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FROM THE EDITOR – By: Maria Dorn

The days of Lent are speeding by and Easter is fast approaching. I'm sure Jesus didn't think the time was going fast when fighting off Satan in the desert. It is going very slow for me now too. I didn't make good choices in what I was going to do for Lent. I was too ambitious and have 5 things on my list. I am failing to keep my Lenten promises. I am not good at fasting on sweets and even with my 'conditions' on how I would give them up, I am failing. I'm not sure if you can just cross things off the list now; but I really want to do that. I need to ask a priest, but I don't think I can just quit. I need discipline because that is what Jesus had to have to get through His Passion. He committed to it and even sweated blood to continue to stay with the plan He set in motion. Next year, I will choose my choices differently and perhaps succeed. What are you doing for Lent? Are you spending time with Jesus, taking time to pray that he talks to you and when he does, to take the time to listen to him and to hear what He wants you to be doing? And then, will you do it?

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 – March

Saint Patrick – March 17



St. Patrick's Day, also known as the Feast of Saint Patrick, is a religious and cultural holiday celebrated on March 17. It commemorates the traditional death date of Saint Patrick, who is the foremost patron saint of Ireland. Let's explore more about this special day:

Who was St. Patrick?

St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped and taken to Ireland as a slave. He later escaped but returned around 432 CE to convert the Irish to Christianity. By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches, and schools in Ireland. Many legends surround St. Patrick, including the belief that he drove snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the concept of the Holy Trinity.

How did St. Patrick's Day evolve?

Initially, St. Patrick's Day was a religious observance with religious services and feasts in Ireland.

However, immigrants, especially those to the United States, transformed it into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration of all things Irish.

Cities with large Irish immigrant populations, like Boston and New York City, held elaborate parades to celebrate the day.

Chicago even colors its river green to mark the occasion.

Remember, while some of these practices were eventually adopted by the Irish themselves, they did so largely for the benefit of tourists. So, whether you're Irish or not, enjoy the festivities and celebrate St. Patrick's Day!



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



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

By: Kathie Hanneke

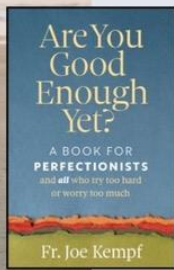
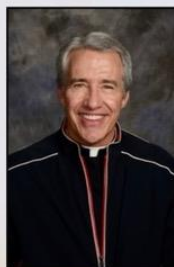
Date Night, Saturday, April 6. You are never too old to attend this event. Gene and I went and had a lovely time! Check the bulletin for more details.

The 99 Experience, Sundays, April 14, 21, 28, 3:30- 5:00 p.m. Upper Cafeteria Learn and reflect about the richness of our Catholic Faith. Small table discussions. We found it to be a good experience. Invite others to go.

Are You Good Enough YET?

How to Replace Perfectionism and Worry with Peace and Freedom

Do you try too hard or worry too much? Can it be hard to let go of mistakes or shortcomings? It's important to do things well, but at what cost? If you — or someone you know — is a perfectionist, this talk is for you. In this presentation, Fr. Joe shares insight from his new book and assures us that we are worthy of peace and are indeed good enough as we are.



Tuesday, March 12, 7-8 p.m.
Upper Cafeteria
With Author and Presenter
Fr. Joe Kempf

This event includes:

- Fr. Joe's sense of humor, love of storytelling, and tenderness for the human condition;
- Time to reconnect with Fr. Joe, a former associate pastor of Holy Infant and current pastor of Most Sacred Heart Eureka;
- An opportunity to preview or purchase signed copies of his books: *Are You Good Enough Yet?*, *No One Cries the Wrong Way, Don't You DARE Forgive. Unless...*, and children's titles including *You Want Me to Be Good ALL DAY?*, *My Sister is Annoying*, and *Don't Drink the Holy Water*.



Odds and Ends
By HIS members

HIS Officers Needed!!!! – Bob Maloney

HIS Officers terms end this year. We will have nominations for President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary at the April Meeting with the election at the May Meeting. There are also openings for several Board Committee Heads.

RESURRECTION CHOIR – Sandy Hughs

We are in the midst of reorganizing our Resurrection Choir but could use some help at our upcoming funerals. In case you are not familiar with the Resurrection Choir, it is a group of parishioners who attend our funerals to help provide additional singing, responding and support for the grieving families during Mass. Sometimes, they may be asked to be Eucharistic Ministers or read. It is a welcome comfort to have these extra voices help fill the church in remembrance of the deceased.

If you would like to join the Resurrection Choir or would like to be one of the contact persons, contact Sandy in the Parish Office.

Meal Train – Maria Dorn

We are not serving any members with meals currently. 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 the HIS members needs some support.



Sentiments
By Carol Laupp

Since our last HIS newsletter, these sentiments were sent:

- Thinking of you** - Joe Sinibaldi
- Get Well Cards** – Lanada Marcinko
- Sympathy Card** – Audrey Dieckmann - Msgn. Mike's mother,
Dan Buechler - mother passing

If you know of anyone in our HIS group that could use a Get-Well card, a Thinking of 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

| Name | | Phone | Address | | | | | Email | Bday |
|-------|--------|--------------|---------|-------------------|---------|----|-------|--|--------|
| Sandy | Brust | 636-368-6143 | 433 | Gate Ford Dr | Ballwin | MO | 63021 | skbrust@charter.net | 24-Jan |
| Tom | Dollus | 636-207-0924 | 359 | Buckhurst Dr | Ballwin | MO | 63021 | tdollussr@gmail.com | 7-Jun |
| Susan | McHugh | 314-560-0308 | 740 | Arbor Haven Dr | Ballwin | MO | 63021 | suzem@sbcglobal.net | 18-Jun |
| Manny | Ventus | 314-341-2277 | 651 | Kerryton Place Cr | Ballwin | MO | 63021 | | 6-May |



