



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR - By: Maria Dorn

Happy Thanksgiving! It's time for turkey and dressing, family and friends. We are gaining momentum, progressing to the Christmas Season, when we will celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior. It is good to take time and meditate this time of year, and every day for that matter, on what God's purpose is for each of us. If you attended the 99, you'd know they reiterated that we are all one body (the church), with many parts (each of us), and each of us has a special note in our Church's symphony. One thing missing from this Newsletter since I took it over from Carol Komor is her deeply spiritual thoughts and meditations. She has graciously offered to resurrect 'Carol's Corner' and the first edition is in this Newsletter. Please enjoy and thank Carol for providing these prayerful thoughts for us to ponder.

If you ever have suggestions or an article that you think other members would enjoy, you can call or 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'.

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://holyinfantballwin.org/news/newsletter/>



Member of the month - Kathie and Gene Hanneke

Kathie and Gene Hanneke grew up not too far from each other. Kathie lived in Shrewsbury and went to St. Michael the Archangel Parish for school. Gene, along with his brother and sister, lived in Affton and went to St. Dominic Savio Parish for school. To answer the standard St. Louis question - "where did you go to high school?" Kathie went to Nerinx Hall and Gene to Augustinian Academy.

They finished college, Kathie at Quincy College and Gene at SLU. They met through a college graduate, singles club known as The Catholic Alumni Club. Both became involved in the club, became officers, and then began dating.

After marrying in April 1976, they moved to Holy Infant in 1977 and have been here ever since. Their two sons (David and Stephen) went to Holy Infant. Both have doctorates in science, with David's degree in Physics and Stephen's in Computer Science. David is married to Mandi (who is an attorney and on city council). They have an energetic daughter, Rebecca, who is now in high school. Unfortunately, they all live away from Ballwin so it's quite a trip to go visit them in Amherst, Massachusetts and West Lafayette, Indiana.

Most of Gene's career was with Union Pacific Technologies, as a computer programmer and supervisor in the IT arm of the railroad. Kathie was an outpatient clinic registrar at Deaconess Hospital, until the boys arrived. She stayed home to help raise them. Later she went back to school to become an Occupational Therapy Assistant. This came in handy as their parents aged and needed this therapy. At Holy Infant, they have been involved in many ministries and continue to be involved today.

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

Some Thanksgiving Jokes – (see answers on last page)

1. What did Dad say when he was asked to say grace?
2. Why did Mom's turkey seasoning taste a little off last year?
3. What's the official dance of Thanksgiving called?
4. What's one thing that you'll have in common with a teddy bear on Thanksgiving?
5. What was the turkey suspected of?
6. What did the Pilgrim wear to dinner?



Odds and Ends

By HIS members

Meal Train – Maria Dorn

We are not feeding anyone at present but will be ready to go with delicious meals when the need arises. 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.

St Louis County Election Board -

November 8th – DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

January Meeting will be a Pot Luck – Nancy Turpin

Please bring something to share with everyone. Please bring what's listed below if your name begins with that letter. Let's hope the weather will cooperate with us this year.

A - I SOUP

J - Q SALAD

R - Z DESSERT

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

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 - Ronald Laupp Family, Peggy Buechler Family

Get Well Card: Marcia Bequette, Pat Bouckaert

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

NOVEMBER

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| 5 | School Auction: Parish Center |
| 10 | HoLy HaPpY HoUr: 6:30pm-7:30pm (Church) 7:30pm-8:30 (Upper Cafeteria) |
| 11 | Veteran's Day Assembly & Reception: 8:00am, Parish Center/Gym |
| 11 | Paint & Sip: 6:30pm, Upper Cafeteria |
| 13 | Holiday Boutique: 10:00am-2:00pm, Parish Center/Gym |
| 19 | Knights' BINGO: Doors open at 5:30pm, Upper Cafeteria |
| 24 | Thanksgiving Mass & Food Collection: 9:00am |
| 27 | 1st Sunday of Advent |
| 29 | Evening Book Club: 7:00pm, Lower Cafeteria |

