



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR - By: Maria Dorn

Hello Seniors! Welcome back! You have all been missed and I for one am anxious to get back to gathering monthly for fun and camaraderie. It's been a LOOOONG 17 months with not much happening to so much happening. During lockdown, I was sleeping in every day until around gam. At first, I thought I'd do the things I never get time to do, but heck, who was I kidding? Both Bob and I are retired and could do anything we want whenever we want to, anyway. We put puzzles together and learned how to play Backgammon. We did try to walk everyday either outside or at the Chesterfield Mall in bad weather. I think I missed daily mass the most but once they started livestreaming, I was able to 'attend' 8am mass. I'm sure others felt the same as me, I still missed receiving the eucharist. Once we were able to go back to church 'live' I was up again at 5:15, taking an afternoon nap. 😊

Our bubble consisted of my brother Mark and the two of us. With him being sick, we were his only contact. How would you like your only contact to be me and Bob? All of his doctor appointments were on-line and we took him to get his blood drawn once a month. The Multiple Myeloma seemed to be under control, and he'd sit in the car when we shopped for him and in the park sketching trees he found interesting. Unfortunately, 6 months into the lockdown, Mark got remarkably worse in a very short amount of time and within 8 days passed away on September 5th, 2020 from Small Cell Lung Cancer. It was a blessing as it was quick and not as painful as the Multiple Myeloma would have been for him. We were finally able to have a memorial mass for him over July 4th when my sister from Houston was able to come in. On the day he died, my siblings gathered at his house and saw a huge bunch of butterflies rise out of a bush in his garden. We really miss him, but I find comfort in seeing butterflies almost daily. I want to thank all of you for your prayers and masses on his behalf and appreciate the comfort of your kind words and thoughts throughout his sickness.

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 -

If you or someone you know would like to be featured as the Member of the Month, please let me know at our meeting, by calling me at 314-610-8784 or emailing me at mariadorn@hotmail.com.

*"October, baptize me with leaves! Swaddle me in corduroy
and nurse me with split pea soup.
October, tuck tiny candy bars in my pockets and carve my
smile into a thousand pumpkins."*



THE HISTORY OF HOLY INFANT SENIORS—SEPT 2019—MARCH 2020

Our 23rd year of the HIS organization opened with a prayer from Deacon Jim Powers. Our officers for the year were: President Tom Wojcieckowski, Vice President Bob Moloney, Secretary Becky O'Brien, and Treasurer Brenda George. Little did we know then that our meetings and get togethers would be cut short because of the spreading Pandemic of a Covid 19 virus!

Bob Moloney started us off with a fun activity of "Getting to Know You". Bottles of wine donated by Tom Arnold were prizes awarded to those who "met" and questioned the most members. In Oct. Bob introduced a Ballwin police officer Michael Morrison. He gave an informative presentation on scams that target seniors and the recent rash of car break ins in our area. November gave us a fun favorite with a Wine & Food presentation from Schnucks. Seniors were also allowed discounts on any order they placed that day on the wines sampled.

On December 7th, we had our most anticipated Christmas Party. Organized by head chairperson Alberta McGilligan and all her committee chairpersons, everyone seemed ready to get into the Christmas spirit. Several seniors brought in Nativity sets to display in the cafeteria to help decorate the room. The tables were beautifully adorned with centerpieces of little trees with miniature presents, little lights, and sparkling red tree skirts. These were crafted by Theresa Bichsel, Maureen Maloney, and Trisha Powers. A catered lunch of Italian salad, Sirloin of Beef, Chicken Prima Bianca, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans almandine, cavatelli con broccoli, rolls & butter, and apple pie with cinnamon sauce for dessert was perfectly delicious. We were entertained by a most sought after tap dance troupe called The St. Louis Strutters the bedazzled us with their sparkling costumes and dance routines.

In January a group picture was taken in the gym so Carol Laupp could use it on her Sentiment Cards she sends the members who are ill or to their families when a death has occurred. Bob Maloney presented us with a very challenging game of Trivia.. Potluck lunches of soups, salads, and desserts were then enjoyed by all.

In February we were entertained by a Barbershop Quartet, and on March 5th we had our final meeting of the year 2020. We went out with a very prayerful presentation by Father Chris Dunlap for our Day of Reflection. Since Father believed we have all passed Prayer 101, his talk was: Prayer 202—Relational Prayer—for deepening our relationship with the Lord. He taught us how to do this deepening and experience Jesus more fully with simple steps to practice each day.

Throughout the months our meetings were perked up by the efforts of Nancy & Don Turpin and helpers Bernie Flacke & Martha Lang who served delicious lunches. Nancy even provided recipes for those who might be interested.

