



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE EDITOR

By: Maria Dorn



Happy Fall!! Summer finally let us go and now we are in November weather. The colors have been MAGNIFICENT!! The month went out with cold nights and some pretty cold days, with even the threat of snow on Halloween!! It is time to settle down into the holiday season and count our blessings this Thanksgiving. There will be plenty of time to stress out with party going and gift shopping.

Since it is going into winter, and we may be staying in a little more, perhaps reading in front of a fire, I thought I'd put in a new section in this Newsletter called *Have you Read any Good Books Lately?* where anyone could make recommendations on books we've read that we think others may enjoy. Let me know what you think of this new section and let me know if you've read any good books lately.



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'.



Member of the Month – Jan and Al Jordan

Alan (Al) Jordan was born in Yankton, SD and moved to Ballwin when he was 3 years old. Jan was born in Kirkwood, MO and moved to Ellisville when she was 6 years old, the year she started 1st. grade at Holy Infant School, where she went for 8 years. They met at Lafayette High School and dated for 3 years before getting married in 1973. Ten days later, they moved to Puerto Rico where Al served in the Navy. While there, Jan worked as an exercise instructor, as well as at the animal shelter and veterinary hospital on base. They moved back to New Ballwin in 1977 and bought a house, where they've lived for the last last 42 years.

Al became a printer and Jan worked in the office at Don Essen Chevrolet for 2 years until Jan had their first daughter, Alana, when she became a "stay at home" mom. Over the next 10 years, they had a 2nd daughter, Jessica, and a son, Joseph and opened an in home daycare which she ran for 11 years. Later, Jan worked as housekeeper and cook at the convent for Sr. Laurentia and Sr. Rosario. All 3 children attended Holy Infant School. Al coached soccer, worked in the kitchen at the St. Pat's celebration and fish fries. Jan was chairman of Helping Hands, 8th grade PSR teacher, Hourly coordinator for Eucharistic Adoration, Parish Council. Both continue to step up for volunteer opportunities at Holy Infant.

Now that they are retired they enjoy visiting their children and grandsons. Alana and her husband, Guy, have 3 sons and live in Colorado. Jessica and her husband, David, have 4 sons and live in Maryland. Their son, Joe and his wife, Kelsey, have 1 son and live here in Missouri. Al enjoys gardening and together they enjoy the senior group, visiting with friends, traveling, family time and life at Holy Infant.



Sentiments

By Carol Laupp

Since our last meeting, the following sentiments were sent:

- Get well wishes were sent to Carol Wolf, Sharon Clemens, and Alice Mertz
- Sympathy Mass cards were sent to Ruthine Rogers family and Libby Fischer family.
- Thank you notes were received:
 - From Heather Goodman - Dear Holy Infant Seniors, Thank you so much for enrolling Mom (Libby Fischer) into the Marianist Spiritual Alliance. Your thoughtfulness at this time is appreciated.
 - From Dolores Kaemmerer - I would like to express my thanks to all the Holy Infant Seniors who sent get well cards during my rehab time at Surrey Place following my broken elbow. Each card offered a ray of hope. Thanks to all of you for your kind thoughts and prayers.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES -

By Kathie Hanneke



A Nativity for Our Times

Sunday, Dec. 15, 1:30 p.m. Upper Cafeteria
With popular Catholic author and speaker,
Maria Rodgers O'Rourke

People from all walks of life came to adore the newborn Christ. His invitation to love is both universal and unique to each of us. Join Maria and your friends to reflect on that holy, messy manger and how it beckons to us today.

Individuals and groups are welcome! Bring one teacup per person and two teapots per table.

RSVP by Dec. 6 with your name and any additional names of women in your group (if applicable) to Patricia Foley, ph#636.227.0802, ext. 3, or pfoley@holysinfballwin.org.
Free-will offerings appreciated.



ADULT BINGO

Saturday, November 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

Senior Christmas Party

By Alberta McGilligan



Once again the Seniors of Holy Infant will be celebrating the Christmas Season with a party on Saturday December 7. **You may begin to arrive and check in around 10:45. Party officially starts at 11:00.** You may check in any time between 11:00 and 11:30. We will have social time until 12:00, then lunch followed by **The St Louis Strutters** and 50/50 drawings. The party will wind up between 2:30 and 3:00.

Tickets are available before and after the November meeting. If you can't make the meeting, contact Pat Bouckaert 636-391-9368. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and you must be a member of the HIS Seniors.

Reservations must be made and paid for by Nov 30.

It is a wonderful occasion to interact with your friends and make new friends. As usual if you have a group of people who want to be together at a table be prepared to give their names when you buy tickets.

Come and join us. I promise you will have a good time.



