



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR - By: Maria Dorn

Welcome back!!! I can't believe that we are finished with summer and fall is right around the corner. Thankfully, our house here was 'refreshed' with a new fence and some paint, and we sold the lake house without too much drama. I can report that we enjoyed our vacation to the gulf with my sister and brother-in-law and survived 8 days in Napa with our son's family of seven. We are NOT going to be spending Thanksgiving with them and instead we are taking a road trip to Texas to visit my sister Joanne. I hope that you made and carried out your plans for these past 3 months. If you did, I for one would like to hear about it.

Our board has a great year planned for our group, Karaoke, Wine tasting, Christmas Party, Sock Hop to our year end Picnic. We are hoping you can attend every one.

Remember, you can access the HIS Newsletter through the online bulletin by clicking on this link and scrolling down till you see HIS Newsletters. We have them all from September of 2015.

<https://holynfantballwin.org/news/newsletter/>

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'.

Mary Jane Zust turns 103!!



Thanks to everyone for a wonderful celebration of Mary Jane Zust 103rd birthday ... Mary Jane was at the 10:15 am Mass – our group photo included HIS members, Fr. Smith, Deacon Hanke with Mary Jane and her family.



We delivered the flowers, balloon and all the birthday cards to Brookdale West County. Mary Jane and her family were at a luncheon and unable to be in the group photo at Brookdale.

If you or someone you know would like to be Member of the Month, please let me know at our meeting, by emailing me at mariadorn@hotmail.com.

featured as the Member of the Month, please call me at 314-610-8784 or

The History of Holy Infant Seniors—September 2021—June 2022

By Mary Mallery, HIS Historian

In September, after losing a year to Covid, our President Tom Wojcieckowski welcomed Holy Infant Seniors to the 24th year of our organization. Vice President Bob Maloney, Secretary Becky O' Brien, and Treasurer Brenda George are our other officers who will meet each month to plan activities, speakers, and entertainment along with the other Board members.

Bob Maloney, in charge of programs, started us off with a game of "Getting to Know You". The competition was lively and jovial, and the winning table received bottles of wine! The business meeting ended with the traditional ice cream social. In Oct. Bob had us play a trivia game where we all learned surprising and interesting facts. For Nov. Bob had Schnucks present its annual Wine & Cheese program. They do such an outstanding job! Bob had planned a program of Karaoke for January and a speaker, Ken Weintraub, who was to present "The Golden Age of Hollywood" in February. Sadly, both meetings were cancelled due to winter weather. In March he procured Bob Schutz who gave us an informative, humorous, gossipy presentation on "The History of the Muny. May is Better Hearing Month, so Bob had "Hearts For Hearing" give us an informative presentation. It was very well done, and many questions were answered and ones we didn't ask like how to use a Q-tip correctly in your ear. His word was NO, Never!

On December 8th we had our annual Christmas Party, chaired by Alberta McGilligan. With her many helpers, the cafeteria got decorated beautifully, and the table decor by Maureen Maloney and Trisha Powers added the final touches. The entertainment of Chad Evans procured by Carol Wolf was wonderful, as was the catered dinner of Italian salad, Sirloin of beef & gravy, Chicken Prima Bianca, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans almondine, cavatelli con broccoli, rolls & butter, and apple pie with cinnamon sauce for desert. Lip smacking fabulous!

On a more serious note in April, we had a Day of Reflection which was presented by Msgr. Mike Dieckmann. He offered 3 presentations on the Symbols of Easter Vigil: namely, bread & water, word and book, and oil & fire. It helped us understand and reflect more on the history and meaning of these symbols of Holy Saturday. Thanks Monsignor and Kathie Hanneke for organizing this day and the graphic program.

For June we enjoyed our annual picnic at Bluebird Park. Chaired by Mary Schlemeier, we had lawn games such as corn hole, washer toss, and ladder games. A catered lunch was so delicious, and the weather was divine! We enjoyed Bingo for money prizes, and all the 50/50 was given away.

