

WORDS AND WORKS

quarterly newsletter for Holy Infant Parish
Ballwin, MO

One Lucky Person

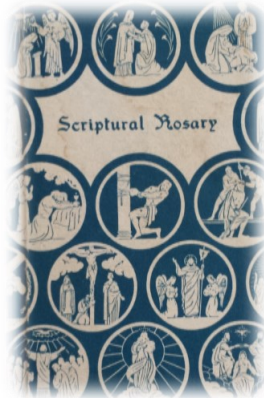
By Mary Jane Zust

A worthy scribe once remarked that there are countless interesting stories lurking about in our world, often in unusual places, waiting only to be discovered by some lucky person.

Whether the scribe was correct or not, I was definitely a lucky person the day I cleaned the glove compartment of my old car. I found a small book titled “Scriptural Rosary” hidden amidst the clutter and debris. Being well acquainted with the Rosary but having never heard of a “Scriptural” one, I was intrigued; my cleaning task forgotten and I settled down to explore my find.

The little book described itself “The Scriptural Rosary - A Modern Version of the Way the Rosary was Once Prayed throughout Western Europe in the Late Middle Ages”. I found that a Rosary prayed in those times included a prayer or meditation thought before each Hail Mary bead.

But the Rosary in my little book has more to offer. In place of prayers or meditation before each Rosary bead, the Scriptural Rosary draws its Hail Mary thoughts directly from the inspired writings of the New and Old Testaments. These Bible quotations are blended together to tell the story of each Mystery in ten consecutive thoughts. When a Scriptural Rosary is prayed, a Bible quotation, specific to the particular Mystery being prayed, is read before each Hail Mary bead. In this way when one has read the ten Scripture quotations and prayed the

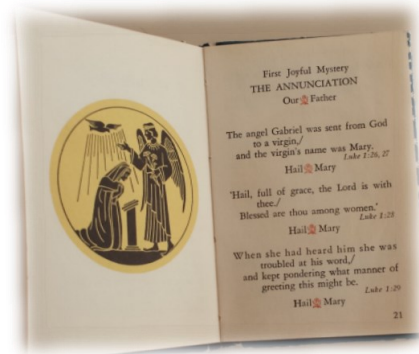


ten Hail Mary beads of a Mystery, one will also have read the Bible story of that Mystery.

What a wonderful way to pray the Rosary and read Scripture at the same time! Father Albert Shamon puts it this way: “The Hail Mary’s of the Rosary are like background music while you are watching our Lord’s life.”

The little book ends by saying “If this modern version of the old 15th century Rosary serves to improve the quality of the meditations of a few hundred people in the 20th century, then this book will have fulfilled its objectives handsomely”.

It is my joy now to pray the Scriptural Rosary daily, and I am truly happy to have been one of the worthy scribe’s “Lucky Persons”.



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<http://scripturalrosarybook.com/>

Mass In The Grass

A celebration was held on Saturday, September 12, 2015! This outdoor Mass was celebrated by Father Tom Vordtriede. An outdoor picnic was held afterward on the grounds of Blue Bird Park.




Holy Infant Parish Mission
 February 22-25, 2016
 Featuring Fr. Larry Richards
www.thereasonforourhope.org

WOMEN'S PAINT N SIP

Friday, Nov. 6, 6:30 - 9:00 pm, Upper Cafeteria
 Visualize the fall colors of God's paint palette and come ready to create your own painting of His season's splendor! Cost is \$35, which includes 16x20 canvas, paint, instructions, 2 glasses of wine and light snacks. Plus, an introduction to "praying in color" during Archdiocese's Year of Prayer. Limit is 40, so send in check payable to Holy Infant to Patricia Foley as soon as possible.



an instructor led art class with a twist

Do You Know Someone Needing Prayers and You don't Know What to Do? OFFER A PRAYER SHAWL!

These wraps are blessed and intended for adults, children or infants needing to know the warmth, comfort and love provided by God and prayers of parishioners. The individual does not need to be a parishioner or a Catholic. One can pick up a blessed Prayer Shawl at the rectory during the week day business hours or from the usher's closet in church during the weekend Masses. There is no fee. Monetary or yarn donations are always welcome!

INTERESTING INSIGHT FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER

PRETZELS AND PRAYER

By Kathie Hanneke

Pretzels have an interesting history! There are two popular stories. One, as an incentive for children to learn to say their prayers, a monk, around the year 610 AD, decided to make a treat. In those days, Christians prayed by folding their hands across their chests with each hand touching the opposite shoulder. This monk decided to shape the dough so that it would look like hands folded in prayer. This shaped dough treat was called the "pretiola", which in Latin means, "little reward." The other story has the pretzels dating back as far as 300 AD during the Roman Empire. During Lent, people would make small breads of water, flour and salt and shape them in the form of crossed arms, like they would do while praying. They would call this bread, *bracellae*, which translated from the Latin, means, "bracelet" or *bracchiola*, "little arms." Later, the Germans would later call it, "brezel," based on these Latin words.

