



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE EDITOR



By: Maria Dorn



The weather is starting to cool down and feel like fall. Soon another holiday season will be upon us. Bob and I have lots to be thankful for. The house renovation is moving along; the bathrooms are almost finished and the kitchen cabinets are being installed. The painting will begin soon and then it will feel like we are getting close. We are going on a cruise next week, so maybe all this messy stuff will happen while we are in the Caribbean. Could we be so lucky??? My contractor is still saying by Thanksgiving and we will totally be 'most thankful' for that to happen. Then we can really move into the house. Eating out continues to be a daily event and we are so grateful for the friends who have asked us to dine with them and share their home cooking.

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



November's Featured Members – Carolyn and Hank Kraichely

Hank and Carolyn Kraichely met while on a double date with someone else. When Hank found out that his friend was no longer dating Carolyn he called her and the rest is history. A year and a half later, on July 7, 1962, they married at St. Catherine of Alexandria Church in North County. Carolyn was 18 and Hank was 19. (Two kids in love). After a year or so at Harris Teachers College, Hank started his working career at Thom McAn Shoe store and Carolyn was a beginning secretary at First Natl. Bank in the heart of downtown St. Louis. After three children and a new job with Southwestern Bell, they did their due diligence of the Holy Infant Parish and school and decided to move to far West County in Ballwin, MO. (1972) They were the first to move so far away from their families. They lived on Twigwood in Westglen Woods but after the fourth child, they moved across the way to Westglen Village on Reinke Rd. That was 1978. All four children attended (and graduated) from Holy Infant School.

Over the years they both pursued their passion for singing in the choir and getting involved with parish activities. Hank was able to expand his interest in model railroading and worked for eleven years for the National Model Railroad Association after retiring from SWB. Carolyn worked for St. Louis Priory School for four years as a school secretary and then 19 years for CSI! (a computer sales/leasing company) Hank's model

railroad expanded to fill the entire basement of their house on Reinke Rd. Carolyn confesses that she saw it coming when the last "extra" in the basement (the large freezer) was given away to make way for the double decker trains! Carolyn and her daughter, Kathy, have continued the singing tradition by joining Sweet Adelines International (THE largest women's singing organization in the world) twenty-one years ago. Carolyn and Kathy compete with the River Blenders Chorus and the SAI and Hank continues in several capacities with the NMRA. They are both happily active with parish activities and their many friends at Holy Infant. They have been married for 55 years and now have nine grandchildren.



SCHEDULED PROGRAMS FOR THIS YEAR

By: Joan Wojciechowski

December 8	Christmas Party – New Start time of 11AM instead of 10AM
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!

NOVEMBER

Blanche Flynn	11/1
Gene Norris	11/1
Mary Carrara	11/6
Marie Fox	11/6
Peggy Schibig	11/8
Ken Daves	11/12
Barbara Koepke	11/12
Monica Vaccaro	11/12
Ron Laupp	11/13
Frank Mohr	11/16
Pat Tierney	11/16
Ken Clemens	11/18
Evie Sinibaldi	11/18
Barbara Luecke	11/19

Brenda George	11/20
Mary Cook	11/21
Georgine Wilding	11/21
Pat Kelley	11/22
Carol Ann Cole	11/23
Linda Thien	11/23
Jody Hauf	11/24
Hank Kraichely	11/25
Jack Birkner	11/27

DECEMBER

Mary Hyland	12/1
Jan Dollus	12/2
Pat Barbieri	12/8
Cecilia Commer (Millie)	12/8

ADULT BINGO

Saturday, November 18, 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



GREETINGS

By Pat Bouckaert

Since our last meeting no greetings were sent:

DIRECTORY UPDATES

By Carolyn Kraichely

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September and October 2017

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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 stephenministryhi@yahoo.com that you can use if you prefer.

Nothing turns us into bitter, selfish, dissatisfied people more quickly than an ungrateful heart. And nothing will do more to restore contentment and the joy of our salvation than a true spirit of thankfulness.



TRAVEL TIME

By: Mary Jane Bahr, Rosemary and Gene Bestgen

The Holiday Brass Concert at Manchester Methodist is Monday, December 4th, 10:00 a.m. We have sold all 55 tickets and ticket holders will be given their tickets at the door on the day of the concert.



Senior Christmas Party

By: Alberta McGilligan

Once again the Seniors of Holy Infant will be celebrating the Christmas Season with a party on Friday December 8. At the suggestion of some and the approval of the HIS board **we will be starting the party at 11:00 instead of 10:00.** You may check in any time between 11:00 and 11:30. We will have social time until 12:00, then lunch followed by entertainment. The party will wind up around 3:00. Tickets are available now and are \$20.00 per person. It is a wonderful occasion to interact with your friends and make new friends. As usual if you have a group of people who want to be together at a table be prepared to give their names when you buy tickets. Come and join us. I promise you will have a good time.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

By Kathie Hanneke

Save These Dates! Direct questions to Kathie Hanneke, gkhanneke@gmail.com or 314.704.2350.

