



# HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE EDITOR – By: Maria Dorn

The last meeting of the 2023-24 year already?!?! It's been a fun filled one and if the Picnic today is the same, it will be a blast too! The creativity of our group amazes me. The hats designed and worn by our ladies were out of this world and I know the esteemed judges had a difficult time voting for the best one. You'll see some pictures that Olivia took at the end of this Newsletter. You'll also see that I've added a section called Gene's Jokes. Gene Bestgen, our resident 'funny man' sends out emails which make me smile and I wanted to share these with those of you who don't get the emails. I hope these make you smile too.

The summer is upon us, and we'll all have extra time on our hands because the Rummage Sale had to be cancelled, so make good use of it. Get outside and enjoy this wonderful world that God created for us. Wear sunscreen, exercise, visit with friends and family, watch baseball games, play with the grand kiddos, go to the movies, read a bunch, play pickle ball, go to the Muny, and you fill in the rest. Whatever you choose to do, stay safe and I'll see you when I see you!!

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](mailto:mariadorn@hotmail.com). Be sure to put HIS in the subject line. Thanks, and I look forward to keeping you 'in the know'.



The feast day of **St. Justin Martyr** is celebrated on **June 1**. He is a martyr and the patron saint of philosophers.

St. Justin Martyr was born at Flavia Neapolis, Palestine about the year 100. He was raised pagan in a Jewish culture. Justin was a student of philosophy. He was very interested in the teachings of Plato. As a student he studied a multitude of different philosophies before converting to Christianity. After his conversion, Justin began to proclaim his newfound faith as he traveled from town to town trying to convert others to the faith. He also spent a great deal of time in Rome. After debating Crescens in Rome, Justin was denounced and condemned to death. Records of his death still exist. He was beheaded in 165.

St. Justin was known as an Apologist. An apologist is one who defends in writing the Christian faith. Two of his Apologies still exist. They are addressed to the Roman emperor and to the Senate. St. Justin is considered the first Christian Philosopher and the patron saint of philosophers.

The greatest grace God can give someone is to send him a trial he cannot bear with his own powers...and then sustain him with His grace so he may endure to the end and be saved.

**St. Justin Martyr**



STEPHEN MINISTRY  
By Gene Bestgen

**“Why don’t you try this?”**

When you’re going through tough times, everyone has advice. But often it isn’t advice you need—it’s caring. Stephen Ministers are trained to give this care by listening instead of telling you what to do.

If you, family member, neighbor or friend would benefit by having a Stephen Minister, have them Contact 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](http://www.holyinfantballwin.org)

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

By: Kathie Hanneke

Who is that bonnie sweet red-haired lass with the sparkling eyes that graces many Holy Infant events? Why, it’s none other than our Irish Director of Religious Education, Patricia Foley!

Patricia has been here even longer than Fr. Stanger! She arrived under the tenure of Msgr. Dempsey to take over the PSR program after Deacon Ken Clemens retired. Since then, she not only directed the PSR program; she also started Stephen Ministry; set up thriving Confirmation small groups to help expand eight graders’ experience of community, service, and development of awareness in the power of using the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit. She also guided the Adult Faith Formation Committee in planning many informative events and Parish Missions. Many of you reading this have enjoyed the yearly Advent Tea with wonderful speakers, which was started by Patricia Foley.



She announced recently that she is hanging up her hat and retiring to the Old Sod, Ireland, at the end of June. We will sorely miss her! Let’s all wish her well in her new venture whenever you see her.

“May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sunshine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And until we meet again  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.”

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## Gene's Funnies - By Gene Bestgen

What's the difference between an onion and an accordion? - Nobody cries when you cut up an accordion.

How did the violin greet the guitar? - Cello!!

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble. Instead, it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.

Why is a car's windshield so large and the rear-view mirror so small?  
Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.

Friendship is like a book. - It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

Cockroaches are found to be capable in surviving a nuclear holocaust, yet one swat with a newspaper and it would die.  
Shows how toxic the media is.

Where there's a will, I want to be in it.

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.

Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right - only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.

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## Odds and Ends By HIS members

### **Worn Flags Disposal – Olivia Pieknik**

Bring your worn American flags to the next luncheon. I will accept the worn flags for dignified disposal. All flags collected will be deposited at VFW/American Legions Posts for proper disposal. Special thanks to Frank Mohr for his kind comments and encouragement that I should once again continue this project. God Bless America!

