



# WORDS AND WORKS

quarterly newsletter for Holy Infant Parish  
Ballwin, MO

## A SPECIAL NOTE FROM SR. ROSARIO



*submitted photo*

*Left to right: Father Ed Stanger, Pastor of Holy Infant parish, Sister Rosario and His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan Archbishop of New York visiting after an early Monday morning Mass celebration.*

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks be to God!

"Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. It is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a very special place in my heart." Philippians 1:3-7

I use this passage here because it is the most appropriate passage to express my deep gratitude and love for all of you . . . a wonderful parish, school, and local community.

What a joyous occasion - or should I say occasions! I offer a very heartfelt "Thank You" to all who planned, executed, and participated in all the various events. The "thousands" of pictures displaying happy, smiling

faces indicate that a good time was had by all. I believe that the celebration was about a vibrant, family-oriented, welcoming, and caring community of people of all ages. Yes, God is good! And thanks be to God for all of you!

I extend a special thanks to our distinguished alumnus, Cardinal Dolan, whose presence radiated joy, happiness, and affection for all. It is impossible to mention everyone in the large number of people who were involved in the

planning, but special thanks is due to Fr. Stanger and Sr. Laurentia, who were responsible for initiating and facilitating every event on the agenda!



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*Left to right: Frank Hearn (brother-in-law), Margaret Hearn (sister), Sr. Rosario, Michael Delaney (brother), Dee Delaney (sister-in-law).*

My family expresses their gratitude to all. They have left Holy Infant with happy memories of an exciting time, a welcoming people, and a faith-filled community.

*"Go raibh mile agaibh"*

(a thousand thanks)!

**Sr. Rosario**



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Photo of a decorated wall in Holy Infant School with the early photo of Sister Rosario and one of her now.



## WE HAVE A NEW KID ON THE BLOCK and HE WEARS A CASSOCK

By Carol Laupp

It was Sunday, June 15, 2014 when Fr. Stanger announced in church "We have a new Associate Pastor, Fr. Thomas Vordtriede, arriving next week and he looks like a kid. As a matter of fact, his age plus Fr. Anstoetter's age equals my age. **I am really feeling old!**"

Fr. Thomas Vordtriede was born to Lois and David Vordtriede on October 14, 1987.

His mother died when he was only 16 months old. He found such a deep admiration and devotion over the years to the Mother of Perpetual Help, perhaps looking back at how helpless he felt at the loss of his own mother. Five years later, his Dad remarried his good friend, Beth. They had two daughters, Carly (17 years old) and Victoria (12 years old).

Father was born in the South County area where he attended St. Martin of Tours Parish grade school and St. Louis University High School. It was there that he had experienced the overwhelming size of high school life. He often sought out the beautiful chapel in the middle of the school. It was such a peaceful retreat and he found himself praying "Why God, this life is too hard for me."

It wasn't till his junior year at SLUH that he started thinking "What college should I attend? Maybe I'll teach Religion – I so love God and I want the world to know him too! Or maybe I'll be a Cardinal's baseball announcer – I'm an avid Cardinal Baseball fan, I'd be a great announcer!" But it was Fr. Ralph Houlihan, S.J., SLUH Mission Advisor, that invited him and several of his classmates to attend Mass, dinner and spiritual discussion groups regularly that made him wonder if the priesthood might be the vocation for him. It was in his senior year that Archbishop Burke also seemed to take Father under his wing. Fr. Vordtriede said, "Archbishop Burke was such a huge inspiration to me. He was an amazing leader, so strong yet gentle and compassionate. He had taken such an interest in me and cheered me on to follow Christ and I feel very comforta-

ble with my decision." Father's family is very supportive with his choice of vocation also and he always enjoys spending lots of time with them. As a matter of fact, he credits his Dad's foresight at noticing how content and happy he seemed to be after attending religious retreats and perhaps the priesthood would be a perfect fit for Tom.

Father studied eight years at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary pursuing his Bachelor of Art in Philosophy and a Master of Art in Theology. He had gone through extensive training, spiritual counseling and numerous prayers to become a Catholic priest. His dreams were fulfilled as he said his first Mass as Associate Pastor at Holy Infant on June 18, 2014.

