



Chesterfield Township Historical School

# The Journal



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## Kolping Chapel Moved



Thanks to the Macomb Daily, the Voice News, and the local newscasts for the great coverage given to our chapel move. And allowing us the use of their photos.

After planning for over a year, the Kolping Chapel made its way down Sugarbush Road to its new home in the Historical Village on September 28, 2016.

The move was masterminded and planned by Roy Rivard, who did the negotiating with the Kolping Society. Roy was also in charge of prepping the sites it was moved to and from.

At first, the Kolping Society planned to give the historical society the chapel, and then found out it was possible they could sell the land easier with the chapel on it.

And then, it was again decided to donate the chapel to the historical society.

The society began a campaign to fund the moving of the chapel near the beginning of 2016.



### Kolping Chapel

In 1926, the Kolping Society, a German religious group, established a chapter in Detroit. In 1932, they went to the Chesterfield area and constructed a chapel. This was located in the six acres of land they acquired in Chesterfield Township near the Au Vase River on Sugarbush Road, near Cotton Road, in Chesterfield Township.

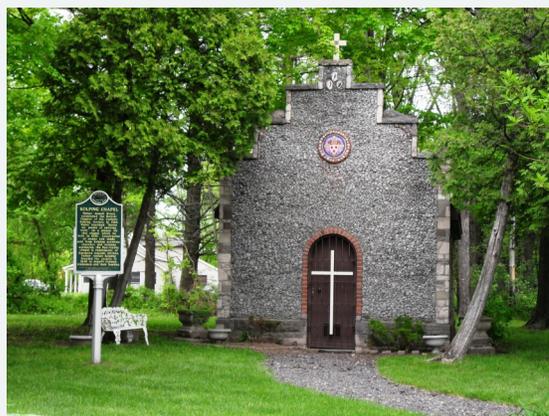
The chapel is constructed of coral, marble, granite, stones and shells sent from Kolping societies, churches, and missions from all over the world. Father Wuest, president of the Detroit Kolping branch at the time, was in charge of the construction and personally placed many of the pieces onto the chapel, including a stone from the Holy Land. Father Joseph Wuest became the guiding light for the Detroit Kolping Society branch.

The Kolping Society had its beginnings in 1849 when Father Adolph Kolping was ordained and sent to Cologne, Germany.

Shocked by the conditions of the workers there, he formed the Cologne Society for journeymen carpenters. Its purpose was to "uplift its members morally and socially," and was so successful that the societies spread to all the industrial cities of Germany.

Father Kolping then traveled throughout Europe and founded societies in Austria, Hungary, Romania and Poland, among others. For the rest of his life, Father Kolping helped open journeyman organizations.

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*Photos are of the Kolping Chapel in its original location, Kolping Park.*



When he died in 1865 there were more than 400 of the "societies" throughout Europe.

Upon his death, he was beatified by the Catholic Church and began to be referred to as Blessed Father Kolping.

Today, in Germany alone, there are more than 275,000 Kolping Society members in 2,730 local associations. The society has branches all over the world, including Italy, Switzerland, Peru, Brazil, Uganda, Ukraine, Rwanda, Canada, Mexico and many more countries.

During the 1950s, Bernard Trinity, who operated a library and museum next door to the chapel, helped care for it..

On October 24, 1997, a state historical marker was erected on the Chesterfield chapel site. It is also listed on the national and state registers of historical places.

Click on the link for our website at

[www.hsmichigan.org/chesterfieldhs](http://www.hsmichigan.org/chesterfieldhs)

Our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Chesterfield-Historical-Society-of-Michigan-117264017216/>

Our next meeting will be Tuesday,, April 4, 2017 in the Chesterfield Township Senior Center. The meeting starts at 7. All are welcome.

## 2016 Dinner Events

-**20th Annual Pasta Dinner** was held on May 4, 2016

-The **Harvest Dinner** was held on Oct. 27, 2016 at Zuccaro's Banquet Hall. A presentation on "*Fashion and the Automobile*" was given.

-There were also the ongoing events of selling bricks and holiday poinsettias.



## 2016 Events in the Village

The Historical Village continued to hold a number of events this year.

-The Society hosted an encampment by the **St. Claire Voyageurs** on June 4-5, 2016, featuring exhibits denoting 1750's French and Indian traders habitation and lifestyles.

-**Michigan Log Cabin Day** was observed on June 26, 2016.

-**World War II Re-enactment** by the Michigan Military Technical Society turned the village into a battlefield on July 9-10, 2016 . An Allied and an Axis encampment exhibited military equipment and presented two public battles on both days.

-**Civil War Re-enactors** held an encampment on August 13th and 14th, 2016 .The 5th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, the 8th Arkansas Infantry, and the 102nd U.S.C.T. were portrayed by re-enactors in cannon firings and mock battles.

