



# HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE EDITOR



By: Maria Dorn



Summer has come to an end for the kiddies even though the calendar and the temperatures say it is still here. What is the deal with starting school so early? I remember when we didn't start till after Labor Day. My granddaughter actually wore white shoes to school on the first day. That would never have happened back in the day! This summer Bob and I enjoyed our trip to see Mama Mia with our group, our trip to Florida with friends and Minnesota with family for some rest and relaxation. All that is just a memory now that we are moved into our 'new' house. We are doing a total renovation which is exciting but exhausting. If I look crazier than usual that is the reason why. I look forward to my second year of keeping you all 'in the know'.

If you ever have suggestions or an article that you think other members would enjoy, you can send 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'.

## September's Featured Members – Barbara and Jim Hudgens

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Jim and Barb have a long history here at Holy Infant. They were classmates in grade school and their parents were both "original" Holy Infant parishioners-locating in the area in the 1950's. Jim has two sisters and Barb is the second oldest of eleven. They have fond memories of those early days of Holy Infant, including the arrival of the Sisters from Ireland and when a young "Timmy Dolan" was their school mate! Father Schilly was pastor then and officiated at their wedding! They have three children, also Holy Infant graduates, and three grandchildren. (Twin 3 year old girls and their newborn brother.) They love to travel, especially planning frequent trips to Kansas City to visit their grandchildren! One of their daughters is living and working in Wales, UK and their youngest daughter (recently married at Holy Infant by Father Foy), is living in Ohio. Jim is retired from fire service after 34 years with Metro West Fire Protection District and Barb is a retired pediatric nurse. Their hobbies include hiking, biking, fishing and golfing- anything outdoors really! Having been members of the parish most of their lives, they are enjoying HIS and reconnecting with long time Holy Infant friends as well as meeting new friends.

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*My fake plants died because I did not pretend to water them.*  
Mitch Hedberg



### THE HISTORY OF HOLY INFANT SENIORS—

SEPT. 2016/JUNE 2017

By: Mary Mallery, Historian

WOW! Our 20th year of an organization at Holy Infant began on Sept. 1, 2016. It was in 1997 that a group met at Jo Lewis' to plan an organization that would include growth in holiness, service to the parish and the community, as well as friendship, sociability, and mutual enjoyment. That first meeting of 11 parishioners grew to 83 paid members at the close of 1998 and increased to 175 members as of May 2017.

Our officers for the year were President Dee Kaemmerer, Vice President Joan Wojciechowski, Secretary Nell Cox, and Treasurer John Nortman. The committee chairpersons along with the officers make up the HIS Board which meets each month to organize our monthly meetings. These meetings were informative, interesting and varied planned by our talented Joan Wojciechowski. In Oct. she presented "How Well Do You Know Your Pastor?" with Fr. Stanger as guest. Stacy Seipp, the wine manager at Schnucks, and her helpers presented Wine and Food Pairings in Nov. We were able to taste several wines along with different cheeses, and learned which ones to chill, how to store, and how to serve them. Another informative meeting was given by the Ballwin Police officers Mike Dohm and Steve Morrison. They gave many good tips about identity theft, caretaker crimes, Medicare fraud, travel safety, phone scams, credit card skimmers, and entertained us with stories as they answered our many questions. In Feb. Joan introduced Julie Hederman from the American Heart Association who gave us an enlightening presentation. Joan decorated the tables for Valentine's Day and we played a fun game "Cupid's Challenge". Along with the flowers of spring, April brought an interesting bee keeper, Bob Finck to HIS. He demonstrated 2 boxes of hives and talked about the many attributes of honey and beeswax, the problems facing honeybees today, and what mead is (which we all got a sample to taste). In May Joan introduced Cindy Camp who informed us on Alzheimer's and Brain Health. We learned to recognize the 10 signs and about caregiving. Thanks Joan for the great programs this year!

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We were treated in Feb. on our Day of Reflection to Fr. Noah Waldman, a convert from Judaism. His 2 talks concerned the Jewish Lent and Holy Week. He pointed out the many similarities and differences between the Jewish beliefs and the Catholic faith. The thought provoking talks were followed by group discussion, mass, and a catered lunch.

Thanks also to our travel chairmen, Gene & Rosemary Bestgen and Mary Jane Bahr who organized our first overnighter to Kansas City. After a 6 hour scenic train ride, 33 members checked into the Sheraton Hotel Crown Center for a 2 night stay. The seniors visited the Power & Light District with 60 bars and restaurants, took a trolley tour of the city, toured the Truman Library in Independence, enjoyed a dinner all together at Jack Stacks BBQ, visited the Arabian Steamboat Museum, and toured the World War I Museum and Memorial. All of this was followed by the train trip home where we played bingo and visited the dining car for drinks and snacks. In Dec. a trip to the Methodist Church for the annual Brass Concert was enjoyed by all. Our chairmen booked a tour in Feb. at the Art Museum followed by a delicious lunch there in a picturesque room. The afternoon found them at the History Museum where they had a special exhibit on Route 66. In June a bus trip to Fairmont Park for a smorgasbord lunch and horse racing was fun. Our last trip of this year was to Arrow Rock, MO to see "MaMa Mia" at the Lyceum Theater. We enjoyed a very professional production, and the voices were outstanding! We ate lunch at the J. Huston Tavern.

