

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.



Mass Schedule

- Sunday, July 7—9:00 AM, Father Rhinehart
- Sunday, July 21,— 9:00 AM, Father Hayes
- Sunday, August 4—9:00 AM, Father Rhinehart
- Sunday, August 18 — 9:00 AM, Father Hayes
- Sunday, September 1— 9:00 AM, Father Rhinehart
- Sunday, September 15— 9:00 AM, Father Hayes.

The **ICS School Reunion** will be September 15 with cake and refreshments in the hall after Mass. For more information, check the Society's Facebook Page and Website or call us.

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

Open Letter to the SMICCPs Membership

Dear Preservation Society Members and Friends,

It was just one year ago that we began the journey to save our church building and with your spiritual and financial support, it is being done! Thank you! We have done more than save a building — we have become a church again. A community of people who not only worship together but also care for and “LOVE” one another, who work for the benefit of ALL.

We have been able to celebrate two masses a month, thanks to Fathers Hayes and Rhinehart. We have been able to share our chapel with our friends and neighbors during this season of flooding. We have baptized new members, performed the funerals for those entering everlasting life, and utilized the hall by members and the public for gatherings. The church clock is working, most of the time, and the bells ring out over the community.

We now are 109 members strong and growing. We can meet our daily expenses. There is more to be done and with your continued dedication and support, it will happen!

Review and keep this newsletter for future reference. This is one way of keeping you informed. You can also check us out on Facebook or our website for updates and changes.

Soon you will be receiving a letter from me to announce the beginning of our annual membership drive.

Again, thank you for your spiritual and financial support. We need each other to carry out our mission.

Respectfully Yours,

Thomasine “Tommie” Buatte
President, SMICCPs

“You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18



Gifts of Love — Our Beautiful Stained-Glass Windows

The gothic arched glass windows of the St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church are very special because they are a combination of colored stained-glass pieces with hand-painted scenes in the panels. The lower part of each window contains inscriptions that identify the various donations and dedications of the local congregation. The following is inscribed in the lower part of the windows.

Starting on the right side near the altar, (1) in memory of John G. Jordan (his wife was Mary Difani), (2) in memory of the Rozier family, (3) per the generosity of John Tlapek, (4) in memory of the deceased pastors of St Mary's Immaculate Conception Church, (5) a gift from the Young Ladies Sodality, (6) in memory of Mrs. Adelaide Laville-Lawbaugh, (7) in memory of Louise Grither-Bartles (this window is facing Kaskaskia Island, visible from the nave, but mostly obscured from view by the choir loft and stairs).

Starting on the left side near the altar, (1) in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schaaf, Sr., (2) in memory of Mr. Louis Schaff, Jr. and Wife, (3) in memory of Mrs. Rose Tlapek, (4) in the memory of Mary C. Bartles, (5) a gift of the Married Ladies Sodality.

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And finally, the wide painted window over the entrance door to the Church. It depicts the Virgin Mary in the clouds (Heaven), surrounded by eight cherubim. She is standing on a snake (presumably symbolizing Satan and his defeat) and a horn. The artistry is stunning! It was a gift in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Friedman.

Some of these magnificent windows are in need of restoration. Critical preservation work is needed to sustain this Holy Place of Worship and remember those who financially made its creation possible. Part of the Preservation Society's mission is to take responsibility for sustaining the chapel, other buildings, and the grounds. Please help us serve the community and save our treasured past by becoming a member of the St. Mary Immaculate Conception Church Preservation Society.

A Special Thanks to our Members and Community

God granted us a lovely Spring day for our Easter Sunday service and the children really enjoyed the Easter egg hunt. We had almost as much fun hiding the eggs as the children had finding them! Thanks to all who joined us on this lovely day and helped to make more happy family memories at our Church.

And we owe a special thank you to Father Rhinehart for the lovely Mother's Day service and to Brooklynn Brewster and Bella Grass who crowned the Blessed Virgin Mary statue.

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.

Prefer Email? Have questions about or input for our social media?

If you would prefer to receive your newsletters via email rather than paper?, Have questions about the website or want to submit photos to us,? Just send us an email at smiccps@stmaryimmaculateconceptionchurch.com.

2019 Annual Membership Pledge Drive

One year ago 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 contributed to the operation and maintenance of the Church property, and we have you to thank for our success this past year.

Your continued financial support is so vital to the continued success of this preservation endeavor. When you receive your Annual Membership Pledge Letter this year, we ask that you continue to support the Society and renew your pledge commitment. Thank you all for your support.

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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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