



## 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,

I guess Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow because we have experienced six more weeks of winter! The ice, snow and freezing temperature of February again disrupted our mass schedule this year. However, spring is near, and our 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month mass schedule will resume. Be sure to check the updated mass schedule for any additions. It is good to see everyone again!

We have been given a free trial of the magazine "The Word Among Us". I hope you were able to pick up a copy and utilize during Lent. It has meditations and essays based on the daily mass readings. This is an excellent way for one to prepare for Easter.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis, Archbishop Rozanski, is asking us to begin the "All Things New" initiative by praying for it daily. This is a multi-year project to evaluate and plan on changes needed to do what Jesus, along with the power of the Holy Spirit, commissioned us to do, "go and make disciples of all nations". This is our challenge! More information is coming as we will be asked for our input and support. You can visit [allthingsnew.archstl.org](http://allthingsnew.archstl.org) for more details on this initiative.

Hats off to Jerry Maloney and family for their continued work on the hillside. The tree trunks have been removed and shrubs were added by the Blessed Mother statue. If you haven't driven by the church, you need to do so. It looks amazing

The SMICCPs again thanks you for your prayers and support. Your continued membership reassures us of your commitment to the success of our mission, "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". If you have not yet rejoined, we encourage you to do so now! The chapel and buildings require ongoing upkeep.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Easter.

Respectfully Yours,  
Thomasine "Tommie" Buatte  
President, SMICCPs

### Mass Schedule

Masses will be held on the first and third Sundays of the month at 9:00 am unless otherwise notified.

- = March 27, Fr Rhinehart
- = April 3, Fr. Hayes
- = April 10, Fr. Rhinehart
  
- = April 17, Easter, Fr. Hayes  
Easter Egg Hunt after Mass
  
- = April 24, Fr. Rhinehart
- = May 1, Fr. Dyer
- = May 15, Fr. Hayes
- = June 5, Fr. Hayes
- = June 19, Fr. Hayes

"Be kind to one another,  
tenderhearted, forgiving one  
another, as God in Christ  
forgave you."  
Ephesians 4:32

## Comings and Goings—Member Events

- We have been busy this winter and currently have three projects underway. All of them are very much needed.
  - ⇒ Windows — Art Glass is currently repairing/restoring four windows on the chapel. They have completed about half of the project. The weather and illness have delayed the completion of the project. This is phase one. We will continue to restore the remaining windows in phases. This is a very expensive (but much needed and very important) project.
  - ⇒ PA System — We are working with Dean Bader and a colleague of his to upgrade our PA system. This is much overdue. The project is expected to be completed in six months.
  - ⇒ Marquee — We are working with Brewer Graphics on a marquee. The marquee will be placed at the bottom of the church terraces and display upcoming masses and other events.

Much Thanks to our members and supporters. Without all of you, these improvements would not be possible.
- The Christmas Country Church Tour was held on December 16 and 17th. Our chapel was one of 31 churches that participated. The tour extended from Cape County, Perry County and now Sainte Genevieve County and Kaskaskia, Illinois. Over 400 steeple chasers toured our beautifully decorated chapel. We had cookies and rosaries for donation. We had ornaments for sale for five dollars each. The ornament was a beautiful picture of our school house. Rosaries and ornaments are still available. Please contact Kim Breig or Kathy Blum if you would be interested in purchasing them.
- Father Hayes celebrated our Christmas Eve mass to a full church! The beautifully decorated church set the tone for our outstanding musicians. The musicians brought tears to our eyes and were given a round of applause after mass. Daniel Kuenzel played the organ, Abby Englemann was the vocalist, and Bryce Trollinger played the trumpet. Baby Jesus was carried and placed in the manger by Brady and Dylan Nancy Shuh. Poinsettias were offered to all who made a donation to help purchase them.
- A project is underway to reproduce the 1967 “What’s Cookin’ in Saint Marys, Missouri” cookbook compiled by the St. Ann’s Sodality of the Immaculate Conception Parish. It will be reproduced as closely to the original version as possible. We are uncertain of the cost yet, but if you would like to purchase or want more information, please contact Kim Breig.
- In our effort to begin the cleanup needed to our 94 year old rectory, a very successful estate sale was held in December 2021. Open to SMICCCPS members the first hour on sale day, it quickly became old home week as many of you shopped for treasures and walked away with some interesting pieces of our 167 year history. By 5:30 we had sold just about everything and what was left we donated to Catholic Charities in our area. Thank you for helping us raise as much as we could. The money went toward our construction fund. Our thanks to Damien Seek for his work in helping us clear out and recycle all the electronics and junk after the sale.

### **Contact Us**

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for up-to-the-minute information from the Society.

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### Committees

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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](mailto:smiccps@gmail.com).

Detailed information about mass schedules and society events can be found on our website at [www.StMaryImmaculateConceptionChurch.com](http://www.StMaryImmaculateConceptionChurch.com).

## 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