



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE EDITOR



By: Maria Dorn

Merry Christmas!!! The cold weather is finally moving in and getting Bob and I in the Christmas spirit. I'd like to report that our renovation was finished but unfortunately I cannot. Our contractor was overly optimistic and I was buying into his enthusiasm. It is getting close however; there is color on the walls and the floor protection and plastic sheeting is being taken away. Getting these glimpses makes me know that it will all be 'worth it' when it is finally completed. We moved in with our son and daughter-in-law, 'saints Tony and Lisa', for 3 weeks over Thanksgiving when the drywall dust was the thickest. We are very grateful to them and appreciate their hospitality. While still not finished, I'm happy to say it is livable again and we are moved back to our own basement. This experience served to remind us why God gave children to young parents. Having 5 kids to raise ranging from 16 years to 19 months would kill us at this age. While it is exhausting to just 'watch' them and be the grandparents, it is so much fun!!

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'.

December's Featured Members – Mr and Mrs Santa Clause

By: Tracie & Adelyn Simpson

Did every wonder how Santa and Mrs. Claus met? Or what they did before they gave all those presents? Well let us tell you their story....

Once upon a time there was a lady named Holly Jolly. She was a baker and cookie maker in a small town in the North Pole. She loved to make special cookies, especially for Jesus's birthday! One December day a man named Kris Kringle Claus came into her shop looking for cookies to celebrate Jesus's birthday. He was going to a special birthday party with a bunch of his friends. Once he tasted Holly's star cookie he said "Yummy!! I'll have 5 dozen please to give as special gifts to all of my friends!" Holly Jolly was so excited and she said "Can I come to the party too?" Kris Kringle Claus thought she was very pretty and a great baker so he was delighted to take her as his date to the party.

That night when he picked her up for their date he gave her a special gift to celebrate Jesus's birthday. It was a red and white apron to wear in her shop. They went to the party and had a wonderful time celebrating with all the elves, reindeer, penguins, polar bear and snow owls that live in the North Pole. That night they decided the whole world should celebrate Jesus's birthday by receiving special gifts. He asked Holly Jolly to marry him and together they decided to share the celebration of Jesus's birthday by bringing presents to everyone in the world on Christmas Eve. They had their wedding Christmas Morning and changed their names to Santa and Mrs. Claus.



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 Reflection
April 5	Powder Valley; Robin Parker, Backyard Wildlife/ Birds in our area/ Conservation
May 3	Irish Dancing, Holy Infant Students
June 7	Picnic



Birthdays – December

By Carolyn Kraichel

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

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Michael Calderone	12/1
Mary Hyland	12/1
Jan Dollus	12/2
Pat Barbieri	12/8
Cecilia Commer (Millie)	12/8
David Denzer	12/13
Audrey Westmoreland	12/15
George Rosswick	12/16
Al Bouckaert	12/18
Carol Lodes	12/25
Ginne Flenniken	12/26
Bill Linhoff	12/31

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



GREETINGS

By Pat Bouckaert

Since our last meeting the following greetings were sent:

Sympathy Mass Card was sent to the family of Ruth Holthaus.
Invitations to the Christmas Party were sent to Father Stanger, Father Vordtriede & Father Burkemper.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

By Carolyn Kraichely

NEW MEMBERS: November 2017

MICHAEL CALDERONE	KAREN SLOAN
16312 Truman Rd	219 Steamboat Lane # 204
Ellisville, MO 63011	Ballwin, MO 63011
(610) 517-4807	(636) 209-2282
B'day 12/01	B'day 11/02

MARY CALDERONE
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B'day 07/02



STEPHEN MINISTRY
By Gene Bestgen



If you're at the end of your rope, Stephen Ministers 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

By Kathie Hanneke

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. All those registered are looking forward to a great time.



PARISH REMINDERS -

By Sandy Hughes

December 2017

- 8 6,8,10, & 7pm Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses - Church
- 10 1:30pm Ladies Advent Tea - 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, & 11am Christmas Day Masses - Church

January 2018

- 1 6am & 8am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)



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- Don't shop late in the day when you are tired. the first thing you see.
- Ovens that are in proper working order should desired temperature in about 15 minutes.



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Community Services

By Eileen Buehrle

New Medicare Cards Coming Soon

Congress has come up with a way to make it harder for Medicare scammers to steal your ID and rip you off – a new Social Security card. It will look like the above picture and will make it considerably harder for criminals to steal your identity. But true to their nature, scammers are already calling people.

*If you get a phone call asking for your Social Security number and bank information so you can get the new card, hang up! Medicare will never call you and never ask for such information.

*Or you are asked to pay for your new card, hang up, they are free.

*Or you are told you'll lose your Medicare benefits if you don't give them money and personal information right now, hang up! The free card will be sent to you automatically and your benefits will remain the same.

It may take time to receive your card and your spouse or friends might receive theirs before you. That is fine. We have until the end of 2019 to begin using the new card and in the meantime the old card will be valid until then.



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Jo Lewis who contributes tidbits of information regularly to this Newsletter.
- Joan Wojciechowski for the wine tasting party. It's fun to sit and be served.
- To the George and Schlemeier 'catering service' for the delicious sandwich and yummy dessert.

- For Mary Jane Bahr and the Bestgen couple for planning fun trips.
- For the Hanneke's who constantly plan activities for us to continue to grow in our faith.

MERRY
CHRISTMAS!
~~**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**~~



TIME TO LAUGH....

Contributed by: John Norton

Why I Love Getting Older!!

1. My goal for 2017 was to lose 10 pounds. Only 15 to go.
2. Ate salad for dinner. Mostly croutons & tomatoes. Really just one big round crouton covered with tomato sauce. And cheese. FINE, it was a pizza. I ate a pizza...
3. How to prepare Tofu:
 - a. Throw it in the trash
 - b. Grill some meat
4. I just did a week's worth of cardio after walking into a spider web.
5. I don't mean to brag, but I finished my 14-day diet food in 3 hours and 20 minutes.
6. A recent study has found women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.
7. Kids today don't know how easy they have it. When I was young, I had to walk 9 feet through shag carpet to change the TV channel.
8. Senility has been a smooth transition for me.
9. Remember back when we were kids and every time it was below zero outside they closed school? Me neither.
10. I may not be that funny or athletic or good looking or smart or talented I forgot where I was going with this.
11. I love being almost smart. I learn something new every day and forget 5 others.
12. A thief broke into my house last night. He started searching for money so I woke up and searched with him.
13. I think I'll just put an "Out of Order" sticker on my forehead and call it a day.
14. November 5, 2017 was the end of Daylight Savings Time. Hope you didn't forget to set your bathroom scale back 10 pounds on Saturday night.
15. Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.



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 Christmas Tree Blessing

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Holy Creator of Trees,



Bless with your abundant grace
 This our Christmas tree as a symbol of joy.
 May its evergreen branches be a sign
 Of your never-fading promises.
 May its colorful

lights and ornaments call us
To decorate with love our home and our
world.
May the gifts that surround this tree
Be symbols of the gifts we have received
From the Tree of Christ's Cross.
Holy Christmas tree within our home,
May Joy and Peace come and nest
In your branches and in our hearts. Amen.
- Author Unkown