



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR - By: Maria Dorn

It's officially Fall. With the daylight waning earlier and earlier, I must get the dog, Sansa, out for her walk before dinner. You may have heard that we have been keeping our son's dog while their house was going through renovation. It turned out to be MUCH longer than first expected. Now, after 15 months, it looks like we are getting to the end of her visit. My son says that the electric fence should be installed and that when we come back from our trip to Italy she will be back home. I know I'll miss her, but I'm happy that she's getting back to her family where she'll go from two boring grandparents to the crazy household of seven. I just hope that they ease her into all that activity and that she isn't so exhausted at the end of the day. She's a great dog, but I just don't like the hair or the feeling of guilt when I leave her in her 'house' whenever I leave, which is pretty much all the time.

My grandkids are planning their costumes for Halloween. Can't wait to see what the 'go to' costume of the year is. Will it be Barbie, Paw Patrol, or another superhero of some sort? My twins are going for scary. I am going for the candy!

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'.



Saint of the Month - St. Francis of Assisi

Giovanni di Pietro di Bernardone (c. 1181 – 3 October 1226), known as Francis of Assisi OFM, was an Italian mystic and Catholic friar who founded the Franciscans. He was inspired to lead a life of poverty as an itinerant preacher. One of the most venerated figures in Christianity, Francis was canonized by Pope Gregory IX on 16 July 1228. He is usually depicted in a brown habit with a rope around his waist with three knots, symbolizing the three Franciscan vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

In 1223, he arranged for the first live nativity scene as part of the annual Christmas celebration in Greccio. According to Christian tradition, in 1224 Francis received the stigmata during the apparition of a Seraphic angel in a religious ecstasy.

He founded the men's Order of Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare, the Third Order of St. Francis, and the Custody of the Holy Land. Once his community was authorized by Pope Innocent III, he withdrew increasingly from external affairs. Francis preached the Christian doctrine that the world was created good and beautiful by God but suffers a need for redemption because of human sin. As someone who saw God reflected in nature, "St. Francis was a great lover of God's creation ..." In the Canticle of the Sun he gives God thanks for Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Water, Fire, and Earth, all of which he sees as rendering praise to God.

Many of the stories that surround the life of Francis say that he had a great love for animals and the environment. The "Fioretti" ("Little Flowers") is a collection of legends and folklore that sprang up after his death. One account describes how one day, while Francis was travelling with some companions, they happened upon a place in the road where birds filled the trees on either side. Francis told his companions to "wait for me while I go to preach to my sisters the birds. "The birds surrounded him, intrigued by the power of his voice, and not one of them flew away. He is often portrayed with a bird, typically in his hand.

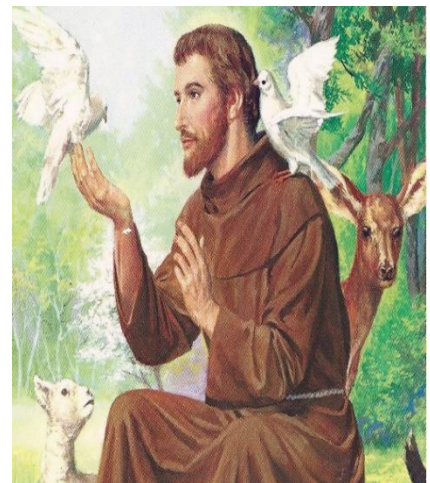
Another legend from the Fioretti tells that in the city of Gubbio, where Francis lived for some time, was a wolf "terrifying and ferocious, who devoured men as well as animals". Francis went up into the hills and when he found the wolf, he made the sign of the cross and commanded the wolf to come to him and hurt no one. Then Francis led the wolf into the town, and surrounded by startled citizens made a pact between them and the wolf. Because the wolf had "done evil out of hunger", the townsfolk were to feed the wolf regularly. In return, the wolf would no longer prey upon them or their flocks. In this manner Gubbio was freed from the menace of the predator.

On 29 November 1979, Pope John Paul II declared Francis the patron saint of ecology. On 28 March 1982, John Paul II said that Francis' love and care for creation was a challenge for contemporary Catholics and a reminder "not to behave like dissident predators where nature is concerned, but to assume responsibility for it, taking all care so that everything stays healthy and integrated, so as to offer a welcoming and friendly environment even to those who succeed us." The same Pope wrote on the occasion of the World Day of Peace, 1 January 1990, that Francis "invited all of creation – animals, plants, natural forces, even Brother Sun and Sister Moon – to give honor and praise to the Lord. The poor man of Assisi gives us striking witness that when we are at peace with God we are better able to devote ourselves to building up that peace with all creation which is inseparable from peace among all peoples."

