



# HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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Newsletter FROM THE EDITOR

By: Maria Dorn



**Happy 2019!** 2018 is behind us and we hold the promise of a new beginning in our hands, right now, this very moment. We can make 2019 whatever God wants it to be for us. My favorite bible verse declares that 'For I know the plans I have for you declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' With confidence that God is in control knowing we have absolutely nothing to do with how things go, let's decide to stay out of His way and watch in awe at how fabulous this year will unfold for each of us. If we do this, we will **all** experience a VERY Happy New Year!

Your prayers are helping my brother, Mark, who was diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma last year. I'm happy to report he is continuing with only the oral chemo pills as his numbers in December were still 'under control'. While his leg pain has decreased some, it is his major complaint. His kidney doctor finds that he needs more iron, which he used to get with his dialysis. He is going to try getting a shot a month for this and see if he can stay off of dialysis, keeping him to just 2 visits a month, down from the original 15. He and our family appreciate your prayers on his behalf and ask that you continue to pray.

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

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## January's Featured Members - Jack and Rose Birkner

Jack and Rose were married 55 years ago in Guardian Angel Church, Oran, MO. They have 3 daughters, Cathy, Kim and Jill who all live in the area. They also have 5 grandchildren, 2 boys and 3 girls from ages 16 to 24.

Rose attended Miss Hickey's Secretarial school and was an executive secretary at Edison Brothers. She had an early buyout 27 years ago and has been retired since. Jack retired after 45 years as a sales executive at ISO but continues to work as a part time sales representative for Scott Fly Rods in Montrose, Colorado. They enjoy traveling and like to fly fish the beautiful streams when in the western states. Jack has fished all over including Chile in South America.

They worked with teens for 15 years as CYC adult advisors, TEC lay directors and many programs in their home while at Immaculate Conception, their prior parish. Jack was in the first group of Stephen Ministers for Holy Infant and was one for over 7 years. Both were on CRHP 1 and Rose still meets monthly with her group. They love Holy Infant and the many friends they have met in the 20 years as parishioners.



## Sentiments

By Carol Laupp

- Sympathy mass card was sent to the family of Louise Moore.
- Get well wishes were sent to Helen Gozdal, Joe Conway, and Pat Weikart.

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## ADULT BINGO

Saturday, January 19, 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

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## Odds and Ends

By HIS members

### ***Taking down Christmas Trees – Gene Bestgen***

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations in the upper cafeteria Saturday, January 5th at 10:00 a.m. Can you help? With enough help, the job should be completed in an hour. We will not need “haulers” this time.

### ***HIS Lunch Volunteers Still Needed – HIS Board***

See HIS Lunch page at the back of this newsletter to see what this involves and consider stepping forward to help Linda with this ministry.

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*We should all start to live before we get too old.  
 Fear is stupid. So are regrets.  
 Marilyn Monroe*





## Travel & Tourism News

By: Mary Jane Bahr, Gene Bestgen Rosemary Bestgen

Thursday, January 17th is the day for our trip to the Hofbrauhaus in Belleville, Illinois. Meet in the Target parking lot (west side) at 3:00 p.m. About 40 people have signed up. No bus. Hopefully eight or nine people that can seat 5-8 people can drive. The address is 123 Eugene St. and it is located directly across the road from Our Lady of the Snows. You will be able to order off of the menu, therefore you can eat and drink to your heart's content. Will probably stay and enjoy the German music until six or seven o'clock.

The planned Chicago trip is May 1-2-3. So far 36 people have signed up. We have room for 38. Total cost will be \$500 plus or minus \$50. We must have a deposit of \$100 per passenger this week. This will be for the deposit on the bus. Your check will not be deposited until we finalize the trip. If we can't reach 38, we'll have to refigure the cost, and then decide who is still in. It will be a fun trip. If you don't know the details, please talk to the travel committee, Mary Jane Bahr, Rosemary Bestgen or Gene Bestgen. You will be guaranteed an unforgettable trip.

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## FAITH

(F) FORWARDING  
(A) ALL  
(I) ISSUES  
(T) TO  
(H) HEAVEN

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES –

By Kathie Hanneke

*Sponsored by Holy Infant's Adult Faith Formation Committee.*

### AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL TO ROLE MODEL

Leah Darrow

January 13, 2019 at 7 pm, Holy Infant Church

The Adult Faith Formation Committee is proud to present Leah Darrow, America's Next Top Model, who shares her transformation story of leaving modeling to devoting herself to speaking about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She has helped people find their love, acceptance, and beauty in Him. Her message is for ALL ages, but teens, young adults and their families are especially encouraged to come and hear this important message.

Tickets are on sale now after weekend Masses. Buy one for your grandkids and one for yourself! Teens: \$5; 18 and over, \$10.

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*Expectation is everything.*

*Every day can be your day, if you expect it to be.*

*Bob Moawad*



# Birthdays - January

By Carolyn Kraichel

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

## JANUARY

Jerry	Marstall	01/01	Don	Dinkelkamp	01/16
Dorothy	Denzer	01/02	Rose	Birkner	01/18
Julia	Hogan	01/03	Alice	Mertz	01/20
Nora	Henricks	01/04	Joyce	Summers	01/22
Joe	Sinibaldi	01/04	Maria	Dorn	01/25
Don	Mertz	01/05	Ruthine	Rogers	01/25
Sharon	Morgenthaler	01/10	Gary	DeLancey	01/26
Doe	Flannery	01/11	Bob	Hauf	01/27

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## OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Alberta and her numerous committee members for our Christmas Party. The food was great, as usual, and the new time schedule worked out well too.
- Carol Wolf and Mary Calderone for the program of dancers. Who knew clogging could be so much fun?
- Kathie Hanneke for the printed Christmas program.

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

- That women should not wear white to a wedding? Only the bride does.
- Those Magic Erasers, which we've talked about before; clean outdoor furniture, spots on walls, woodwork, bathtubs, showers and now white athletic shoes?
- You can get a pen stain out of your jeans with a few spritzes of aerosol hair spray? You get better results if you do it as soon as possible while the stain is wet.
- Those who walk six to nine miles a week lowered their risk of memory problems by 50%?



Parish News

By Sandy Hughes



January 2019

12-13	Men's CRHP Retreat Weekend
13 7pm	Adult Faith Formation presents: Catholic Speaker "Leah Darrow"
19 7 pm	Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo - Upper Cafeteria
20 1pm	Knights of Columbus Open House - Lower Cafeteria
26 7pm	Men's Club Trivia Night - Parish Center

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

By Gene Bestgen

**What Happens When You Ask for Help From a Stephen Minister?** When you ask for help from a Stephen Minister, a Stephen Leader will contact you to talk more about Stephen Ministry and what it can mean to you. If your needs can be best served by a Stephen Minister, you will be matched with someone who will support you through this tough time. Confidentiality is a top priority for Stephen Ministers. You do not need to be concerned that other people will discover what you talk about with your Stephen Minister. You may call Patricia, 636 227-0802, opt. 3, or Gene at 636 527-5385, to learn more about Stephen Ministry. There is a confidential email as well [stephenministryhi@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenministryhi@yahoo.com) that you can use if you prefer.

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