



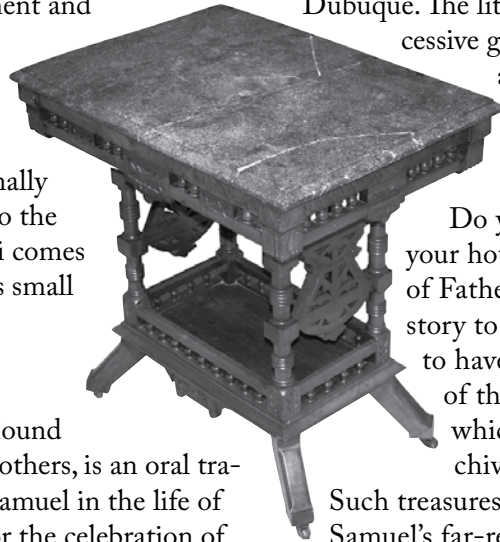
Mazzuchelli

NEWSLETTER

HOME 'ALTAR' FOR FATHER SAMUEL'S MASS

Everyone loves a treasure. Often one is hidden in an attic or basement and left undiscovered for many years. Sometimes it has a special place of honor in a home, and the story around that treasure is shared with generations. Occasionally such a treasure and story related to the life of Father Samuel Mazzuchelli comes our way. Such is the case with this small marble-topped table.

The Linhardt family in Prairie du Chien brought the table to the Mound in 1956. Their story, like so many others, is an oral tradition of the presence of Father Samuel in the life of their family. The table was used for the celebration of the Eucharist by Father Samuel when he would visit



their ancestors, the Crotty family, in an area west of Dubuque. The little table was handed down to successive generations, always with the story about Father Samuel, until it was given to the Dominican Sisters at the Mound 55 years ago.

Do you have a Mazzuchelli treasure in your house? Do you have an oral history of Father Samuel as part of your family story to share with us? We would love to have any artifacts (or photographs of them) as well as any stories—all of which will be cared for in our Archives and Mazzuchelli collection.

Such treasures and stories confirm Father Samuel's far-reaching influence and reflect his life and times in ever new ways.

FIVE SPECIAL RELICS OF FATHER MAZZUCHELLI

Do we have any "personal effects" of Father Samuel Mazzuchelli in the archival Mazzuchelli collection? Yes, and five of them were formally authenticated by Bishop William P. O'Connor and his tribunal at the time of the closing of the diocesan process of the Cause on February 23, 1967, at Sinsinawa.

What were these "special five" relics? They are a lock of Father Samuel's hair (preserved in a small locket), the penitential chain worn by him, two of his



Locket with Father Samuel Mazzuchelli's hair

handkerchiefs, and the painting of Our Lady of Sorrows that hung in his rectory bedroom at Benton. Each

now bears the special authentication seal placed there by Bishop O'Connor.

Most of us are aware of his penitential chain, venerated by many who come to Sinsinawa Mound to pray for his special intercession in times of illness or for other needs. Many know of the painting of Our Lady, now hanging in the Mazzuchelli exhibit. It was his devotion to Mary Mother of Sorrows that perhaps was most strikingly rewarded two days before his death, when the Sisters recorded that he awoke from slumber, tried

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FATHER MAZZUCHELLI'S PORTABLE WRITING DESK



Among the artifacts in the Mazzuchelli Exhibit at Sinsinawa is a small folding portable oak desk, very beautifully made, with a number of secret compartments. Known as a “traveller’s desk,” Father Samuel used it during the course of his many journeys. It was long treasured by the family of Charles and Ann O’Brien Moore, whose home in Portage, Wisconsin, was one that Father Samuel often visited. Family tradition held that Father Samuel would turn up periodically, unexpectedly, and in all kinds of weather. He said Mass at the Moore home on a lovely, old walnut

dresser. This bureau had part of its marble top cut out so he could place a small altar stone there before saying Mass for the Moores and other Irish immigrants in the area.

