

Immaculate Heart of Mary Ladies' Sodality

"To Work with Love for Jesus through Mary"



December, 2020

Hello Friends!

I had hoped to fill this newsletter with information from a Board meeting but due to Covid that meeting was canceled. Let's all continue to pray that this pandemic ends soon and we are all able to stay safe.

I know for many of us Christmas will look very different this year. For my family there will be no large family celebrations. Instead, we are planning a Zoom get together. It may not be what we are used to but we will enjoy seeing each other.

A Christmas Prayer

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.
Amen.

May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Brenda Bucher
Merry Christmas Ladies!

PETER and PAUL SHELTER

This past year has been like no other. We are forever changed by the loss, pain and sorrow in our lives and in our world.

During the pandemic, Peter and Paul shelter has lost many of their contributors. Ladies Sodality's generosity and faithful monthly donation, along with the generosity of our parishioners, has allowed us to bring dinner twice a month, and to provide toiletries and various other needs.

This year I am requesting \$10 cash donations to assist the shelter with their needs. If you prefer giving a \$10 Dollar Tree gift card, the cards help purchase toiletries, etc. Either donation will bless the men experiencing homelessness. Your donations and prayers are most appreciated. The deadline is December 16.

Blessings,
Debbie Gartner

THE GIVING TREE

We put the Christmas tree up in church on Tuesday, November 24th. Looking forward to seeing all of the donations that our wonderful parishioners give us! The deadline is December 13. We are accepting gift cards for food, clothing, winter hats and gloves, hygiene and toiletry items. Thank you to everyone for your kindness and generosity. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lina Silistria & Carol Sandrowski
Co-Chairs

In Jesus Christ, God took on a human face and became our friend and brother.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



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