Odds and Ends

By HIS members

Help Wanted

Marcy Zufall – We need men to act as ushers and welcome family and friends to funerals. We really need people who wish to be notified when a funeral is coming up and to show up if possible. Of course we always welcome any other who want to sit with us and also form an honor guard if the deceased are, or were, a member of the H.I.S. Please contact Marcy at 636-236-1913, or John Norton at 636-227-7260.

Alberta McGilligan – Helpers are needed on Friday Dec 6 at 4:00 to decorate tables etc. for our HIS Christmas Party.

Words of Wisdom

Carol Laupp - I've seen better days, but I've also seen worse. I don't have everything that I want, but I do have all I need. I woke up with some aches and pains, but I woke up. My life may not be perfect, but I am blessed.



Have you Read any Good Books Lately?

The Last Mrs. Parish by Liz Constantine – **Maria Dorn** says "it is the best book she's ever read". Reese Witherspoon says "A fun and fast-paced psychological thriller about two determined women who plan a high stakes game of deception that only one can win."



Travel & Tourism News

By: Mary Jane Bahr, Gene Bestgen Rosemary Bestgen

Despite the cold, rainy forecast for Wednesday Oct 30th, 50 HIS members boarded the bus for a trip to Perryville MO. As usual, Gene Bestgen and Mary Jane Bahr planned a full day of activities. We started at the recently completed exact replica of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall. Next we had a delicious buffet lunch at the Local American Legion Hall. We then visited the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal which included a tour and short History presentation of the Church. Then many of us took the "Rosary Walk" that is on the grounds of the Shrine. We stopped at Stonie's Sausage Shop on the way out of town. It was a day filled with History, the solemnity of the Wall, the beauty of the Church and Walk, good food, great friends and lots of laughter. Much thanks to our Travel Planners. – *Becky o'Brien*

Stay tuned....working on possible trip to Nashville in the Spring.



Birthdays – November

By Carolyn Kraichel

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

NOVEMBER

BLANCHE	FLYNN	11/1	EVIE	SINABALDI	11/18
EILEEN	ZUCKERMAN	11/3	BARBARA	LUECKE	11/19
MARY	CARRARA	11/6	BRENDA	GEORGE	11/20
MARIE	FOX	11/6	CHRIS	GIANOULAKIS	11/20
PEGGY	SHIBIG	11/8	MARCIA	BEQUETTE	11/21
BARBARA	KOEPKE	11/12	MARY	COOK	11/21
MONICA	VACCARO	11/12	PATRICIA	KELLEY	11/22
RON	LAUPP	11/13	CAROL ANN	COLE	11/23
NANCY	TURPIN	11/15	LINDA	THIEN	11/23
PATRICIA	TIERNEY	11/16	HANK	KRAICHELY	11/25
DEACON KEN	CLEMENS	11/18	JACK	BIRKNER	11/27
ROSEMARY	FAIRFIELD	11/18			

Welcome New Member – 10/5/19

Mary Sisul
120 N Holloway Rd
Ballwin MO. 63911
636-329-8522

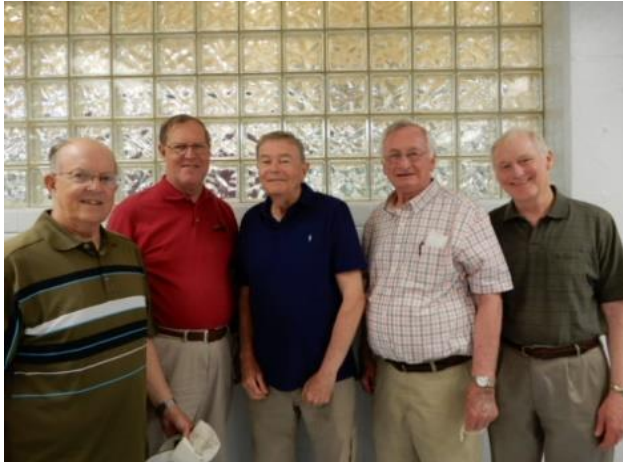
B'day 6/19
mary.m.sisul@gmail.com





OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- We extend a special Thank You to all HIS Members who are Veterans – Any HIS Veteran who is not in one of the pictures below, contact Olivia Pieknik if you would like to share your story. She plans on being at the Christmas Party on December 7th. She’s happy to take pictures and interview you there. Thank you for serving our Country. God Bless America and our Armed Forces!



Left to right – Ron Laupp, Kirk Richter, Jack Birkner, Tom Wardenburg and Don Turpin



Left to right (Front Row) Paul Mallery, Bob Hauf, Wally Lewis and Olivia Pieknik (Olivia is not a veteran, just collecting worn American Flags)
(Back row) Jim Hudgens, Frank Mohr and Ron Marcinko.

