

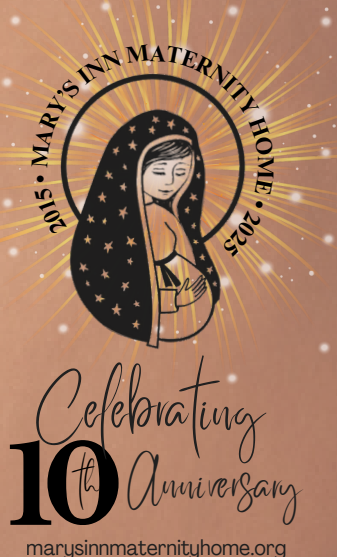
Heart to Heart

October 2025



Mission

Mary's Inn is a maternity home dedicated to the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of single pregnant mothers and their developing babies. It is a safe haven where they can stay while learning the skills they need to make a better life for themselves and their babies.



Dear friends,

I hope you will indulge me in a little story this month.

We have lived in our new maternity home for almost two years now. But from 1951-1971 Angelo & Ruth Kerper raised their five kids here. Harry, their youngest, was born with a malformed heart and would need surgery by age 3 or he wouldn't live past age 5. The parents had a great devotion to St. Anne so they decided to make a pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre in Quebec, Canada and ask for a miracle through her intercession. Two months after they returned home, tests showed that Harry's heart was completely normal. His story is in the book, "A Land of Miracles for Three Hundred Years," which documents miracles that occurred through the intercession of St. Anne.

Then when Harry was a freshman at Wahlert, he and a friend ran to a local grocery store, where he collapsed and died from a heart attack. He was 14. His family built a grotto to St. Anne in the backyard in thanksgiving for Harry's additional years of life. Joe & Carol Bitter later bought the house and deconstructed the grotto to put on an addition in 1994. The two stones, one in memory of Harry and one in honor of St. Anne, were put into the addition's foundation.

Late last year, Janice Kerper Even approached me and inquired about the possibility of reconstructing the grotto. She and her siblings would take care of all expenses. We thought it fit with our mission of serving moms - after all, St. Anne is the mother of the Mother of God - so we gladly gave them permission. Below are some pictures of the new grotto.

St. Anne, pray for us.

May God bless you & your loved ones!

Colleen Pasnik

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Director



Save the Date Mary's Inn Sacred Music Concert with Silent Auction

Christmas is always a special time of year at Mary's Inn and we will showcase a variety of local talent to celebrate the Advent season in preparation for the birth of our Savior.

Silent Auction before the concert • Cathedral Hall • 12:30 – 1:55pm

Don't need to be present to win.

Sunday • December 7 • 2 pm – 3:30 pm • Cathedral of St. Raphael

Celebrating **10**th Anniversary

HAPPY
Birthday

October 25
Suzanne Lansing

October 25
Killary Meade

October 26
Mary Kay Mueller

Wish List for Silent Auction

Gift Certificates

(Hair - Dinner - Gas - Bowling - Movie - Home Goods - etc)

Service Certificates

(Hair - Nails - Massage - Cleaning - Oil Change - Make a Meal - Dessert a month - etc)

New children toys or books

Can deliver to Mary's Inn - Call KK @ 563-543-7516

Deadline for items is Wednesday, October 22



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being an
InnKeeper.

**InnKeepers KEEP
the INN open!**

Help us keep the
lights on, bills paid &
babies fed.

Would you consider \$10 a month for
our 10 year Anniversary?

Just use the QR code on left or go to our
link <https://bit.ly/marysinmaternityhome>



For Past & Present Volunteers



Mary's Inn Volunteer Appreciation Evening

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 - St. Joseph the Worker church

5:30 pm: Mass — 6 pm: Pizza • Pie • Prizes

Please let us know by **October 15** if you will be able to attend so we can finalize the preparations.

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