A great time was had in December at our annual Christmas Party, chaired by Alberta McGilligan. The upper cafeteria beautifully decorated by HIS volunteers and lovely table decorations by Carol Komor and Carol Wolf got us all in a festive mood. The "Queens of Spring" jazz group entertained us, and a few words were given from "Edith Ann". We enjoyed a traditional sing along and savored the catered lunch from Genesis of an Italian salad, Sirloin of Beef, Chicken Prima Bianca, mashed potatoes & gravy, mostaccioli, amaretto glazed carrots, and apple pie with cinnamon sauce for dessert.

A pretty day in June found HIS at Bluebird Park's Busman Shelter. Organized by Mary Schlemeier, we had outdoor games, 50/50 tickets (and all the money was given out), cash bingo, and a yummy fried chicken picnic lunch. A great collection of baby items for Birthright was contributed by many.

HIS showed its serving side by participating in many groups serving our parish and community. These following groups are open to all members and by participating in them the Seniors grow in holiness and friendship. Some are: K of C, Ladies Auxiliary of K of C, Stephen's Ministry, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Angel Corps, 40 Days for Life, volunteering at Rummage Rampage, meal-a-month collections, food pantry, fish fry, polls, parish mailings, St. Patrick's Celebration, Serve St. Louis, St. Patrick Center casseroles, making prayer shawls, Sacristans, crossing guards to the school, and volunteering to assist HIS Board members and committees.

Some summer business was reported by our recycle coordinator, Jim Yettke, who received \$363.59 from July of 2016 to Feb. of 2017 (one half of which goes to the school), and John Nortman who had an ending balance of \$3,153.41 as of July 2017 in our treasury. Pat Bouckaert sent sympathy cards during the summer to Tom & Carol McElroy, Jim Chappius, Bob & Maria Dorn, and Theresa Donovan. Get well cards were sent to Don Dinkelkamp, Elmer Williams, Dorothy Cissell, Tom Arnold, Gene Bestgen, Linda Thien, and Jan Dollus. Thinking of You cards were sent to Nell Cox and Jeani Steffens.

We say a sad farewell to past members who died from Aug. 2016 to June 2017: Jerry Calcagno, Daniel Tarleton, Joan Calia, Maurice Flenniken, Frances Lafata, Louise Zahn, Rosemary Cole, Betty Fischer, and Mary Jean Layton.

We thank Tom Dollus for his many years of taking care of Attendance and Liz DeRum for volunteering to take on this position. Thank you Kathie Hanneke for keeping us informed of the adult formation opportunities during the year. A big thank you goes to Brenda George and Mary Schlemeier for the luscious lunches, to Maria Dorn for the enjoyable HIS Newsletters, to our departing officers, and to all the Board members who helped make HIS such an outstanding organization.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Mallery, Historian

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## SCHEDULED PROGRAMS FOR THIS YEAR

By: Joan Wojciechowski

September 7	HIS Treasure Hunt
October 5	Mr. Alfred Siegfried, Child Holocaust Survivor and speaker at The Holocaust Museum, St. Louis
November 2	Wine and Food Pairing, Ballwin Schnucks, Stacy Seipp
December 8	Christmas Party – <b>New Start time of 11AM instead of 10AM</b>
January 4	De-cluttering your home; <i>Home Sweet Home</i> , 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



## Birthdays – September

By Carolyn Kraichel

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

Pat Weikart	9/3
Tom Piskor	9/10
Jim Wilding	9/11
Mary Jane Bahr	9/13
Joleen Hallemann	9/13
Marian Dunham	9/15
Jim Hudgens	9/17
Carol Galus	9/18
Theresa Donovan	9/19
Liz DeRum	9/19
Joseph Schibig	9/23
Tom Tracy	9/23
Lanada Marcinko	9/26
Ronald Marcinko	9/27
Maggie Green	9/27
Mary Ann Bange	9/28

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# GREETINGS

By Pat Bouckaert

Since our last meeting the following greetings were sent or received:

SYMPATHY CARDS -

Tom & Carol McElroy (Death of their son, Tim)  
Jim Chappius (Death of his Mother)  
Bob & Maria Dorn (Death of Bob's father, Robert)  
Theresa Donovan (Death of Theresa's husband, Mark)

GET WELL CARDS -

Elmer Williams  
Thien  
Dorothy Cissell  
Jan Dollus  
Tom Arnold  
Don Dinkelkamp  
Gene Bestgen

