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*"Hail (Mary) full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women."
Luke 1:28*

May 2016

The month of May honors Mary, the mother of God. We also honor our mothers. Pentecost Sunday is celebrated on May 15 - *The Coming of the Holy Spirit*. Indeed, May is a powerful month for gratitude and prayer. At SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, we live our mission in prayer and gratitude each day in all we do and we are truly grateful for your generous love and support these past 60 years.

Glennon Sunday weekend is June 4-5, 2016. SSM Health Cardinal Glennon was built in 1956 through donations from generous Catholics across the St. Louis Archdiocese, marking the beginning of Glennon Sunday. Last year, more than \$490,000 was collected through Glennon Sunday donations, allowing us to use those funds to create child-friendly spaces in the Costas Center, Imaging Center and Pediatric Intensive Care Unit. These spaces put children at ease and provide the best environment for care and healing. Proceeds from this year's Glennon Sunday appeal will support the ongoing needs of the hospital, including inpatient oncology care.

We thank all of you for your past support. For those of you who can, we hope you will be generous in supporting us as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of SSM Health Cardinal Glennon opening its doors in 1956. If you want to learn more about the remarkable things happening at the hospital and how you can help, give us a call. We'd love to hear from you!

Also, there is still time to make your pledge to Homers for Health or K's for Kids. Give Colleen a call to discuss how you can pledge, or if you want to pledge online please visit glennon.org/h4h

You are in our prayers at Mass every day. May God bless you and your loved ones for making our healing work possible!

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Major Gifts and Planned Giving Team

Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.

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 4-5	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. 5	Glennon Glow (60 th Anniversary Gala)
Nov. 17	Tree of Hope Opening
Dec. 7	Foundation Holiday Party

OUR MISSION: THROUGH OUR EXCEPTIONAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES, WE REVEAL THE HEALING PRESENCE OF GOD.

Glennon Sunday

Where Faith and Healing Unite



June 5, 2016



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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Cystic Fibrosis Awareness Month – Meet Jack.

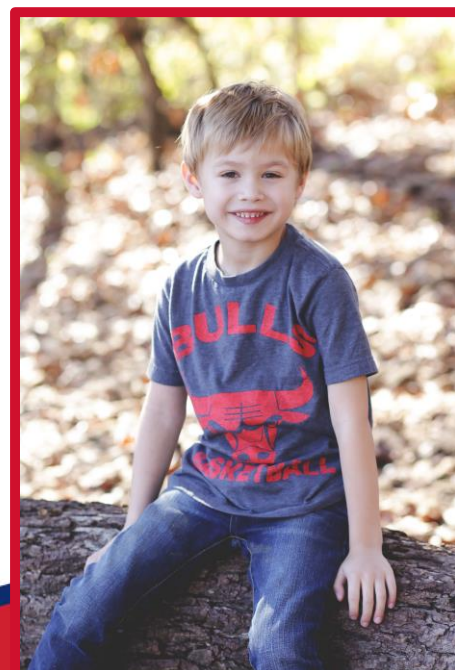


We found out during our second pregnancy that we were carriers of the cystic fibrosis (CF) gene, meaning that we had a 25% chance that our children would be born with this chronic illness. We were blessed with two healthy daughters, but felt our family was not complete, so we prayed that God would give us the strength and knowledge to handle whatever came our way. God certainly challenged us, but with the love and support of family and friends, we made it through a difficult pregnancy and

month long stay in the NICU with our baby boy, who did test positive for cystic fibrosis. Jack Michael Burke was born on July 2, 2009 on his daddy's birthday.

The first five years, Jack led a normal life outside of his daily vest, nebulizer and medication regimen and only had two hospitalizations. We felt good about his health and ability to shake off random infections with the use of antibiotics. It wasn't until a few months after his sixth birthday that we started getting concerned about his health and frequency of infections. He was hospitalized three times over a five month time period and a bronchoscopy revealed a serious infection in his lungs that would require months of aggressive IV and oral antibiotics. During this time, I was in the process of changing jobs, which meant Jack had to transition from a hospital and CF team that he loved and trusted to a new one.

I was one month into a new job and Jack's first CF Clinic visit at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital ended up with an admission. Dr. Jamie Wooldridge, Jack's pediatric pulmonologist spent a lot of time with us explaining Jack's diagnosis and laid out what we needed to do to help him get stronger to fight this infection. Dr. Jamie's honesty and compassion continues to help us endure this difficult journey.



She has gone above and beyond by reaching out to the country's top nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) specialists to make sure that Jack is getting the best care possible. The last several months have been difficult as we are constantly adding and changing medications to find the right mix of drugs to fight the infection that has taken a toll on his little lungs. He currently takes more than 30 pills a day, spends three and a half hours hooked to IV's and does an hour of vest treatments, along with multiple nebulizer treatments daily, as well as receives nutritional supplements through a feeding tube at night. In addition, Jack has weekly visits from home health to de-access his port, draw blood and let him take his one shower a week. This is where God's light shines bright – to look at Jack, you would never know that he endures any of this. He is incredibly smart and continues to live a life rich with laughter and adventure.

Jack has quickly adjusted to the cystic fibrosis protocols within the hospital and his new care team. He enjoys the special attention he gets from the nurses, respiratory therapists, child life specialists, teachers and staff on 3 South and gets excited when they remember him on each visit. Jack especially loves the Beads for Breath program and has his heart set on obtaining every bead, even if that means being in the hospital for every holiday and birthday!

While Jack has only been a patient at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon since January, we feel right at home and know that all of his physical, emotional and spiritual needs are being met. He has been admitted three times, had multiple surgeries and procedures and many visits with specialists. The coordination of services and compassionate care has helped us quickly gain trust and respect for our team of experts. I believe everything happens for a reason and I know it was God's will that brought me to work at SSM Health and Jack to be cared for by the team at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon. He has a long road ahead of him, but I know his doctors are doing everything they can to aggressively fight this infection while maintaining a joyful childhood. Even though life is difficult at times, we continue to count our blessings each day and embrace life with every breath.

Deidre Burke - Jack's mom and
Director of Grant Development
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