

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



April, 2023

Dear Ladies,

Happy Easter! I have a couple of urgent matters that need your attention.

First, as I mentioned at our March meeting, we are approaching the time of year when we normally seek nominations for elective offices. During the pandemic, we waived some of the procedures as written in the by-laws. After much discussion, and in light of the uncertainty of the future of our parish, the current board reached a consensus that we should forego the by-laws again and retain the current executive board. We will open the floor for discussion on this matter at our April general meeting. We will then vote for approval to waive the May election, maintain the current executive board, and waive the Installation ceremony in June.

Second, we have been experiencing difficulties using the automated calling system. We use this system to notify all of you by phone when the death of a sodalist occurs. As we work to resolve this issue, we need to implicate a backup plan. If you are currently receiving our monthly newsletter via email, we will use your email address to notify you of the death of a sodalist. If you receive the newsletter in the mail, you will be notified via a phone call. In order to do that, it is necessary to reestablish our former "phone chain". **We need the help of 5-6 volunteers to make 5-6 calls to our members.** If you are willing to volunteer to help make phone calls, please call or text me at 314-580-2533 ASAP.

Wishing you and yours a very happy and blessed Easter season and looking forward to seeing you at our annual April Showers meeting!

Sincerely,
Peggy Kuehner, President

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 AT 7 PM

Ladies we are going to celebrate **April Showers** at our general meeting on April 12th. We are asking for donations of baby items and personal items for mom. All donations will be going to Our Lady's Inn.

Here are some suggestions for babies and moms:

Diapers, wipes, baby shampoo, lotion, sleepers

Body wash, shampoo, antiperspirants/deodorant and laundry detergent

For refreshments cake and ice cream will be served and for our entertainment, we will be playing Baby Shower games.

Thank you, Marge Hogg and Jo Ann Ratermann

Sympathy cards were sent to Sr. Mary Hope Billings on the death of her brother, Rev. Msgr. Jerome D. Billings'; to JoAnn and Jason Brendel on the death of their husband and father, Jerry Brendel; and to Cathy Felbin on the death of her mother, Teresa Vegessi. A get-well card was sent to Annette Sandheinrich. Please keep all our sodalists in your thoughts and prayers.

Therese DeMoor, Welfare

Thank you to all who helped or played at our Trivia Night. You made it another success. Thanks to our chairperson, Nancy Berger, for a job well done.

Our Quarter Auction will be **Friday, June 2, at 7:00 pm** (doors will open at 6:30). Paddles are \$5.00 or \$20.00 for an all in paddle. I have 5 vendors committed and I hope to have more by the time of the event. Light refreshments are included. If you wish to help out, I will be accepting NEW items and low denomination restaurant gift cards (please nothing more than \$20.00) at the next 3 meetings. Thank you for your support of this fundraiser that is always so much fun! Hope to see you there!

Brenda Bucher 314-517-2604



The Prayer Corner

As I was researching on-line for a special Holy Week reflection to share with you, I came across a 2016 article about Holy Week written by a Christian pastor named David Mathis. His article was very insightful, and one thing he said that really struck me was “celebrating Holy Week is not an obligation, but an opportunity.” With that being said, Pastor Mathis proceeded to encourage his readers, to make the most of this opportunity. And I would do the same here: Take this opportunity this week to reflect on these most important days in human history. Beginning by recalling Jesus’ last supper with his friends on Holy Thursday and how there he taught them, and us how to be his disciples, and most importantly gave us His most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. Next, reflecting that Jesus’ journey to Golgotha – every humiliation, every painful lash, and every piercing thorn and nail - gives testimony to how much he loves us. How much the Father loves us. And finally, celebrating his glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday - overcoming death, so that we might believe we, too, will find life after death in Christ.

As you make the most of your Holy Week ‘opportunity,’ may you feel Jesus’ love, as Pastor David says so eloquently ...”in all its breadth and length and height and depth, and be filled with all the peace of God.”

I hope to see you at some of the Holy Week services at church. If you need a ride, please let me know, and we will figure something out.

Peace,

Elizabeth - 314-488-9450 text or call and leave a message.

P.S. I hope this is marked on your calendar!:

BELONGING... YOU are invited into the communion of holy ground focusing our attention on God’s presence with us.

Please join us for a morning of reflection and prayer as we seek to be courageous women for our times.

Saturday, April 29, 2023

9:00 a.m. until 1 p.m.

At the FKC

Lunch provided

Sponsored by the IHM Ladies Sodality

Peggy Kuehner
President

Fr. Aaron Nord
Pastor

Dolores Taylor
Corresponding Sec’y.

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email or if you have a change of address, please contact me at 314-620-7908 or at taylordol1969@gmail.com. Dolores Taylor, Corresponding Sec’y

DATES TO REMEMBER:

April 9 Easter Sunday
April 12 General Meeting, 7 p.m. Fr. Keaney Center
April 14 Acts of the Apostles, 7 p.m.
April 14 & 15 Prayers for Healing following all Masses
April 20 St. Patrick Casseroles due before 9 a.m. at FKC
April 24 Board Meeting, 7 p.m. RMR
April 29 Sodality Morning of Prayer and Fellowship, FKC, 9 a.m.

Every Thursday Eucharistic Adoration 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., IHM; Sacrament of Reconciliation

SAVE THE DATE:

June 2, 2023 Quarter Auction, 7 p.m. IHM Fr. Keaney Center