Throughout our monthly meetings Nancy Turpin and her helpers provided us with either catered meals or tasty lunches she cooked and prepared herself. We enjoyed them all! Her recycling program for throwing away all our trash is going well when we all read her signs listed over the trash cans.

Our trip committee of Gene & Rosemary Bestgen and MaryJane Bahr worked diligently to plan trips for us. However, with possible Covid concerns, nothing got scheduled through the winter. They had tried to have the Brass Christmas Concert, but it got cancelled at the last minute. We did get a pleasant Arrow Rock, Missouri trip at the Lyceum Theater on Sept. 28th to enjoy "Sister Act." We enjoyed a fried chicken dinner at the Boone Tavern. After lunch we had time to stroll along Main Street to view and visit local shops presenting many interesting knick-knacks. Finally on May 4th, a bus trip to the Hill got off. It included a guided tour of "The Hill" through all the streets and homes. Next was a visit to Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate Factory for demonstrations of its assembly line. It reminded us of an episode on the "I Love Lucy Show". Many went home with some boughten goodies. YUM! We visited St. Ambrose Church where our tour guide talked of its

history, enjoyed an Italian lunch, and a visit to a Bocce Ball establishment where several HIS members got to play in the demonstrations. It was a fun filled day for anxious seniors to get out after a confining winter!

We sadly have to say goodbye to our seniors who have died this past year. May they Rest in Peace!

- Bob Hauf 11/13/2021
- Margaret (Peggy) Ross 10/29/2021
- Tom Arnold 12/16/2021
- Bob Flacke 1/1/2022
- Jim Yettke 1/1/2022
- Kirk Richter 1/14/ 2022
- Lee Gebhardt 4/7/2022
- Larry Colonna 6/9/2022
- Carolyn Kraichely 6/11/2022
- Betty Johnson 7/2/2022

Special thanks to our retiring officers Tom Wojciechowski and Brenda George.
Our new slate of officers elected for this year are:

- President Bob Maloney
- Vice President Paul Bichsel
- Treasurer Ken Felten
- Secretary Becky O'Brien

Thanks also to the many Board Members who contributed so much to our meetings and enjoyment. They gave their time in so many ways that it would be too numerous to list in this history. THANKS THANKS THANKS

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Mallery
Historian



Odds and Ends By HIS members

Books for Little Library Project – Olivia Pieknik



Olivia Pieknik donated a Little Library, to the City of Ballwin. It was installed near the playground at Ferris Park. Olivia was able to obtain funding for 3 more Little Libraries to be donated to the City of Ballwin. They will be installed at Vlasis Park, New Ballwin Park and North Point. Please bring books, for the Little Library, to HIS luncheons or contact Olivia via email at olpieknik@gmail.com to arrange for a time and place that is convenient for your schedule.

Meal Train – Maria Dorn

We have served only one of our HIS members to date and the process worked fabulously. Please keep this program in mind when you or one of HIS members needs some support.

Worn Flags Project - Olivia Pieknik

Please bring worn flags to HIS luncheon meetings and give to Olivia Pieknik. She will arrange for them to be properly disposed of at VFW and American Legion posts. Olivia has collected a total of 184 worn flags (since 2018) – let's help Olivia reach 200 by Labor Day! **Important - Please do NOT leave the worn flags in the church vestibule or the Chapel.**

TEXAS HOLD'EM –Bill McCann and Nancy Turpin

There is a FREE TEXAS HOLD'EM program at the Daniel Boone Library every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month starting at 6:30PM and ending at 8:30PM in the Program Room on the upper level. This program is just starting up again (shut down, due to COVID), no masks required, and the average age of participants is about 60 years old, but a few young people also show up. It is about one-half couples and about one-half single individuals. Prizes are awarded in the form of books (large and small print), Music tapes and/or movie tapes. I am sure, anyone that enjoys playing Texas Hold 'Em, would have a good time. A few people have never played before, but it is an easy card game to play, and it is A CHEAP NIGHT OUT!

