



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE EDITOR - Maria Dorn

Happy New Year to all of our HIS members! I for one am anxious to usher in 2020. While 2019 has brought many blessings, both myself and my husband, Bob, have had our share of sickness and surgeries this year. We are both tired of being sick and tired! We are resolved to put all that behind us and to leap (yes, leap, with my new knees) fully healthy and happy into more activities, more exercise, and more travel in 2020.

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 - Marcia Bequette

Marcia, with her late husband, Dave, has been part of Holy Infant parish since 1972. They have 4 children and 7 grandchildren ranging in age from 24 to 5. While the kids were in school both were very active in parish life. Dave was in the Men's club and one of the founders of our now famous fish fry here at Holy Infant. Marcia was on the school board, member of helping hands, and ran the Holy Infant credit union. She is now a member of HIS, volunteers at Isaiah House and is a Vincentian with our Vincent DePaul Society. Marcia retired last year from almost 20 years with Scottrade, and hangs with her sweet, lovable dog, Rochette. She loves to read, be with her grandkids, watching them at their sports games whenever she can. She loves to travel and looks forward to doing more of that in 2020.



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:

Thinking and praying for you at Christmas:

Blanche Flynn
Nora Henricks
Jim Yetke

John Nortman
Bob Dorn
Larry Colona

Carolyn Kraichely

Thank you from Rev. Joseph Kempf:

Our family is deeply thankful for the kindness you have shown us in the days since Mom's death. It was truly kind of you to include Mom in a spiritual enrollment. For this and all your goodness, I say a heartfelt THANK YOU!



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES –

By Kathie Hanneke

All men are invited to attend this year's annual Catholic Men For Christ Conference.

Saturday, February 1st at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

To register, visit catholicmenforchrist.org or call the Touhill Box Office at 314-516-4949.

The ticket price of \$45 includes lunch.

We will be forming carpools . . . from Holy Infant, leaving about 7:30 a.m. For more

Information, contact Gene Bestgen, 636 527-5385. We usually have about 20-30

men from Holy Infant. If you've never been . . . it's now your time!



Odds and Ends

By HIS members

Help Wanted

Marcy Zufall – We still 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.

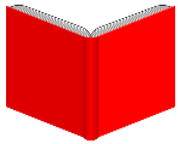
Christmas Party

Olivia Pieknik - I enjoyed HIS Christmas luncheon – great job to the Committee and everyone for making it a festive event. Here are the photos I took – we all look marvelous! Wishing you a Blessed/joyful Christmas, and peaceful and healthy New Year!





Have you Read any Good Books Lately?



The Art of Driving in the Rain by – Garth Stein

The Art of Racing in the Rain is a novel about an aspiring racing driver, his dreams and his life struggles. The novel would be a fairly ordinary contemporary tale, except that it is written from the point of view of the main character's dog, a Labrador retriever, terrier cross called Enzo. You may have seen the recent movie release by the same name.



Birthdays –January

By Carolyn Kraichel

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

JANUARY

JERRY	MARSTALL	1/1	DON	DINKELKAMP	1/16
DOROTHY	DENZER	1/2	ROSEMARY	BIRKNER	1/18
JULIE	HOGAN	1/3	ALICE	MERTZ	1/20
NORA	HENRICKS	1/4	JOYCE	SUMMERS	1/22
JOE	SINABALDI	1/4	MARIA	DORN	1/25
DON	MERTZ	1/5	LEE	GERBER	1/25
SHARON	MORGENTHALER	1/10	RUTHINE	ROGERS	1/25
			GARY	DELANCEY	1/26



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Alberta and her crew for a fun Christmas Party and a great lunch.
- Pat Bouckaert for arranging the seating at the Christmas Party. That is a big job.
- Maureen Maloney and Trish Powers for making the beautiful Christmas tree centerpieces for the Party.
- Carol Wolf and Alice Mertz for arranging the entertainment for the Christmas Party.
- Ron Laupp and his bartenders for keeping us all in Christmas 'spirits'.
- Mary Schlemeier for the coffee to sober us up after our imbibing in the Christmas 'spirits'.
- Brenda for her always delicious Christmas punch.
- Gene & Rosemary Bestgen and Mary Jane Bahr for a laughter loaded night with the "Nonsense" show at Westport Playhouse.

**"Be at war with your vices,
at peace with your neighbors,
and let every new year find you a better man."
Benjamin Franklin**

DID YOU KNOWBy Jo Lewis



- That the real difference between Tylenol and the generic brand is the cost? Chemically they are identical.
- That eggs from chicken with no hormones are not worthy of any extra money. By law, chickens that produce eggs cannot be given hormones.
- That if you are in the market for a small appliance you can check Consumers Report? Consumers Report shows that Costco beats Walmart in satisfaction.
- 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.



Parish News

By Sandy Hughes

January 2020

1	8am & 10am	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)
18	7 pm	Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo - Upper Cafeteria
25	7pm	Men's Club Trivia Night - Parish Center

February 2020

1	6:30pm	Family Trivia Night sponsored by: American Heritage Girls - Upper Cafeteria
2	8:30am	Boy Scout Sunday Mass & Reception



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**

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"Many things are thrown our way in this game of life. It's how you deal with them that shows your character. I want all of you to feel the hope, love & passion I feel for the upcoming year & the rest of my life. I want ALL of you to not only go for your dreams, but have a damn ass good time doing it!"

— **May Water**

"As the old year retires and a new one is born, we commit into the hands of our Creator the happenings of the past year and ask for direction and guidance in the new one. May He grant us His grace, His tranquility and His wisdom!"

— **Peggy Toney Horton**

"Have told so many friends "Don't worry, New Year will be better!". I love misguiding people."

— **Nitya Prakash**

"It's not the day that matters, it's our attitude about the day. For with the right attitude every day stands ready to be what the day before it was not."

— **Craig D. Lounsborough**