-**Heritage Days** was held on September 17th ad 18th and included games and crafts for the children, music, craft demonstrations, candle making, antique engine drag sawing and corn grinding, classic and antique cars.

-**Kolping Chapel Move Day** was September 28th, as the Kolping Chapel was relocated from the Kolping Park to its new permanent home in the Historical Village.

-**Holiday Open House** was held in the Weller Schoolhouse in conjunction with the township Christmas Tree lighting. The society served cookies and hot chocolate and sponsored carol singing. Poinsettia sales continued.

**CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY – TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017****47275 Sugarbush Road, Chesterfield, MI 48047****Dates Subject To Change****MAY 3, 2017, WEDNESDAY**

21<sup>st</sup> annual pasta dinner, 5:30 - 7:30, held at the Chesterfield Twp. Senior Center, catered by Mark Miller - Culinary Expressions, two pastas, salad, bread and homemade desserts. Tickets are a donation of \$10.00 in advance or \$15 at the door, children age 13 and under \$8 in advance or \$12 at the door, and may be purchased at the Chesterfield Treasurer's Office or from any member.

**JUNE 3 & 4, 2017, SATURDAY 10:00 - 4:00, SUNDAY 10:00 - 4:00**

We will host the Ste. Clair Voyageurs, French Fur Trade re-enactors, 1750s era, in a living history re-enactment on the Village green, to help promote the learning and understanding of the Great Lakes fur trade era. A donation of \$1.00 per adult or \$2.00 per family is suggested. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

**JUNE 25, 2017, SUNDAY - BAY-RAMA PARADE**

Our float, an exact replica of our one-room schoolhouse will be in the parade. 1:00 - New Baltimore.

**JUNE 25, 2017, SUNDAY - MICHIGAN LOG CABIN DAY**

The log cabin and the village will be open from 1:00 - 4:00.

**JULY 8 & 9, 2017, SATURDAY 10:00 - 4:00, SUNDAY 10:00 - 3:00**

We will host the Michigan Military Technical Society in a World War II reenactment of Operation Cobra. Operation Cobra was the codename for an offensive launched by the United States Army 7 weeks after the D-Day landing during the Normandy Campaign (Operation Overlord) of World War II. It started July 25, 1944 and ended July 31, 1944. The event will feature both an Allied & Axis encampment for public displays with two public battles (11:00a.m. & 2:00p.m.) on Saturday & one (1:00p.m.) on Sunday. Military vehicles will be on display and various vendors will be on site. A donation of \$1.00 per adult or \$2.00 per family is suggested. Food and drink will be available for purchase.



**AUGUST 12 & 13, 2017, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10:00 - 4:00**

We will host the 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Volunteer Infantry, the 8<sup>th</sup> Arkansas Infantry and the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S.C.T.. The re-enactors will participate in a living history encampment, including battle skirmishes (11:00a.m. & 2:00p.m.) and cannon firings. A donation of \$1.00 per adult or \$2.00 per family is suggested. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

**SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2017, SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10:30 - 3:30 HERITAGE DAY**

There will be horse rides & photos, donkey petting, games and crafts for the children, Craft Show & Vendors, demonstrations, candle making, and corn grinding, classic and antique cars. A donation of \$1.00 per adult or \$2.00 per family is suggested. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

**OCTOBER 26, 2017, THURSDAY-HARVEST DINNER**

Held at Zuccaro's Banquet Center, 46601 N. Gratiot, 6:00 p.m. until 9:00, dinner served at 6:15 p.m. Entertainment, live & silent auction and door prizes. Music by Wood & Hood & Special Guest. Tickets are a donation of \$25.00 in advance or \$30.00 at the door and may be purchased at the Chesterfield Township Treasurer's Office or from any member.

**POINSETTIA SALE - ONGOING**

For information contact Dolly Allemon at 586-465-0780 or [dallemon15@att.net](mailto:dallemon15@att.net)

**DECEMBER 1, 2017, FRIDAY**

The school & log cabin will be open at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the township's tree lighting ceremony.

For more information, contact Liz Furton at 586-747-1790, or Duane or Kathy Vosburg at 586-949-3810 or Janine Smith at 586-925-3030.

E-mail contacts include [chesterfieldhistory@yahoo.com](mailto:chesterfieldhistory@yahoo.com) or [furtonfam04@yahoo.com](mailto:furtonfam04@yahoo.com)



Sign up to provide the historical society with rewards-

[www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)

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*Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society*

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Thanks to Don & Carla Kling for the donation of the 100+ years old Baldwin organ!

*It is with sorrow that we announce the death in 2016 of the first President and co-founder of the Chesterfield Twp. Historical Society, Donald Howitt.*



Pictures include, left to right and top to bottom: Civil War Re-Enactors, Civil War, WW II Re-enactors, WW I, WWI II, Civil War, French Voyageurs, Kathy Vosburg at the organ, Fashion & the Automobile presentation at Harvest Dinner, Dolly Allemon