TEXAS HOLD'EM POKER DATES FOR REST OF 2022

September 19, 2022
October 3, 2022
October 17, 2022
November 7, 2022

November 21, 2022
December 5, 2022
December 19, 2022



Sentiments

By Carol Laupp

Since our last HIS Newsletter, these sentiments were sent:

Sympathy Mass Card - Family of Larry Colonna, Family of Carolyn Kraichely

Get Well Card - Fr. Chris Dunlap, Jack Birkner, Teresa Bichsel, Ernie Doorak, Doris Freeman, Ken Koepke, Bob Kayser, Ken Clemens

Birthday - Mary Jane Zust -103 yrs. young

If you know of anyone in our HIS group that could use a Get-Well card, a Thinking or Praying for you card, a Sympathy card, etc. please call Carol Laupp at 636-256-0924 and she will send them a card from our HIS group.

Treasurers Annual Report - Ken Velten

On August 3, Brenda George handed the duties of Treasurer to Ken Velten who was elected to that position in May. We'd like to thank Brenda for serving as Treasurer and congratulate Ken on his election. As per the HIS by-laws a change in Treasurer requires an audit of the Treasure's Report. With the help of Gene Hanneke, the audit was done on August 3. Thanks Gene!! - Bob Maloney President

Holy Infant Seniors Annual Report Aug 1, 2021 to July 31, 2022

Income:

Dues	\$3210.00
Fifty-Fifty	\$186.00
Luncheon Fees	\$1140.00
Subtotal	\$4516.00

Trips:

Arrow Rock	-\$30.60
The Hill	\$54.00
Subtotal	\$23.40

Total \$4539.40

Expense

Food	\$3616.82
Christmas Party	\$345.51
Meeting Expenses	\$560.88
Nametags	\$22.51
Picnic	\$1181.53
Postage	\$17.10
Sentiment	\$224.02
Equipment	\$313.98
Misc	\$109.48
Show Refund	\$ 356.00
Subtotal	\$6747.00

Net Income -\$2208.43

Balance as of 07/31/2022 \$3205.32



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

By Kathie Hanneke



Zoom Bible Study

We need relationships, especially friendships, to live thriving, joy-filled lives. Let God reshape how you experience intentional relationships and become a woman who is capable of the lifelong bond of true friendship. Join us as we kick off a Zoom Bible study, "Reclaiming Friendship: God's Plan for Deep Connection". From the comfort of our own homes, we will watch True Friendship and Its Fruit, and begin to form meaningful connection with other women from our parish.

Tuesdays, beginning September 27, at 7:30 PM for visiting, 8:00 PM for the study, the weekly meetings close by 9:00 PM. The only monetary cost will be a suggested book.

For more information contact: Rita at ritamarieh1@gmail.com or (937) 307-5798, Susan at skulka76@gmail.com or Lucille at (314) 440-5711 or fleur_delis00@yahoo.com

JONAH PRAYER MINISTRY

Are you concerned about a loved one? Are you facing an important medical issue? Would you like to ask for a special favor from God? If so, come to the Jonah Prayer Teams on Saturday Sept. 17th 4 p.m. or Sunday, Sept. 18th 8:30 a.m. Masses and look for the Jonah Prayer Teams by the Holy Family statue after Mass to pray with you. All prayers are confidential.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Is a Loved One Facing a Transition?

Is your loved one heading off to a new school? Retirement Community? Having a baby? Facing surgery? Recent loss of a spouse? These transitions can be challenging for your loved one. The person will feel your warm hugs and God's love being wrapped in

a lovely, homemade Prayer Shawl made by Holy Infant parishioners and blessed by our clergy.