Perhaps when Father Samuel left the Green Bay/Portage area to head for the lead-mining areas in the southwest of the Wisconsin Territory, he entrusted the Moore family with his precious desk. He must have used it for his sermon notes, for correspondence, for record-keeping, and when finally transmitted to the Sisters at Sinsinawa nearly 80 years ago, it still contained his seal, some wax, and a wooden nutcracker.

The Moore family moved to Milwaukee from Portage, and along the way, the walnut bureau was sold or given away, but the precious writing desk remained in the attic, and the little grandchildren loved to play with it, intrigued by its secret compartments and folding parts. One of those boys—John Martin—was so inspired by the family stories about the missionary Mazzuchelli that he decided to become a missionary himself, joining the Maryknoll Fathers.

As the grandsons—John and James—grew old, they decided that the desk should belong to the Dominican Sisters whom Father Samuel had founded. In 1932, the Sisters were thrilled when James Martin and his mother Elizabeth Moore Martin came to the Mound from Milwaukee to present that precious desk to the Archives.

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to raise himself, and exclaimed: “O good Mother,” as tears of joy rolled down his cheeks. Being asked about it, he told the Sisters that he had “nothing but happy thoughts, and may God grant that I have them in my last moments.”

Few are aware that the Benton Sisters preserved two of his handkerchiefs as special mementos of him. But the most personal and precious relic of all is the lock of his hair preserved in a small locket. Long ago, this was a gift to the Sisters from a family that had treasured it in their home.

The 1921 Annals of St. Clara Convent state that Mrs. Dinen, formerly Ella Tomy, a student at the Benton Academy at the time of Father Samuel’s death, had been given a locket containing some of his hair. In 1921, at age 70, Ella Tomy Dinen brought the precious locket to the Mound. And so, for nearly 90 years, this special relic has been at Sinsinawa, the generous gift of a former Benton Academy student who had personally known and loved Father Samuel.



Father Samuel Mazzuchelli's relics include (from left) two handkerchiefs, the painting of Our Lady of Sorrows, a lock of hair, and the penitential chain.

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BY THE NUMBERS

May 1, 2009–May 1, 2010

Novena to Father Samuel
4 novenas totaling 437 people

Veneration of Father Samuel's Penance Chain
77 people with 230 relatives and friends

Tours of Mazzuchelli Exhibit
14 conducted tours with 461 visitors

Guest Book for Mazzuchelli Exhibit
1,264 registered guests

FATHER'S BED MADE TO STAND

The little frame house that Father Samuel lived in while he was the pastor in Benton stands near his stone church of St. Patrick. Father Samuel lived on the first floor with a front room that served as his office and parlor and a back room that served as his bedroom. He died in his bedroom on February 23, 1864.

Sisters Mary Fox and Loretta McIlvenna, who live in the Benton parish and care for Father Samuel's house, put a request in the parish bulletin seeking information about any furnishings related to the restored rectory. Soon afterwards, a beautiful hand-made stand was donated to the Sisters by Joanne Piquette, widow of George Piquette. The note accompanying it read as follows:

*Made by: Moses Piquett, Great Grandfather of George Piquette
Made from: the wooden bed that was in Father Mazzuchelli's house*

Moses Piquett was described in an 1881 biographical article as a Benton "wagon-wheel maker," a person undoubtedly skilled in wood-working. This little stand made from the wood of Father Samuel's death-bed and donated by the Piquette family who had treasured it for almost 150 years may now be seen in Father Samuel's rectory—come and visit us in Benton!



FATHER SAMUEL'S SICK CALL SET

A 19th century "sick call set" was traditionally kept in the home of each Catholic family for use when a priest would come to attend an ill or dying person. The set at Sinsinawa Mound was given to the Patrick McKenna family by Father Samuel. Patrick McKenna was a stone cutter in Benton who assisted in the building of St. Patrick Church under Father Samuel's direction. His descendants kept the memory of Father Samuel in their hearts down the years, along with this treasure he had given to the McKenna family.