Our travel committee of Gene & Rosemary Bestgen and MaryJane Bahr started off 2019 with a summer River Cruise and Dinner in August on the Becky Thatcher. This cruise on the Mississippi entertained 51 members with a Dixie Land Band and served up a Prime Rib dinner. The view of St. Louis at night was spectacular.

In September, 45 HIS members enjoyed lunch at Our Lady of Snows followed by apple picking (or buying already picked ones) at Ekert Farms. Since it was a hot day, many refreshed themselves eating ice cream or pie. The next stop was at Hof Brau Haus for a beer, a German pretzel, or dinner while a German Band entertained.

A full bus of 57 members traveled in Oct. to Perryville, MO where they visited an exact replica of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall. Very impressive! A tour of the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal also included a short history of the church. Many took the "Rosary Walk" that's on the beautiful grounds of the shrine. A stop at Stonie's Sausage Shop completed a fun-filled day. The everpopular Holiday Brass Concert at Manchester United Church was attended by 45 members on Dec. 2, 2019. Later in December, 30 members carpooled to Westport Playhouse to see the evening performance of "Sister's Christmas Catechism—The Mystery of the Magi's Gold." They laughed so hard when "sister" had some members participate in her presentation that brought back memories of days in grammar school years ago.

In March 46 people carpooled from Target to visit the new Aquarium. Lunch was on their own and a ride in the Ferris Wheel was optional. Thanks travel committee for such enjoyable trips! Sadly due to Covid 19, three more trips were

cancelled: one in April to Nashville for a 2 night stay, a June bus trip to Fairmont Park horse races, and the trip to Lyceum Theater to see "Sister Act" at Arrow Rock, MO.

We will miss our faithfully departed members that were ALL TOO MANY starting from August 2019 until July of 2021.

2019 - A.J. Halleman, Ruthie Rogers, Libby Fischer

2020 - Nora Henricks, Joe Corpus, Ginny Guiteau, Margaret St. John, Blanch Flynn, Gene Steffens, Mary Margaret Testa, Elmer Williams, Al Bouckaert, Alice Mertz, Mary Weman, Wally Lewis

2021 - Ken Daves, Rose Marie Bruno, Carol O'Brien, Joan Daves. Ted Salvia

Our president Tom Wojciechowski called for a Board meeting in March 2021 as the virus "seemed" to be winding down. He suggested having a Day of Reflection and the Board agreed. Fr. Stanger graciously presented thoughtful messages to us after a trying 2020 year. Paul Mallery made a poster honoring all the "HEROES" that aided HIS members by their many acts of kindness. Nancy Turpin arranged a free box lunch to be passed out after the mass, and 121 seniors (who were a bit anxious to be out and about) attended.

Many, many, people worked hard to bring HIS great meetings and activities. WE especially thank all the officers and all the board members listed in our directory who will graciously continue this year 2021 & 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Mallery
Historian



Travel & Tourism News

By: Mary Jane Bahr, Gene Bestgen Rosemary Bestgen

We are waiting for the Pandemic to end and we will be planning more exciting trips. **Stay tuned!**



Odds and Ends

By HIS members

Turn your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Saturday night or you'll run the risk of being early to mass on Sunday morning.

A Note From Nell Cox, sent by her son, Tom, thanking HIS members for signing the poster with your wishes and prayers. "This is Tom, Nell' son. Mom is doing okay. She has recently been in the hospital and was diagnosed with a TIA. She is super glad to hear from Holy Infant Seniors for the thoughts and prayers. May the Lord bless you all."

Clover Care After Care – Do you enjoy children and want some extra spending money? The Clover Care After Care Program is looking for a third person for Monday's and Thursday's and substitutes for any other day. The Clover Care Program provides a safe, fun and helpful environment for homework. We would love to have you join us. Be sure to have taken the Protecting God's Children's Program prior to joining the team. Contact Karne Vonarx @ 636-227-9692 with questions.

Milestone Birthday – Milestone Anniversary - Olivia Pieknik

We would like to celebrate HIS members who will be celebrating Milestone Birthday (100+ or 95, 90, 85 etc.) and Milestone Anniversary (60+ or 55, 50, 45 etc.) – if you wish to participate, please email your name/spouse and the date/month/year of the Milestone Birthday/Anniversary to Olivia Pieknik at olpieknik@mail.com.

"THINKING OF YOU" - Olivia Pieknik

If you know HIS members who are currently at a Seniors Living Center, please let Olivia Pieknik know at olpieknik@gmail.com. Olivia will keep an on-going list and send (bi-monthly/quarterly) "Thinking of You" card to current and former HIS members to let them know they have not been forgotten and that we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. (The current list includes Nell Cox, Jim Yettke, and Mary Jane Zust).