Prayer Shawls come in various sizes, from newborn Baby Blankets to Adult sizes. You can find these blessed Shawls/Blankets in a basket in the back of the Adoration Chapel 24/7 (need entry code at night) and in the Parish Office 8-4. (closed 12-1 for lunch)

ALL PRAYER SHAWLS/BABY BLANKETS ARE FREE. Donations of yarn or money are always appreciated to help with expenses of the Ministry. If you have any questions or would like to join this great Ministry, call Kathie, 314-704-2350.

Women's Bible Study WISDOM

GOD'S VISION FOR LIFE

In this study, you will examine biblical wisdom as it relates to daily life, drawing on the wisdom literature of the Bible. You will learn how to actively seek out sound guidance and increase your sense of peace in navigating life.

Thursday, Sep. 15- Nov. 3
8:30-9:30 a.m.

Holy Infant Room

Material Cost: \$24.95

For more information, contact Kathie at (314) 704-2350 or gkhanneke@gmail.com

The 99 Experience is coming to **Holy Infant**

You are invited to a powerful three-night event of short, inspirational videos that will spark conversation, inspire prayer, and help us grow in faith, purpose and community. Will you join us?

Sundays,
Oct. 9, 16 and 23
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Reception to Follow
Upper Cafeteria

For more information, visit holyinfallwin.org or contact Paul Bichsel at jbichsel55@gmail.com or ph 314.564.7568.



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

By Jo Lewis

- To all the officers who volunteer their time to keep our Senior group functioning.
- To Paul and Theresa Bichsel for providing us our entertainment for the upcoming year. We will either learn something new or enjoy a presentation.
- To Maria Dorn for continuing to keep us informed of our activities or happenings in our parish and especially our Senior Group.



DID YOU KNOW

By Jo Lewis & Pauline Nicofora

- That plants lean toward the strongest light? To keep indoor plants growing straight, frequently rotate the pots about a quarter of a turn so they absorb the sunlight evenly.
- That there are wonderful minerals in snow water? Snow your plants with kindness. Scoop up some clean snow, let it melt and use it for watering.
- That bugs hate garlic and that it doesn't harm plants? Plant a garlic clove along with your plant and keep cutting it down as it grows so it will not disturb the appearance.
- That buying boxed wines can sometimes save you up to 50% over bottled wine? Do your research!
- That if you bring your own mug to a Starbucks or Peets they will offer you a small discount?
- You can save big by using a reusable coffee pod instead of a K cup? The average price for a pound of grocery coffee is about 18 cents a cup and Keurig K cups are roughly 74 cents a cup. Do the math!
- 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.

ADULT BINGO

September 24, 2022
 Holy Infant School – Upper
 Cafeteria
 248 New Ballwin Road
 Doors Open at 6:00 P.M.
 Bingo Starts at 7:00 P.M.



\$25.00 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

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Labor Day Mass 9:00am - Patriotic Rosary to follow
- 13 HoLy HaPpY hOuR: 6:30pm-7:30pm (Church) 7:30pm-8:30 (Upper Cafeteria)
- 16 Parish Festival: 6:00pm-10:00pm
- 17 Parish Festival: 1:00pm-10:00pm
- 24 Knights' BINGO: Doors open at 5:30pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 27 Evening Book Club: 7:00pm, Lower Cafeteria

OCTOBER

- 2 Ladies Auxiliary Bunco: 1:00pm-6:00pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 3-7 Priests at Convocation; no weekday Masses; prayer services instead
- 5 Divorce Care begins (every Wed. through 12/21/22) 7-9pm, Adult Ed Room



STEPHEN MINISTRY
By Gene Bestgen

Who will know about my problem if I talk to a Stephen Minister?

Many people ask this question. Confidentiality is the cornerstone of Stephen Ministry. No one will find out. If you have a burden you need to share, perhaps a Stephen Minister can help. For someone who will listen and help you find the resources you need to get through this tough time. To learn more about this caring ministry, call Patricia at 636 227-0802, opt #3. There is a confidential email as well stephenministryhi@yahoo.com that you can use if you prefer.

