

*Please join us for the third event of the
Cardinal Mindszenty Speaker Series
at Saint Mary of Victories:*

***“The Saintly Life of
Blessed Karl of Austria-Hungary”***

by Princess Maria-Anna Galitzine and Suzanne Pearson

**1:00 Sunday, November 8, 2020
immediately following 11:00 Mass
and 12:15 monthly parish luncheon
Saint Mary of Victories Catholic Church
Cardinal Mindszenty Hall
744 South 3rd Street (at Gratiot)
Downtown St. Louis, Missouri**



Blessed Karl, the last emperor of Austria and king of Hungary (1887-1922), was beatified by the Catholic Church in 2004. His granddaughter Princess Maria-Anna Galitzine will make a special visit to St. Louis to share her knowledge of Blessed Karl's spiritual and personal life, accompanied by Suzanne Pearson who will speak about Karl's cause for canonization.

This talk is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Clayton-based Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation. Please wear a mask. Space is limited.

**A Hungarian-style buffet lunch will be offered at a cost of
\$10.00 per person, payable at the event.**

**R.S.V.P. by Nov. 4 to orders.inquiries@mindszenty.org or
314-727-6279. Please leave your name & phone number for full registration.**

Located just south of the Gateway Arch under highway overpasses, Saint Mary of Victories Church is most easily accessed from Chouteau Avenue eastbound to 3rd St. northbound. Parking is available in the church lot and in the immediate neighborhood. Visit www.smov.info for more information.

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Archduchess Maria-Anna of Austria, Princess Galitzine was born in 1954 in Brussels. Her father, Archduke Rudolph of Austria, was the fifth son of Emperor (now Blessed) Karl and Empress Zita. She lived in Africa, Brussels and New York, where she met her husband, Prince Piotr Galitzine. They have six children and six grandchildren and currently reside in Houston, having previously lived in California, Luxembourg, Moscow and Chicago. Princess Maria-Anna was active in charitable causes from a young age, including the Family Congress promoting Christian family values in Luxembourg, a women's group in Moscow formed to sponsor children's hospitals, and efforts supporting the restoration of churches in Russian villages.

Suzanne Pearson is one of this country's most knowledgeable authorities on the life, character and place in history of Blessed Karl of the House of Austria. During a long professional career with the U.S. Senate, preceded by a period of involvement in the turbulent American politics of the 1960s, she saw at close range what a challenge it is for a person in public life to hold onto core values in the face of all the pressures and temptations of the political arena.

When the Vatican in 2003 proclaimed the heroic virtue of Austria's last emperor, Suzanne was so amazed that a head of state in the twentieth century had achieved such a level of holiness that she determined to learn as much about him as possible. Her quest to learn the full story led her to devote her retirement to intensively researching his life in primary sources, translating from several languages, deepening an intense interest in all the nations and peoples that once formed the Austro-Hungarian Empire, and analyzing the complex political, historical, economic and spiritual forces that brought about its downfall. Her speeches and written materials on Blessed Karl address his holiness and his importance to our time from many different perspectives.

Since 2008, Suzanne has organized an annual Mass and celebration on Blessed Karl's feast day, October 21, at St. Mary, Mother of God, Church in Washington, D.C., which now boasts a shrine to Blessed Karl housing his first-class relic, and has become a popular destination for devotees of Blessed Karl. In 2014, Suzanne was appointed to the Praesidium of the Emperor Karl League of Prayer, the international organization officially appointed by the Church to promote the cause for canonization of Emperor Karl. She serves as a delegate and leader of the League in the United States, where she had already been working for more than a decade to make this last ruler of Austria-Hungary more widely known and loved. Suzanne has addressed audiences in the United States, Canada and Europe, and continues to find new evidence of the saintliness of this authentically Catholic monarch.

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