



Sainte Marie Foundation News

To celebrate our very special hometown's winter season 2016

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Mark your calendars

Sunday, Feb. 7 – Museum open 1-3 p.m. and every *first Sunday*, except March 6 (see below) until the end of December 2016. (Ending date of exhibit extended!)

Sunday, March 6 – **St. Mary's Brunch**, 8 a.m. to noon. Adults: \$7; Kids 4–10: \$3. **Museum at Foundation House open** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. so have a wonderful meal and then come over to see the *Amazing Grace* exhibit.

Sunday, April 24 – **Tour via Bales bus to St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN**, to visit the Sisters of Providence and their beautiful buildings and grounds. Cost: \$37 *includes \$16.50 fabulous brunch*. Registration by 3/21 required (no exceptions!) *See below for details*.

Saturday, July 23 – **Cork and Pork Festival** at Picquet Park from 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. Don't miss the second year of this successful event! Wine, beer, pork, and music! *See below for details*

A Special Tour to St. Mary-of-the-Woods

Sunday, April 24, 2016, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(Bales Coach pick-up at St. Mary's parking lot at 9 a.m.)

Travel to St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN

Cost: \$37 per person, includes brunch (a \$16.50 value) and personal tour

It's really an *immigrant story* – a long, hard voyage... six poverty-stricken women travelers...plans gone awry even though they were on a mission from God, etc. The history of the Sisters of Providence includes drama and intrigue – and it touches on our own history of Sainte Marie.

As many of you know, the **Sisters of Providence** nearly ended up in Sainte Marie in 1840. They were friends of the Picquet family, our French founding fathers, and according to their history, their intentions were to establish their motherhouse in Sainte Marie, where the Picquet family had promised them a home and 80 acres of land. Instead, they found themselves stranded in IN when the bishop at Vincennes refused to let them travel into IL (*We'll tell you why on the tour!*). They were sent to live in a small farmhouse with an Indiana family, in the dense woods near tiny Terre Haute, where they

eventually founded the place we now know as St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

Because of this history, the Sisters of Providence are part of our *Amazing Grace* exhibit at the Foundation House museum. At our grand opening of the exhibition last Sept., **Sr. Ann Casper and Sr. Denise Wilkenson** invited us to come to visit them. We're taking them up on their offer to visit their college and motherhouse.

This once-in-a-lifetime, guided tour (*we welcome all denominations – you do not have to be Catholic!*) provides a very personalized look at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN, with a private guide.

What we will see (limited walking; the bus will take us to outside locations):

- the beautiful grounds of St. Mary-of-the-Woods
- the **Shrine of St. Mother Theodore Guerin**, founder
- a **fabulous brunch** (*voted Best Brunch in the area for the last six years*) in a gorgeous setting
- the beautiful **Church of the Immaculate Conception** and other interesting buildings



-an **alpaca herd** (*pix for all you farmers out there*), because the sisters are helping support programs of

eco-justice education, organic agriculture and fiber education.

-a **labyrinth** built from fallen limbs and trees from the forest on the grounds (*See What Is a Labyrinth? below*)

-a lovely gift shop.....and much more.

Because we have booked a large Bales coach, we **have a March 21 deadline for reservations. See p. 4 (back page) for reservation form. Call Teresa Hartrich for further information 618-783-8678.**

What Is A Labyrinth?



It's a path of prayer and meditation for all seeking God – found in many religious traditions in various forms around the world. Some members of the Foundation would like to build one in Sainte Marie.

Cork and Pork 2016



Plans are underway for the second annual Cork & Pork Festival to be held on **Saturday, July 23rd**. Mark your calendars for this FUN

event in Sainte Marie.

There will be 6+ wineries offering tastings; delicious pork, including pulled pork, pork burgers, America's cut chop, pulled pork nachos and, of course, live bands performing throughout the day. For those who don't like wine, there will be a beer garden - so come and enjoy the day with friends and family.

If you would like to help out at the event for a two hour shift, please call **Donna Keller @ 618-455-3452** or email her at rakeller73@gmail.com. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Profits from the event last year benefited the Sainte Marie Foundation; the American Legion Post 932 family (to go towards handicap bathrooms upstairs at the Legion); the Jasper County Pork Producers; the NCHS football team & SM's 4-H group; St. Mary's Church and the Dundas Ruritan for the use of their picnic tables and other equipment.

