

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY LADIES' SODALITY

"To Work with Love for Jesus Through Mary"



March, 2017

GENERAL MEETING STARTS AT 7:00 P.M.

Dear Ladies,

I'm writing this newsletter to you on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday. I know we can all give something up but what is something positive that we can do for Lent this year? I felt I needed some motivation, so I got on the Internet and watched a short video clip from Fr. James Martin SJ, culture editor of *America Magazine*. What he said sounded good to me. To paraphrase, here is what he suggested, two words -- **Be Kind**. He said there are three ways of being kind. The first is, "Don't be a jerk." You're tired, you're not feeling well, things are tough with your family, that doesn't mean you need to pass your misery on to someone else. Second, he said to "Honor the absent." In other words, stop talking about people behind their backs. It's a serious form of uncharity and it can make the other person feel miserable. The third way to **Be Kind** is some advice from St. Ignatius -- "Always give people the benefit of the doubt." When there is a doubt about how someone means something or what someone does, give them the plus sign. Fr. Martin ended his suggestions by saying that **being kind** is a lot harder than giving up chocolates but it will be a lot better for our spiritual life and everyone else's.

Our main fundraiser is right around the corner. **Trivia Night**, "*Trivia is Super*," is being held on Saturday, March 25, in the Father Keane Center. This is the only fundraiser where the Ladies Sodality keeps the profits made in order to fund our various charitable events, newsletter mailings, and monthly meetings. We still can use some attendance prizes for that evening such as restaurant gift cards, tickets to events, etc.

Our next general meeting is on Wednesday, March 8, **at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Father Keane Center. After our meeting, we will have a very short presentation by Jerry Beckerle on Proposition 1 and 2 for the April election about the soccer stadium and a soccer team coming to St. Louis. Won't you join us for some tasty food and a rollicking good time playing **Rob Your Neighbor**? Don't forget to bring a wrapped prize to share!

Jo Ann Ratermann

"A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

Pope Francis



REMEMBERING OUR MEMBERS

A sympathy card was sent to the family of Mary Peterson and the family of Georgiana Schuengel.

Please keep all our Sodalists in your thought and prayers.

Therese DeMoor, Welfare



REFRESHMENTS

Come bring your “chilly” bones to a heartwarming treat of Potato Soup and Crusty bread along with a special cake treat provided by Edna Walters and Bernie Will.



ENTERTAINMENT – ROB YOUR NEIGHBOR

Come join us in the every popular “Rob Your Neighbor” – be sure to bring a specially gift wrapped (and disguised) gift to keep everyone guessing what wonderful surprise lies within so that we can all go after that special surprise.

TRIVIA IS SUPER

As you know, this is our **primary** fundraiser of the year and we need **everyone’s** help to assure its success. What can **you** do?

- 1) **Secure donations** for attendance prizes and raffles. If you know anyone, or have any suggestions, please let us know. **We are still in need of attendance prizes – any and all donations are accepted.**
- 2) **Donate a scratch-off ticket!** Jan Cattaneo is once again collecting donations of \$1, \$2 or more to load up our famous “Scratch-Off Board” – a favorite raffle item. Jan reminds us to **“Give Early & Give Often!!” or Give Later and Give Bigger.**

Bring your donations to the March meeting.

- 3) **Pray** for a successful evening.

For more information or questions call: Sara Shaver at 420-7306.



‘IFONACLAST’

The Ladies Sodality has been using Phonevite Robo calls to notify you of deaths of sodalist and meeting changes, etc. It will show up as “Ifonaclast” on your Caller ID with my phone # 314-481-4222 but it doesn’t identify IHM.

Annette Sandheinrich



General Meeting
 Trivia Ticket Sales Start
 Trivia is Super
 Board Meeting
 Garden Club Bake Sale
 Quarter Auction

Wednesday, March 8 – **7:00 P.M.**
 Saturday/Sunday – After Mass
 Saturday, March 25
 Monday, March 27 – **7:00 P.M.**
 Saturday/Sunday – May 6-7
 Friday, June 2

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