DECEMBER

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| 3 | Ladies Advent Tea: 1:30pm, Upper Cafeteria |
| 8 | Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Masses at 6am, 8am, 10am & 7pm |
| 8 | Seniors' Christmas Party: Upper Cafeteria |

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Senior Christmas Party - By: Alberta McGilligan

The Seniors of Holy Infant will be celebrating the Christmas Season with a party on Thursday December 8 **You may begin to arrive and check in around 10:45. Party officially starts at 11:00.** You may check in any time between 11:00 and 11:30. We will have social time until 12:00, then lunch followed by a professional entertainer, Chad Evans (who was our entertainer last year) and 50/50 drawings. The party will wind up between 2:30 and 3:00.

Tickets are available before and after the November meeting. If you can't make the meeting contact Liz DeRum 314-497-4446. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and you must be a member of the HIS Seniors. Reservations must be made and paid for by Nov 30.

It is a wonderful occasion to interact with your friends and make new friends with good food, entertainment, and drinks. As usual if you have a group of people who want to be together at a table be prepared to give their names when you buy tickets.

Come and join us. I promise you will have a good time.

We will need some helpers on Wednesday Dec 7 at 4:00 to decorate tables etc.

Carol's Corner - by Carol Komor



I was first introduced to the prayers of Iyanla Vanzant while on a retreat at the King's House in Belleville Illinois. Nothing seems more appropriate this month, than sharing her beautiful "Prayer of Thanksgiving".

Dear God:

Thank you for reminding me of how powerful I am because of you.

Thank you for showing me that I am protected, guided, and illumined by your divine presence in my being.

Thank you, God, for sheltering me in the storm, for making the crooked places straight, for making a way out of no way out.

Thank you for forgiving me when I was unable or unwilling to forgive myself.

Thank you , God, for your mercy, for your grace, for your goodness that endures forever as the power in my spirit.

Thank you, God, for reminding me that your love is the power that gives life to my soul.

Thank you, God, for the being I am.

And So It Is ! ! ! !



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

By Kathie Hanneke

FALL PRAYER SHAWL DISPLAY WEEKEND IS NOV. 5/6

Looking for a meaningful gift for a friend or family member?
Consider a lovely handmade Prayer Shawl or Baby Blanket!



Come, and see all the beautiful, blessed Prayer Shawls for adults, teens and children, plus blessed Baby Blankets too at the Prayer Shawl/Blankets display after all the Masses November 5/6.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is seeking people who enjoy knitting and crocheting. The demand for Shawls has grown and it is hard to keep up with an available supply of blessed Prayer Shawls. Yarn, patterns, supplies and instructions will be provided on request. There are no pressure and people are available to guide you if needed. If interested, call Kathie, 314-704-2350 or stop at the Prayer Shawl display and sign up.

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.

Advent Book Study



Parishioner Tim Morrison will be facilitating an Advent Book Study on Monday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Holy Infant Room, starting Nov. 28-Dec. 19. The book is, "***Tattoos on the Heart***" by **Fr. Gregory Boyle, S.J.** It is a riveting story about Fr. Boyle being assigned to work with the notorious gangs of LA and how he was able to transform many of the members.

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.



Advent Tea - "Mary and Elizabeth:

The Power of Women's Friendships."

Presented by Jeannie Steenberge

Dec. 4, 2022 1:30-3:00 in the Upper Cafeteria

Jeannie Steenberge has a Master of Arts in Religious Education and has worked for 15 years at Villa Duchesne as a theology teacher and now is principal of the Upper School.

Her areas of specialization in theology include Women in the Church and Women in Scripture. She enjoys teaching high school girls but some of her best memories are teaching at Holy Infant PSR and in her children's confirmation groups.

Come hear about how the friendship of Mary and Elizabeth is a source of inspiration for how transformative friendships can be in our own lives.



