



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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FROM THE EDITOR - Maria Dorn



Whew! We made it through January's snow and cold and arrive now in February. Bob and I got away for a fun filled week in warmer climates mid-January. We left mid teen temps to go to Florida with temps in the 60s and 70s. I was able to celebrate my birthday there on the 'Thriller' speed boat, touring the island of Sanibel and Captiva. We ate cake at the Bubble House on Captiva which is known for their cake, it's all they serve for dessert. The pieces are HUGE!! The 4 of us tried 3 different kinds, the most delicious to me was the Orange/Brown Sugar. The beach was wonderful and majestic, always lifting my soul and filling it with gratitude to God for all our blessings. Unfortunately, we were not able to bring the warmth and sunshine back with us and returned to snow.

Don't forget, February has 29 days in it this year, as it is a Leap Year; meaning that you get one extra day to make all your New Year's resolutions come true. Take advantage!! February is also the month of LOVE! Think of all the reasons to love the month of February. I love it because my son, Tony was born and it has Valentine's Day, which is all about chocolate. Who wouldn't love that? Remember who you love and think about telling them how much they mean to you this year.

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 - Nancy and Don Turpin

Nancy and Don Turpin love being a part of Holy Infant since 1973. They have 3 children: Julie, Brian, and Stacy; all of whom went to Holy Infant grade school and JFK High School. Julie, and Brian live in Ohio, each with their 2 children and spouses. Stacy lives in Columbia, MO. with her spouse and one child, 5 yrs. old. The five grandchildren range in age from 5 to 15.

Nancy and Don are retired, Nancy as a nurse at St. Mary's, then Clayton on the Green (which is now Delmar Gardens on the Green), then Home Care. Don, an army veteran, was a long-time Estimator for Ahal Concrete Construction Co. They both enjoy being Eucharistic Ministers and attending Adoration hours. Nancy also enjoys SVdP, and cooking for the HIS (Holy Infant Seniors). Don enjoys being a member of K of C, Tuesday with Him, and PXgo. Since Don likes working with numbers, and Nancy likes to cook, together they can create recipes to feed 100 from the meals that they like at home. They also enjoy TRINITY CLOWN CLUB of MISSOURI serving many charitable organizations. They feel very blessed to be here.



Travel & Tourism News

By: Mary Jane Bahr, Gene Bestgen Rosemary Bestgen

March Working on trip to see new Aquarium, new Ferris Wheel and possibly lunch

April 21-22-23 - A summary of our trip to Nashville (Spend two nights at the Airport Drury Inn)

Tuesday morning we'll leave Ballwin about 8:00 a.m. on April 21st. . Have a "happy hour" at the hotel before we visit the Grand Old Opry Tuesday evening.

Wednesday morning we'll visit the Country Music Hall of Fame then spend the afternoon visiting the "honky tonks", full of country music, etc. on Broadway. We'll go back to the hotel about 3:30 to "freshen up" before we go to the General Jackson's Showboat for a dinner cruise.

Thursday, a visit to Opryland for a couple hours before it's back on the bus for a couple hour ride to Patti's 1880 Settlement on Kentucky Lake for lunch. After lunch, back on the bus for the final leg of the trip. Should be back in Ballwin about 8:00 p.m.

A deposit of \$100 is due now. An additional cost of about \$250 will pay for the bus, Grand Old Opry, Country Music Hall of Fame and the General Jackson's Showboat.

You will pay your own hotel bill and make your own reservation. I will be furnishing that info next week. Hotel price is \$150 per room, per night. (plus tax) . . . therefore, it's \$75 per night per person for two people.

Call or email. Gene Bestgen (bestgenstl@aol.com) to make a reservation on the bus.

June 9th Bus trip to Horse Races, Fairmont Park, Il

June Working on trip to see Circus Flora - Midtown St. Louis

July 21st Bus trip to Lyceum Theater, Arrow Rock Mo to see "Sister Act" & lunch at T Boone Tavern- **sign up today.**



Sentiments

By Carol Laupp

Since our last meeting, the following sentiments were sent:

Thinking and praying for you: Trish Powers and Don Turpin

The best and most beautiful things in this world cannot be seen or even heard,
but must be felt with the heart. - **Helen Keller**

Love is friendship that has caught fire. - **Ann Landers**

The best thing to hold onto in life is each other. - **Audrey Hepburn**





ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES -

By Kathie Hanneke

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Seniors' Day of Reflection is Thursday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Our guest will be past Holy Infant Associate, Fr. Chris Dunlap.

He is now pastor at Christ, Prince of Peace Church, near Queeny Park.

His talk will be: "Prayer 202- Relational Prayer

You all have passed Prayer 101.

Now it's on to Prayer 202...deepening our relationship with the Lord."

Come and experience a special Day of Reflection with reflection, conversation, Mass and **FREE lunch**.

THE LAST THINGS - A Holy Infant Adult Faith Formation presentation

Sunday, Feb. 9TH at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Cafeteria

What happens when we die?

What is Heaven like?

