



HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EDITOR – By: Maria Dorn

Happy New Year! We've celebrated the birth of our Savior and are now on the way to Calvary. Jesus lived a full life during this abbreviated time on our calendar and we are challenged to live such a life. Use every moment you are blessed with to serve each other and to live more and more like Jesus every day so that we can go directly into heaven when we are called home without any 'rest stops' along the way.

Remember, 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'.

Birthdays – December & January Birthdays

By Theresa Bichsel



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

Mary	Hyland	1-Dec	Lois	Casserly	19-Jan
Judy	Claunch	2-Dec	Lynn	Kays	23-Jan
Sue	Gittemeier	11-Dec	Katherine	Kelley	23-Jan
Kathy	Buritsch	13-Dec	Joyce	Summers	22-Jan
Audrey	Westmoreland	15-Dec	Kathy	Wentworth	22-Jan
George	Rosswick	16-Dec	Sandi	Brust	24-Jan
Carolyn	Grobl	20-Dec	Maria	Dorn	25-Jan
Linda	Schulte	22-Dec	Joyce	Betz	26-Jan
Mike	Waller	31-Dec	Gary	DeLancey	26-Jan
Mary Ann	East	7-Jan	Mary Ellen	Schraeder	31-Jan
Rose	Birkner	18-Jan			



ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

By: Kathie Hanneke

Lot's happening this month!

Register Now!
DATE NIGHT

JAN 11 2025 6-9 PM

Join us for an evening of fun at your own table for two. Listen to an inspiring marriage pep talk and laugh along with our version of The Not So Newlywed Game.

Enjoy a fabulous Joey B's catered dinner, wine, and dessert. Leave with a marriage game plan to keep your love for each another strong and God-centered!

Scan the QR code or visit the link below to register for Date Night!
rbjv/bv0i4o

Location: Holy Infant Upper Cafeteria
Questions? dummes@holyinfant.org
Free babysitting is available.
Married couples only!

New Year's Resolution:

1. Exercise more
2. Eat healthier
3. Read more books
4. Help Save a Life:
GIVE BLOOD

Red Cross Blood Drive
Friday, January 3 | 2-7 p.m.

Holy Infant Catholic Church
Upper Cafeteria
248 New Ballwin Road

Register at: RedCrossBlood.org
Keyword: holyinfant

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

CATHOLIC MEN FOR CHRIST Conference

CALLED TO FREEDOM
For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. - Galatians 5:13

FR. PATRICK IKE NWOKOYE JOHN EDWARDS DR. JONATHAN REYES

Music - Sean Felts Host - Adam Wright

FEBRUARY 15, 2025 8-45 AM - 6:30 PM
St. Cernians of SLAIN 4970 Oakland Ave

REGISTER: catholicmenforchrist.org
Early bird pricing: \$35 available through 1/15/2025

Do you like a discount?
Early Bird Discount until January 15

Coupon Codes Available:

- STUDENT - \$15 tickets (College and HS students)
- YOUNGADULT - \$20 (up to age 29)
- PLAYCYC - \$5 off (for any CYC Family)
- COACH - \$10 off (for any CYC Coach)

HOLY INFANT Festival of MINISTRIES

January 4-5 After All Masses
Upper Cafeteria

Stop by the Upper Cafeteria after all Masses! Enjoy cookies (Saturday) and donuts (Sunday) while you learn about ministry opportunities at Holy Infant. Our vibrant parish needs your talent to continue the Lord's work!

The FREE Table

All are welcome to drop off books, puzzles, no longer needed glasses, pull tabs from soda and beer cans, plus those tabs from pet food cans onto the FREE table. All are welcome to pick up a book or puzzle to read or work on. The glasses will go to Lions Club deposit boxes in an eye doctor's office. The pull tabs are turned in at the David Pratt Cancer Center to be given to Ronald McDonald House to generate money.



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 Alberta, 636 399-6567.

If you or a loved one can benefit from a Stephen's Minister, check out Stephen Ministry on our church website www.holyinfantballwin.org



Gene's Funnies - By Gene Bestgen

What game do elephants play when riding in the back of a car?

Squash!

What do you call a snake that's 3.14 feet long?

Π(pi)-thon

Where are all the bad dad jokes kept?

In the dadabase

What do you give to a dog with a fever?

Mustard – cause that's the best thing for a hot dog.

What did the nut say to the shaky guy trying to walk?

Don't worry, I cashew.

Beekeepers have the prettiest eyes.

Beauty is in the eye of the bee holder.

Babies are not usually too warm before they are born.

They're kept at womb temperature.

The CEO of Pepsi was fired this morning.

He tested positive for Coke.

I used to be a banker but I lost interest.

Whoever stole my copy of Microsoft Office, I will track you down.

You have my Word.

My ex-wife misses me but her aim is getting better.

A young American tourist goes on a guided tour of a creepy old castle. At the end of the tour, the guide asks her how she enjoyed it. She admits to being a bit worried about seeing a ghost in some of the dark, cob-web-filled, rooms and passages.

"Don't worry," says the guide. "I've never seen a ghost all the time I've been here."

"How long is that?" asks the girl.

"About three hundred years."

"Hard work never killed anybody, but why take a chance?"