Ochs Family books for sale

John Ochs, Ann Arbor, MI, and author of the Ochs Family book, *Life in Stringtown: Two Centuries of the Ochs Family*, recently donated 35 books to the Foundation. We are offering them for sale at \$15 each, with the proceeds going to our museum fund. If you have some Ochs blood running through your veins (and who doesn't), you need to have this book. It's a very thorough and interesting account of how the original Ochs family came into the Stringtown area and created offspring who rapidly populated this area of IL. John also has some charming vignettes of the hard lives of the Ochs pioneers.



Cheyenne Goss on American Idol Final Season

It's big news all over Jasper County. Newton native **Cheyenne Goss** will appear on the final season of American Idol.

Goss, who now lives in Nashville, TN, is a

country singer who writes many of her own songs. She auditioned for American Idol last summer, but the results of those auditions were only released in early January. Now we all know: Cheyenne is going to Hollywood for the final season!

Cheyenne has some close ties to Sainte Marie. Besides all of the Goss relatives who reside in the area, she is:
-the great-granddaughter of our beloved **Mary Hartrich**, now a resident at the Magnolia Center, Robinson.
-the granddaughter of **Liz Hartrich Thacker**, well-known Central IL artist who has achieved most fame for her beautiful rendering of *Burl Ives on his gravestone in Mound Cemetery, north of Willow Hill*.

-the daughter of **Larry Goss**, who often plays the background music at the St. Mary's Picnic and other events in Ste. Marie.

Yes, Cheyenne has some incredible Sainte Marie bloodlines. Let's all support her so she wins it all!

Transitions

Clarence J. "Skeet" Keller, 86, of rural West Liberty, Survivors include wife **Freda** (Yost), four children.

Frank C. Miller, 70. Wife Barbara (Rennier) died in 2013. Survivors include 9 children/step-children, 23 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren. Frank was a trustee of the Village of Ste. Marie for a number of years, retiring in 2013.

We Get Mail

Joelyn Gentry reports that her mother, **Thelma Spitzer Hoetzer**, celebrated her 106th birthday on Dec. 31, 2015.

Karen Keilman, NV, (from the Pictor family) wrote: *Thank you to all the Foundation's volunteers who work so hard and give so generously. I enjoy your newsletters. (Loved the photo of the decorated bank building. The old bank has always been one of my favorite Sainte Marie landmarks.)*

Mary Evelyn Merriman, WI, (recently turned 87) wrote: *"I was pleased to see several of our [Mon] Spitzer clan names listed in your annual report."*

Janette Michl Kramer, TX, sent a donation in memory of her parents, **Lawrence and Sophie Michl**, as well as a copy of some historical facts about her family. These will go into the archives at the Foundation House.

Rose and Glenn Sunderland now live in Urbana, IL. They continue to support "all of those SM music students" that Rose taught for so many years!)

Margo Regas, IN, wrote: *Sister Ann Casper* (Sister of Providence who came to our Grand Opening of the Amazing Grace exhibit) was my principal at Lady-Wood Saint Agnes High School, Indianapolis.

Fr. Kurt Hartrich, Chicago, wrote: *What a wonderful edition (Fall) of the Sainte Marie Newsletter. I am so pleased that you highlighted all the religious that have played a part in the history. Thanks again for all you are doing.*

A History Lesson

Ted Barthelme, Las Vegas, found the 1916 (yes, during WW I) article below while browsing the website of Geneology Trails, Jasper County division. It was verified by **Madonna Hahn Schackmann**, Newton, who called Joseph Hahn's surviving daughter in CA. And so it goes during wartime. Joseph Hahn eventually settled in CA, where his descendants still live.

Jasper County Youth Held as German spy
From: Mattoon Journal Gazette, Wed., 12 April, 1916

Newton, Ill. The following telegram was received by James J. Kaufmann of this city:

Vancouver, B.C., April 4, 1916
James Kaufmann, Newton, Ill.
Joseph Hahn held here by military authorities as a German spy. Have clerk of court or other officials make immediate proof of birth from records, and if not on record wire that you have filed affidavit as to his birth. Important.
AMERICAN CONSUL GENERAL

Joseph Hahn is a son of Theodore Hahn of near Sainte Marie. He is one of the several people who went from Jasper County to live in Canada, attracted there by cheap government land.

Quite a number of those who left here in recent years and homesteaded Canadian farms are now entitled to receive entry certificates for the same and as rapidly as such are granted and accepted, the grantee becomes a Canadian citizen, liable to conscription and taken to Europe to fight as a soldier in the armies of the allies.

Young Hahn was born and raised in Jasper County. He formerly went to school to Mr. Kaufmann, who has forwarded the records called for by the American Consul.