Join Fr. Burkemper for a look at the Church's teachings on Death, Judgment, Heaven, Hell and Purgatory



Odds and Ends

By HIS members

Help Wanted – SVDP

St. Vincent DePaul Thrift store is still in need of volunteers. Our parish SVDP conference gets money credit for our parish neighbors in need for every hour someone from our parish works. This can be a great way of donating to the poor of our parish. It doesn't have to be for large blocks of time on particular days; just check it out and see how you may be able to assist in this ministry.



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.

Lots of people want to ride with you in the limo, but what you want is someone who will take the bus with you when the limo breaks down. - **Oprah Winfrey**



Have you Read any Good Books Lately?



Lucky Bastard by – Joe Buck

In this New York Times bestselling memoir, the announcer of the biggest sporting events in the country--including the 2017 Super Bowl and this century's most-watched, historic, Chicago Cubs-winning World Series--reveals why he is one lucky bastard. Sports fans see Joe Buck everywhere: broadcasting one of the biggest games in the NFL every week, calling the World Series every year, announcing the Super Bowl every three years. They know his father, Jack Buck, is a broadcasting legend and that he was beloved in his adopted hometown of St. Louis. Yet they have no idea who Joe really is. Or how he got here. They don't know how he almost blew his career. They haven't read his funniest and most embarrassing stories or heard about his interactions with the biggest sports stars of this era. They don't know how hard he can laugh at himself--or that he thinks some of his critics have a point. And they don't know what it was really like to grow up in his father's shadow. Joe and Jack were best friends, but it wasn't that simple. Jack, the voice of the St. Louis Cardinals for almost fifty years, helped Joe get his broadcasting start at eighteen. But Joe had to prove himself, first as a minor league radio announcer and then on local TV, national TV with ESPN, and then finally on FOX. He now has a successful, Emmy-winning career, but only after a lot of dues-paying, learning, and pretty damn entertaining mistakes that are recounted in this book. In his memoir, Joe takes us through his life on and off the field. He shares the lessons he learned from his father, the errors he made along the way, and the personal mountain he climbed and conquered, all of which have truly made him a Lucky Bastard.



**RECIPE OF THE MONTH – Hopsewee Plantation's
Gin-Gin's Chicken and Wild Rice Soup**
Submitted by: Brenda George

- 2 Tbs oil
- 1 onion - diced small
- 2 ribs of celery – diced small
- 2 carrots – diced small
- 4 chicken breasts – diced medium
- 1 box Uncle Ben's Wild Rice Mix

- 32 oz chicken stock
- 1 Tbs seasoned salt
- 1 Tsp pepper
- 2 cans Cream of Mushroom Soup
- 1 cup milk or Half & Half

In a large pot sweat vegetables in oil. Add chicken and sear on the outside. Season with salt and pepper. Add chicken stock and bring to a boil, then add rice and seasoning packet. Let simmer for 15-20 minutes, until rice is cooked. Soup can be frozen at this point for later service. Thaw and then add cream of mushroom soup and milk. Reheat without boiling.



Birthdays –February

By Theresa & Paul Bichsel

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

FEBRUARY

JOHN	NORTMAN	8-Feb	JANET	KEMMERLING	14-Feb
TOM	MCELROY	10-Feb	JOAN	BESS	15-Feb
BETTY	KAYSER	11-Feb	MARIE	MCKEIVER	18-Feb
LINDA	GIANOULAKIS	12-Feb	PEGGY	BUECHLER	20-Feb
SHIRLEY	HUESGEN	12-Feb	BETH	COLONNA	26-Feb



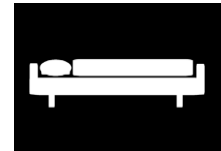
OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- All the great cooks in our group. Soups, salads and desserts were plentiful and delicious at last months meeting.
- Our program Chairman, Bob Maloney, for our trivia game. It was fun and helped us to get to know more members of our group.
- The protectors of our name tags. Delores Kammerer and Loretta Kipper, for keeping them in good order and easily available.
- Gene and Kathie Hanneke for making the mail go out. It takes time and energy and they do a great job!



DID YOU KNOWBy Jo Lewis

- That if you can't sleep, BOX IT IN! Breath in for 4 seconds; hold for 4 seconds, breath out for 4 seconds. Repeat if necessary. It works!!
- That if you forget to brush your teeth at night, the bacteria that builds up in your mouth produces a protein that can lead to memory loss? (Maybe you've already lost your memory, if you forget to brush??)
- That if you are looking for a new TV, Sony XBR 65/900F was recommended? It is cheaper and has excellent HD picture quality.
- 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

February 2020

7-8	7pm	School Sixth Grade Play - Parish Center
15	7pm	Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo - Upper Cafeteria
25	8:45am	Burning of the Palms - Church
26		Ash Wednesday - Mass Times 6, 8, (9:30am School) & 7pm
27	5:30pm	Lenten Mass
28	4:30-7:30pm	First Fish Fry - Upper Cafeteria
28	7pm	Way of the Cross

March 2020

Lenten Masses celebrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 5:30pm
Fish Fry Fridays: 4:30pm-7:30pm (3-6, 3-13, 3-20, 3-27 and 4-3)
Way of the Cross: Mondays at 2pm from March 2 through April 1 (except 3-9 and 3-16) and Fridays at 7pm from February 28 through April 6.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

By Gene Bestgen

Here's what people are saying about Stephen Ministry:

- "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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