By Pam Miller

Prayer Matters

“Whether you believe prayers are helpful or answered, it is so important that we continue to open our hearts to God through prayer. Prayer can lighten our worries, keep us close to God and connect us with the greatest group of praying friends.” *(Mary Ann Goodberlet)*

Holy Infant parishioners, Ed and Mary Ann Goodberlet recently lost their home to a fire. Ed, Mary Ann and their 2 sweet dogs made it from their home safe and sound. As you might imagine, material loss was great. One of the few items found once the flames died down was a crucifix



from their home. Daughter, Debbie Goodberlet Turley shared, "Take a look at this crucifix (and Jesus' arms) from my parents' home after the fire. Jesus protected my parents so well he needed a rest afterwards."

Daughter-in law Amy Walters Goodberlet shared, “Thankfully my in-laws were not harmed because our God is our protector in all things.” Amy also expressed gratitude for the first line re-

sponders. “The fire departments that came were like angels. God bless those men and women. As devastating as this is, God saw to it that they got out, they saved their dogs, many people came to help and thanks to two dear friends Jeff Hayes and Jerry Weldon, there is a comfortable place for them to stay.”

Family members would like to express their gratitude to the many who have offered to help. The family shared that gift cards from Target, Walmart, Kohl's, Lowes and Bed, Bath and Beyond would be appreciated as Ed and Mary Ann begin to replace all that was lost. Gift cards from Pizza Hut, Steak N Shake or other food establishments would also be appreciated. You may purchase these gift cards at the weekend Masses from the Knights of Columbus at their Script table in the vestibule.

You may contact Ed and Mary Ann at **69 Winter Valley Drive/ Fenton MO. 63026 c/o Michael Goodberlet**. Cell phone: 314-623-8460.

Please keep the Goodberlet family in your prayers. “When you are on the receiving end of such a wonderful gift of prayer, you are so appreciative and thankful. You often remind yourself that God is so great. You are amazed at the gifts you receive from so many awesome friends and are grateful beyond words.”

(Mary Ann Goodberlet)

2015-2016 CALENDAR OF EVENTS AT HOLY INFANT

Recurring Events

- Quilting Group** (Mondays, 9:30 am, thru May, 2016) – Lower Cafeteria
PSR Classes (Mondays, 3:15, 4:30 & 6:30 pm sessions, thru May, 2016)
Book Club (3rd Mondays, 7:30 pm, thru May, 2016) – Lower Cafeteria
Bible Study (Tuesdays, 9:30 am, thru May, 2016) – Holy Infant Room, except 2nd Tuesdays in Lower Cafeteria
Adult Faith Formation (2nd Tuesdays, 4:30 pm, thru May, 2016) – Adult Education Room
Knights of Columbus Membership Monthly Meeting (2nd Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, thru May, 2016) – Holy Infant Room
Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting (3rd Tuesdays, 7 pm, thru May, 2016) – Holy Infant Room
Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting (4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm, thru May, 2016) – Holy Infant Room
Joyful Hope Prayer Group (Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, thru May, 2016) – Adult Education Room
Stewardship Team Ministry (2nd Wednesdays, 7 pm, thru May, 2016) – Holy Infant Room
Divorce Care (Wednesdays, 7 pm, thru December 2015) – Holy Infant Room
RCIA Classes (Wednesdays, 7 pm, thru Easter 2016) – Rosario Hall
Women's Bible Study (Thursdays, 9 am, thru May, 2016) – Holy Infant Room, except third Thursdays in Lower Cafeteria
HI Seniors Monthly Meeting & Luncheon (1st Thursdays, 10 am, thru May, 2016) – Lower Cafeteria
Men's Club Meeting (2nd Thursdays, 7 pm, thru May, 2016) – Lower Cafeteria
Evangelization Committee Meeting (2nd Thursdays, 7 pm) – Holy Infant Room
Book Club (3rd Thursdays, 1 pm, thru May, 2016) – Holy Infant Room
Legion of Mary Meeting (Fridays, 9:30 am, thru May, 2016) – Holy Infant Room
PX90 (Saturdays, 7 am, thru April, 2016) – Upper Cafeteria
First Saturday Devotions & Confessions (1st Saturdays, 8:30 am, thru May, 2016) – Church
Children's Liturgy of the Word (Saturdays, 4 pm Masses, thru May, 2016) – Lower Cafeteria
Children's Liturgy of the Word (Sundays, 8:30, 10:15 am & Noon Masses, thru May, 2016) – Lower Cafeteria

