

St. Francis Historical Society

NEWSLETTER

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This is the first issue of what we hope to be four yearly newsletters. The newsletter is a way of keeping you up-to-date on our activities.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the St. Francis Historical Society is to preserve and appreciate the history of the St. Francis area. We feel that it is a distinctive heritage.

A LITTLE OF OUR OWN HISTORY

On May 12, 1977, a number of St. Francis citizens with an interest in history met at the St. Francis Community Center. Out of this meeting came three goals of the Society:

- I. Preserve and Collect the History of St. Francis.
- II. Reprint "And So They Came" (A history of St. Francis).
- III. Clean and fence the Thompson Avenue Cemetery.

No. I is a perpetual goal of the society. Efforts since 1977 have been very successful.

No. II has been accomplished.

No. III - A regular maintenance program for the cemetery is underway. A new mower has been bought for that purpose and a fund established for future expenditures.

SOME OF OUR ACHIEVEMENTS!

- Membership in the State Society.
- Sponsored band concerts in conjunction with Milwaukee County 1979 and 1980.
- Sponsored an Arts & Crafts Fair - 1978, 1979 and 1980.
- Hosted tours of St. Francis Seminary 1979 and 1980.
- Obtained artifacts from Sebastopol (Sevastopol) - steamer wrecked at Milwaukee in 1855 thru "Buzz" Timmerman.
- Obtained records, history books, etc. of PTA's of Thompson and Willow Glen Schools.
- Obtained abstracts from citizens and the Electric Company.
- Obtained priceless pictures from many citizens.
- Membership has grown to 67.
- Obtained old street lighting for future use.
- Participated in St. Francis Days 1978, 1979 and 1980.

INTERESTING MEETINGS!

- Tour of Poland - Father Hickey
- Mid America Antiques - Gary Gresl
- History of Bay View - John Gurda
- Cudahy Depot - Lydia Zyborski
- Style Show - Goodwill Industries
- European Architecture - Father Wallaik
- Old Cemetery Society - Nick Kuiper
- Tours of St. Francis Seminary - Father Fetterer
- Doll Collector's Club
- Oldest Home in St. Francis - Bill Drehfal

From the above, you can see that we have accomplished a lot in a short time. Any new potential member reading this should be able to gain the "flavor" of our society by seeing what our efforts have been.

COMING UP!

Sunday - September 28, 1980 - Tour of Old World Wisconsin. Bus leaves at 9:30 A.M. from St. Francis High School. For reservations call Diane Johnston @ 483-5883.

Sunday - October 5, 1980 - Arts & Crafts Fair. St. Francis Community Center - Noon till 5:00 P.M. There will be an exhibition of arts and crafts. Most articles will be for sale. The Historical Society will sell refreshments and have a display of artifacts of St. Francis.

Monday - November 24, 1980 - General Membership Meeting. St. Francis Community Center - 7:30 P.M. - A program followed by refreshments.

Monday - January 26, 1981 - Annual Meeting. Election of officers - St. Francis Community Center - 7:30 P.M. A special program followed by refreshments.

MISSING ARTICLES

If you have knowledge of the whereabouts of the following missing items, please contact Kathy Schwingle @ 744-0873.

Community Jottings & Progress - 1931-1932
(Black buckram binding about 8 x 6 x 1")

1939 St. Francis Directory
(Orange color.)

JOIN US!

If you would like to join the St. Francis Historical Society, call Ronald Tessmer @ 483-5100. Ron is our Membership Chairman and would be happy to hear from you.

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OFFICERS

President Kathy Schwingle 744-0873
Vice President Diane Johnston 483-5883
Secretary Diane Beaumont 481-2300
Treasurer Marge Symkowski 483-0455
Director Fr. Raymond Fetterer 483-1788
Director John Heidenreich 483-7882
Director Jean Kiehl
Director Lois Neubauer 483-9849
Director Bettie Vretenar 744-7218

1980 Members:

Baewer, Arnold Mr. & Mrs.	Kucik, Butch (Marcey)
Barrett, Gerald	Kupec, Jerome (Marie)
Beaumont, Ronald (Diane)	Lacke, Charles (Marguerite)
Becker, Christ (Mary)	Lazarczyk, Tad Mr. & Mrs.
Brooks, Irene	Matusinec, Mat (Barbara)
Chovanec, Frank (Betty Jean)	Neubauer, Francis
Ciesielski, Marian	Neubauer, Lois
Cline, Marie	Nuszbaum, Richard
Czerhorski, Sigmund (Lorraine)	Pakenham, Rev. Daniel
Czerniak, Eugene (Penny)	Raclaw, Stanley (Penny)
Doberstein, Duwayne Mr. & Mrs.	Schermer, Charles (Lou)
Duffey, John (Diane)	Schimelfenyg, Robert (Millie)
Du Pas, Mary	Schulz, Curtis (Holly)
Fetterer, Rev. Raymond A.	Schultz, James (Colleen)
Gadzik, Angie (James)	Schwalbe, Harriet
George, George P. (Phyllis)	Schwingle, Agnes
Goltz, David (Collette)	Schwingle, Robert (Kathy)
Grabske, John (Elinor)	Staats, Harwood H. (Shirley)
Graybar, Richard (Esther)	Szymkowski, Jerry (Audrey)
Gruesser, Sister Jeanine OSF	Symkowski, Lenard Jr.
Heidenreich, John (Margie)	Symkowski, Lenard (Marge)
Hoppe, Rudy	Tessmer, Ronald (Marge)
Howard, John G. (Marjorie)	Thebert, Dr. E. E. Mr. & Mrs.
Hudziak, Rev. Jerome M.	Thompson, William (Frances)
Iverson, Deith (Judi)	Tylke, Jerome (Dorothy)
Johnston, Diane	Voltner, Ralph (Ava)
Kasprzyk, Jerry (Jean)	Vretenar, Milton (Bettie)
Kaufmann, Ken (LeAnne)	Wagner, Edward (Carol)
Kiehl, Jean	Wasielowski, Gerald (Agnes)
Koenig, Andrew	Weinhold, Kenneth (Charlene)
Konieczka, Josephine	Wentland, Mary
Kroll, John (Jean)	Yeske, Merv (Belva)
Kuharske, Donald	Zielinski, Anita J.
Kulinski, J. Henry (Pearl)	