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Newsletter FROM THE EDITOR



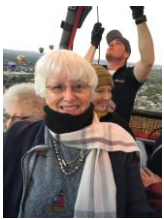
By: Maria Dorn

Happy Valentine's Day! We are into the 2nd month of 2019 and we have felt the bone chill of winter and some warmer days. The snow that has fallen has been beautiful, and the warmth of the 60 degree days giving us a taste of what is to come. God is giving us this time to hibernate and rejuvenate for the rest of the year as our valentine from Him. We need to take advantage of this time. In January, Bob and I watched a few good movies, celebrated several birthdays in the family and went with our HIS group to the Haufbrauhaus for a fun afternoon of beer and brats.

I'm happy to report my brother is continuing with only the oral chemo pills as his numbers in January were still 'under control'. He and our family appreciate your prayers on his behalf and ask that you continue to pray. Please add me to your prayer list as I have to have gastric surgery on February 20th, and bilateral knee surgery (that is both at one time) following that.

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'.

February's Featured Member – Monica Vaccaro



Monica was born in Caseyville, IL and has a twin brother as well as a younger sister and two younger brothers. She attended grade school at St. Stephen in Caseyville and high school at the Academy of Notre Dame in Belleville. She attended DePaul Hospital School of Nursing and worked at Belleville Memorial. In 1970 she married Dennis O'Rourke at St. Stephen in Caseyville. He was a pharmacist at St. John's Mercy Hospital, and they were blessed with three children, Susan, Kevin and Megan. They have five grandchildren, Jordan 19, Dylan 17, Madison 10, Matthew 7 and Blake 6. She and Dennis lived in Bridgeton for 32 years and Dennis passed away in 1998. During the time in Bridgeton, Monica was busy with children's school activities, scouts, sports and parish council.

Tony Vaccaro and Monica were married at St. Claire of Assisi in 2002. She and Tony enjoyed travelling including trips to Ireland, Italy and the Caribbean and their condo at the Lake of the Ozarks. He passed away in 2010. Monica was a member of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Bridgeton for 32 years and has been a member of Holy Infant for 13 plus years. Although my parish in Bridgeton holds a special place in my heart, Holy Infant is where my heart is now.

Monica enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren as well as taking nice trips with family and friends. She is Stephen Minister and finds spiritual fulfillment in this ministry. While Monica works on Thursdays and is often unable to attend HIS meetings she participates in the activities when she can. She looks forward to the day when she can be more active in this very special group.



Sentiments

By Carol Laupp



Since our last meeting, the following sentiments were sent:

- Sympathy Mass card was sent to Jeani Steffens family.
- Get Well wishes were sent to Helen Gozdal, Jan Jordan, Kathie Hanneke and Jim Yetke.
- Thinking of You wishes were sent to Peggy & Joe Schibig.

We received a thank you note from Pat Wikart:

Thank you all for the many prayers and for the masses. It is so deeply appreciated.

The doctors are saying it may be 6 to 8 months before I'm fully recovered. Hopefully I will be back to the meetings before then. Again thanks and bless you all.



ADULT BINGO

Saturday, February 16, 2019
 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



Recipe of the Month - Taco Soup

by Gene Bestgen

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 small onion, diced
- 1 can whole kernel corn - juice included
- 1 can dark red kidney beans - drained
- 1 can green chilies (4 oz)
- 3 cans diced tomatoes
- 1 can water
- 1 pack taco seasoning

1 pack of hidden valley ranch dressing

Brown the beef and drain. Put all ingredients in Crock Pot, simmer on low for 6 hours. This may be made on the stove also.

Serve with sour cream (optional) and taco chips.

“I'm selfish, impatient and a little insecure. I make mistakes, I am out of control and at times hard to handle. But if you can't handle me at my worst, then you sure as hell don't deserve me at my best.”
 — Marilyn Monroe



Odds and Ends
By HIS members

SVDP Volunteers Needed – Mary Jane Bahr

The St Vincent de Paul store on Manchester road is looking for volunteers. The store is open every day of the week. You can work as many hours as you want. There is some paper work to be filed. Our Ministry at Holy Infant gets credit for the hours that we work. If you are interested please see Mary Jane Bahr she can answers your questions.

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. Perhaps we can consider taking different months to help so just one or two people don't have to do too much??



Travel & Tourism News
By: Mary Jane Bahr, Gene Bestgen Rosemary Bestgen

The May 1-2-3 trip to Chicago is a GO! We have 36 passengers committed. We can take 2-4 more people. Total cost is around \$500. If you want more information, talk to Mary Jane Bahr, Rosemary Bestgen or Gene Bestgen at today's meeting.



