

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



May, 2023

Dear Ladies,

I want to follow up on a couple of things from last month's newsletter. First, I want to let you know that we will soon have our automated calling system up and running, again. Second, at the April general meeting, we approved a motion to waive the May election, maintain the current executive board, and waive the Installation ceremony in June. The officers remain as follows:

Peggy Kuehner, President  
Lillian Fernandez, Vice-President  
Nancy Berger, Treasurer  
Carol Iliff, Recording Secretary  
Dolores Taylor, Corresponding Secretary  
Elizabeth Cassmeyer, Spiritual Coordinator

Later this month we will learn the results of the "All Things New" project and the changes that will be taking place across the Archdiocese. I recently attended a meeting with parish leaders from IHM, St. John the Baptist and St. Stephen.

One of the questions we were asked to discuss was this: What do we want to take with us into the future, and what needs to stay behind? A gentleman raised his hand to answer that question, "This is hard for me to say, but we must leave behind our parishes."

Fr. Mitch Doyen agreed with that statement, but went a step further. "We must leave behind the parishes of St. John the Baptist, St. Stephen and Immaculate Heart of Mary, BUT we must carry with us the spirit of St. John the Baptist ('He must increase and I must decrease'), the sacrifice of St. Stephen Protomartyr, and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In other words, we leave behind the parishes but we bring the HEART of EACH parish with us as we go forward."

Change is hard. We are being called to open our minds and our hearts to something new. And as Fr. Aaron said, "It's going to be messy, but the Holy Spirit will help us through it."

In closing, I want to leave you with this message from our Morning of Reflection that took place April 29: *"Wherever God leads you, remember **you belong and you are loved.**"*

Sincerely,  
Peggy Kuehner, President

**OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, AT 7 PM**

Refreshments for our May meeting will be a sampling of appetizers and dips so come and enjoy!  
Brenda Bucher, Hospitality Hostess

Our May entertainment will be something new and different – SHOW & TELL! Bring an item to the May meeting that means something to you. It can be a piece of jewelry, a book, a trinket, anything and tell our members a little bit about why your item is special to you. It should be a very interesting part of our meeting.

Jo Ann Ratermann, Entertainment

A sympathy card was sent to Judy Hudson on the death of her husband, Jim. A Mt. Grace card was sent to Kim Ruoff; she is having shoulder surgery on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep all our sodalists in your thoughts and prayers. I received two thank you notes for the Easter baskets from Sodality from Paul Clark and Theresa Forthman. Therese DeMoor, Welfare

Ladies, this is the last push for donating items to our Quarter Auction. I am very grateful for the items I have received along with the ones still coming in! Remember it's **Friday June 2, doors open at 6:30** and the auction will begin at 7:00. Your bidding numbers are \$5.00 each or you can purchase an "All in number" for \$20.00. Light refreshments will be served. I hope to see you there!

Brenda Bucher, Quarter Auction Chairperson

Thank you to all for the baby items, personal items, and money donated last month at our April Showers meeting. The ladies at Our Lady's Inn were very grateful for all the wonderful items and cash that we collected. Again, thanks to all for your participation and help. Marge Hogg, Chairperson

I want to thank everyone who helped set up and clean up for Trivia Night. BIG THANKS to all the workers during the function. The night was a huge success with 22 tables sold and that is due to everyone's help and support. Thank You. Nancy Berger, Trivia Chair



## The Prayer Corner

The Catholic practice of assigning a special devotion for each month began in the 16th century. Probably the best known of these devotions is for the month of May which is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and our Blessed Mother.

There are many beautiful prayers to Mary, but the one I want to share with you here, I believe speaks to us as women in the church today striving to conduct our lives as Jesus and Mary would have wanted. Consider adding it to your daily prayers for this month.

### **Prayer to Our Lady**

Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother... In the power of the Holy Spirit, you received the Word of God to take flesh within you, and gave birth to the Savior of the world. We turn to you now seeking your privileged intercession:

For greater reverence, to see Christ in the people we are called to serve;  
For greater knowledge, to recognize God as the Origin and Destiny of our lives;  
For greater understanding, to discern what is true and good in light of our faith;  
For greater right judgment, to know how to meet the needs of those in our care;  
For greater courage, to confidently and patiently carry out our work;  
For greater wonder and awe, to honor God's Presence all around us;  
For greater wisdom, to know and walk in God's ways.

We entrust our prayer to you, Mary, repeating the words spoken by the millions who seek your help each day:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death, Amen.

And may Almighty God bless us: In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

**One final note:** Prior to our regular meeting this month on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, we will be meeting at 6:15 p.m. in our Mary Garden in front of church to say the rosary together. Please join us if you can.

Peace, Elizabeth

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President

**Fr. Aaron Nord**  
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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

<b>May 10</b>	<b>General Meeting, 7 p.m. Fr. Keaney Center</b>
<b>May 22</b>	<b>Board Meeting, 7 p.m. RMR</b>
<b>June 2</b>	<b>Quarter Auction, 7 p.m. Fr. Keaney Center, doors open at 6:30</b>
<b>Every Thursday</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., IHM; Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>

**SAVE THE DATE:**     **June 17, Saturday, Parish Pot Luck Supper**