



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE EDITOR

By: Maria Dorn

Welcome back everyone, and a **big welcome** to new members!! School is back in session, our twins are getting bigger and louder, I played a little golf, our long awaited River cruise on the Danube is now a wonderful memory, we spent a week with friends at Lake Ozark and at the present moment Bob and I are in Michigan with those same friends. It has been a very busy summer. This year at HIS is going to be even more fun than last year! Our VP has lined up very interesting speakers and the Trip Team is exploring more fun and exciting places to venture to. I challenge everyone to get involved and make new friends and experience new adventures.

Now that our remodel is over, it isn't. We found out that the deck was falling down so it was torn down the first week of June. As those of you who travel down New Ballwin Road can see, it is still NOT finished. I can only hope at this point that we get some time to grill before the first snow hits. My brother, Mark, who was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma last year continues to go to dialysis 3 times a week and for chemo on Fridays. He has lost over 100 pounds since April and is now on appetite enhancers to get him to get more calories. He has a lot of pain in his legs. I thank you all for praying on his behalf and ask that you continue to do so. Bob and I thank God for all the gifts we've been given, and count you among them. I pray that this year is a great one for all of HIS.

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'.



September's Featured Members - Carol and Ron Laupp

Ron & Carol met in 1967 working at Ameren (formerly known as Union Electric.) They were married in 1969 at St. Joan of Arc Church in South City and one year later they were blessed with a daughter, Leslie, and have two amazing grandsons - Adam (14) & Jacob (12) who reside locally. They have been members of Holy Infant parish for 22 years and members of HIS for 10.

Ron retired from Ameren after 40 years, and has coordinated several HIS golf outings and presently works as a member of the Financial Accounting team for Sunday collections and other fund raising events of the parish. After 10 years at Ameren, Carol moved on to CEMREL and lastly to SSM Health Care Corporate Office where she worked in Human Resources and traveled to their hospitals/nursing homes in 5 states as a hiring consultant for their Presidents and Vice Presidents. After 25 years there, she retired. Additionally, Carol was a "Stampin Up" demonstrator and makes hand-made cards. Carol has been involved at Holy Infant as a Stephen Minister, Helping Hands Team Leader, HI Newsletter writer, a Gifted Gardener, Prayer Shawl maker and the Parish Council. And if you see a clown

around the neighborhood, it could be Carol volunteering for the Knights of Columbus Clown Ministry. Most recently, she has agreed to be the "Sentiment Coordinator" for the Holy Infant Seniors. Since their retirement, Ron & Carol have traveled though out the US, Canada, France and Ireland. They took up golf when they retired and try to play once/twice a week and have introduced golfing to their grandsons. They look forward to many more vacations with family and friends especially their short trips with HIS. They believe **"Work is time spent making a living – Retirement is time spent making a life"**. They are so grateful to be living such a blessed & fulfilled life...thank the Lord and our incredible parish community!



THE HISTORY OF HOLY INFANT SENIORS—SEPT. 2017--JUNE 2018

By: Mary Mallery, HIS Historian

On Sept. 7, 2017 vice president Joan Wojciechowski, taking the place of president Tom Arnold, welcomed 104 seniors to the opening of the 21st year of our organization. She introduced officers for the year: Marilyn Tarleton as secretary and Tom Dollus as Treasurer. The rest of the Board presented short updates of their jobs.

Our Sept. meeting got off to a good start when Joan introduced a Treasure Hunt game that Mary Weman created during the summer. From finding a member with a tattoo, one with the most grandchildren, to one who has met a celebrity, etc. seniors were enjoying meeting, sharing with one another, and scrambling about the cafeteria to get the most answers for a prize. What fun!

As program planner, Joan continued through the year to give us varied programs. In Oct. she introduced a holocaust survivor, Siegfried Adler, who gave us a picture of the Nazi regime so vividly.

November saw us sampling wine with food pairings presented by Stacy Seipp from Ballwin Schnucks.