- Edgar Bergen



Odds and Ends

By HIS members

Membership Directory Updates – Theresa Bicshel

Evie Sinibaldi

926 Timber Glenn Ln

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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. God Bless America!

Gifted Gardeners – Carol Wolf

We are still in need of additional people to help with the garden areas around the church grounds and rectory. Please reach out to Carol Wolf at 636-795-7982 to find out how you can help. It is a simple way to get out of ourselves and help others. It allows you to give the gift of beauty to others.

Newsletter Articles or Items of Interest needed - Maria Dorn

Please share any types of interesting articles, tips, notes of thanks or recipes with fellow HIS members. This is YOUR Newsletter; I am just the collaborator.

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.

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



OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Theresa Bichsel for managing our membership and providing us a Membership Directory every year. This is a very time-consuming project, and she does a great job with it.
- All those who brought food to our November meeting to share with our sister parish. We filled the back of a pickup truck.
- All those who brought warm clothes to our December meeting to share with those in need.
- Maureen Maloney and Trisha Powers for the beautiful table decorations.
- All those who showed up to decorate the cafeteria for all the parish Christmas celebrations.
- To Carol Wolf for bringing back a great Scott Laythem and Karl Holmes Duo to perform at our party. They even got some to participate in a line dance.
- To Bernie Flacke for arranging a delicious dinner through The Christy Catering. It was as great this year as last!
- To our bartenders, Brenda George and Mary Schleimer, Gene Hanneke, Randy Ewers and Vince Daus.



Carol's Corner - by Carol Komor



My copy of the book "Leaves of Gold" promises to share words in which the WORD becomes flesh to dwell among us.....and I have gone there looking for wisdom to share in the New Year.

Under "Prayer", I found the following reading:

THE FOOTPATH TO PEACE.....
A Thought for the Opening Year

To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions, but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; to be governed by your admirations rather than by your disgusts; to covet nothing that is your neighbor's except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manners; to think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends and every day of Christ; and to spend as much time as you can with body and with spirit, in God's out-of-doors.....these are little guideposts on the footpath of peace.

Henry Van Dyke

ADULT BINGO

January 18, 2024
Holy Infant School –
Upper Cafeteria
248 New Ballwin Road
Doors Open at 5:00 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



DID YOU KNOW OR CARE....

By Mary Emke, and other members

- For instant relief of razor burn, dab on a solution of 4 tablespoons baking soda to 1 quart water.
- Use a dab of baking soda on a shaving cut to stem bleeding.
- Candle wax can be removed from most hard surfaces with a paste of baking soda and water. Scrub with a nylon scrubber.
- Sprinkle baking soda on fresh pineapple to improve its flavor, especially if the pineapple is not quite ripe.
- A pinch of baking soda thrown into potatoes while mashing will make them fluffier.
- When making fresh cranberry sauce, cover cranberries with water in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Add 1 tablespoon baking soda, stir, drain, and return to heat. You'll need less sugar than usual to complete the sauce.
- 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://holysinballwin.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

January

- 2 Seniors' Meeting: 10am, Lower Cafeteria
- 3 K of C Blood Drive: 2pm-7pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 6 Stewardship Weekend: festival of Ministries
- 5 Feast of Epiphany
- 11 Date Night Event
- 16 HI Seniors' Board Meeting: 10am-11am, Holy Infant Room
- 18 K of C Bingo: Doors open at 5pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 20 Dr. Martin Luther Holiday; Parish Office closed.
- 24 Men's Club Trivia Night: 7pm-11pm
- 31- Women's Welcome Retreat Weekend
- 2/2

February

- 2 GrOuNdHoG DaY
- 6 Seniors' Meeting: 10am, Lower Cafeteria



Sentiments
By Carol Laupp

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

Get-Well Cards – Theresa Bichsel and Sharon Morgenthaler

Happy Birthday – Mary Cook

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 the HIS group.



Recipe of the Month – Autumn Cranberry Pie
By Mary Emke

Filling

- 3/4 c melted butter
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 c sugar
- 1 c flour
- 1 tsp almond extract

Topping

- 1/2 bag cranberries
- 1/2 c chopped walnuts or pecans
- 1/4 c sugar

Put over batter evenly.

Blend together. Put in greased pie pan.

Bake at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. (I find it takes about 10 minutes longer for cake to be done.)

Works great to double recipe and use 9x13 pan.

Here are some pictures
from our Christmas Party
- Paul Mallery and Bob Maloney





2024-2025 H.I.S. Board Members

Bob Maloney	President	636-230-7988	Theresa Bichsel	Directory & Membership	314-564-7591
Randy Ewers	VP	314-477-8900	Maria Dorn	Newsletter	314-610-8784
Mary Daus	Secretary	314-307-1366	Gene Hanneke	Recycle Coord.	314-913-4230
Linda Gatton	Treasurer	314-853-8185	Nancy Turpin & Bernie Flacke	Refreshment	314-800-7420
Mary Mallery	Attendance	314-616-4809	Eileen Buehrle	Service & PAC	636-227-3825
Carol Laupp	Sentiments	636-256-0924	Rev. Edward Stanger	Spiritual Dir.	636-227-7440
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					636-230-9697
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