Rummage Sale

During these cold, dreary days of winter, **NOW** is the time to clean out those closets and reduce the clutter! Rummage Rampage is rapidly approaching and is now only **FOUR** months away! By giving your gently used and CLEAN items to Holy Infant in June, you will gain more space and the parish benefits too!

Call Mary Oestreich, 314-803-0055 for more information on acceptable items.

*“When a man is wrapped up in himself, he makes a pretty small package.”
– John Ruskin, English artist and art critic*



Birthdays - February

By Carolyn Kraichel

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

FEBRUARY

Eileen	Buehrle	02/08
Wally	Lewis	02/08
John	Nortman	02/08
Mary	Weiss	02/09
Gerri	Bergman	02/10
Tom	McElroy	02/10
Betty	Kayser	02/11
Shirley	Huesgen	02/12
Ron	Sides	02/12
Janet	Kemmerling	02/14
		02/15
Joan	Bess	

Martin	Henricks	02/24
Beth	Colonna	02/26
Jeani	Steffens	02/26
Dee	Kaemmerer	02/27

MARCH

Bob	Komor	03/05
Maureen	Richter	03/06
Al	Jordan	03/07
Mary	Werner	03/07
Mary Lou	Bergman	03/08
Lee	Gebhardt	03/08
Sue	Rosswick	03/08



New
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By Carolyn
Kraichely

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You don't love someone because they're perfect, you love them in spite of the fact that they're not."

— Jodi Picoult, *My Sister's Keeper*



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- All who brought great food for our January meeting and for the Schlemeier and George group who organized it all.
- Mary Calderone for our informative speaker.
- Carol Laupp for sending out our HIS sentiments; that means so much to people.
- Carol Kraichley for our directory. Jo Lewis uses hers more often than any other.
- Gene and Kathie Hanneke for supervising the Parish Mailing Committee from 'start to finish'.
- John Nortman and Jerry Bess for being Greeters at all the parish funerals.



DID YOU KNOWBy Jo Lewis

- That the rear third of a plane has the highest survival rate in a crash?
- Those who attend religious services more than once a week enjoyed a 33% lower mortality rate than those who skipped church or who went only once a week?
- Aside from water, a whistle is the best thing to take on a hike?



Parish News

By Sandy Hughes

February 2019

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| 8-9 | 7pm | School Sixth Grade Play - Parish Center |
| 16 | 7pm | Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo - Upper Cafeteria |

March 2019

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| 2 | 8am | Holy Infant Shamrock Shuffle - Holy Infant Campus |
| 2 | 7pm | Birtheright Trivia Night - Upper Cafeteria |
| 5 | 8:45am | Burning of the Palms – Church |
| 6 | | Ash Wednesday – Mass Times 6, 8, (9:30am School) & 7pm |
| 7 | 5:30pm | Lenten Mass |
| 8 | 4:30pm | Men's Club Fish Fry – Upper Cafeteria |
| 8 | 7pm | Stations of the Cross - Church |

*“There is never a time or place for true love.
It happens accidentally, in a heartbeat, in a single flashing, throbbing moment.”*
— Sarah Dessen, *The Truth About Forever*

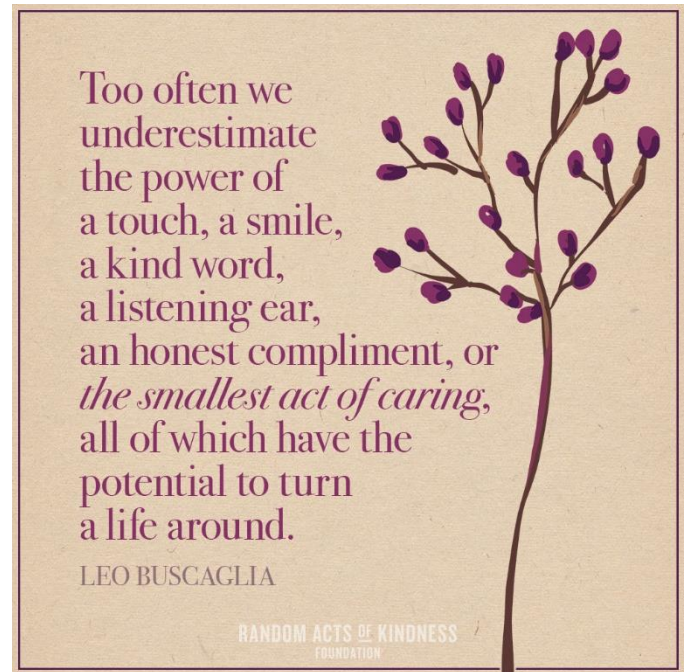


STEPHEN MINISTRY
By Gene Bestgen

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 that you can use if you prefer.

2018-2019 H.I.S. Board Members

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♥ Happy Valentines Day ♥