



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE EDITOR

By: Maria Dorn

Merry Christmas!! Only 18 days left till Jesus arrives! During this season of Advent, we should be spending time in anticipation of our Savior. We string the lights and make ready, but then get so busy and hung up on Christmas shopping and Christmas baking, we sometime are too overwhelmed to stop and really enjoy the Advent season. While we prepare for family and friends to come into our homes, we should spend that time preparing too for the coming of our Savior. Both are the same. Each person we meet has Christ in him. Let us open our eyes and let the Christmas lights and decorations shine into our hearts. Let us be filled with joyful anticipation of Christ's coming in every relationship and encounter we have during these next 18 days.



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 – Keith and Marcia Faquin

Marcia and Keith met on a blind date in 1974 and married 3 years later in 1977 at the Old Cathedral. They built their first house in Fenton when first married and already had 3 children, Melissa, Katie and Bryan when they moved into Holy Infant Parish. They lived in Westglen subdivision from 1985 until 1988 when they moved to Cherry Hills, still in our parish boundary. Here they had one more child, Kelly in 1994. Keith had a long career at Boeing as an engineer, and recently retired from there. Marcia recently retired as well from St. Anthony's Hospital where she worked as a nurse for 42 years.

While at Holy Infant, Keith was a member of the Men's club and played in the over 30 basketball league. Marcia was a room mother and the school nurse every Friday at Holy Infant. She was also Secretary of the Ladies Club, prepared meals, and continues to do so, for Helping Hands. She recently attended CRHP.

Keith and Marcia most enjoyed the 'In Betweeners' where they hosted Halloween Parties, Pre-Thanksgiving Pot Luck dinners and held Dances with bands like ShaBoom. They have 6 grandchildren. Melissa lives here with two, Katie has two in Columbia, MO and Bryan has two in Phoenix AZ. Kelly is single, and teaches 7th grade in Chicago, IL. Now that they are both retired, they are able to participate in HIS and SVDP. They love to travel to see their children and grandchildren and enjoy time at the lake with family and friends.



Travel & Tourism News

By: Mary Jane Bahr, Gene Bestgen Rosemary Bestgen

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



Sentiments

By Carol Laupp

Since our last meeting, the following sentiments were sent:

- Sympathy mass card was sent to Rev. Fr. Joe Kempf for the death of his mother, Mary Kempf.
- Get well cards to Jerry Bess, Vivian Buerle, Carolyn Kraichley, and Donna Norris.
- Thinking & praying for you to Rosemary Bestgen.



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.





JANUARY 2nd HIS MEETING – POTLUCK!!

Each family should bring either soup, salad or dessert.
Families with last name beginning with A to G bring dessert,
Those with last name beginning with H to N bring soup.
Those with last name beginning with O to Z bring salad.

Also please mark your serving utensils, bowls, plates, etc
With your name to ensure you get them back at the end of the meeting.



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.

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Kathi & Gene Hanneke - EXPECTING AN IMPORTANT LETTER? This service provides a picture of all the important mail that you will be receiving today. Informed Delivery from the US Postal Service allows you to digitally preview your household's incoming mail from the safety of your home. No need to wonder about what came or walking out to an empty box. You can pull it up on your computer and see what is waiting for you. Here is the link to help get you started: <https://informeddelivery.usps.com>



Have you Read any Good Books Lately?

Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens –**Marcia Faquin and Maria Dorn both say "it was a great mystery, they never saw it coming"**. Reese Witherspoon says "I can't even express in words how much I love this book...it just took me right back to my long summers in Tennessee. This story has a special place in my heart - I didn't want it to end."

My favorite traditional Christmas movie that I like to watch is
All Quiet on the Western Front.
It's just not December without that movie in my house.
Tom Hanks



Birthdays -December

By Carolyn Kraichel

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

DECEMBER

			AUDREY	WESTMORELAND	12/15
			GEORGE	ROSSWICK	12/16
MARY	HYLAND	12/1	GLORIA	PURICELLI	12/22
JAN	DOLLUS	12/2	CAROL	LODES	12/25
KATHY	BURITSCH	12/13	GINNY	FLENNIKEN	12/26
DAVID	DENZER	12/13	MARIAN	HUGHART	12/28



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Nancy Turpin, Linda Gianoulakis and crew for a delicious Thanksgiving meal.
- Carol Laupp for remembering those of us who are not feeling the best. It helps to know someone cares.
- Marie Fox and Marcie Zufall for making our grieving feel the caring of our HIS members.
- Gene & Rosemary Bestgen and Mary Jane Bahr for organizing our fun trips.



DID YOU KNOWBy Jo Lewis

- That you should run your dishwasher at night? Many utility companies charge more at peak times. It can lower your bill.
- That performing acts of kindness for 7 days boosted happiness and well-being? Doing it 1 time can make you feel great.
- That you probably don't need to prime walls? Paints have improved over the years – check it out!
- 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.

*Christmas is a tonic for our souls. It moves us to think of others
Rather than of ourselves. It directs our thoughts to giving. - B.C. Forbes*



Parish News

By Sandy Hughes

December 2019

7	11am	Holy Infant Seniors Christmas Party - Upper Cafeteria
8	9am	MOPS Breakfast with Santa - Upper Cafeteria
8	TBD	Youth Group Presents: - "O Holy Night" - Church
15	1:30pm	Ladies Advent Tea - Upper Cafeteria
24	4pm & 6pm	Christmas Eve Masses - Church
24	4:10pm	Christmas Eve Mass - Parish Center
25	Midnight 8am & 10am	Christmas Day Masses - Church
31		Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - TBD

January 2020

1	8am & 10am	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
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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
- job loss
- imprisonment
- hospitalization
- disability
- infertility
- spiritual crisis
- loneliness
- discouragement
- divorce
- cancer
- 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

*One of the most glorious messes in the world
Is the mess created in the living room on Christmas day.
Don't clean it up too quickly. - **Andy Rooney***

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