Following his ordination, Fr. Vordtriede had five chasubles hand-made with embroidered centers of the Sacred Heart and the Mother of Perpetual Help on the back of each garment. They were created by the Benedictine Sisters of Mary in Kansas City, Missouri. He proudly wears their "labor of love" garments as well as his cassock. A great sense of pride overcomes him each day when he gets "suited up" for another day of work. After all, working for God is the best job in the world.

Along with being an enthusiastic Cardinal baseball fan, Father is an avid amateur JFK assassination detective, a trivia night buff and enjoys surrounding himself with family and friends.

Father wants to grow in holiness by prayer and various works of mercy. He wants to be more generous with his time and talents, more active in youth ministry, more available to residents in nursing homes and shut-ins, involved in RCIA and totally committed to the Catholic Faith. Holy Infant parish is truly honored and blessed to have been assigned such an energetic and compassionate priest. We extend our congratulations and warm welcome to Father Thomas Vordtriede (pronounced Vord-treed).



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# HOLY INFANT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December, 2014

Dear Parishioners,

Grace and peace to you and yours during this blessed season of Advent! Throughout this season, we anticipate the celebration of our parish feast day – when we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, the Holy Infant.

We are delighted to have you as part of our parish family! We are truly blessed to have so many join us each week for Sunday Mass. It is such a crucial part of our spiritual growth that we gather weekly to celebrate the Lord's Supper!

On behalf of the parish, we offer a word of sympathy to all who may find these days to be painful. If you have buried a loved one or suffered some other loss, we know that the joy of the holidays can be mixed with heartache and pain. Please know that we care for you and will hold you and your loved ones in prayer throughout these days.

Our Mass schedule for Christmas is as follows:

- Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 p.m., 4:10 p.m. (in the Parish Center/Gymnasium), 6:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight
- Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Our Mass schedule for New Year's Day, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God is as follows:

- Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

We pray that you and your family will have a joyful and memorable Christmas and a New Year that is filled with peace!

  

Rev. Edward J. Stanger  
Pastor

Rev. Donald T. Anstoetter  
Associate Pastor

Rev. Thomas A. Vordtriede  
Associate Pastor

## 2014-2015 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT HOLY INFANT

### Recurring Events

Quilting Group (Mondays, 9:30 am, thru May, 2015) – Lower Cafeteria  
 PSR Classes (Mondays, 4:30 & 6:30 pm sessions, thru May, 2015)  
 Book Club (4<sup>th</sup> Mondays, 7:30 pm, thru May, 2015) – Holy Infant Room (unless notified differently)  
 Bible Study (Tuesdays, 9:30 am, thru May, 2015) – Holy Infant Room  
 Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, 7:45 pm, thru May, 2015) – Holy Infant Room  
 Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays, 7 pm, thru May, 2015) – Holy Infant Room  
 Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays, 7 pm, thru May, 2015) – Holy Infant Room  
 Joyful Hope Prayer Group (Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, thru May, 2015) – Adult Education Room  
 Divorce Care (Wednesdays, 7 pm, thru Dec. 17, 2014) – Holy Infant Room  
 RCIA Classes (Wednesdays, 7 pm, thru Easter 2015) – Rosario Hall  
 Women's Bible Study (Thursdays, 9 am, thru May, 2015) – Holy Infant Room, except third Thursdays in Lower Cafeteria  
 HI Seniors Monthly Meeting & Luncheon (1<sup>st</sup> Thursdays, 10 am, thru May, 2015) – Lower Cafeteria  
 Men's Club Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays, 7 pm, thru May, 2015) – Lower Cafeteria  
 Book Club (4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 1 pm, thru May, 2015) – Holy Infant Room (unless notified differently)  
 Evangelization Committee Meeting (4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 7 pm) – Holy Infant Room (unless notified differently)  
 Legion of Mary Meeting (Fridays, 9 am, thru May, 2015) – Holy Infant Room  
 PX90 (Saturdays, 6:30 am, thru May, 2015) – Upper Cafeteria (unless notified differently)  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word (Saturdays, 4 pm Masses, thru May, 2015) – Lower Cafeteria  
 First Saturday Devotions & Confessions (1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays, 8:30 am, thru May, 2015) – Church  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sundays, 8:30 & 10:15 am Masses, thru May, 2015) – Lower Cafeteria

