

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



June, 2023

Dear Ladies,

I am happy to share with you the news that we have reset our account with Phonevite, the service we use to send automated phone messages to all of you. On Thursday, May 25, I sent out a "test message". Most of you received that message. IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE "TEST MESSAGE", please contact me by calling or texting 314-580-2533. Leave a message with your name and the correct phone number at which you want to receive future messages and I will update our call list. We will use this automated phone calling system to notify our members of the death of a sodalist or a cancellation of a meeting or event.

Now we know the decision made for IHM as a result of the "All Things New" process. I read it online on Saturday evening of Pentecost weekend. Even though I knew things were going to change, seeing it written in black and white made it a reality. For me, it stung . . . a lot.

Among lots of changes throughout the Archdiocese, I saw that our former pastor, Fr. Mike Boehm, will be leaving Washington, MO . . . and he LOVES that community. I sent him a quick note, expressing how difficult this must be for him and his parishioners. In his reply he wrote, *"It's hard for me to leave but I know I'll meet some great folks there."*

I was very sad walking to IHM Sunday morning and hoping I would be able to keep my emotions in check during Mass, but I couldn't. Change is hard, sometimes very hard. As I sat in our church, this beautiful place where I have shared my joys and my sorrows with so many people over so many years, Fr. Mike's words popped in my head, *". . . I know I'll meet some great folks there."* As hard as it may be as we go through this transition, know there are new memories waiting to be made, new people waiting for us to meet, and our God remains unchanged, waiting for us to find Him.

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

Because, ultimately, isn't that what really matters.

Prayerfully,

Peggy Kuehner, President

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, AT 7 PM

This month for Refreshments we are asking everyone to **bring their favorite appetizer or dessert**. And our entertainment will be everyone's favorite game – **BINGO!**

Mount Grace cards were sent to Mary Runde and Janice Sullentrup. Please keep all our sodalists in your thoughts and prayers.
Therese DeMoor, Welfare

If you would like to receive your newsletter by email, please send your email address to
taylorlol1969@gmail.com

I'm writing my newsletter article 4 days prior to the Quarter Auction and I'm confident it's going to be a wonderful evening!!! I'm very grateful for our Ladies' Sodality family; once again we go above and beyond! To simply say thank you seems so futile but please believe that it truly comes from the bottom of my heart!!!
Brenda Bucher, Quarter Auction chair



The Prayer Corner

Our lives and our work are a constant series of endings and beginnings. Some of these endings come suddenly or unexpectedly. Others are planned and come more gradually. Some are happy. Many are sad. But each ending gives us the opportunity for a new beginning. As is said, "When one door closes, another door opens."

This week we are experiencing the end of knowing and loving Immaculate Heart of Mary and our Ladies' Sodality as we have known and loved them for many years. And we will be beginning to contemplate a new parish model going forward. As we meet this transition, let us pray together for God's intercession to help us be open and accepting to this change.



Elizabeth

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change in our life.

As we enter into this new era with so many emotions – confusion, sadness, anxiety, perhaps even a little joy, we recall and hold in our hearts your presence, deep compassion, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen

Immaculate Heart of Mary – Pray for Us!

Peggy Kuehner
President

Fr. Aaron Nord
Pastor

Dolores Taylor
Corresponding Sec'y.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 2 Quarter Auction, 7 p.m. Fr. Keane Center, doors open at 6:30

June 14 General Meeting, 7 p.m. Fr. Keane Center

June 15 St. Patrick's Casseroles due at 9 a.m., FKC

June 17 Parish Pot Luck Supper, 5:30 p.m., IHM

June 26 Board Meeting, 7 p.m. RMR

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