

"Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again in glory.
These words contain the very essence of the Eucharistic mystery."
Excerpt from St. John Paul II's homily

April 2016

This is the month for devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. What a great time to offer prayers as a profession of our faith for our family and loved ones in this amazing Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis. "Remember your compassion and your mercy, O Lord, for they are ages old." Psalm 25:6.

Spring brings great renewal into our lives—our heart and soul—as nature, too, resumes her splendor and loveliness.

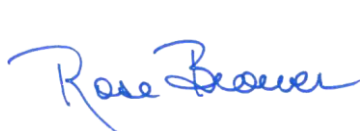
Spring also brings baseball—so remember to sign up to pledge for Homers for Health and K's for Kids. Our patients are grateful to all who have donated as they root on their St. Louis Cardinals Thank you for your support!

Call Colleen to discuss your Homers for Health or K's for Kids pledge, or if you want to pledge online please visit glennon.org/h4h

Also, we want to express our thanks to those who sent contributions for gas cards and meal tickets for our families in need.



You are in our prayers at daily Mass. May God bless you and your loved ones!



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

YOU make a difference for the children at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.

If you are in town, we hope to see you at our upcoming events.

May 21	Scoops of Fun
June 5	Glennon Sunday
June 16	Homers for Health Game Shows
July 28	Ambassador Choice Awards
Sept. 9	Glennon Golf Classic
Sept. 17	Glennon Gallop Polo Match
Oct. 10	Dierdorf-Pronger Golf Tournament
Nov. 17	Tree of Hope Opening
Dec. 7	Foundation Holiday Party
April 20, 2017	Glennon Guild Fashion Show Boutique & Luncheon

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For more information about these events,
call 1-800-269-0552 or visit glennon.org

Please consider making a heartfelt gift in your will to help our kids in need.

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National Occupational Therapy Month

This month please join us in recognizing our outstanding occupational therapists at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital.

Who do occupational therapists treat? Typically, the therapists work with inpatients throughout the hospital and children on an outpatient basis from birth through 21 years of age, providing occupational therapy to more than 1,000 kids per year. While the primary goal is to help children achieve their highest level of function on an individual basis, the need to develop sustainable healthy relationships with peers is essential for success in everyday life. The heartfelt dedication and sacrifice of parents to receive the best treatment available for their children is inspiring.

What services do our occupational therapists provide? The occupational therapy team works with children experiencing autism, developmental delays, feeding difficulty, neurological conditions, sensory issues, social skills issues, splinting needs and traumatic brain injuries. They strive to improve a child's developmental delays, oral motor skills, fine motor skills and the integration of five senses. Occupational therapists are required to think out-of-the-box and be creative and resourceful with available tools and equipment in the formation of individual treatment plans.

What is COMPASS? Creating Opportunities to Mentor and Promote Appropriate Social Skills, COMPASS, was developed to address the social interaction in children ages from 6 to 10 years of age. This specialized peer-to-peer program is more than two years old and draws families from a radius of three to four hours away.

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In this small group setting, children work with occupational therapists to enhance their psycho-social development which will allow them to build relationships with their peers. COMPASS focus areas for development include: recognizing facial emotion; introductions; conversation skills; taking turns; good sportsmanship; listening and personal boundaries. The goal is for the child to apply these skills in daily interactions.

Who benefits from COMPASS? COMPASS may be able to help children and adolescents who demonstrate impulsive behavior; difficulty with playdates and get-togethers; difficulty starting, maintaining and ending conversations; anxiety or shyness; aggression; gets easily frustrated; difficulty following rules or listening; avoids eye contact, disruptive in school; unassertiveness; controlling; meltdowns or tantrums; moody; poor self-confidence; or difficulty joining in with peers.

School year sessions are once a week for 12 weeks and summer sessions are twice a week for six weeks. The families who participate in COMPASS sessions invest time, travel expenses and require the commitment of other family members regarding outpatient treatment for the child in need of peer-to-peer behavioral skills.

How you help. While most insurance plans cover individualized treatment, the group therapy is often a financial challenge for most families. The progress is slow but makes the difference in a child's ability to develop healthy relationships to achieve a better life. Your gifts and charitable gift annuities help to provide occupational therapy services for these children and their families.

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Update on Evie

Evie was featured in our October 2014 newsletter featuring spina bifida month. We have very promising news to report.

Evie will soon undergo a form of newer stem cell treatment therapy at another facility. The hope is to repair some of the damage done to her nerves, caused in-utero from the spina bifida. The goal is that the new, healthy, programmed, stem cells will target the damaged nerves and begin to repair them. Her family is hopeful Evie will gain more function/control of her bowel and bladder, and maybe even increased strength and sensation in her lower extremities.



Please continue to pray for Evie and her family as they embark on this treatment and hope for miraculous results!

Update on Luke



You may remember Luke's journey for a new heart from our June 2015 issue. He and his family live in Tulsa, OK.

Luke has had multiple heart surgeries and has waited **415** days but he finally received his new heart on Thursday, April 7, 2016. There have been tears of joy, tears of fear and tears for the donor family they don't even know. Thank you for your prayers for Luke, who continues to demonstrate courage and great hope. This is Luke with his "thumb up" after the surgery. Two weeks later,

Luke challenged his dad to a race down the hall way!

Please pray that Luke has no rejection or complications during his recovery, and pray for the family that has given Luke and others a new chance at life.