

Immaculate Heart of Mary Ladies' Sodality  
*"To Work with Love for Jesus through Mary"*



April, 2022

Hello Friends!

April is here, and in my house that means my husband Ray will once again be telling people the same joke I have heard the past 36 years. "If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?...Pilgrims!" And after he says it he always says, "never gets old". In my mind I always say, "oh but it does"! I'm not saying this joke is a tradition but I guess to our family it certainly has become one. Traditions definitely played a role in falling in love with Ray and the whole Bucher clan. The Buchers have always known how to celebrate holidays in a big way; I didn't grow up with many family traditions so I have come to cherish the memories of all the holidays we have shared.

I have often talked about the traditions of Ladies Sodality and April Showers is another of my favorites. I find myself thinking about the young ladies and children we will be helping. What are their thoughts during this time in their lives? Do they allow themselves to have hopes and dreams or do they feel those are luxuries they simply can't afford to have? We have always been so generous with our donations, but can I challenge us to do a little more? Let's add a diaper raffle to the festivities! If you bring a pack of diapers your name will go into a bowl and as the evening winds down, I will draw a name and award a prize to the name drawn.

I hope you all have a blessed Easter filled with traditions old and new!

Sincerely,  
Brenda Bucher, President

**Our next general meeting is Wednesday, April 13, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**

This is our annual April Showers meeting, celebrating **Pro Life with a Baby Shower** at our meeting. We will be collecting baby items for Our Lady's Inn and Birthright. Here is a list of some items that are needed:

Un-expired and unopened powdered regular Enfamil formula,  
Preemie onesies and sleepers (boys and girls),  
Sanitizing/cleaning products - These items are a priority need,  
Also general household items  
Diapers/pull-ups and overnight diapers (sizes 5 & 6), baby wipes, blankets or any other items that moms and babies may need. You can see a complete list of needed items on Our Lady's Inn website at <https://ourladysinn.org>.

Cake and ice cream will be served for refreshments and baby shower games will be played for entertainment.  
Thank you, Marge Hogg, Chairman

A sympathy card was sent to Lina Silistria on the death of her mother and a Mount Grace card was sent to Elizabeth Cassmeyer-Martinez. Please keep all our Sodalists in your thoughts and prayers.  
Therese DeMoor, Welfare

Trivia was a success, thanks to everyone who helped set up, work function, tear down and participate. We sold 13 tables and had 12 show up with 87 people. I will have the grand total of profit made in the May newsletter.  
Thank you, Nancy Berger

Ladies, we need items for the **Quarter Auction on June 3**. All items must be “new” and unused. Please bring you donations to the April or May Sodality meeting.

**Brenda Bucher**  
President

**Fr. Aaron Nord**  
Pastor

**Dolores Taylor**  
Corresponding Secretary

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

<b>April 13</b>	<b>General meeting in Fr. Keaney Center at 7:00 p.m. Bring baby gift for Pro Life</b>
<b>April 10</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
<b>April 15</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>
<b>April 17</b>	<b>Easter</b>
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. RMR</b>
<b>Every Thursday</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at IHM; Sacrament of Reconciliation available</b>

**SAVE THE DATE:**     **June 3, 2022 – Our next QUARTER AUCTION at IHM**

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