In 2015, Pope Francis published his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* about the ecological crisis and "care for our common home, which takes its name from the Canticle of the Sun that Francis of Assisi composed. It presents Francis as "the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and of an integral ecology lived out joyfully and authentically". This inspired the birth of the *Laudato Si'* Movement, a global network of nearly 1000 organizations promoting the *Laudato Si'* message and the Franciscan approach to ecology.

Francis' feast day is observed on 4 October. It is a popular practice for people to bring their pets and other animals to church for a blessing.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.
O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
– *St. Francis of Assisi*





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, Jody Hauf 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

Quilters Needed – Barb Velton

The Quilters meet on Monday mornings at 9AM in the Lower Cafeteria. They are looking for anyone who has an interest. They are willing to teach this wonderful skill.

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 mariadorn@hotmail.com.

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



Sentiments

By Carol Laupp

Since our last HIS newsletter, these sentiments were sent:

Sympathy Card - Mary Ann Carney & Family.

Get Well Card - Judy Jeglijewski, Carol Komor, and Pat Tierney.

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.



New Members - Theresa Bichsel

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| Paula | Skinner | 314-603-5315 | 560 | Copper Lakes Blvd | Ballwin MO | 63021 | | Bday 5/23 |
| Pat | Vaughn | 636-236-7480 | 105 | Denbigh | Ballwin MO | 63011 | pvaughn4@gmail.com | Bday 4/28 |
| Judy | Claunch | 903-413-2869 | 213 | Hollyberry Ct | Ballwin MO | 63021 | jcsleighride@gmail.com | Bday 12/2 |



Senior Christmas Party

By Bernie Flacke

"Once again, the Holy Infant seniors will be celebrating the Christmas season with a party on Friday, December 8. Reservations may be made before and after the October and November meetings. The price is \$20.00 per person, and you must be a member of the Holy

Infant Seniors Organization. Reservations must be made and paid for by November 28. As usual, if you have a group of people who would like to be seated together at a table, please provide the names when you make your reservations.

On another note, we will need volunteers to help decorate the upper cafeteria for Christmas on the Friday after Thanksgiving at 10 am; and again, on Thursday, December 7 at 4:00 pm to decorate tables, etc. for the party the following day. Thank you all in advance for all your help.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

By Kathie Hanneke

Mark your calendar – The weekend of November 4-5 is the next **Prayer Shawl Ministry** display weekend. Come and see all the beautiful, blessed Prayer Shawls, Prayer Lap Blankets and Blankets for Teens, Youth and Babies after all the Masses!



The ladies have been hard at work, praying, crocheting, knitting, and cutting fleece to make these beautiful items. All have been blessed by our priests or deacons.

ALL are FREE. Donations are always welcome to help defray costs.

The annual PAINT N SIP is happening on Friday evening, 6:30-9:00 p.m. November 10th in the Upper Cafeteria. Don your beret and paint shirt and come, learn how to paint a beautiful symbol of St. Louis' French heritage, the Fleur de Lis! There will be tasty snacks and a nice wine selection to help



aid our artistic flair! The fee of \$35 covers 16x20 canvas, acrylic paint and supplies, painting instruction plus wine and snacks. Reserve your spot by dropping off a check made out to Holy Infant Church in an envelope marked Paint n Sip to Patricia Foley at the PSR Office as soon as possible. Space is limited to 40 and must be over the age of 21.

The Advent Tea will be on Sunday, December 3rd, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the upper cafeteria. Start putting together your table of 8 or plan to come solo for a lovely afternoon of Advent meditation and tea with tasty desserts. Check the bulletin in early November for more information.

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL at HOLY INFANT!

The Parish Eucharistic Revival Committee is in the process of finalizing plans for talks and beautiful display of Eucharistic Miracles put together by 15-year-old computer whiz and future saint, Blessed Carlo Acutis. Mark your calendar for the weekend of November 4 & 5 and stay tuned for details in the bulletin.





Travel & Tourism News

By: Mary Jane Bahr, Joan and Tom Wojciechowski

Holiday Brass Concert - All the tickets have been sold. The concert will be held at Manchester United Methodist Church, December 4, 2023. Those of you who have purchased tickets will be getting your ticket at the November meeting. We have reserved seating. If you must cancel at the last minute you need to find someone to take your ticket. We will not refund your money.