- Nancy Turpin sends thanks to all of our gracious seniors for the kind loving words for their first efforts! It is a fun ministry! After our first try, we surely appreciate even more, the 10 years that Brenda and Mary (and their hubbies) gave so cheerfully!

DID YOU KNOWBy Jo Lewis



- That Bounce dryer sheets will help to keep away mosquitoes if rubbed on clothing and placed in pockets on a hike, may work to keep deer away too? Nancy Turpin had deer sleeping in their backyard night after night, making a few large divots where they lie. She took some of those Bounce sheets and placed them where the deer had been sleeping, securing them with some wire (old hangers). They have been deterred from sleeping there.
- That you can save money on your insurance by opting to pay for six months or a year at a time? Just ask your insurance agent.
- That gluten free foods are not good for all people? Research shows that those who don’t need a gluten free diet may actually harm themselves by eating gluten free foods.
- That only cookies with a dairy or egg component should be stored in the refrigerator? Chilling adds moisture to dough and can make them soft and sticky.
- That any of our HI Seniors can submit words of wisdom they may want to share to this column? We can all benefit from these little gems. Just send to mariadorn@hotmail.com or call Maria at 314-610-8784.



RECIPE OF THE MONTH - Waldorf Salad

Carol Laupp

3 or 4 apples, peeled and chopped into bite size pieces (about 3 cups)

1 tablespoon lemon juice

1/3 cup raisins

2/3 cup chopped celery (about 2 stalks)

1/4 cup chopped walnuts or pecans

1/3 cup mayonnaise

1 tablespoon sugar

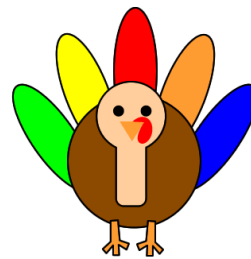
Sprinkle lemon juice on apples. The acid in the lemon juice prevents the apples from turning brown.

The raisins will taste best if you plump them first. Do this by measuring them into a cereal bowl and adding enough warm tap water to cover them completely. Allow them to sit for a few minutes, absorbing the water, and softening up. Drain the raisins and add to the apples. Add chopped celery and chopped nuts. Mix everything together in medium sized bowl with the mayonnaise and sugar. It is ready to serve or you can chill it overnight to get the mixture soft and easy to chew. Recipe serves 6 people.

Thanksgiving

by Ivy Eastwick

Thank You for all my hands can hold-
Apples red and melons gold,
Yellow corn, both ripe and sweet,
Peas and beans, so good to eat!
Thank You for all my eyes can see-
Lovely sunlight, field and tree,
White cloud-boats in sea-deep sky,
Soaring bird and butterfly.





Parish News

By Sandy Hughes

November 2019

- 11 8am Veterans' Day Celebration - Parish Center and Upper Cafeteria
- 16 7pm Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo - Upper Cafeteria
- 24 10am-2pm Holiday Boutique- Upper Cafeteria
- 28 9am Thanksgiving Day Mass & Food/Non-Perishables Collection

December 2019

- 7 11am Holy Infant Seniors Christmas Party - Upper Cafeteria



STEPHEN MINISTRY
By Gene Bestgen

Here's what people are saying about Stephen Ministry:

There are times when every one of us experiences difficulties

- loss of a loved one
- hospitalization
- spiritual crisis
- divorce
- job loss
- disability
- loneliness
- cancer
- imprisonment
- infertility
- discouragement
- many other challenges

God never intended for us to go through these experiences alone. That's why God has brought us together as a congregation – and why we have Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation who have received 50 hours of training to minister to people experiencing a crisis or going through a difficult time in life.

Every week, a Stephen Minister will meet with you – privately and confidentially – to listen, care, encourage, support and reflect Christ's presence in your life.

If you'd like to learn more about Stephen Ministry for yourself or someone else (inside or outside our congregation), contact the Rectory or Patricia Foley at 636-227-0802 ex 3

"I was ready to give up. But my Stephen Minister wouldn't let me. He kept encouraging me and gave me the motivation to keep going".

"As a man, it was difficult and awkward reaching out for help. But I'm glad I did. I probably could have made it alone, but it sure was a lot easier having a Stephen Minister to talk to".

"The best thing about Stephen Ministry was it was so confidential. Nobody even knew I had a Stephen Minister".

"I had never been able to open up to someone before and had always kept my feeling to myself. My Stephen Minister helped me to talk about the painful things, which opened the door for God's healing".

There is a new class starting in January. Is God asking you to become a Stephen Minister?

For more information check out the Stephen Ministry on our church website www.holyinfantballwin.org

2019-2020 H.I.S. Board Members

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**Happy
Thanksgiving**