News Notes

-We're already planning for our next exhibit which will be about **Past and Present Businesses in Sainte Marie.**

If you or your family had a business in the past, we would like to know your history – and would appreciate any artifacts we could borrow for 2017. We plan to put together a booklet about all the businesses. See the next newsletter for details.



Pix at l-r: Steve Hadra stirs soap as Judy Millsap and Bob Helregel watch.

-Our November 1st tour to the soap-making mission of **Fire House Ministries**, led by ministers **Steve and Holly Hadra**, was very informative. Twelve of us participated in the process of making laundry soap, which is donated to needy families. Thanks to **Anne Ochs** for leading our group – and to all her family who stirred and lifted the gallon jugs off the conveyor belt.

-Recent visitors to the Foundation House were **Jasper County Economic Development** members and their leader, **Ken Larimore**, Community and Economic Development Educator, U. of I. Extension. Foundation vice-president and museum co-curator, **Mike Hartrich**, gave them the grand tour of the House and Museum.

Annual Report Mailing Last November

Thanks to volunteers who helped with the Annual Report mailing, always a big job. This is the **ONLY** appeal letter we send each year to everyone on our mailing list. Thanks to **Carolyn Keller, Joyce Ochs, Ron and Carolyn Kirts, David Wiltshire, Ed Reis and Sue Wheat. Maxine Calvert and Annette Lynch** did some outside landscaping that day too. Thanks to **Hartrich Meats** who provided a wonderful lunch.

Corrections

-From **Betty Slack**: *Thank you for your acknowledgment of the donation in memory of my mother, Theresa Spitzer Slack. I am sorry, though, that the fall newsletter got one of the names of her survivors wrong. Theresa is survived by her daughter **Betty** (Elizabeth) and **son Greg** (not Michael), as well as her three grandchildren.*
-Also, we apologize for misspelling **Tom Matson's** name (not Madsen).

Catering at the Foundation House

Remember, **Hartrich Meats Catering** will provide meals for parties of six or more who meet or stay at the Foundation House. Call Janet at 618-455-3172 to order your meals.

Booking the Foundation House - Call 618-455-3153.

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***Don't Forget:
Reservations for the bus tour
are due on March 21!***

The Sainte Marie Foundation newsletter is published quarterly. Send comments to writer/editor Pat Reis, patreisprpr@yahoo.com. The Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization, duly recognized as an Illinois charitable corporation. Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Do you have a Sainte Marie story you would like to share? Write your own and/or contact Pat Reis patreisprpr@yahoo.com. We reserve the right to edit.

Zuber reunion at Foundation House Oct. 10-11, 2015



Pix (L – R): Joe & Ceil Shelley, Charlie & Shirley Zuber, Vinnie & June Zuber, Gloria Zuber Schwartz, Gene and Bertie Zuber. Not shown: Sam and Linda Zuber; Pattie Zuber Gassman and son Jim.

Report from Gloria Zuber Schwartz: At the Foundation House, where we all stayed for the weekend, we enjoyed the beautiful weather on the front porch and seeing the *Amazing Grace* exhibit. We had fun looking at the display but wished some of the communion and confirmation pictures were a little closer so we could read and see them better. You have to remember we are seniors with not the best of eyesight. We missed seeing pictures of the nuns many of us had, like Sr. Mariam, Sr. Leona, Sr. Margaret Mary, Sr. Pierre, Sr. Lucia, etc. (*Editor's note: Sorry, the Ursulines did not have much in their archives!*) I also missed not seeing Fr. Michael Noonan. He took Fr. DePalma's place. Jim and I were good friends of his and named our oldest son after him. We took a drive all around and outside of Ste. Marie, and went over to Moonshine for lunch on Saturday. Then Bertie took us to this bar, MVP, down by the river near Newton where everything is made from recycled or donated used things. They had a huge snowman made out of tractor tires painted white. It was very bizarre. Later, we attended the 4 p.m. mass at St. Mary's and had Hartrich Meats cater our meal on Saturday evening. We enjoyed breakfast together Sunday morning and several went to Newton's chicken dinner. It was an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

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Reservation for April 24th Tour to St. Mary-of-the-Woods: (DEADLINE is March 21, 2016)

Name/s _____ Phone _____

Address (street, city, state, zip) _____

_____ E-mail address _____

Please send your **\$37.00 check per-person** (includes \$16.50 brunch, tour fee and transportation) made payable to the **Sainte Marie Foundation** to: **Teresa Hartrich, 300 Maxwell St., Newton, IL 62448**. For further information, call Teresa at **618-783-8678**.