October 2015

- 2 3:45 pm Blessing of the Animals – North Parking Lot
4 7 pm Adult Faith Formation Seminar – “Choice Wine”, Sundays thru Nov. 15, 2015 -- Upper Cafeteria
10 8 am Parish-wide Service Day – On and off campus
11 Knights of Columbus Donut Sunday – Upper Cafeteria (after all Masses)
11 1 pm Baptisms
17-18 Women's CRHP Weekend
17 7 pm Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria
19 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
22 7 pm First Reconciliation Parent Evening of Reflection – Upper Cafeteria
23 6:30 pm MOPS Bunco – Upper Cafeteria
24 7 pm Trunk or Treat – Upper Parking Lot
25 1 pm Baptisms
26-29 Book Fair – Rosario Hall
27 7 pm 8th Grade Parent Mandatory Graduation Meeting – Upper Cafeteria

November 2015

- 1 12 pm Mass of Remembrance – Church
6 6:30 pm Adult Faith Formation's “Paint & Sip Night” – Upper Cafeteria
7 Day School's Dinner Auction – Marriott West Hotel
8 1 pm Baptisms
11 8 am Veterans' Day Celebration – Parish Center and Upper Cafeteria
14 5:30 pm Mass Confirmation Groups' Commitment Ceremony – Church
15 Noon Mass Confirmation Groups' Commitment Ceremony – Church
16 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
20 6 pm Girl Scouts' He & Me Dance – Upper Cafeteria
21 7 pm Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria

November 2015 (continued)

- 22 1 pm Baptisms
- 23-27 Collection of Food for St. Wenceslaus Food Pantry –Lower Cafeteria
- 25-27 Day School Thanksgiving Holiday (begins with Noon dismissal)
- 26 9 am Thanksgiving Day Mass & Food/Non-Perishables Collection

December 2015

- 1 6:30 pm Day School's First Reconciliation – Church
- 3 6 pm Ladies Club Women's Christmas Dinner – Upper Cafeteria
- 4-6 Mike Kelly Basketball Tournament – Parish Center
- 5 9 am RCIA Day of Recollection – Rosario Hall
- 6 9 am MOPS Breakfast with Santa – Upper Cafeteria
- 6 4 pm Blessing of the Infant Jesus – Church
- 6 5 pm Youth Group's Live Nativity
- 7 6:30 pm PSR's First Reconciliation – Church
- 8 6, 8, 10 am & 7 pm Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses – Church
- 8 9 am Holy Infant Seniors' Christmas Party – Upper Cafeteria
- 10 7 pm Day School's Christmas Concert – Church
- 12 10 am Anointing of the Sick Mass and Reception in Upper Cafeteria
- 12-13 Mike Kelly Basketball Tournament – Parish Center
- 13 1 pm Baptisms
- 13 5 pm Advent Confessions – Church
- 15 7 pm Day School DARE Graduation – Parish Center and Lower Cafeteria
- 18-Jan. 3 Day School Christmas Break (begins with Noon dismissal)
- 20 5 pm Advent Confessions – Church
- 21 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
- 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 1 pm Baptisms
- 31 5 pm Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass

January 2016

- 1 8 & 10 am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses
- 8-9 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby – Upper Cafeteria
- 10 1 pm Baptisms
- 16 7 pm Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria
- 18 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
- 23 6:30 pm Men's Club Trivia Night – Parish Center
- 24 1 pm Baptisms
- 24 1 pm Knights of Columbus Open House –Lower Cafeteria
- 28 7 pm Confirmation Sponsor & Candidate Evening of Reflection – Upper Cafeteria
- 29 5 pm Catholic Schools' Week Sock Hop – Parish Center & Lower Cafeteria
- 30 7 pm Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria
- 31 7 pm Zip Rzeppa Presentation: "For a Greater Purpose, My Life Journey" – Upper Cafeteria
- 31-Feb. 6 Catholic Schools' Week

February 2016

- 5-6 7 pm Day School Sixth Grade Play – Parish Center
- 7 8:30 am Boy Scouts' Scout Sunday Mass & Reception following in Lower Cafeteria
- 9 8:30 am Burning of the Palms – Church Steps
- 10 6, 8 am & 7 pm Ash Wednesday Masses and Distribution of Ashes
- 10 4:15 pm Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary's Ash Wednesday Fasting Supper – Upper Cafeteria
- 11 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 12 4:30 pm Men's Club Fish Fry – 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 2016 (continued)