Linda

THINKING OF YOU

Nell Cox (moved to Springfield, Mo)  
Jeani Steffens (fall in church)

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*"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen:  
not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."*

— C.S. Lewis

# ADULT BINGO

Saturday, September 16, 2017  
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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## STEPHEN MINISTRY

By Gene Bestgen

Holy Infant is hosting STEPHEN MINISTRY WORKSHOP on Saturday, September 30th, 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Workshop is run by personnel from their world headquarters and all churches in the St. Louis area have been invited. The fee to attend is \$15 **but since we are hosting this event, all Holy Infant parishioners can attend free of charge.** But, you must register with Gene Bestgen at [bestgenst@aol.com](mailto:bestgenst@aol.com). More information is in the Sunday Bulletin.

If you or someone you know might benefit from having a Stephen Minister, you can call Gene, **636 527-5385**, or Patricia, **636 227-0802**. There is a confidential email > > [stephenministryhi@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenministryhi@yahoo.com) that you can use if you prefer.

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## Community Services

By Eileen Buehrle

Sharon Clemens collects medicine bottles for Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, the parish her mother belongs to. Please begin saving empty medicine bottle with lids, less the label the druggist puts on the bottle. Please give them to me, Eileen Buehrle, each month and I will see that Sharon gets them. If you cannot get the label off that is OK. Still give them to me and I will get the label off and then make sure she gets the bottle. I believe they are given to the missions to use. Please do not give them to Eileen before you have finished the medicine in the bottle. She does not want anyone to have medicine they forgot how to take or the prescription number to reorder the medicine.

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*The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.*  
Mahatma Gandhi

## SENIORS BIRTHRIGHT SHOWER JUNE 2017

By Denis & Linda Thein

Here's what we collected at our Senior Picnic in May for the Brentwood Birthright office. Thanks for your generosity. I've included a picture to give you an idea of the amount of baby items as well as the note of thanks we received.

Dear Holy Infant Seniors,  
**THANK YOU** so much for your awesome generosity and kindness at the BIRTHRIGHT shower collection - this is the most we've ever collected!

763 DISPOSABLE DIAPERS

1,328 BABY WIPES



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8 HANDMADE CROCHETED BLESSED  
BLANKETS  
FROM THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY  
16 BLANKETS  
6 BURP CLOTHS  
1 WASH BAG FOR DELICATE LAUNDRY  
4 TOWELS AND 5 WASHCLOTHS  
16 FULL LENGTH JUMPSUITS  
30 ONESIES  
16 WHITE T-SHIRTS  
3 OUTFITS WITH JACKETS  
8 OUTFITS  
1 HOUSECOAT/BEACH JACKET  
3 PAIRS OF SHOES  
3 PAJAMAS/GOWNS  
3 TEDDY BEARS  
1 CHILD'S CROSS  
1 DISPOSABLE CAMERA  
1 FOAM LETTERS AND NUMBERS  
LEARNING GAME  
5 PACIFIERS  
\$130.00 IN DONATIONS  
[FILLED 8 ½ KITCHEN TRASH BAGS]



## PARISH REMINDERS –

By Sandy Hughes

September 2017

12	4:30pm	Adult Faith Formation - Adult Ed. Room
14	7pm-9pm	Stephen Ministry Information Mtg. - Upper Cafeteria
16-17		Men's CRHP Retreat Weekend
16	7pm	Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo - Upper Cafeteria
22		Men's Club Golf Tournament - Tapawingo Golf Course
22-23		Parish Festival
30	9am	Stephen Ministry Workshop

October 2017

1	8am-1:30pm	Parish Flu Shot Event - Upper Cafeteria
2	9am	Mission Mass
7	7am	Serve St. Louis - Parish Wide Service Projects - On and Off Campus



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

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- That you can save money by using a ceiling fan? Air conditioning costs 36 cents per hour compared to 1 cent per hour to run the ceiling fan.
  - That if you buy gas on Monday you can save \$325 a year? Gas is most expensive on Thursday.
  - That Don Mertz was presented the 'Special Senior Citizen Award' for contributing to the City of Ballwin making that community a better place to live?

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## OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....



- All the Seniors who were so generous with their help and talent for the Rummage Rampage.
- The HIS Board who have volunteered their time by working this summer to provide a great year for all of us.
- Mary and Bob Schlemeier for a good lunch and fun games at our June picnic.



## Reminders

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- Break down your cardboard boxes before putting in the recycling dumpster
  
  - There is a link to the HIS Newsletter in the Weekly bulletin

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## 2016-2017 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 Coord.	227-8163

Brenda George & Mary Schlemeier	Refreshments	394-2286 391-9556
Marie Fox & Marcy Zufall	Sr. Choir	227-2750 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 & Carol Komor & Rose Birkner	50/50	227-6214
227-7260		