### **Christmas Party – Save the Date – Bob Maloney**

The HIS Christmas Party will be on Saturday December 4, 2024. Mark your calendar for a fun time!!

**HELP WATER PLANTS – Carol Wolf**

The weather is getting hot, and the ground dries out almost daily. Please help us water the plants at the church and the rectory. If you notice the plants are struggling and you see the hose, don't wait to be asked, **just water** those thirsty little things. Lots of hard work in planting and weeding is put into these beds and we want to enjoy their beauty.

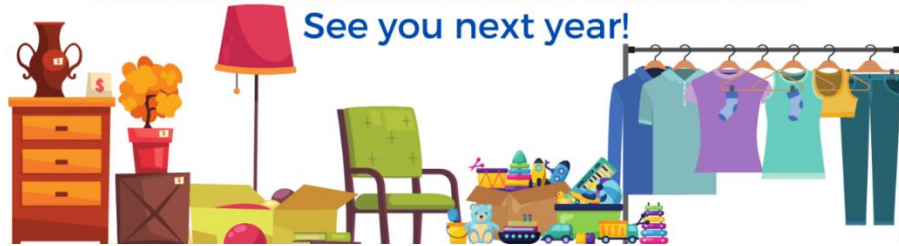
**Update your Information – Kris Mispagel**

We are in the process of updating the Guidebook and Directory. Could you double check and make sure that your information is correct? You can call the Parish Office at 636-227-7440 with any changes.

## Holy Infant Rummage Sale Canceled!

Due to fire and water damage restoration work in the gym, the 2024 rummage sale is cancelled. Any donations can be taken to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store at 13986 Manchester Road.

See you next year!



**Join the Joyful Noise Choir – Bonnie Mohr**

Sing at funerals with other Holy Infant parishioners and support families grieving the loss of friends and family members through song.

**Meal Train – Maria Dorn**

We are not currently serving any of our seniors. 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](mailto:mariadorn@hotmail.com).

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

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*Sentiments*  
By Carol Laupp

Since our last HIS newsletter the following sentiments were sent to:

- Mass Card to Emma Gotay's family.

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

Pat Boyer  
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Jim Gilliam  
314-805-4488  
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gilljim@charter.net  
BDay - Feb 13

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Birthdays - May, June, July, and August Birthdays

By Theresa Bichsel

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

Jack	Kahmann	1-May	Marge	Quinn	1-Jul
Bonnie	Mohr	2-May	Dan	Buechler	2-Jul
Bob	Dorn	3-May	Gene	Hanneke	2-Jul
Manny	Ventus	6-May	Al	Julius	4-Jul
Sharon	Bombach	7-May	Janet	Lowe	8-Jul
Barbara	Hudgens	11-May	Becky	O'Brien	9-Jul
Carol	Laupp	11-May	Pat	Offerman	10-Jul
Marcia	Faquin	20-May	Sharon	Clemens	13-Jul
Don	Turpin	21-May	Randy	Ewers	21-Jul
Paula	Skinner	23-May	Lynn	Ewers	22-Jul
Ellen	Julius	24-May	Pauline	Nocifora	22-Jul
Linda	Gatton	28-May	Myra	Ventus	24-Jul
Peggy	Russell	29-May	Steve	Buritsch	27-Jul
Jeanne	Adler	1-Jun	Donna	McCann	27-Jul
Mike	Kelley	2-Jun	Lisa	Slattery	31-Jul
Paul	Adler	3-Jun	Barbara	Thebeau	4-Aug
Bill	McCann	5-Jun	Betty Ann	Heder	6-Aug
Rosemary	Bestgen	6-Jun	Jan	Jordan	6-Aug
Tom	Dollus	6-Jun	Joan	Wojciechowski	6-Aug
Jeff	Cupps	10-Jun	Ann	Goldsmith	10-Aug
Deacon Jim	Powers	15-Jun	Steve	Jacobi	13-Aug
Sue	McHugh	16-Jun	Bob	Maloney	14-Aug
Mary	Sisul	19-Jun	John	Skinner	16-Aug
Josefina	Valdeabella	19-Jun	Sharon	Sughero	16-Aug
Kathie	Fears	21-Jun	Carol	Komor	18-Aug
Bob	Hoelscher	24-Jun	Cam	DeLancey	20-Aug
Marcia	Spencer	27-Jun	Mary	Marzorati	23-Aug
Mary	Mallery	28-Jun	Jeff	Hey	25-Aug
Maureen	Maloney	30-Jun	Monica	Castagno	30-Aug
Pat	Bouchaert	1-Jul			



Carol's Corner - by Carol Komor

HOLINESS

In Jesus Christ, holiness has gone to the depths of human experience and sanctified the world along the way.

