

LANDMARK GALENA



Samuel Charles Mazzuchelli
(1806-1864)

Follow the Design Foot-Steps of the Pioneer
Dominican Missionary, Venerable Saint, and
First Architect of the Upper Mississippi River Valley of
Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin



Samuel Charles Mazzuchelli Architect



Born in Milan, Italy, Samuel Charles Mazzuchelli was sent to Galena, Illinois as a Dominican Missionary in 1828.

As a Missionary, he educated, protected, and advocated for the Human Rights of the region's Native Americans, and wrote the first known published book in Wisconsin—an 1834 prayer book in the Native Chippea language.

While in Galena, as an architect, he designed numerous civic, institutional, and religious buildings:

- **The First Jo Daviess County Courthouse (1839)**
- **Old Market House Town Hall (1845) at 123 N. Commerce Street**
- **Saint Michael's Church (1842 and 1857) at 227 South Bench Street**
- **Saint Mary's Church (1850) at 400 Franklin Street**
- **St. Mary's Parochial School (c. 1856) on Young Street**
- **St. Rose Academy (1859) at 228 North Bench Street**

In nearby New Diggings, Wisconsin (15 minutes north of Galena), Mazzuchelli designed the poetic St. Augustine's Church (1844).

In Sinsinawa, Wisconsin (585 County Road Z — 10 minutes west of Galena), Mazzuchelli founded and designed the first buildings for the Dominican Sinsinawa Mound College (1848). An exhibition there traces Mazzuchelli's journey from Italy and landing here in the Upper Mississippi River Valley. The exhibit highlights his accomplishments as a religious leader, educator, and architect. On view is a stunning display of architectural drawings, letters, and notes, his writing desk, a design for a tabernacle, a chalice, his architectural instruments, and his miraculous prayer belt. The Mazzuchelli exhibit is open daily from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Tel: (608) 748-4411.

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