In 1976, two family descendants, Mrs. Madeline McKenna Murray, and her sister, Mrs. Casper, gave the sick call set to the Sisters for the Mazzuchelli exhibit "Tracing a Journey" at the Mound. Madeline's three daughters had been students at St. Clara Academy.



COMING EVENTS!

July 24, 2010

This Sunday will commemorate the 170th anniversary of the founding of St. Patrick Parish, Garryowen, Iowa. An afternoon ice cream social and Mass at 6 p.m. will be featured that day. If you plan to attend or want more information, contact Kathleen Molony at (563) 879-3424.

July 28, 2010

A Tuesday evening "Summer in the Cellar" presentation in Waterloo, Iowa, will explore the topic, "Making Saints—How the Catholic Church Decides." Sister Mary Paynter will explain the process, using the example of the current beatification process for Father Samuel Mazzuchelli. If you plan to attend or need information, check the web site www.waterloocatholics.org/cellar.htm.

August 22, 2010

The Knights of Columbus invite all to the annual Mass honoring Father Samuel near the feast day of St. Augustine. The Mass will be at St. Patrick in Benton, Wisconsin, at 3 p.m. followed by dinner in St. Patrick Parish Hall. Tours of St. Augustine Church in New Diggings will precede the Mass.

August 27, 2010

This date marks the 175th anniversary of the founding of St. Matthew Parish in Shullsburg, Wisconsin, by Father Mazzuchelli. The first parish celebration commemorating this foundation will be held on August 21 with a Mass at 7 p.m. followed by an ice cream social. For more information, contact George and Lorna Burns via e-mail at georgeburns17617@yahoo.com

Other 175th Mazzuchelli parish anniversaries in 2010 include the following:

- July 21, 1835—the laying of the cornerstone of St. Gabriel Church in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.
- August 15, 1835—the laying of the cornerstone of St. Raphael church in Dubuque, Iowa.
- September 12, 1835—the beginning of the stone church of St. Michael in Galena, Illinois.



St. Augustine Church Tours

On Sunday afternoons between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Knights of Columbus, Mazzuchelli Assembly, host tours of Father Samuel's newly restored St. Augustine Church in New Diggings, Wisconsin. You can visit the only church designed and built by Father Samuel that remains almost exactly as it was when opened in 1845!

HELP US PROMOTE FATHER SAMUEL'S CAUSE

First of all, pray the prayer for his beatification often. Now that the study of the miraculous case is in Rome, we need to keep our prayers going that all moves smoothly and with due speed!

Second, tell a friend, neighbor, or fellow parishioner about Father Samuel and his Beatification Cause, or you could invite Sister Mary Paynter to come and talk to your parish group or to a gathering of interested people. Call Sr. Mary at (608) 257-1064.

Third, contribute to the Cause! Our expenses include publication of this newsletter, printing of prayer cards—over 10,000 were recently reprinted due to high demand—costs related to translations of Cause documents, costs of Cause physicians' evaluations and reports, office materials, mailings, etc. Any amount is welcome!

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NOVENA PRAYER

Four times a year, a novena to Father Samuel Mazzuchelli is said. If you wish a person to be prayed for during the novena, please complete this form and send it to Sinsinawa Dominicans, Sr. Christiane Althaus, 585 County Road Z, Sinsinawa, WI 53824-9701 or e-mail your intention to *mazzuchelli@sinsinawa.org*.

I wish the following person to be prayed for:

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Can we list this person's name on our next novena?

Yes No

Your name _____

Address _____

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E-mail _____

Would you like us to e-mail you the novena list?

Yes No

PRAYER FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF FATHER SAMUEL MAZZUCHELLI, OP

LORD JESUS, you called your servant, Samuel, even in early youth, to leave home and all for a Dominican life of charity in preaching your holy gospel. You gave him abundant graces of Eucharistic love, devotion to your holy Mother of Sorrows, and a consuming zeal for souls. Grant, we beseech you, that his fervent love and labors for you may become more widely known, to a fruitful increase of your Mystical Body, to his exaltation and to our own constant growth in devoted love of you Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God, world without end. Amen.

