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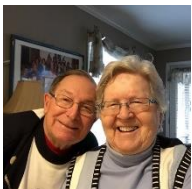


FROM THE EDITOR

By: Maria Dorn

April showers are certainly falling and I'm hoping they will bring the May flowers it promises. I hope all had a Happy Easter and that we all ate our fill of chocolate now that Lent is over. You can be sure I did. Just when I think that all around the Dorn household has calmed down and we'd settled into our routine, Bob had an accident with the table saw, and lost a portion of 3 fingers on his right hand. "What could have possibly needed to be done when we just finished our big remodel" you ask? Well Bob wanted to install a closet organizer in the office. God's plan for us was to be challenged a little more and are now trusting that He will get us through the therapy and rehabilitation to get back full use of his right hand. The surgeon told him that he will still be able to push wheelchairs around Mercy Hospital where he volunteers as well as guard the little kiddos on Tuesday mornings as they cross the parking lot walking into Holy Infant school. We are counting our blessings daily and realize that the outcome could have been worse. God is GOOD!!!

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'.



April's Featured Members - Don and Alice Mertz

Don and Alice Mertz have been married 62 years, their wedding took place upstairs in the new/old church upstairs (6th grade area now), by Reverend Robert Schwegel. Don & Alice have 6 children, 17 grandchildren and 4 "Great" grandbabies, and they are the hi-light of their visits, riding on grampa's lawnmower, looking for deer in the creek.

Don grew up in a small area at Clayton & Baxter Rd, called STRINGTOWN, he went to a 1 room school, graduated from Eureka High School. At that corner, there was an official gathering spot as a teenager, called "Smithy's tavern and now there is another place called Smitty's there again. Don served our country in the army, came home went on a blind date, met the love of his life!! He was from a small family of 1 brother & his parents, descendants of the "Mertz Log Cabin @Faust Park. & then married into a large/loud Irish/German Catholic family of 10 children.

Alice grew up in St. Louis, near Wellston area, then spent summers in Castlewood area, moved there when she was about 10, attended the original St. Josephs, then the state allowed free transportation to all, so my parents took advantage of that so I graduated 8th grade from Sacred Heart in Eureka. She then attended Eugene Coyle Catholic High School (St. Peters Parish) in Kirkwood. Alice's family was one of the founding families of Holy Infant, her younger sister graduated in the first 8th grade class. That's their story & they're sticking to it!



SCHEDULED PROGRAMS FOR THIS YEAR

By: Joan Wojciechowski

April 5

Powder Valley; Robin Parker, Backyard Wildlife/ Birds in our area/Conservation

May 3

Unfortunately, the Holy Infant School Irish dancers will not be able to entertain us at our meeting on May 3 as planned. However, we are pleased that Mr. Matt Flinner from the Better Business Bureau will speak to us about "Scams Targeting Our Community." The topics discussed in his presentation will include suggestions to help identify trustworthy businesses, common scams targeting consumers in our community, ways that businesses and consumers can take advantage of BBB services to identify and prevent fraud, and a wide range of other tips designed to help us stay safe. He will also be available to help answer any questions about scams or fraud that have directly impacted you or a loved one.

May 31

HIS Picnic



Birthdays - April

By Carolyn Kraichel

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

APRIL

Anne	Mosinski	04/05
Kim	Waller	04/10
Mike	McCarty	04/21
Sara	McEntire	04/21
Julie	Jackson	04/22
Maureen	Catlett	04/24
Barbara	Kelly	04/25

Gene	Bestgen	04/26
Keith	FaQuin	04/27
Dotty	Sides	04/28
Alberta	McGilligan	04/30

MAY

Vivian	McCarty	05/01
Bonnie	Mohr	05/02
Bob	Dorn	05/03

ADULT BINGO

Saturday, April 14, 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:

Get Well Greetings sent to Marilyn Tarleton, Patricia Foley and Bob Dorn.

HIS members, please say some prayers for our older members who can no longer attend our meetings and activities. I'm sure they would still like to be a part of the organization but for health reasons etc. they cannot come.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

By Kathie Hanneke

A Blessed Prayer Shawl is Perfect for Many Occasions

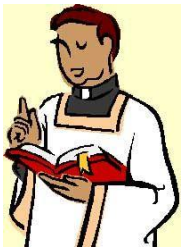
Please consider giving a Blessed Prayer Shawl for the following occasions:



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| ♥ Starting school | ♥ Wedding | ♥ Illness of self, family, friend or a child |
| ♥ Graduation | ♥ Expecting a baby or adoption | ♥ Loss of a loved one |
| ♥ New Job | | ♥ Stress |
| ♥ Engagement | | |

Giving a Prayer Shawl is all about sharing God's love with others. So how about giving a Prayer Shawl to someone who needs to feel wrapped in God's love? It can be for an adult, a child or even an infant. In this season of God's love, share His love by giving a blessed Prayer Shawl, which was prayerfully made by a caring parishioner! There is no fee, but yarn or donations are welcome! Prayer Shawls can be found in the Adoration Chapel 24/7; the usher's closet during the weekend Masses or at the parish office during office hours.