"Faith and Science: What Does the Church Teach?" Thursday, Nov. 9th 7:00-8:00 p.m. upper cafeteria, Fr. Noah Waldman of St. Martin of Tours will talk on Free. All are welcome!

Advent Tea Sunday, Dec. 10th, 1:30-3:30 p.m. upper cafeteria, **Patty Schneier** will speak on **"Timeless Lessons from Timeless Women"**. Love offering optional. Individuals or groups welcome. Please register with Patricia Foley as soon as possible as space is limited.



We are looking for a Chairperson(s) for the Senior Picnic. Grab a friend and take this on. Mary Schlemeier is ready to pass the baton after 10+ years and is willing to share her knowledge on this project.



PARISH REMINDERS -

By Sandy Hughes

November 2017

9	7pm	Adult Faith Formation "Faith and Science" - Upper Cafeteria
10	7am	Veterans' Day Celebration - Parish Center and Upper Cafeteria
18	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo - Upper Cafeteria
20-23		Collection of Food for St. Wenceslaus Food Pantry - Lower Cafeteria
23	9 am	Thanksgiving Day Mass & Food/Non-Perishables Collection

*****Advent Confessions will take place 30 minutes prior to each weekend Mass*****

December 2017

3	5pm	Youth Group Live Nativity
8	9am	Holy Infant Seniors Christmas Party - Upper Cafeteria
8	6,8,10, & 7pm	Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses - Church



Community Services

By Eileen Buehrle

NOVEMBER 7, 2017 ELECTION

The Election Board has moved to what was once the Northwest Plaza Shopping Center in St. Ann, MO. If you are familiar with the old shopping center they are located in what was once the Famous Barr/Macy's building on the lower level of the complex. This old Famous Barr /Macy's building has a white structure on the roof which can easily be seen. **Driving directions from West County are:**

Take nearest major road to I-270 Go North on I-270.

Continue I-270 N and take I-70 E towards St Louis.

Continue I-70 E towards St. Louis US-67 S

Take US-67 S towards Old St. Charles Rd and take a left onto Old St. Charles Rd.

Take a left on the Crossings at Northwest Sign Continue thru the parking lot until you reach the far SW corner of the complex. Address is 725 Northwest Plaza Dr. St. Ann, MO, 63074

Instructions to enter the Board of Elections:

Enter the building at 715 Northwest Plaza Drive.

Pass through security and enter Room 101 which is the first double door on the left.

Election in our area

If you live in Chesterfield Valley there are two propositions. In the Metro West Fire District, there is one proposition - Metro West Fire Protection District of St. Louis County wants to levy an additional tax of not more than seventeen cents per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation for the support of the Districts Advanced Life Support operations.



DID YOU KNOWBy Jo Lewis

- That the HIS ladies have contributed many sewing projects to the parish over the years? They have made: drapes for the upper cafeteria, robes for RCIA participants and the outdoor nativity, chair covers for the upper cafeteria, napkin holders for the Christmas Party, green aprons for the Rummage Rampage and the nuns 'habits' for our 'in house' Christmas program. There is a lot of talent in this group of people.
- That a recent study found that drinking moderate amounts (8 standard drinks per week) of alcohol increased the likelihood of brain atrophy? The more alcohol a person drinks, the more likely they are to have rapid decline in their cognitive ability.



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Joan Wojciechowski for hosting a thought provoking and somewhat frightening prospective on our history. Wally Lewis was there when the prisoners were freed in WWII.
- The George and Schlemeier couples 'catering service'. They always come up with interesting and tasty treats.
- Mary Jane Bahr and Gene and Rosemary Bestgen for bringing us fun trips.



Prayer Time – New Year's Prayer Contributed by Maria Dorn

Thank You, Lord, for Everything

Dear Lord,
 Thank you for the breath to say
 Thank you for another day
 Thank you for the eyes to see the world of beauty surrounding me
 Thank you for the ears to hear your message of hope loud and clear
 Thank you for the hands to serve and far more blessings than I deserve
 Thank you for the legs to run the race of life until it's won

Thank you for the voice to sing
 Thank you, Lord, for everything
 Amen



Ministry Opportunity - Charity Sharity

By: Mary Jane Bahr

Charity Sharity was started 16 plus years ago by a group of fabric loving friends. The original concept of "sharing unwanted fabrics with each other" grew to become a larger ministry: "sharing with those who sew for charity" and serving thousands of people around the world. Charity Sharity receives donations of **new** fabric, yarn, sewing supplies, sewing equipment and needlework supplies. This ministry will be discussed at the January meeting.

2016-2017 H.I.S. Board Members

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