



# HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE EDITOR



By: Maria Dorn

Newsletter

Happy New Year!!! Now is the time of year to look back and reflect on the past and count all of our blessings and appreciate them as well as any struggles or hardships we have encountered. My blessings are countless and the struggle of our renovation is almost behind us. I have learned to have better 'vision' and we have both learned patience. While it is not 100% finished, we have everything except the laundry room, the stairway and basement ceilings finished. Carpeting was laid on the 20<sup>th</sup> as the furniture was all being delivered. We were able to put up our Christmas tree and have our 'Kids Christmas' on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. We had Christmas Day here with Bob's family and entertained my family when my sister came in from Houston. We LOVE it!!! It really flows. Now we are starting to decorate it, which will be a lot more fun than the build. Stay tuned and at the end of this project, we will all rejoice together.

If you ever have suggestions or an article that you think other members would enjoy, you can send an email to [mariadorn@hotmail.com](mailto:mariadorn@hotmail.com). Be sure to put HIS in the subject line. Thanks and I look forward to keeping you 'in the know'.

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## December's Featured Members – Tom and Joan Wojciechowski

Tom and Joan Wojciechowski have been members of Holy Infant Parish since 1998. They were married at the Old Cathedral 50 years ago and have three children and six grandchildren. They both grew up in St. Louis. They lived in Guntersville, Alabama, for four years, and in Charleston, West Virginia, for 18 years. Tom and Joan were active in the Jaycees and Jaycee-ettes in West Virginia on a local, state, and national level. Tom was Director of Finance and Operations at Chaminade College Prep and retired in 2010. He enjoys golf, gardening, travel, cooking, and taking naps. He also enjoys watching old westerns on TV.

Joan is our Vice-President. She is also Vice-President of the St. Louis Archdiocesan Board of Education. She retired from her 42-year career in education in 2014. She was a classroom teacher, a French teacher, and a television teacher. She wrote instructional television programs for children. She was the instructor in these TV lessons. Her award winning programs were shown in the eastern US. She was also "Miss Joan" on Romper Room. Her last position was at Sacred Heart School in Valley Park where she worked for 13 years as Principal. Joan enjoys travel, especially to Nashville, TN, to visit the two granddaughters (3 yr. and 9 mo.) who are out of town. She also enjoys reading and exercise classes. She just finished writing a 100-page book about her life for her grandchildren.

Tom and Joan say they love spending time with family and credit their faith and trust in God for the many blessings in their life.



### SCHEDULED PROGRAMS FOR THIS YEAR

By: Joan Wojciechowski



January 4	De-cluttering your home; Home Sweet Home, Kristen Lund
February 1	Not-So-Newlywed Game; Love Songs Sing-Along (if time)
March 1	Day of Recollection
April 5	Powder Valley; Robin Parker, Backyard Wildlife/ Birds in our area/ Conservation
May 3	Irish Dancing, Holy Infant Students
June 7	Picnic

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### Birthdays – December

By Carolyn Kraichel

Wishing each of you, and anyone accidentally missed, a very Happy Birthday!

**JANUARY**

Jerry Marstall	1/1
Dorothy Denzer	1/2
Dorothy Cissell	1/4
Nora Henricks	1/4
Joe Sinibaldi	1/4
Donald Mertz	1/5
Sharon Morgenthaler	1/10
Doe Flannery	1/11
Don Dinkelkamp	1/16
Rose Birkner	1/18
Alice Mertz	1/20
Joyce Summers	1/22
Maria Dorn	1/25
Ruthine Rogers	1/25
Robert Hauf	1/27
Gary DeLancey	1/28

**FEBRUARY**

Olivia Pieknik	2/1
Dottie Piskor	2/3
Joanne Lewis	2/6
Pat Grus	2/6
Marilyn Tarleton	2/7

**ADULT BINGO**

Saturday, January 20, 2018  
 Holy Infant School – Upper  
 Cafeteria  
 248 New Ballwin Road  
 Doors Open at 6:00 P.M.  
 Bingo Starts at 7:00 P.M.



\$20.00 per Person  
 Admission includes 15 Games of Bingo  
 Beer, Soda, Wine and Water  
 Food available for purchase  
 Sponsored by the Holy Infant  
 Knights of Columbus

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**GREETINGS**

By Pat Bouckaert



Since our last meeting the following greetings were sent:

Two get well cards were sent to Bob Schlemeier & Tom Arnold.