Sentiments

By Carol Laupp

To date in 2021 a total of 42 sentiments were sent to the following:

Get Well cards were sent to Tom Wojciechowski, Bob & Carol Komor, Ginny Ahrends, Bill & Nina Koop, Theresa & Paul Bishsel, Ted Salvia, Rose Bruno, Carolyn Kraichly, Martha Lang, Larry Colona, Msgr Bucheit, Marge & Alan Thome, Mary Jane Bahr, Joe Sinibaldi, Mary Ann Goodberlet, Marie Modde, , Bob Flacke, Paul Mallory, Shirley Huesgen and Becky O'Brien.

Thinking of You with prayers to, Mary Jane Zust, JoAnn Lewis, Elizabeth Schmitt, and Jim Yettke.

Sympathy and Mass cards for Ken and Joan Daves, Rose Bruno, Carol O'Brien, Phil Carney, Ted Salvia, Msgr. Bucheit, and to Gene Bestgen for sister's passing, and Dan Henke for his mother's passing.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES -


By Kathie Hanneke

Women's Paint-n-Sip Evening

Friday, November 5
6:30-9:00 p.m. / Upper Cafeteria
Sponsored by Adult Faith Formation Team

Evening includes:

- ✓ 16 x 20 canvas
- ✓ Acrylic paint and supplies
- ✓ Painting instruction
- ✓ Two glasses of wine and light snacks
- ✓ Fellowship with friends in your parish community



Cost is \$35, and space is limited to the first 40 paid registrants ages 21 or over. To make a reservation, provide check (made payable to Holy Infant Church) in an envelope marked Paint-n-Sip to Patricia Foley at the PSR Office. Direct questions to: Terri Wood, kenwood01@charter.net or ph 636.458.8747.



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Tom and his committee for our August meeting and treat for the day. Ice cream always wins!!!
- Paul and Theresa for taking care of our dues. Great job!!
- Msgr Mike for being in attendance. We welcome you!!
- The game for our first meeting was fun. I guess there are advantages to being old...the numbers add up!
- Thanks to Olivia Pieknik for taking photos at our meeting!
- Thanks to Rosemary and Gene Bestgen, Carol Komor and Mary Mallery for visiting and singing Happy 102th Birthday to Mary Jane at Brookdale Seniors Living and delivering the birthday poster we all signed.





DID YOU KNOW

By Jo Lewis

- That if you rinse your dishes before putting them in the dishwasher you are wasting 6800 gallons of water a year. Just scrape them and save the environment and your water bill.
- Sizes are all different in the DOLLAR STORE making prices tricky; check prices of items at other stores before buying. Comparison by the ounce is the best way to determine if you are saving money.
- Companies vary on return policies; anywhere from no limit (COSTCO) to 14 days (Apple). Check the companies return policy.
- 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.

Winners of the numbers game with their wine and 2 pictures of some of our group.





Birthdays -September

By Theresa & Paul Bichsel

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

Mary	Bryant	09/03	Theresa	Donovan	09/19
Terry	Bryant	09/03	Donald	Montgomery	09/21
Pat	Weikart	09/03	Deborah Deb)	Burke	09/24
Jim	Wilding	09/11	Lanada	Marcinko	09/26
Mary Jane	Bahr	09/13	Mary	Emke	09/27
Joleen	Halleman	09/13	Ronald	Marcinko	09/27
			Barb	Velten	09/29
Lee	Freeman-Rung	09/15	JoAnn	Dinkelkamp	10/01
Linda	Lawson	09/16	Jackie	Overkamp	10/03
Jim	Hudgens	09/17	Kim	Sullivan	10/04
Carol	Galus	09/18	Tom	Wardenburg	10/04
Ken	Velten	09/18	Janet	Linhoff	10/07
Liz	DeRum	09/19	Carol	Nortman	10/07



STEPHEN MINISTRY

By Gene Bestgen

Bear One Another's Burdens. . .

In Galatians 6, Paul tells us to "carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." At Holy Infant our Stephen Ministers have been trained and organized to do just that. They provide one-to-one care, prayer, and support to those who are going through a difficult time. If you would like more information about Stephen Ministry, please call Patricia, 636 227-0802, opt. 3.