Birthdays - March

By Theresa Bichsel

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

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| Bernie | Flacke | 4-Mar | Theresa | Bichsel | 13-Mar |
| Bob | Komor | 5-Mar | Ginnie | Guinness | 14-Mar |
| Charlotte | Hamm | 6-Mar | Joanne | Lewis | 16-Mar |
| Maureen | Richter | 6-Mar | Mary | Schlemeier | 16-Mar |
| Alan | Jordan | 7-Mar | Maria | Tate | 16-Mar |
| Marylou | Bergman | 8-Mar | Mary | Salvia | 20-Mar |
| Kathleen | Kahmann | 8-Mar | Don | Johnson | 25-Mar |
| Sue | Rosswick | 8-Mar | Cathy | Lehman | 1-Apr |
| Paul | Mallery | 9-Mar | | | |



Travel & Tourism News

By: Mary Jane Bahr, Joan and Tom Wojciechowski, Randy Ewers

Missouri Governor's Mansion - April 25, 2025

We will leave target's parking lot at 8:am. The tours start at 10:00am, at the Mansion in Jefferson City. We will travel to Fulton MO and have lunch at the Wurst Haus. Members will be on their own for lunch. After lunch, we will tour the Winston Churchill Museum, and return to West County around 5:30 pm. The cost is \$60.00 per person. Sign up will be at today's meeting and payment is due at sign up or by the March meeting.



RUMMAGE SALE 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! This year's Rummage Sale is set for Friday, June 21-Sunday, June 23. Drop off days will be Monday, June 17 and Tuesday, June 18. We will begin setting up the tables and fixtures on Friday, June 16th. We need many volunteers to make this a success!

Bill and Brenda George will have sign-up sheets at the April 4th meeting. We need assistance in several different departments like housewares, clothing, books, and home decor to receive and organize items and to help on the sale days. The Rummage Sale is a great way to meet new and old friends and find a few treasures! We have a fantastic time! Come join us!



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Thanks to HIS members for all the prayers ... it was emotional seeing everyone again at the February luncheon ... appreciate the Happy Birthday singing ... your kind words, "It's good seeing you, Olivia! We will continue praying for you", lifted up my spirit ... "I was sick and you cared for me", you did what our Lord commanded, "what you do for the least among you, you did for me" ... Grateful for your prayers and caring support. Blessings to you and your family. **Olivia Pieknik**
- To Carol Laupp who sends out sentiments on our behalf to our seniors and their families in times of need.
- Jo Lewis who always finds time to give us great tips on our everyday life and activities.
- Carol Comer for her wonderful spiritual insights. A great addition to the Newsletter!





Carol's Corner - by Carol Komor

As you're making Easter Baskets for your grandchildren this year, you might enjoy the following prayer:

THE JELLYBEAN PRAYER

RED is for the blood He gave.
GREEN is for the grass He made.
YELLOW is for the sun so bright.
ORANGE is for the edge of night.
BLUE is for the sins we made.
WHITE is for the grace He gave.
PURPLE is for His hour of sorrow.
PINK is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jellybeans colorful and sweet, is a prayer, is a promise, is a special treat.

ADULT BINGO

March 16, 2024
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



DID YOU KNOW
By our HIS members

- That you could find our HIS Newsletter through the online bulletin? Go to the website and scroll down until 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

MARCH

- 4, 18 & 25 Way of the Cross, School, 2PM
- 7 Seniors' Meeting: 10AM, Lower Cafeteria
- 9 Shamrock Shuffle: Holy Infant Campus
- 10 ST. PAT'S CELEBRATION! 1PM-7PM
- 16 K of C BINGO! Doors open at 5:30PM, Upper Cafeteria
- 21 Seniors' Board Meeting: 10AM, Holy Infant Room
- 28 Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer at 8AM
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7PM
- 29 Good Friday: Morning Prayer at 8AM
The Lord's Passion, 7:30PM
- 30 Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer at 8AM
Easter Vigil Mass, 8PM
- 31 Easter Sunday Masses: Regular Mass Schedule



Recipe of the Month – Crescent Carmel Swirl
By: Maria Dorn

This is a family favorite from my Easter Brunch

Ingredients

- 1 stick butter (do not use margarine)
- ½ cup chopped nuts
- ¾ cup brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp water
- 2 (8oz) cans of refrigerated crescent rolls

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350
2. Melt 2 Tbsp. of butter and coat the sides and bottom of bundt cake pan with melted butter. (I also use non-stick spray)
3. Sprinkle 3 Tbsp. of chopped nuts in the pan
4. Melt remaining butter in a saucepan and add the brown sugar, remaining nuts, and water to the pan. Heat to boiling, stirring occasionally. Boil one minute stirring constantly.
5. Remove dough from cans. DO NOT unroll. Cut each long roll into 8 slices.
6. Arrange 8 slices cut side down in the nut lined pan. Offset each layer of pinwheels slightly.
7. Spoon ½ the brown sugar mixture over dough. Place 8 remaining pinwheels alternating over bottom layer. Spoon remaining brown sugar mixture over slices.
8. Bake 23-33 minutes or until deep golden brown. Cool for 3 minutes. Turn upside down onto the serving platter. Serve warm.

2022-2023 H.I.S. Board Members

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| Bob Maloney | President | 636-346-1765 | Gene Hanneke | Recycle Coord. | 227-8163 |
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| Audrey Westmoreland | Attendance | 636-394-7919 | Dolores Kaemmerer | | 391-7743 |
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| Mary Mallery | Attendance | 391-9716 | Rev. Edward Stanger | Spiritual Dir. | 227-7440 |
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