A presentation by Ballwin police officers Steve Dahn and Michael Morrison on safety in crowds was time appropriate. We learned and discussed ways to run, hide, and fight to protect ourselves during a mass shooting. In Jan. Joan introduced Kristen Lund and Michael Graves who presented the service "Home Sweet Home". The topic of de-cluttering your home and ways seniors can go about transitioning from house to smaller abodes was examined with many helpful options. A fun program, "The Not-So-Newlywed Game" in Feb. had the seniors in stitches. Three brave couples took turns answering questions such as: Where they shared their 1st kiss, What would they want stashed in luggage if on a deserted island, I wish he/she would do more --and less--, etc. This was followed by a Love Song Sing-along of the Beatles "When I'm 64" and "You Are My Sunshine".

At the beginning of 2018, our president Tom Arnold had to resign due to health issues, so Joan became our president and Mary Calderone volunteered to assume the vice president's job. Mary provided us with a wonderful "Backyard Wildlife" program in April with representatives from Powder Valley led by Robin Parker. In May she introduced Matt Flinner from the "Better Business Bureau who talked about common scams targeting our community. He graciously made himself available to answer our many questions,

Besides great monthly programs, HIS was treated to many worthwhile trips planned by chairmen Gene & Rosemary Bestgen and Mary Jane Bahr. A Fall Foliage Trip in Oct. saw us visiting 3 Missouri State Parks: Elephant Rock State Park with trails through and around many huge boulders; Johnson Shut In State Park where water from the Black River flows over many hard volcanic rocks; and Pilot Knob State Park where a battle of 1864 took place. We were presented at the museum with short movies on the civil war in Acadia Valley and this battle. In Dec. we attended the Holiday Christmas Brass Concert at Manchester Methodist Church which was super as usual.

Our trip co-ordinators next sent us to the Bissel Mansion Restaurant and Dinner Theater in March. All seniors had parts in the mystery play which became more and more hilarious. In April, a trip to downtown St. Louis included visits to the Old Cathedral, the Old Court House, Ballpark Village for lunch and tour, and the Campbell House Museum (a gorgeous mansion). June found HIS boarding a bus to Fairmont Park for a delicious buffet lunch and horse racing fun. Lastly the trip to Arrow Rock Lyceum Theater to see "Footloose" in July ended a wonderful year of trips.

Many thanks go to the Board members and committee chairpersons who meet once a month to plan meetings and activities to keep HIS an interesting, prayerful, and healthy organization.

Carolyn Kraichely kept track of the members and put together the HIS directory which is a very helpful tool. Eileen Buehrle kept us informed of the elections and community services. Marie Fox and Marcy Zufall organized phone chains for the Resurrection Choir and purchased 48 battery operated candles for funeral honor guards for members who have died. Mary Weman introduced all the new members and presented them with welcome letters. Pat Bouckaert sent out sympathy, get well, thinking of you, and mass cards to our members and took care of all the Christmas Party reservations. Mary Mallery recorded the events for the past year that is kept in the HIS History record book. Maria Dorn provided us with a wonderful Newsletter. An informative entry is her "Featured Member" each month where we learned more about fellow members. A "Did You Know" feature by Jo Lewis is an added treat. Kathie and Gene Hanneke did a terrific job with graphics as on our programs of the Christmas Party and Day of Reflection. Kathie informed us on Adult Faith Formation opportunities, reported on the Blessed Shawl ministry, and organized the Day of Reflection where we were treated to talks by Fr. Vordtriede on the Eucharist—Its Source and Summit. Carol Wolf, Carol Komor, and Rose Birkner increased our treasury by selling 50/50 tickets and brought smiles to the winners. Alberta McGilligan along with many volunteer helpers organized our Christmas Party. With tree and beautiful table decorations, entertainment by a musical group "REWIND", and a delicious buffet by Genesis, HIS members were drawn into the Christmas Spirit.

