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FROM THE EDITOR - By: Maria Dorn

It is officially fall now, my favorite time of the year, and I am anticipating the leaves changing and the temperatures staying more seasonal. Bob and I will be heading to Nashville with a busload of other HIS 'roadies' and we're really looking forward to it. We had so much fun when we went to Kansas City, we for sure didn't want to miss this! I'm sure we'll have lots of stories and maybe even some pictures with everyone in our November Newsletter. I can't believe we are on the backend of 2022. Our Parish Festival is in the rear-view mirror and soon our Parish Advent preparation and Christmas activities will be making their way onto our calendars.

Halloween is almost here, and we are expecting to have a bunch of kids ringing the bell this year. I've always wanted to be the house with the full-size candy bars. Maybe this will be the year that everyone who comes will go away saying, 'WOW!!! How lucky are we?'



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://holyyinfantballwin.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'.

Member of the month - Monsignor Dieckmann

Greetings fellow Seniors. I received a request from Maria Dorn to write a short bio for the HIS Newsletter, so here goes. I was born in April, 1948, the firstborn of Keith and Audrey Dieckmann. I was followed by three sisters: Cheryl, Pam, and Donna; and by three brothers: Keith, Rick and Ken. Sadly, my dad passed away in October of 1973 and my brother Rick in October, 2016.



At first, we lived in a duplex on Ray Avenue, not far from the Granada Theater. My maternal grandfather was a contractor and built many brick homes in south St. Louis so it wasn't surprising that he and my dad built our house on Salzburger which was our home from 1951 until 1970. While I was working at Camp Richards outside Milwaukee the family moved to a house on Rhodes Avenue not far down the street from Our Lady of Sorrows parish. Luckily, they let me know that they moved in my absence.

While those were my family's physical homes our spiritual homes have been St. John the Baptist and Our Lady of Sorrows. OLS has been so very important in my family's life. The kids all went to school there, received our sacraments there, and mom was one of the parish secretaries for over 49 years. Mom and two of my sisters still call OLS "home."

I'm what's known in seminary parlance as a "lifer", meaning I started my seminary education right after grade school. St. Louis Prep South (1962 – 66), Cardinal Glennon college (1966 – 70), and Kenrick Seminary (1970 – 74) and was ordained a priest on May 18, 1974.

One of my proudest achievements is that I've had very few assignments over the years. Associate Pastor at St. Raphael (74-80), St. Anthony in High Ridge (1980 – 86), and Annunciation in Webster Groves (1986 – 92). I've served as Pastor at Good Shepherd in Hillsboro (1992 – 2000) and St. Paul in Fenton (2000 – 18). As you know I came here to Holy Infant as Senior Priest in Service in June of 2018. Cardinal Burke named me a Monsignor in September of 2008, much to the surprise of no one except my mom.

I've had lots of hobbies to keep me busy over the years: astronomy, science, photography (before phones became cameras), trading card collector of the non-sport variety, reading books about Scripture, science fiction and science fact, amassing record albums and gigabytes of music files, playing guitar in a folk group (April's Children) and bass in a rock group (The Origin of Species). My favorite hobby is Amateur Radio (call sign KA0IAR) although I'm not as active as I used to be. For now, I concentrate on travel, mostly cruises.

That's most likely more than you really wanted to know. However, if you want more ask me sometime about my one date with a girl or my experience with the New Year's Eve tornado of 2010. God bless.

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.



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



Odds and Ends

By HIS members

Meal Train – Maria Dorn

We are currently feeding two HIS member in need. Thanks to all who generously volunteer already and if you want to be added to the list of volunteers, let Maria know by calling 314-610-8784 or email to mariadorn@hotmail.com.

Please keep this program in mind when you or one of HIS members needs some support.

Amazon Smile – Maria Dorn

Do you shop on Amazon??? If so, have you joined AmazonSmile? It's a simple and automatic way for you to support Holy Infant Catholic Church every time you shop at no cost to you! It's easy to join:

1. Go to smile.amazon.com If you already have an Amazon account, sign in.
2. Search for Holy Infant or use this link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-6013943>
3. Confirm your selection.
4. Bookmark smile.amazon.com

That's it! Simply make your Amazon purchase through smile.amazon.com and Holy Infant Catholic Church will benefit every time you shop! Thank you for shopping with AmazonSmile!

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



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 - Peggy Buechler Family on death of her mother, Ruth Kimmich.

Get Well Card – Marcia Bequette

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.



