

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



July, 2023

Dear Ladies,

I hope you all enjoyed a Happy 4th of July and have been able to keep cool during this St. Louis summer!

A huge "Thank You" to Brenda Bucher for chairing another successful Quarter Auction! Your efforts paid off as a good time was had by all who attended. Well done, Brenda!

We are now in a time of transition as Immaculate Heart of Mary parish becomes part of the "new and improved" St. Stephen Protomartyr parish. I want to assure all of you that, for the immediate future, our Ladies' Sodality will continue to meet as we have in the past. There are no changes to our organization at this time. We will keep you informed if and when anything does need to be changed.

As was discussed and approved at the general meeting in June, the Ladies' Sodality board has also approved hosting a celebratory dinner for our membership. This "End of an Era" catered dinner will take place in August along with our regular general meeting on August 9, 2023. **There is no charge for this dinner** but we do need a head count for the caterer. If you plan on attending, **please RSVP by Monday, July 24**, to Grace Orf at 314-478-4773, or you can do so at our July 12th General Meeting. Look for more information in this newsletter.

See you at our next General Meeting, **Wednesday, July 12, in the RECTORY MEETING ROOM**.

Peace!

Peggy Kuehner, President

Refreshments at this month's meeting will be Taco Salad and for our entertainment we will be playing **ROB YOUR NEIGHBOR**. Please bring a new item/gift, wrapped, for this game.

A Mount Grace Card was sent to Annette Sandheinrich and a thank-you note was received from Mary Runde. Please keep all our sodalists in your thoughts and prayers. Therese DeMoor, Welfare

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The "End of An Era" celebratory dinner will be held for all IHM Sodalists on **Wednesday, August 9, 2023**, at our General Meeting in Fr. Keane Center. The dinner will be catered by The Christy, and the menu is as follows: Top round of beef, au jus, chicken mudoga, au gratin potatoes, green beans amandine, glazed carrots, Ron & Shirley's salad, rolls, butter, and sheet cake. **Dinner will be served at 7 p.m.** Please make sure that you **RSVP to Grace Orf (314-478-4773) before Monday, July 24**. There is no cost for this dinner but a reservation is required.



The Prayer Corner

I almost feel like I should start out by apologizing for devoting yet another edition of “**The Prayer Corner**” to the “All Things New” decision and Immaculate Heart of Mary’s subsequent fate. I was so sure, whatever happened, it wasn’t going to be hard for me. For *Goodness Sake!!!* We are relatively new members of the IHM family, moving here less than 30 years ago ♦♦... and only because we were moving back to the United States from Honduras, and Aunt Martha’s home, following her passing, was sitting empty here in the parish. It was a win, win for my sisters serving as executors of my aunt’s estate, and definitely for Elvin, the kids and me, since we wanted to continue our university studies, in addition to all the great memories we had of visiting Aunt Martha and Uncle Ward in St. Louis. But as Father Aaron read the letter from the archbishop indicating that IHM was to be subsumed into St. Stephen’s Parish, the tears started flowing. Those same tears have continued to flow off-and-on especially as I have listened to others share their beautiful IHM stories.

And as I most frequently do when I encounter a situation in my life that is particularly difficult to face, I turn to prayer. Sometimes shouting at God, sometimes pleading with Him, often invoking all three persons of the Holy Trinity, and the Blessed Mother, and that is what I have done with this situation. I know in the end, it will probably not change any decisions that were made, but it has brought me comfort, and I hope it will do the same for you.

Elizabeth

Father God, in Ecclesiastes you remind me there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born, a time to die, a time to tear down and a time to heal, a time to build. Your Word shows me that there is a time for change, and that it is natural for every activity to have its allotted time. Help me to be comfortable with this time of change in my parish community and my Ladies’ Sodality.

Jesus, it seems as though everything around me is changing, but it is You who does not change. Glory to Your Name! You remain the same no matter what the circumstance, and for that I praise Your Holy Name.

Holy Spirit, it is hard to remain faithful when I do not know where my journey will take me. Instruct me and teach me in the way I should go, even though the path ahead will be uncertain and unfamiliar.

Blessed Mary, you above all, know that change is hard as you faithfully journeyed with your Son, Jesus, from his birth through his death. Help me to deal graciously and faithfully just as you did with the changes that are happening in my life, and especially within my beloved IHM church community.

Immaculate Heart of Mary.... Pray for us!

Peggy Kuehner
President

Fr. Aaron Nord
Pastor

Dolores Taylor
Corresponding Sec’y.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 12 General Meeting, 7 p.m. **RECTORY MEETING ROOM**
July 16 Listening Session, 1 p.m. IHM
July 24 RSVP for End of Era Celebration
July 24 Board Meeting, 7 p.m. RMR
August 9 August General Meeting, End of An Era Celebration, Fr. Keaney Center, 7 p.m.
Every Thursday Eucharistic Adoration 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., IHM; Sacrament of Reconciliation