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## **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

By Carolyn Kraichely



**NEW MEMBER(S):**            **December 2017**

**JACKIE LAWRENCE**  
191 Kehrs Mill Bend Dr.  
Ballwin, MO 63011  
(636)256-8843  
B'day 09/19  
[jackielawrence9@gmail.com](mailto:jackielawrence9@gmail.com)

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## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

By Gene Bestgen



If you're at the end of your rope, Stephen Minsters can help you tie a knot and hang on. For someone who will listen and help you find the resources you need to get through this tough time. To learn more about this caring ministry, call Patricia at 636 227-0802, opt #3. There is a confidential email as well

**Lent...**  
putting first things first

***My New Year's Resolution:***

Attend Holy Infant's  
2018 Lenten Parish Mission

Feb. 25, 27, 28  
7:00 pm Nightly

Welcoming Fr. James Mason  
President-Rector  
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary

[stephenministryhi@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenministryhi@yahoo.com) that you can use if you prefer.

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**“We spend January 1st walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives...not looking for flaws, but for potential.”**  
— Ellen Goodman

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

By Kathie Hanneke

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## **PARISH REMINDERS –**

**By Sandy Hughes**

### **January 2018**

20	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria
21	1pm	Knights of Columbus Open House – Lower Cafeteria
27	7pm	Men’s Club Trivia Night – Parish Center
28 thru 2-2		Catholic Schools Week

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**“Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.”  
— Oprah Winfrey**



# Community Services

By Eileen Buehrle

Below is a list of 2018 elections for St. Louis County. I will provide more information as the elections grow closer.

## ST LOUIS COUNTY ELECTIONS

February 6, 2018	Special Election – No issues for us
March 6, 2018	For Charter counties only
April 3, 2018	General Municipal election
August 7, 2018	Primary Election
November 6, 2018	General Election

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## OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Alberta McGilligan for taking charge of the HIS Christmas Party again and again, and to all her committees for a fun afternoon. The beef can't be beat!
- Carol Wolf, Carol Nortman, Rose Birkner and Carol Komar for delivering 'nice things' at the Christmas party.
- Ron Laupp, Joe Sinibaldi, Bob Dorn and Brenda George for tending bar and ensuring that our glasses were filled with Christmas cheer at the Christmas party.
- John Norton for his "Time to Laugh" contribution – I did.

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## DID YOU KNOW ....By Jo Lewis

- Putting your paper in the 'recycle' bin in the school yard gives Holy Infant school and HIS cash; if you don't, it doesn't.
- If you try using a 'Magic Eraser' (or another brand) you won't ever be without it. It cleans showers, tubs, spots on objects that usually need cleanser etc. It looks like a white sponge.
- Being kind is the nicest thing you can do for your spouse. An old saying 'Treat your spouses like your client'. It really works!



## TIME TO LAUGH....

Contributed by: One of our own (I can't recall who gave it to me - sorry!)



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## 2017-2018 H.I.S. Board Members



Tom Arnold	President	227-2515
Joan Wojciechowski	Vice President	
256-2510		
Marilyn Tarleton	Secretary	227-2348
Tom Dollus	Treasurer	207-0924
Liz DeRum	Attendance	
314-497-4446		
Pat Bouckaert	Cheer	
391-9368		
Kathie & Gene		
Hanneke	Graphics	
314-913-4230		
Mary Mallery	Historian	391-9716
Mary Weman	Hospitality	227-1254
Carolyn Kraichely	Directory	394-5151
	Membership	
Maria Dorn	Newsletter	
314-610-8784		
Denis Thien	Photographer	
225-9197		
Jim Yettke	Recycle Coor.	
227-8163		
Brenda George &	Refreshments	
394-2286		
Mary Schlemeier		391-9556
Marie Fox &	Sr. Choir	
227-2750		
Marcy Zufall		394-5540
Eileen Buehrle	Service &	
	PAC	230-5435
Rev. Edward Stanger	Spiritual Dir.	
227-7440		
Gene & Rosemary Bestgen		
& Mary Jane Bahr	Trips	
458-1580		
Carol Wolf &	50/50	227-6214
Carol Komor &		
Rose Birkner		
227-7260		