Paul Mallery managed the table of donated books, magazines, and puzzles. As chairman for our June picnic he organized a fun last day of games, food, drinks, 50/50 tickets, prizes, and fellowship. Liz DeRum did a great job of keeping all the name tags straight and up to date. She is looking for a fellow member to take over attendance for the year 2018—2019. A special thanks to Jim Yetke for the many many years of faithfully taking care of the recycling bins and collecting payments for HIS's treasury and the school. He is resigning also. Volunteer?? As photographer, Denis Thien gave us many memorable pictures over the years. He too is resigning this post. Volunteer Needed! Last but not least, Brenda George and Mary Schlemeier are serving their last year as food preparers. Many thanks for the wonderful lunches we've enjoyed.

We sadly say goodbye to our former members who died this past year: Marian Dunham, Ruth Holthaus, Mary Ellen Bourneuf, Dolores Krems, Marilyn Steinhart, Mary Hutson, Dory Post, Marilyn Tarleton, and Marty Henricks. May they rest in peace with the Lord. Amen.

Lastly, a big thank you goes to our retired president Tom Arnold, president Joan Wojciechowski, vice president Mary Calderone, secretary Marilyn Tarleton, and treasurer Tom Dollus for a great year. The prayers and service of HIS are shown in our participation with many organizations at church and in the community. It is in participating that we grow each day closer to the Lord as well as having a good time.

ADULT BINGO

Saturday, September 15, 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



Sentiments

By Carol Laupp

Since our last meeting the following greetings were sent:

Sympathy cards were sent to Nora Hendricks on the loss of her husband, Martin; Pauline Nocifora for the loss of her sister, Angelina; the families of Marilyn Tarlton and Rose Liss for their loss.

Thinking of You wishes were sent to Bill Linhoff.

Get Well wishes were sent to Mary Carrara.

Birthday wishes sent to Mary Jane Zust for her 99th Birthday!

And we received a note from Pauline:

Dear Holy Infant Seniors,

Words cannot express my gratitude for all your love and prayers.

Thank you to all who were at the Mass for my sister, Angelina. Thank you for the honor guards, the Resurrection Choir and for all the Mass cards received. Thank you too for the beautiful poem that I received from all of you.

Your kindness is deeply appreciated more than you realize.

My sister was a very holy and religious person. She loved everyone and all loved her.

These last months were very hard for her. She always had strokes on her left side and was on Hospice for 70 days.

She was getting better and they took her off. Then that night she had a stroke on her right side. She couldn't eat, drink, or talk for 9 days. Talking was the worst. Then our dear Lord came and took her to heaven with Him.

So again, thank you all and God bless and reward you. In the love of Christ, Pauline Nocifora



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES –

By Kathie Hanneke

Sponsored by Holy Infant's Adult Faith Formation Committee.

The Great Cathedral of St. Louis:

**A Virtual Tour with
Docent Gregory Donovan
Sunday, Sept. 16
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Upper Cafeteria**



All are welcome!

Holy Infant graduate, church historian and Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis docent, Gregory Donovan, invites you on a virtual tour of the 104-year-old St. Louis Cathedral. Through Greg's own pictures and knowledge of the building's construction, you're sure to gain a new appreciation for one of the most stunning works of ecclesiastical art in the Western Hemisphere.

Gregory Donovan
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MA, Theology - Church History,
Seton Hall University



Community Services-

By Eileen Buehrle

ELECTION NEWS

The next St Louis County Election is on November 6, 2018 and is a General Election. The website for the Election Board is <https://www.stlouisco.com/YourGovernment/Elections>. On this website you can obtain information on upcoming elections including how to request an Absentee Ballot with related information and how to obtain a copy of your Sample Ballot. Sample Ballots are available closer to the election date.

This past election, the Board opened two temporary satellite offices and one was in our area at the Clarkson Wilson Centre (74 Clarkson Wilson Centre, Chesterfield MO 63017), just North of Marquette High School. As the next election nears, I will know when they will be opened and what they will take care of.

The Election Board is ALWAYS looking for people to help on election day. This is a paid position. You can also get an application blank and information on the three positions on their website.

If you have any questions, reach out to Eileen at 636-230-5435 and she'll research your election questions.