ADULT BINGO

October 28, 2023
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





Birthdays - October

By Theresa Bichsel

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

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| Kim | Sullivan | 10/3 | Marie | Modde | 10/15 |
| Carol | Nortman | 10/4 | Bill | George | 10/18 |
| Martha | Lang | 10/7 | Carol | Wolf | 10/19 |
| Janet | Linhoff | 10/7 | Sheila | Bebb | 10/23 |
| Paul | Bichsel | 10/10 | Kathie | Hanneke | 10/23 |
| Mary | Bryant | 10/11 | Trisha | Powers | 10/23 |
| Tom | Wojciechowski | 10/12 | Carol | McElroy | 10/25 |
| Bob | Schlemeier | 10/15 | Nancy | Turpin | 10/30 |



Carol's Corner - by Carol Komor



I asked the Lord to bless you as I prayed for you today; to guide you and protect you as you go along your way. His love is always with you; all His promises are true. Believe and He will always see you through.

THREE THINGS

Three things in life that once gone, never come back:

TIME WORDS OPPORTUNITY

Three things in life that one should always have:

HOPE PEACE HONESTY

Three things in life that are most valuable:

LOVE FRIENDS SELF-CONFIDENCE

Three things in life that made a good person:

SINCERITY HARD WORK COMPASSION

Three things in life that can destroy a person:

PRIDE GREED ANGER

Three things in life that are truly constant:

FATHER SON HOLY GHOST



And so, it is!



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

By Jo Lewis & various HIS Members

- Bob Maloney for his sense of humor and being our President. A little laughter can change the world and he gives us that!!
- Maria Dorn for being our Editor again and making our Newsletter informative and fun.
- Nancy and Don Turpin for our lunches and desserts. It takes time and effort and you do it SOOO well!



DID YOU KNOW

By Jo Lewis,

- That the cost of traveling to get medical care or the cost for altering your home or installing special equipment for medical reasons, can be deductible?
- That you can snap a picture of an online order you placed for pick up as soon as you get confirmation? You won't have to worry about losing your ticket.
- That having butter and eggs at room temperature before adding to a recipe is better than cold? It results in a denser outcome.
- That you could find our HIS Newsletter through the online bulletin? Go to the website and scroll down till you see HIS Newsletters. We have them all from September of 2015.
<https://holynfantballwin.org/news/newsletter/>
- That any of our HI Seniors can submit words of wisdom they 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

OCTOBER

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| 14 | Planned Giving Seminar: Roman Catholic Foundation, gam Upper Cafeteria |
| 21 | Holy Infant School Dinner Auction: Parish Center/Gym |
| 27 | Blood Drive 2:00PM-7:00PM - Upper Cafeteria |
| 28 | Knights' BINGO: Doors open at 5:30PM, Upper Cafeteria |
| 29 | TrUnK or TrEaT: Upper School Parking Lot |
| 31 | Evening Book Club: 7:00PM, Lower Cafeteria |

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses at 6AM, 8AM, 10AM and 7PM |
| 2 | Mass of Remembrance: 7:00PM |

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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- bats
- candy
- ghost
- magic
- spooky

- costume
- goblins
- haunted
- October
- pumpkin

- witches
- vampires
- halloween
- jackolantern
- trickortreat





Recipe of the Month – Noodles Stroganoff
 from: Mary Mallery

Ingredients:

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| 1 & 1/2 lbs. hamburger | 1 teas. seasoned salt (I just use regular salt) |
| 1/4 cup cooking sherry | 3 Tabs. butter or margarine |
| 1 cup chopped onion | 1/2 teas. pepper |
| 1 (8 oz.) sour cream | 1 Tab. dried parsley flakes |
| 1(8 oz.) jar sliced mushrooms, drained | 2 cans cream of mushroom soup |
| 1 (12 oz.) pk. egg noodles | 1 (10& 1/2 oz.) can beef CONSOMME |

Directions:

1. In a large skillet, cook ground beef.
2. Push the cooked beef to one side of the pan and cook the onions,
3. Add mushrooms.
4. Drain excess fat.
5. Add cream of mushroom soup, beef consommé and sherry.
6. Simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally.
7. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream.
8. Prepare egg noodles according to pk. directions. Drain.
9. Toss hot noodles with butter & parsley.
10. Heat sauce and serve over hot noodles. 6 servings.

The flavor of the sauce is so delicious. I freeze the left-over sauce into 2 or 3 containers for several other meals for Paul and myself.

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