### December 2014

1	6:30 pm	PSR's First Reconciliation -- Church
2	6:30 pm	Day School's First Reconciliation – Church
3	6 pm	Ladies Club Christmas Party – Upper Cafeteria
4	7 pm	Day School DARE Graduation – Parish Center and Lower Cafeteria
5-7		Mike Kelly Basketball Tournament – Parish Center
6	9 am	Holy Infant Seniors' Christmas Party – Upper Cafeteria
6	9 am	RCIA Day of Recollection – Rosario Hall
7	4 pm	Blessing of the Infant Jesus – Church
7	5 pm	Youth Group's Live Nativity
8	6, 8, 10 am & 7 pm	Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses – Church
13-14		Mike Kelly Basketball Tournament – Parish Center
13	TBD	Breakfast/Lunch with Santa – Upper Cafeteria
14	1 pm	Baptisms
14	1 pm	Ladies' Advent Tea – Upper Cafeteria
14	6 pm	Knights of Columbus Christmas Party – Upper Cafeteria
15	7 pm	Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
16	7 pm	Day School's Christmas Concert – Church



### December 2014 (continued)

20	10:15 am	Anointing of the Sick Mass and Reception in Upper Cafeteria (NO 8 am Mass)
20-21		Daughters of St. Paul Book & Media Sale after all Masses
22-23	2-9 pm	Parish Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions – Upper Cafeteria
24	4 pm	Christmas Eve Mass – Church
24	4:10 pm	Christmas Eve Mass – Parish Center
24	6 pm	Christmas Eve Mass – Church
25	Midnight	Christmas Day Mass – Church
25	7, 9, & 11 am	Christmas Day Masses – Church
27	9 am-2 pm	Parish Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions – Upper Cafeteria
28	1 pm	Baptisms
29-30	2-9 pm	Parish Pictorial Directory Photo Sessions – Upper Cafeteria
31	5 pm Mass	Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass

### January 2015

1	8 & 10 am	Solemnity of Mary Masses
9-10		Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby – Upper Cafeteria
11	1 pm	Baptisms
11	6 pm	Zip Rzeppa Presentation (sponsored by Adult Faith Formation)
17	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria
19	7 pm	Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
22	7 pm	Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate Evening of Reflection – Upper Cafeteria
23	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Dart Ball – Lower Cafeteria
24	7 pm	Men's Club Trivia Night – Parish Center
25	1 pm	Baptisms
25	1 pm	Knights of Columbus Open House – Lower Cafeteria
25-30		Catholic Schools' Week
30	6 pm	Catholic Schools' Week Sock Hop – Parish Center & Lower Cafeteria

### February 2015

1	8:30 am	Boy Scouts' Scout Sunday Mass & Reception following in Lower Cafeteria
6- 7	7 pm	Day School Sixth Grade Play – Parish Center
8	8:30 am	Girl Scouts' Scout Sunday Mass & Reception following in Upper Cafeteria
8	1 pm	Baptisms
13-14		Art of Marriage Seminar – Rosario Hall
13	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Dart Ball – Lower Cafeteria
16	6 pm	Cub Scouts' Blue & Gold Banquet – Upper Cafeteria
16	7 pm	Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
17	8:45 am	Burning of the Palms – Church Steps
18	6, 8 am & 7 pm	Ash Wednesday Masses and Distribution of Ashes
18	4:15 pm	Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary's Ash Wednesday Fasting Supper – Upper Cafeteria
19	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
20	4:30 pm	Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria
20	7 pm	The Way of the Cross – Church
21	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria
22	1 pm	Baptisms
23	2 pm	The Way of the Cross – Church
24	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
24	6:30 pm	First Eucharist Parent & Child Evening of Reflection – Church & Upper Cafeteria



*Words and Works is a quarterly publication of Holy Infant Parish, informing parishioners of events and activities of interest to the parish, with a further goal of fostering unity within the Church and drawing all together into a closer warmer Church family.*

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#### February 2015 (continued)