Birthdays - September

By Carolyn Kraichel

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

SEPTEMBER

Pat Weikart	09/03
Carol Sims	09/11
Mary Jane Bahr	09/13
Joleen Hallemann	09/13
Marian Dunham	09/15
Lee Freeman-Rung	09/15
Jim Hudgens	09/17
Carol Galus	09/18
Liz DeRum	09/19

Theresa Donovan	09/19
Sue Walker	09/21
Lanada Marcinko	09/26
Mary Emke	09/27
Ronald Marcinko	09/27

OCTOBER

JoAnn Dinkelkamp	10/01
Tom Wardenburg	10/04



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- All the members who work in the organization of this program. We all owe them our participation and help. That's what makes it fun!
- All who helped with the Rummage Rampage – without your service, it would not be.
- All who sing at funerals.



DID YOU KNOWBy Jo Lewis

- That it would be great if everybody in the parish volunteered to do one thing?
- Two pieces of bacon contain less calories than 2 sausages?
- That light roast coffee may be better for you than dark roast coffee?
- Did you know that some 19 year old somethings are as sedentary as 60 year old somethings? We all need to move more.



Parish News

By Sandy Hughes

October 2018

- 9/06 Women's Bible Study begins, 8:30am, Holy Infant Room
- 9/11 Men & Women's Bible Study begins, 8:30am, Holy Infant Room
- 9/13 Men's Club Meeting, 7pm, Back Lower Cafeteria
- 9/14 Men's club Golf Tournament, Pevely Farms, 11am registration
- 9/15 Knights of Columbus BINGO, 7pm Upper Cafeteria
- 9/16 Adult Faith Formation "Virtual Tour of the New Cathedral" by Greg Donovan, 6:30pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 9/20 Book Club, 1pm, Holy Infant Room
- 9/21-22 Parish Festival: Fri. 6pm-10pm and Sat. Noon-10pm
- 9/25 Evening Bible Study begins, 7pm Rosario Hall
- 9/29-30 Men's CRHP



Odds and Ends

By HIS members

Recycling Program – Gene Hanneke

As you know, we have a paper and aluminum recycling program at Holy Infant. The money we get for the recycling is split between the Holy Infant Seniors and Holy Infant School. Please continue to put paper or flattened cardboard boxes into the bins on the north parking lot. Shredded paper can be left in its plastic bag. Please continue to put aluminum cans into the bin on the north parking lot.

American Flag Disposal – Olivia Pieknik

Bring your worn American flags to the HIS meeting. Olivia Pieknik will accept the flags for dignified disposal. All flags collected will be deposited at VFW Posts for proper disposal.

TRAVEL TIME

By: Mary Jane Bahr, Gene Bestgen
Rosemary Bestgen



The HIS travel committee would like to let the HIS seniors know that we had a successful year for our trips. We took 36 seniors to the Bissell House, 35 seniors to the Downtown Tour, 34 to Fairmount Park for the horse races. The trip in July to the Lyceum Theatre to see Footloose in Arrow Rock was attended by 44 seniors. It was a long day but was enjoyed by everyone. We will continue to plan more exciting trips. If you have any suggestions please let us know. We are always open to new ideas.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

By Gene Bestgen



You Don't Have to Face Your Crisis Alone. One of Holy Infant's trained, caring Stephen Ministers will listen and walk alongside you As you deal with life's challenges. Contact Patricia Foley, at 636 227-0802 ext 3. to see if Stephen Ministry is the answer for you.

There is a confidential email as well stephenministryhi@yahoo.com that you can use if you prefer.

2018-2019 H.I.S. Board Members

Joan Wojciechowski	President	256-2510
Mary Calderone	VP	610-517-4807
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Tom Dollus	Treasurer	207-0924
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Carol Laupp	Sentiments	256-0924
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
Gene Hanneke	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		527-5385
& Mary Jane Bahr	Trips	458-1580
Carol Wolf &	50/50	227-6214
Carol Komor &		230-9697
Rose Birkner		227-9498

