Blessing of Mothers - May 2011

Father, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given us; the gift of life, the gift of those who love us. We thank you today for the gift of our mothers and grandmothers.

We give thanks for our Mothers and Grandmothers who have died and for the unique way they have revealed for us your love. We ask that you Bless them and keep them in your care until the time comes for us to join them in your Kingdom.

We ask your Blessing upon the Mothers and Grandmothers who are unable to be with us here today. May they know how much we love and care for them.

We pray for birth mothers who have loved their children so much they have shared the gift of their child with those who could better care for them and their needs, and give them a secure home.

And we pray for adoptive mothers, that they may always know their special role of being a true mother, a revelation of God’s love for their children.

We ask your blessing upon Mothers who have lost children through stillbirth, crib death, accident and tragedy, that they may have your continuing strength and courage and feel the love from the parish of Holy Cross-Immaculata parish during the many difficult days they experience.

We ask your blessing too, upon those who would very much like to be mothers but who are having trouble having a child.

We ask your Blessing upon the Mothers and Grandmothers standing before us here. Give them the strength to live the faithful and loving lives you call them to live.

Protect and guide them. Keep them in your care. We ask this Blessing in the name of Jesus, our Lord. AMEN.

Blessings,
Fr. Marty

Holy Cross-Immaculata Church
Ringing of the Bells This Week:
May 8 – In Honor of Susan Grimme and Elizabeth Griffith
May 9 – Living & Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers
May 10 – The Intentions of the McCafferty Family
May 11 – In Thanksgiving
May 12 – The Intentions of the Renaissance Project
May 13 – In Honor of Gina Jump
May 14 – For The Intentions of Fr. Marty

To schedule a special bell ringing date and gift sponsorship opportunities please email bells@hclparish.org or (513)721-6544.

Baptism
We would like to welcome to our parish Gina Jump baptized here on Sunday, May 1st. Gina is the daughter of parishioners Mark & Julie Jump. We join with her family in celebrating the beginning of her faith life.

Our condolences to the family and friends Patricia Goodman. Ms. Goodman’s funeral service was at HCI Tuesday, May 3rd. Ms. Goodman was a Mt. Adams native and married at Holy Cross Church. She and her late husband, Ed Goodman had many connections to the Mt. Adams community. Please accept our prayers of comfort.

Mother’s Day Collection
An envelope for the Mother’s Day Collection was provided with your collection envelope packet. Funds will be used for landscaping and sprinkler repairs on the grounds around our historic steps. Remember your mother in this special way. Although Mother’s Day is here you can still contribute. Additional envelopes are available at the exits.

Catholic Relief Services Collection
There will be a second collection for the Catholic Relief Service Collection. This Collection helps to fund six Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees. By helping the marginalized and impoverished, you give hope to Jesus in disguise. You generosity will circle the globe.

Note: Envelopes were dated incorrectly (April 24, 2011). The collection will be May 8, 2011.
**Porch Emergency** – For the month of May, Hope Emergency is starting to get ready for the next school year by collecting child and teen underwear and socks. Please place donations in the basket near the side exit in church.

### Gifts of Financial Participation
**May 1, 2011**

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### 2011 Jansen Memorial Golf Outing

**Date:** June 25th  
**Cost:** Golf and Dinner $95  
Foursome: $380.00  
Only dinner $20

- **Golf:** California Golf Course – Kellogg Avenue  
- **Lunch/Registration:** Noon  
- **Tee Off:** 1:00 p.m.  
- **Scramble Format**

**Don’t Golf - Why Not Join Us For Dinner?**  
Dinner: HCI Parish Center at 5:30 p.m.

- Participation & Sponsorship Forms  
Available at the Church Exits or at our website [www.hciparish.org](http://www.hciparish.org)

- Interest or questions:  
  Call Paul Simon (513) 518-7581 or psimon@cinci.rr.com  
  Jim Horrigan (513) 929-0591 or jhorrigan@cinci.rr.com  
  Tom Sweeney (513) 871-1523 or tomsweeney@current.net

**Don’t Forget There Are Affordable Sponsorships Available**

### Young Adults Latest Event

HCI Young Adults will be attending **Theology on Tap**! Theology on Tap is a lecture and discussion series for people in their 20's and 30's, single or married. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Catholic parishes in the area. We will meet in the main dining room at the Pig and Whistle Sports Pub in Hyde Park (2680 Madison Road), near Rookwood Commons for food, drink and lively discussion about things that matter to you and the Catholic faith. All young adults are welcome. The Cincinnati series is every Thursday, beginning May 5th through June 9th. Doors open at 7:00, with the talks beginning at 7:30 p.m. Contact Laura Wagner at (513) 706-8951 or Mark Riester at (513) 638-0570 (email: mark.riester@gmail.com) for more details.

**Hilltoppers Picnic**

**Save the Date** of the Hilltoppers next meeting, May 24th. This meeting will include a picnic lunch and corn hole tournament at the parish. All seniors in the parish and community are welcome to attend. More details to come.

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**Parish Night at the Playhouse**

**May 22, 7:00 PM**

**Tickets are Limited!!!!**

**Get them While They Last!**

Don’t wait until the last minute! There is just two weeks left and the tickets are going, going, (almost) gone! You do not want to miss out on this special performance of Beehive.

Tickets are $30 which includes a light dinner and refreshments. For more information and to purchase tickets call Jerry Fuell 513-381-3998 or fuellri01@fuse.net or Anne Chasser 513-535-7559 or chass2577@hotmail.com.

**Renaissance Project**

The results of the first phase of our Renaissance Project were published last weekend. (Copies available in Parish Office). We received many insightful comments and the Steering Committee compiled them into eight categories. Phase two will involve parish members gathering again to discuss options to address the issues and concerns identified in phase one. Mark your calendars and plan to attend one of the two meetings scheduled for **Sunday, May 15th 12:00-1:30 p.m. or Saturday, May 21st 10:00-11:30 a.m.** Only with your involvement can this initiative be a success.

### Birthdays

5/12 Judy Curtin  
  Sean Daly  
  Angela Sweeney  
  Rita Byrd  
  Ella Deckard  
  Kate Barlage  
  Cara Ballas  
  Daisy Doran  
  Jennifer Mendelson  
  Steven Sprengard  
  Patrick Valant  
  John Wilson  
  Jaclyn Zenni  
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  Jennifer Mendelson  
  Steven Sprengard  
  Patrick Valant  
  John Wilson  
  Jaclyn Zenni

5/16 Marian Doyle  
  Ginny Gesenhues  
  Santiago Lazarczyk  
  Caiden Lisner  
  Pratik Tschaep  
  Zachary Barlage  
  Ryan Kaffenger  
  Amy Mentzer  
  William Donovan  
  Olivia Lorenz  
  Darin Vilano  
  Shirley Lynch

**The Marianist Mission.**

In cooperation with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Missionary Cooperation Plan, HCI will be hosting Brother Donald Neff, S.M. with The Marianist Mission. Brother Neff will be speaking at all Masses on **May 14 and 15th.**

The Marianist Mission’s purpose is to promote the Catholic Church’s apostolic ministry, to assist in the spiritual development of our friends and benefactors, and to provide financial resources for the ministries and missions of the Society of Mary and the Daughters of Mary Immaculate.