



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,

Another year ends and it does seem to be beginning to return to some state of normal. My hope is that any hardships and losses you have or are experiencing have been met with help from neighbors, friends, relatives and most especially God.

This will be our fourth year as the St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church Preservation Society. You have been generous with your support in both prayers and contributions of money and labor. When we all pull together, we can accomplish almost anything. January has been designated as our official membership drive month for 2022. We ask for your continued support for the preservation of our chapel and campus.

Now that we have been able to schedule mass regularly on the first and third Sunday at 9 am each month, we have noted an increase in attendance. This is encouraging for achieving one of our goals of maintaining the church for future members to worship.

Maintaining the church buildings requires constant upkeep. The recent replacement and installation of the dusk-to-dawn lights and electrical support to the lower portion of the hill/steps improves safety for you and the property. The replacement of deteriorated gutters prevents water damage to the hall. The interior of the church plastered walls will be addressed very soon as they are showing extensive deterioration.

I am sure if you have driven up the church hill you have seen the massive clearing of the overgrown shrubs, vines, and weeds. It is beginning to look like I remember when I attended grade school, a long time ago. The biggest "Thank You" goes to Jerry Maloney and his crew for their hard work. I hope you noted the shrubs and landscape rocks that accentuate our statue of Mary at the bottom of the hill. They did that too! It looks beautiful.

As 2022 begins we ask God to continue to bless and support this little community of St. Mary, Missouri. When need arises we want to be there for one another. I think that was demonstrated during our recent tornado disaster. We are a family and family hangs together.

The SMICCPS wishes you a Happy Healthy New Year!

Respectfully Yours,
Thomasine "Tommie" Buatte
President, SMICCPS

Mass Schedule

All Masses will begin at 9:00 am except Christmas Eve service. Father Hayes officiating:

- = Friday, Dec 24,
Christmas Eve, 5:00 pm
- = Sunday, Jan 2, 9:00 am
- = Sunday, Jan 16, 9:00 am
- = Sunday, Feb 6, 9:00 am
- = Sunday, Feb 20, 9:00 am
- = Sunday, Mar 6, 9:00 am
- = Sunday, Mar 20, 9:00 am

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

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18.

Church Attendance Guidelines

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

Board Members

Thomasine Buatte, President
(573) 517-3133

Kristen Ritter, Treasurer
(573) 883-0559

Kathy Blum, Secretary
(573) 883-5646

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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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Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670

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The Immaculate Conception Church Campus
is located at
481 Pine Street
St. Mary, MO 63673

Website: www.StMaryImmaculateConceptionChurch.com

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

Comings and Goings—Member Events

- **Winners of the 2021 Super Raffle Drawing:**

- \$5000 Linda Roth
- \$2000 Wendy Green
- \$1000 Alvin & Helen Brown
- \$1000 Francis Fischer
- \$500 Mary Ellen Brown
- \$500 Father Leo Hayes
- Early Bird Drawing \$500 Mary Dallas

Many thanks to all who support us every year!

- On October 16 our Chapel held a **Street Dance**. We had over 300 in attendance. We served hamburgers and french fries and the band 'Nuff Said played while we danced the night away. Matt Helmers is the drummer for the band and is also a member of our Preservation Society. Jerry Maloney celebrated his 80th birthday at our dance and brought a cake big enough to share with all! A fun night was had and we hope to have another dance in the future. A special thank you to the Brewster and Helmers families for putting this together.
- **Kolt James Ritter** was baptized on November 7 by Father Bill Rhinehart. Kolt Ritter is the son of Jordan and Lacie Ritter, the grandson of Mike and Kris Ritter, and the great-grandson of Josie Ritter and the late Donnie Ritter and Bob Breig and the late Nancy Breig. May God Bless Kolt.
- A wedding was held on November 13 in our chapel! **Adrienne Webery wed Cole Shriner** in a beautiful ceremony. Adrienne is the daughter of Nikki Jenkins and the granddaughter of Bob Breig and the late Nancy Breig. We wish them a many years of happiness



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 2022 - begins January 1, 2022**

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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 2022. 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 149 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 2022.

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 for Calendar Year 2022

The Pledge level you choose is a one-time annual pledge. 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 _____

Make Checks Payable TO: SMICCPS - Send TO: PO Box 372 Ste. Genevieve, 63670