Members of HIS that are current Stephen Ministers, or have retired as Stephen Ministers are: Alberta McGilligan, Maureen Richter, Monica Vaccaro, Paul Mallery, Pauline Nocifora, Mary Salvia, Bob Komor, Jack Birkner, Peggy Buechler, Hank Kraichely, Linda Gatton, Mary Emke, Carol Laupp, Carol Wolf and Gene Bestgen.

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



Birthdays - June - September

By Theresa & Paul Bichsel

Wishing each of you, and any others I may have missed, a very Happy Birthday!

June					
Bill	McCann	06/05	Ann	Goldsmith	08/10
Rosemary	Bestgen	06/06	Vivian	Morice	08/13
Jeff	Cupps	06/10	Bob	Maloney	08/14
Deacon Jim	Powers	06/15	John	Skinner	08/16
Mary	Sisul	06/19	Carol	Komor	08/18
Kathie	Fears	06/21	Cam	DeLancey	08/20
Sherry	Stafford	06/22	Mary	Marzorati	08/23
Robert (Bob)	Hoelscher	06/24			
Marcia	Spencer	06/27			
Mary	Mallery	06/28			
Maureen	Maloney	06/30			
July					
Pat	Bouckaert	07/01			
Marge	Quinn	07/01			
Dan	Buechler	07/02			
Gene	Hanneke	07/02			
Al	Julius	07/04			
Becky	O'Brien	07/09			
Sharon	Clemens	07/13			
Tony	Dahlia	07/14			
Pauline	Nocifora	07/22			
Donna	McCann	07/27			
Lisa	Slattery	07/31			
August					
Peggy	Dahlia	08/02			
Barbara	Thebeau	08/04			
Jan	Jordan	08/06			
Joan	Wojciechowski	08/06			
September					
			Mary	Bryant	09/03
			Terry	Bryant	09/03
			Pat	Weikart	09/03
			Jim	Wilding	09/11
			Mary Jane	Bahr	09/13
			Joleen	Hallemann	09/13
			Lee	Freeman-Rung	09/15
			Linda	Lawson	09/16
			Jim	Hudgens	09/17
			Carol	Galus	09/18
			Ken	Velten	09/18
			Liz	DeRum	09/19
			Donald	Montgomery	09/21
			Lanada	Marcinko	09/26
			Mary	Emke	09/27
			Mary Ann	Carney	09/27
			Ronald	Marcinko	09/27
			Barb	Velten	09/29

"There are people who make things happen, there are people who watch things happen, and there are people who wonder what happened. To be successful, you need to be a person who makes things happen." —Jim Lovell

2022-2023 H.I.S. Board Members

Bob Maloney	President	636-346-1765	Maria Dorn	Newsletter	314-610-8784
Paul Bichsel	VP	314-564-7591	Gene Hanneke	Recycle Coord.	227-8163
Becky O'Brien	Secretary	314-973-4515	Nancy Turpin &	Refreshment	314-800-7420
Ken Velten	Treasurer	636-386-5208	Bernie Flacke		227-3825
Audrey Westmoreland	Attendance	636-394-7919	Marie Fox &	Resurrection Choir	227-2750
Dolores Kaemmerer	Attendance	391-7743	Dolores Kaemmerer		391-7743
Mary Mallery	Attendance	391-9716	Eileen Buehrle	Service & PAC	230-5435
Carol Laupp	Sentiments	256-0924	Rev. Edward Stanger	Spiritual Dir.	227-7440
Kathie & Gene			Gene & Rosemary Bestgen		527-5385
Hanneke	Graphics	314-913-4230	& Mary Jane Bahr	Trips	227-8927
Mary Mallery	Historian	391-9716	Carol Wolf &	50/50	227-6214
Mary Schlemeier &	Hospitality	636-391-9556	Carol Komor &		230-9697
Brenda George		636-394-2286	Rose Birkner		227-9498
Theresa & Paul	Directory	314-564-7591			
Bichsel	Membership				