Parish News

By Sandy Hughes

OCTOBER

- 8-9 Knights' Tootsie Roll drive after all Masses
- 9 Adult Faith Formation: The 99 Experience, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 13 HoLy HaPpY hOuR: 6:30pm-7:30pm (Church) 7:30pm-8:30 (Upper Cafeteria)
- 15 Knights' BINGO: Doors open at 5:30pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 16 Adult Faith Formation: The 99 Experience, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 21 TrUnK or TrEaT: 7:00pm, Upper School Parking Lot
- 23 Adult Faith Formation: The 99 Experience, 6:30pm-8:00pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 25 Evening Book Club: 7:00pm, Lower Cafeteria

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses at 6am, 8am, 10am and 7pm
- 2 Mass of Remembrance: 7:00pm



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

By Kathie Hanneke

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.

THE 99

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

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?

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

Women's Paint-n-Sip Evening

Friday, November 11 - 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Upper Cafeteria

Enjoy fellowship with your parish community



Evening includes:

- ✓ 16 x 20 canvas
- ✓ Acrylic paint and supplies
- ✓ Painting instruction
- ✓ Wine and light snacks

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 call 636.458.8747.



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

By Jo Lewis

- To Nancy and Don Turpin and Bernie Flacke for our treat at our last meeting and providing great lunches during the year.
- To Becky O'Brien who helps us remember what happened last month by being our Secretary. Good Job!!
- To Bob Maloney for being our president and who always seems to have a funny ??? Joke or word to lighten our day.



DID YOU KNOW

By Jo Lewis

- This about shoes??
 - That a shoe that feels good in the morning may hurt at night?
 - That shoestrings can become a hazard? Try Velcro.
 - That if a shoe feels a little tight when first bought, don't think you can 'break it in' and it will feel better? That's not always the case.
- That whether organic or conventional, frozen produce is less expensive? It is just as nutritious as fresh.
- That sunscreen will remain effective for the time stated, either 40 or 80 minutes, when swimming or sweating? You do need to apply once you get out of the water though. Keep this in mind if heading for the 'sun' after the holidays.
- That if you preheat your grill, beef patties will cook more quickly and consistently? Light it and close the lid for 10 minutes to get to 300-400 degrees.
- 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

October 15, 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



Travel & Tourism News

By: Mary Jane Bahr, Gene Bestgen Rosemary Bestgen

Christmas Concert – The concert is sold out and tickets will be distributed soon. Hopefully, everyone who plans to attend will be able to go; however, if something comes up and you find you are unable to attend the concert, there will be no refunds from the Tourism Committee. You will have to find someone to take your ticket.



Birthdays – October

By Theresa & Paul Bichsel

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

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| Janet | Linhoff | 10/07 | Trisha | Powers | 10/23 |
| Carol | Nortman | 10/07 | Carol | Wolf | 10/23 |
| Julia | Freeman | 10/09 | Sheila | Bebb | 10/25 |
| Joseph (Paul) | Bichsel | 10/11 | Russ | Marzorati | 10/26 |
| Marie | Modde | 10/15 | Carol | McElroy | 10/30 |
| Tom | Wojciechowski | 10/15 | Marie | Fox | 11/06 |
| Bob | Schlemeier | 10/18 | Susan | Fritz | 11/06 |
| Bill | George | 10/19 | | | |
| Kathie | Hanneke | 10/23 | | | |

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The Best Halloween Jokes

- Why don't angry witches ride their brooms?
- What do you use to fix a broken pumpkin?
- What do you call a witch who lives at the beach?
- What kind of music do mummies love most?
- What happened to the guy with the overdue exorcism bills?
- Why do vampires make cheap dates?
- Where does Dracula save his money?
- Why did the kids put Halloween candy under their pillows?
- What is a witch's favorite subject in school?
- What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?
- Why didn't the skeleton go to prom?
- How do you make a skeleton laugh?
- What's a ghost's favorite Halloween game?
- What do you call two witches sharing an apartment?
- What does a vampire never order from the menu?

Answers to The Best Halloween Jokes

- *They're afraid of flying off the handle.*
- *A pumpkin patch.*
- *A sand witch.*
- *Wrap music.*
- *His house got repossessed.*
- *Because they eat necks to nothing.*
- *In a blood bank.*
- *They wanted to have sweet dreams.*
- *Spelling.*
- *Frostbite.*
- *He had no body to go with.*
- *Tickle his funny bone.*
- *Hide and shriek.*
- *Broommates.*
- *The stake.*

