aged and crumbling parts and leather bellows. Wire insulation is also decaying and in need of replacement.

We will be reaching out to people who may have an interest in supporting an investment in the future which begins to enrich our experience of the Mass right now. Please feel free to contact any Board member if you have an interest in this project and investment in our future, or any questions.

Comings and Goings—Member Events



Congratulations to Mariah Ritter and Justin Roth who were married at our Chapel on June 5, 2021.

Mark your calendars for October 16! Beginning at 5:00 pm, we will be holding a Street Dance and Cookout on the Chapel grounds. The Band “Nuff Said” will be providing music for the event. Stay tuned for more details!

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SMICCPS Pledge Form

The Pledge level you choose is a one-time pledge and can be renewed at a different level during the Pledge year of January 1, 2022. Renewal is not automatic, allowing you an opportunity to renew each year at the level of support you choose. Pledge amounts are tax deductible. Circle Pledge Level

75.00 Bronze 250.00 Silver 500.00 Gold

Membership includes our quarterly Newsletter; Invitations to Special Events, Christmas Dinner, Thanksgiving Dinner, Membership Dinner, Mass Schedules and personal use of the Chapel and Hall. Check our website for benefits associated with your pledge level.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Signature _____