

# Regional Pilgrimage

Missouri State Council  
Knights of Columbus



## Old St. Ferdinand Shrine & Historical Site October 4th, 2015

### Schedule of Events

**10:00am** Registration \$12.00 per person, includes Coffee, Donuts & Lunch

**11:00am** Mass at Shrine

**12:30 pm** Lunch at Shrine Schoolhouse

**Tours & Gift Shop available after lunch**

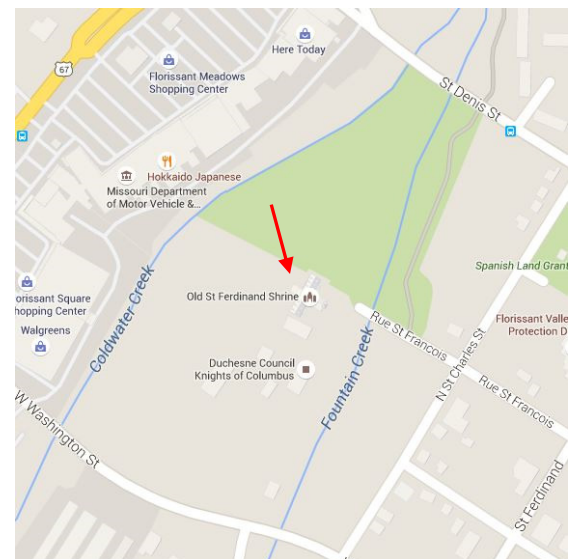
Old St. Ferdinand Shrine, with its wings, forms a group of buildings of unusual historical and architectural importance. It is the oldest Catholic Church west of the Mississippi in the upper Louisiana Purchase Territory.

A replica of the original log church, built in 1790, is also on display in the rectory as is a collection of items from the early days of the village of St. Ferdinand, including silver religious items from the 1700s.

While the oldest part of the church was built in 1821. The bell tower and steeple were added in 1883. They are painted a moss green, a shade extensive research indicates was the original color.

Relics of St. Valentine, thought to be a gift of the King of France to Bishop Louis DuBourg, are in a wax replica of St. Valentine below the altar.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, a member of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, an order which had been founded in 1800 in France, lived in the convent from 1819 to 1827 and from 1834 to 1840. Mother Duchesne came to the Florissant area from France and provided in her writing some of the best descriptions of early life in Missouri.



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