PLAN TO STOP BY TO SEE THE DISPLAY OF PRAYER SHAWLS WEEKEND OF APRIL 7 & 8 AFTER ALL THE MASSES



Deacon Taylor's Talk: A Pilgrimage of the Saints
Sunday, April 29th, 6:30 – 8:00 P.M.
Upper Cafeteria

Deacon Taylor Leffler studied for a semester in Rome in 2012. Listen as he shares some of his adventures in Italy, Spain, Portugal, the Czech Republic, Poland, France and Ireland, including his chance to serve Christmas Mass for Pope Benedict XVI. These stories will be told through the lens of ten saints he met along the way.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



PARISH REMINDERS -

By Sandy Hughes

April 2018

8	1pm	Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration - 1pm in Church
14-15		Women's CRHP Retreat Weekend
14	7pm	Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo - Upper Cafeteria



H.I.S. ANNUAL PICNIC

By: Paul Mallery

Thursday, May 31, 2018

10:00 A.M.

Bussman Shelter in Bluebird Park
Ellisville, MO

Almost summer and our HIS annual picnic. We will have food, drinks, games, and BINGO with cash prizes! Of course, there will be the opportunity to buy 50/50 tickets. Please bring yard games to share and lawn chairs if you want. Praying for great weather. See you there!!



RECIPE OF THE MONTH - Zucchini Italian -Style

By: Mary Jane Zust

Ingredients

6 small zucchini (about 1 and 1/2 lbs.)
1/8 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons bottled Italian salad dressing
1/8 teaspoon Italian herb seasoning
Grated Parmesan cheese.

Cut unpared zucchini in half crosswise, then length-wise into fourths. Place salt and zucchini slices in 1 and 1/2 quart casserole; sprinkle lightly with salad dressing and herb seasoning. Cover and microwave on high (100%) 3 minutes; stir. Cover and microwave until tender, 2 to 3 minutes longer. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and paprika, if desired.



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Father Vordtriede's day of reflection for a well prepared, informative presentation. His bits of humor make it fun to learn.
- Kathie and Gene Hanneke for organizing the day of reflection and all who helped to make it happen: ministers, singers, readers.
- Bill and Brenda George for organizing the lunch Kim presented! Good food!



DID YOU KNOWBy Jo Lewis

- That those who sit for long periods of time, 2 hours or more, have a higher risk of mortality? It's best to spread out your sitting time.
- That when cleaning your teeth, you should always use a clean section of floss?
- That those who help with the Rummage Rampage meet new people and are able to buy great items in advance of the general public?

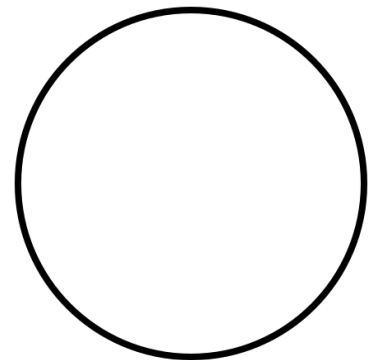


Odds and Ends

By HIS members

Thinking Ahead - Carol Komor

I am working on the table decorations for our 2018 HIS Party and Christmas and am looking for wide mouth PINT SIZE. They are canning jars about 5 inches tall with 3 1/2" diameter. If you have any, please bring them to the May meeting or call me at 636-230-9697.



American Flag Disposal - Olivia Pieknik



Calling HIS members who are Veterans – Please contact Olivia Pieknik at olpieknik@gmail.com if you would like to share your service stories with other HIS members (and also imparting your worldly wisdom to future generation)!

Photo - Left to right (Front Row) Paul Mallery, Bob Hauf, Wally Lewis and Olivia Pieknik (Back row) Jim Hudgens, Frank Mohr and Ron Marcinko.

Reminder – Please remember to bring worn American flags to the next meeting. Olivia will collect the flags for proper disposal. God bless America!

Gifted Gardeners – Carol Wolf **Second Call!!!**



We need some more hands to help the GIFTED GARDENERS this Spring 🌱🌸🌻🌼🌽

Anyone interested in getting your hands a little dirty and making the church grounds pretty, please contact Carol Wolf at 636-227-6214 or email cawolf@charter.net.

TRAVEL TIME

By: Mary Jane Bahr



A great time was had by 38 seniors who traveled to the Bissell Mansion Restaurant and Dinner Theatre. We all had a lot of laughs. The next trip will be the Downtown Tour. We are taking 35 seniors to the Old Cathedral, the Old Courthouse, lunch at Ball Park Village and the Campbell House. On June 12, 2018 we will be going to Fairmount Park for the horse races. We will be collecting money for that trip at the May meeting. Also, in May we will be collecting money for the Lyceum Theatre trip which will be July 27, 2018.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

By Gene Bestgen



Who will know about my problem if I talk to a Stephen Minister?

Many people ask this question. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. No one will find out. If you have a burden you need to share, perhaps a Stephen Minister can help. You may call Patricia, 636 227-0802, #3. 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.

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