By working, He made work holy.

By eating, He blessed our meals.

In His passion and death, He made even pain and dying into something divine.

God has drawn close to those who could not dare to approach Him and so holiness can now be found not only on designated mountaintops or in the central sanctuary of the Temple.

Holiness can now be found anywhere we find ourselves.....anywhere we choose to turn to God.



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ADULT BINGO

June 15, 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

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## OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Jo Lewis for keeping her tips and words of wisdom coming.
- Our VP, Paul Bichsel, for a fun filled Kentucky Derby Day complete with horse races and a hat parade. He sure comes up with some FUN stuff to keep our meetings exciting.
- Theresa Bichsel for mint juleps to complete the Derby atmosphere. See recipe section of this newsletter to make your own.
- Bob Dorn, Bob Hoelscher, Paul Mallery and Paul Bichsel for keeping our school students safe as they direct traffic in the mornings during drop off on our parking lot. It can be a crazy place.
- All our new HIS officers willing to take on the responsibilities of their office.
- To our wonderful President, Bob Maloney who gifts us with his humor and good intentions.
- To Nancy and Don for continually providing lunch for such a large and appreciative group.

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## DID YOU KNOW .... OR CARE....

By Jo Lewis, and other members

- That the Barbie doll's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts, from Willows, Wisconsin? Her birthday is March 9, 1959, when she was first displayed at the New York Toy Fair.
- That the Earl of Sandwich, John Montagu, who lived in the 1700s, reportedly invented the sandwich so he wouldn't have to leave his gambling table to eat?
- That the founder of Kentucky Fried Chicken, Harland David Sanders (a.k.a. Colonel Sanders), started Kentucky Fried Chicken at the age of 65? Age does not determine success!
- We are born with 350 bones in our skeleton and over the course of time and during our aging process, our bones fuse together leaving us with 206 bones as adults?
- 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://holyninfantballwin.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](mailto:mariadorn@hotmail.com) or call Maria at 314-610-8784.

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## Parish News

By Sandy Hughes

### JUNE

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| 1  | Corpus Christi                                      |
| 14 | K of C Blood Drive, 2PM-7PM - Upper Cafeteria       |
| 15 | Flag Day  |
| 15 | K of C BINGO! Doors open at 5:30PM, Upper Cafeteria |



Recipe of the month – Mint Julep  
By Theresa Bischel

Ingredients:

- 1(10 ounce) jar mint jelly
- 2cups [water](#)
- 1liter [Bourbon](#)
- 1(46 ounce) can unsweetened pineapple juice
- ½cup [lime juice](#)
- 2cups [water](#)
- ice cube
- 2(28 ounce) bottles 7-Up soda, chilled
- [lime slice](#) (optional)
- [fresh mint leaves](#) (optional)

Directions:

- Combine the jelly and 2 cups water in a saucepan and heat, stirring, over low heat until the jelly melts.
- Let cool.
- Add the bourbon, juices and 2 cups water and chill in the refrigerator.
- To serve, pour the juice mixture over ice in a punch bowl.
- Slowly pour in 7-Up, stirring gently.
- Garnish with lime slices and fresh mint leaves, if desired.

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2023-2024 H.I.S. Board Members

Bob Maloney	President	636-346-1765	Maria Dorn	Newsletter	314-610-8784
Paul Bischel	VP	314-564-7568	Gene Hanneke	Recycle Coor.	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	Eileen Buehrle	Service & PAC	230-5435
Dolores Kaemmerer	Attendance	391-7743	Rev. Edward Stanger	Spiritual Dir.	227-7440
Mary Mallery	Attendance	391-9716	Mary Jane Bahr	Trips	227-8927
Carol Laupp	Sentiments	256-0924	& Joan & Tom Wojciechowski		636-256-2510
Kathie & Gene Hanneke	Graphics	314-913-4230	Randy Ewers		477-8900
Mary Mallery	Historian	391-9716	Carol Wolf &	50/50	636-795-7982
Mary Schlemeier &	Hospitality	636-391-9556	Carol Komor &		230-9697
Brenda George		636-394-2286	Rose Birkner		636-485-6415
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