- 25 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 25 7 pm Cub Scouts Arrow of Light & Crossover Ceremony – Upper Cafeteria
- 26 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 27 4:30 pm Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria
- 27 7 pm The Way of the Cross – Church
- 28 10 am Anointing of the Sick Mass and Reception in Upper Cafeteria  
**(NO 8 am Mass)**
- 28 7 pm Men's Faith in Action – Father & Daughter Dinner – Upper Cafeteria
- 28-March 1 Women's CRHP Weekend

#### March 2015

- 2 2 pm The Way of the Cross – Church
- 3 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
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- 5 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 6 4:30 pm Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria
- 6 7 pm The Way of the Cross – Church
- 7 Holy Infant Fun Run – Holy Infant Campus
- 8 1 pm Baptisms
- 8 3 pm Confirmation Retreat
- 9 2 pm The Way of the Cross – Church
- 10 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 11 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 12 4 pm Girl Scouts' Father & Daughter Event – Upper Cafeteria
- 12 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 13 4:30 pm Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria
- 13 7 pm The Way of the Cross – Church
- 15 1-7 pm St. Patrick's Celebration
- 16-20 Day School Spring Break
- 16 NO PSR classes (Rockwood School District Spring Break)
- 16 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
- 17 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 18 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 19 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 20 4:30 pm Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria
- 20 7 pm The Way of the Cross – Church
- 21 7 pm Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria
- 22 1 pm Baptisms
- 23 2 pm The Way of the Cross – Church
- 24 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 25 1 pm Archdiocesan Song Festival—Parish Center
- 25 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 26 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 27 4:30 pm Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria
- 27 7 pm The Way of the Cross – Church
- 29 12 pm RCIA Retreat & Dinner – Rosario Hall & Upper Cafeteria

**March 2015 (continued)**

30 2 pm The Way of the Cross – Church  
31 5:30 pm Lenten Mass

**April 2015**

1 5:30 pm Lenten Mass  
2 10:15 am Special Holy Week Meditation – Church  
2-6 Day School Easter Break (begins at 12:05 pm April 2, 2015)  
2 7 pm Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper – Church  
3 TBD Day School's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Passion Play -- Church  
3 3 pm Stations of the Cross – Church  
3 7:30 pm Good Friday – The Lord's Passion – Church  
4 7:30 pm Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass – Church  
5 6, 7:30, 9, 10:30 & Noon Easter Sunday Masses  
11-12 Men's CRHP Weekend  
12 1 pm Baptisms  
17-19 Luke 18 Retreat Weekend for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders  
20 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room  
25 10:30 am PSR's First Eucharist  
25 1:30 pm Day School's First Eucharist  
25 7 pm Knights of Columbus Dart Ball – Lower Cafeteria  
26 1 pm Baptisms  
29-May 1 Spring Book Fair – Rosario Hall

**May 2015**

3 5 pm Confirmation Service of Light – Upper Cafeteria & Church  
6 7 pm Day School's Fine Arts Night – Parish Center and Lower Cafeteria  
8 7 pm Confirmation  
10 1 pm Baptisms  
11 PSR Last Day of Classes  
13 7 pm 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Confirmation Meeting – Upper Cafeteria  
16 7 pm Knights of Columbus' Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria  
18 5 pm PSR End of Year Mass & BBQ  
18 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room  
19 8 am Day School's Kindergarten Closing Mass & Reception  
20 5:30 pm Day School's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Mass & Ceremony – Church and Upper Cafeteria  
22 Day School's Last Day of School – Noon Dismissal  
24 1 pm Baptisms

**June 2015**

1-5 Vacation Bible School  
14 1 pm Baptisms  
15 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room  
26-28 Parish Rummage Sale – Parish Center & Lower Cafeteria  
28 1 pm Baptisms

## Regular Mass Schedule

### Sunday Obligation

Saturday: 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 7 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,  
10:15 a.m. and noon

### Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday: 6 a.m. and  
8 a.m.; Saturday 8 a.m.

### Holy Day Masses

Please check the bulletin or  
call the rectory to check  
times for Holy Day Masses.

### Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

24 hours, 7 days a week.  
Enter the chapel through the  
main lobby.

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### Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.  
Closed for lunch from noon -1 p.m.

### Ministry to the Homebound

Please call the rectory if you are ill at home or in the hospital or  
nursing facility and would like Communion brought to you. Volun-  
teers also are available to help in other ways.

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