



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 SMICPCS Membership

Preservation Society Members and Friends,

As we say goodbye to 2020, we reflect on the past year. We celebrated some joyous occasions in our Chapel like baptisms and a wedding. We celebrated the lives of parishioners that went to their eternal reward including our beloved Father Rich. We were able to gather, although sparsely, to celebrate mass during this pandemic. For all of this, we are thankful.

Even though we have been limited in our fundraising activities this year, thanks to everyone, we had a most successful Super Raffle. Several winners donated some or all of their winnings back to the Preservation Society.

Many improvements to our property have been accomplished, as well. We have been able to improve the wiring and breaker box in the Chapel. The parish hall floor has been professionally cleaned. The biggest accomplishment has been to the Chapel hill. A BIG "thank you" goes to Jerry Maloney, his crew, and family, who have tirelessly worked on weekends to remove the trees, shrubs and over growth so we can now enjoy a spectacular view of the Chapel again. And they are not finished yet!!

Our annual membership drive has been moved to January for record keeping purposes. Your membership is vital for the success of the Preservation Society's efforts to maintain the Chapel for a place of worship for us now and future generations. We have plans to explore the restoration and the protection of the historic and beautiful windows, the repair and painting of the deteriorated walls in the Chapel and routine maintenance this year. Much to be done. Much is needed. We pray that this new year, 2021, will provide a vaccine for the Covid19 virus, economic stability, a return to a nation of love and cooperation, and the continued success of the Preservation Society.

Respectfully Yours,
Thomasine "Tommie" Buatte
President, SMICPCS

Mass Schedule

All Masses will begin at
9:00 am with Father Hayes
officiating:

- ◆ Sunday, January 10
- ◆ Sunday, January 24
- ◆ Sunday, February 7
- ◆ Sunday, February 21
- ◆ Sunday, March 7
- ◆ Sunday, March 21

Social distancing guidelines
for Mass attendance are
contained in this newsletter.

Church Attendance Guidelines

Following are the Covid-19 requirements provided by the Archdiocese for attendance at public Masses at the Immaculate Conception Chapel. These requirements will remain in place until further notice:

1. Each person must wear a mask
2. Social distancing of 6 feet; Pews and aisles will be marked
3. Every other pew is used
4. Three (3) persons per pew unless family
5. Attendee(s) not ill or have had exposure to Corona virus within last 14 days
6. No offertory procession, no sign of peace, no passing of collection basket, (basket will be located at the entrance to the chapel) no books
7. Only the priest will distribute communion

Board Members

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Committees

Finance: Karl Schultz/Brian Helms

Maintenance: Bob Breig/Mike Ritter/Jordan Ritter

Communications: Kathy Blum

Events: Kim Breig/Kathy Blum/
Kris Ritter/Thomasine Buatte

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 www.stmaryimmaculateconceptionchurch.com.

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.

Father Richard C. Kasznel



Father Richard C. Kasznel, retired pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in St. Mary, died November 19 at age 82. Memorial Masses were celebrated on Tuesday, December 1, at Seven Holy Founders Church and on Sunday, December 13, at St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church.

Father Kasznel was ordained in 1965 by Cardinal Joseph E. Ritter. Born in St. Louis, he attended Bishop DuBourg High School, Cardinal Glennon College and Kenrick Seminary.

Following ordination, he served as assistant pastor of Resurrection Parish in St. Louis. He was named associate pastor of St. Bartholomew Parish in Hazelwood in 1971, St. Justin Martyr Parish in Sunset Hills in 1980 and Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in St. Louis in 1985. He was appointed pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish in Ste. Genevieve County in 1987 and retired in 2018.

In 2015, celebrating his 50th anniversary of ordination, Father Kasznel described the blessing of spending nearly three decades as pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in St. Mary, a small community about 75 miles south of St. Louis and just west of the old Mississippi River channel and Illinois' Kaskaskia Island. Father Kasznel called it "a marvelous thing to be a pastor in a place almost 30 years and see children that I've baptized become adults and get married. I've seen them from the beginning of life and along as they've matured. It's been a privilege to be here in a great, wonderful community."

Annual Easter Lily Sale

\$10.00 per Easter Lily in honor of a loved one. The lilies will be used to decorate the church for Easter. Please complete this form, indicating the following:

In Memory of _____

Donated by _____

You can place this form with your payment in an envelope and drop it in the collection plate during Mass or you can mail it to: SMICCPs, P.O. Box 372, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

**St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church Preservation Society
Pledge Drive 2021 - begins January 1, 2021**

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Dear **SMICCPS Member**,

As we look forward to our third year of service to you and our community we ask that you renew your membership during the month of January 2021. It is important to know that your **Membership Pledge** keeps our Chapel warm, the grounds maintained and the Bells ringing throughout the year. Without this income we would not be able to continue our mission.

At this time **St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Church Preservation Society** is solid. Community support remains strong with a total of 144 pledge memberships and growing. In the coming year we are committed to enlarging our membership and we look forward to keeping our Mission to serve you alive.

Please take a moment to renew your annual Membership by filling out the **Membership Pledge Form** below and returning it to the SMICCPS, during the month of January 2021.

Thank you for your **Membership Pledge** and for your faith in our shared mission.

Sincerely,

SMICCPS Governing Board

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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 _____