12	7 pm	The Way of the Cross – Church
14	1 pm	Baptisms
15	7 pm	Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
15	8 pm	Lenten Confessions --Church
16	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
16	6:30 pm	First Eucharist Parent & Child Evening of Reflection – Church & Upper Cafeteria
17	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
18	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
19	4:30 pm	Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria
19	7 pm	The Way of the Cross – Church
20	10 am	Anointing of the Sick Mass and Reception in Upper Cafeteria
20	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria
21	8:30 am	Girl Scouts' Scout Sunday Mass & Reception following in Upper Cafeteria
22	2 pm	The Way of the Cross – Church
22-25	7 pm	Parish Mission with Fr. Larry Richards – Church
23	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
24	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
24	9 pm	Lenten Confessions – Church
25	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
25	7 pm	Parish Mission with Fr. Larry Richards & Reception following in Upper Cafeteria
26	4:30 pm	Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria
26	7 pm	The Way of the Cross – Church
27-28		Men's CRHP Weekend
28	1 pm	Baptisms
28	6 pm	Christmas gift book review hosted by the Evangelization Committee – Upper Cafeteria
29	2 pm	The Way of the Cross – Church
29	8 pm	Lenten Confessions -- Church

March 2016

1	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
2	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
3	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
4	4:30 pm	Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria
4	7 pm	The Way of the Cross – Church
5		Holy Infant Shamrock Shuffle – Holy Infant Campus
6	1 pm	Baptisms
6	3 pm	Confirmation Retreat
7	2 pm	The Way of the Cross – Church
7	8 pm	Lenten Confessions -- Church
8	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
9	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
10	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
11	4:30 pm	Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria
11	7 pm	The Way of the Cross – Church
13	1-7 pm	St. Patrick's Celebration
14	8 pm	Lenten Concessions
15	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
16	1 pm	Archdiocesan Song Festival—Parish Center
16	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
17	5:30 pm	Lenten Mass
18	4:30 pm	Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria
18	7 pm	The Way of the Cross -- Church
19	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria

March 2016 (continued)

- 20 12 pm RCIA Retreat – Rosario Hall & Upper Cafeteria
- 20 1 pm Baptisms
- 21 2 pm The Way of the Cross -- Church
- 21 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
- 21 8 pm Lenten Confessions -- Church
- 22 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 23 1:15 pm Special Holy Week Meditation – Church
- 23 5:30 pm Lenten Mass
- 24-April 3 Day School Easter Break
- 24 7 pm Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper – Church
- 25 1 pm Day School’s 8th Grade Passion Play – Church
- 25 3 pm Stations of the Cross – Church
- 25 7:30 pm Good Friday – The Lord’s Passion – Church
- 26 8 pm Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass – Church
- 27 6, 7:30, 9, 10:30 am & Noon Easter Sunday Masses

April 2016

- 3 7 pm Adult Faith Formation Seminar – “Untold Blessing”, Sundays thru April 17 – Upper Cafeteria
- 9 7 pm Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria
- 9-10 Women’s CRHP Weekend
- 10 1 pm Baptisms
- 15-17 Luke 18 Retreat Weekend for 8th Graders
- 18 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
- 21 6 pm Cub Scouts’ Blue & Gold Banquet – Lower Cafeteria
- 23 10:30 am Day School’s First Eucharist
- 23 1:30 pm PSR’s First Eucharist
- 24 12 pm Fr. Stanger’s 25th Anniversary – Special Liturgy & Reception following in Upper Cafeteria
- 26-28 Spring Book Fair -- School
- 30 7 pm Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary Spring Dance – Upper Cafeteria

May 2016

- 1 5 pm Confirmation Practice & Service of Light – Upper Cafeteria & Church
- 6 7 pm Confirmation
- 8 1 pm Baptisms
- 12 7 pm Day School’s Fine Arts Night – Parish Center and Lower Cafeteria
- 16 PSR End of Year Mass & Parents’ Gathering
- 16 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
- 17 7 pm 7th Grade Parent Confirmation Meeting – Upper Cafeteria
- 21 7 pm Knights of Columbus’ Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria
- 22 1 pm Baptisms
- 24 8 am Day School’s Kindergarten Closing Mass & Reception
- 25 5:30 pm Day School’s 8th Grade Graduation Mass & Ceremony – Church and Upper Cafeteria
- 27 Day School’s Last Day of School – Noon Dismissal
- 30 9 am Memorial Day Mass (NO 6 or 8 am Masses)

June 2016

- 4 6:30 pm Corpus Christi Mass & Reception – Church & Upper Cafeteria
- 6-10 Vacation Bible School
- 12 1 pm Baptisms
- 20 7 pm Baptism Preparation Class – Holy Infant Room
- 24-26 Parish Rummage Sale – Parish Center & Lower Cafeteria
- 26 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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