- If you or a loved one can benefit from a Stephen's Minister, check out Stephen Ministry on our church website www.holyinfantballwin.org

*October turned my maple's leaves to gold;
 most are gone now;
 here and there one lingers;
 Soon these will slip from out the twig's weak hold,
 Like coins between a dying miser's fingers. -Thomas Bailey Aldrich*





New Members -

By: Paul & Theresa Bichsel

Betz, Joyce 1161 Arroya Trail Ballwin, MO 63021	636-579-9533 Birthday: 01/26 jjrbetz@gmail.com
Capra, Fran 210 Fawn Meadows Drive Ballwin, MO 63011	636-527-0203 Birthday: 04/29 frano429@aol.com
Cupps, Jeff 818 Castle Forest Court Ballwin, MO 63021	636-256-0156 Birthday: 06/10 jeffcupps@hotmail.com
Cupps, Suzie 818 Castle Forest Court Ballwin, MO 63021	636-256-0156 Birthday: 04/20 jeffcupps@636256.com 636-256-0156 Birthday: 06/10 jeffcupps@hotmail.com
East, Mary Ann 969 Kiefer Trails Drive Ballwin, MO 63021	636-230-8189 Birthday: 01/07 maeast.561@gmail.net
Jeglijewski, Barbara 294 Village Mead Drive Ballwin, MO 63021	314-728-7744 Birthday: 11/49
Julius, Al 1523 Quail Hollow Court Wildwood, MO 63021	636-386-1566 Birthday: 07/04
Julius, Ellen 1523 Quail Hollow Court Wildwood, MO 63021	636-386-1566 Birthday: 05/24 Rrxstitch2@aol.com
Lawson, Linda 652 Park Commons Court Apt. B Valley Park, MO 63088	636-517-1549 Birthday: 09/16 katao4@att.net
Lehman, Cathy 943 Palm Bay Drive Ballwin, MO 63021	314-313-0992 Birthday: 04/01 aprilfoolcml@gmail.com
Link, Charley 607A Pine Ridge Trails Court Ballwin, MO 63021	314-766-1902 Birthday: 11/11 Buckybruin1956@att.net
Matlock, Shelley 16208 Marina del Ray Lane Wildwood, MO 63040	314-825-3352 Birthday: 11/24 Shelley.Matlock@yahoo.com
Montgomery, Donald 853 Fred Kemp Court Ballwin, MO 63021	636-220-4920 Birthday: 09/21
Overkamp, Jackie 973 Kiefer Trails Drive Ballwin, MO 63021	636-220-7288 Birthday: 10/03 Jackie.Overkamp@yahoo.com
Schmitt, Jim 135 Reinke Road Ellisville, MO 63021	636-391-9264 Birthday: 05/03

Slattery, Lisa
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Ellisville, MO 63021

636-394-6589
Birthday: 07/31
laslat@sbcglobal.net

Stafford, Sherry
16033 Nantucket Meadows Drive
Grover, MO 63040

636-458-6928
Birthday: 06-22
gstafford01@earthlink.net

Sullivan, Kim
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Ellisville, MO 63021

314-494-6575
Birthday: 10/04
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ADULT BINGO



Saturday, October 16, 2021
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



Parish News
By Sandy Hughes

OCTOBER

- 1 Golf Tournament at Pevely Farms
- 3 Adult Faith Formation: Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: 6:30pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 8 Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: 2-7pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 9-10 Knights' Tootsie Roll Drive after all Masses
- 16 Legion of Mary: Public Rosary 10am in front of Upper Cafeteria
- 16 Knights of Columbus BINGO: Doors open at 5:30pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 19 Ladies Auxiliary of Knights Meeting: 7pm, Holy Infant Room (*now open to all women over 18; Does not have to be affiliated to a Knight*)
- 26 Evening Book Club: 7:00pm, Lower Cafeteria

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Day (not a day of obligation) regular Masses at 6am and 8am
- 1 PSR Saints Museum: 5:00pm and 7:00pm, Gym
- 5 Paint & Sip: 6:30pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 6 Parish Auction: Virtual

2019-2021 H.I.S. Board Members

Tom Wojciechowski	President	256-2510	Gene Hanneke	Recycle Coor.	227-8163
Bob Maloney	VP	636-346-1765	Nancy Turpin &	Refreshment	314-800-7420
Becky O'Brien	Secretary	314-973-4515	Bernie Flacke		227-3825
Brenda George	Treasurer	636-394-2286	Marie Fox &	Resurrection Choir	227-2750
Audrey Westmoreland &	Attendance	636-394-7919	Dolores Kaemmerer		391-7743
Dolores Kaemmerer	Attendance	391-7743	Eileen Buehrle	Service & PAC	230-5435
Mary Mallory	Attendance	391-9716	Rev. Edward Stanger	Spiritual Dir.	227-7440
Carol Laupp	Sentiments	256-0924	Gene & Rosemary Bestgen		527-5385
Kathie & Gene Hanneke	Graphics	314-913-4230	& Mary Jane Bahr	Trips	227-8927
Mary Mallory	Historian	391-9716	Carol Wolf &	50/50	227-6214
Mary Schlemier	Hospitality	227-1254	Carol Komor &		230-9697
Theresa & Paul Bichsel	Directory	314-564-7591	Rose Birkner		227-9498
Maria Dorn	Membership				
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