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

By Jo Lewis & various HIS Members

- Joan and Tom Wojciechowski for working so hard to ensure the HIS Seniors enjoyed the very best of Nashville. It was truly a fabulous trip!!
- Gene and Rosemary Bestgen and Mary Jane Bahr, our wonderful HIS Travel and Tourism Committee, for planning and working side by side with Joan and Tom once in Nashville. Kudos too for a very fun bus ride coming and going. What happened on the bus, stays on the bus!!!
- Nancy and Don for our lunch at our last meeting. They keep coming up with good meals!
- Ken Velten for keeping our finances in order.
- Mary Mallory, Audrey Westmoreland and Delores Kammerer for keeping track of our nametags even when we forget to return them.
- Carol Laupp for her beautiful cards helping us to deal with our absences.



DID YOU KNOW

By Jo Lewis & Nancy Turpin

- That you can use hair conditioner on your legs for shaving? This leaves your legs smooth and shiny!
- That the right way to re-season a cast iron skillet is to do the following? Preheat oven to 450 degrees, scrub pan with hot soapy water; rinse, dry well and spread with thin layer of melted shortening or oil inside the pan. Place the pan upside down on the middle or lower rack lined with foil to catch the drips. Bake 1 hour and then leave in the oven to cool.
- That to remove a blood stain you should flush with cold water quickly before laundering? If leather, mix a solution of mild soap in cold water. Use only the foam to rub gently with a sponge. Wipe with a dry cloth.
- That you should clean the lint from your dryer often? Do it- it is the leading cause of house fires.
- 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

November 19, 2022
Holy Infant School – Upper
Cafeteria
248 New Ballwin Road
Doors Open at 5:30 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 Holiday Brass Concert is December 5, Monday at 10:15. We have special seating. Please arrive by 9:45 or earlier. If for some reason you must cancel, please call Mary Jane Bahr at 636-227-8927. Mary Jane has two people on a waiting list.



Birthdays – November

By Theresa Bichsel

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

Marie	Fox	11/06	Brenda	George	11/20
Susan	Fritz	11/06	Chris	Gianoulakis	11/20
Charley	Link	11/11	Marcia	Bequette	11/21
Monica	Vaccaro	11/12	Mary	Cook	11/21
Nancy	Turpin	11/15	Patricia (Pat)	Kelley	11/22
Frank	Mohr	11/16	Shelley	Matlock	11/24
Pat	Tierney	11/16	Henry(Hank)	Kraichely	11/25
Ken	Clemens	11/18	Barbara	Jeglijewski	11/26
Rosemary	Fairhead	11/18	Jack	Birkner	11/27
Barbara	Luecke	11/19	Mary	Hyland	12/1





Recipe of the Month - TURKEY STEW

By: Nancy Turpin

(This can be good for leftover turkey from Thanksgiving)

SAUTE IN A LARGE POT, IN 2 TBSP. BUTTER:

3 ONIONS, CUT INTO 1" PIECES
2 STALKS CELERY, CUT INTO 1" PIECES
4 CARROTS, PEELED AND SLICED INTO 1" PIECES
2 TSP. MINCED GARLIC

ADD:

2 SKINLESS, BONELESS TURKEY BREAST HALVES
(cooked),
CUT INTO CUBES = 2-1/2 CUPS
ONE CAN GREEN CHILIES

1/2 CAN DICED TOMATOES

1/2 CAN PUREED PUMPKIN

3 CUPS CHICKEN STOCK

SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE

You can add a few jalapenos chopped to add a little 'kick'

REDUCE HEAT TO LOW, COVER, AND SIMMER 30 MINUTES.

2022-2023 H.I.S. Board Members

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Carol Komor &		227-8927
Rose Birkner		227-6214
		230-9697
		227-9498

Thanksgiving Jokes - answers

- 1 "Grace."
2. She ran out of thyme.
3. The turkey trot.

4. You'll both be filled with stuffing.
5. Fowl play.
6. A (har)vest.