

HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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As the Holy Infant Seniors begin another year as an organization, Historian, Mary Mallery has provided the following summary of last year's activities.....

HISTORY OF THE HOLY INFANT SENIORS - Sept. 2014/June 2015

The General Meeting on September 4, 2014, ushered in a busy and interesting year for HIS. Fr. Anstoetter offered the Opening Prayer for the 115 in attendance. President Paul Mallery introduced his officers: Vice President Barb Luecke, Secretary Delores Kaemmerer, and Treasurer Gene Hanneke. All the committee chairpersons were next introduced. The hardworking chairpersons, along with their committee members, and the officers make up the Board which meets monthly to plan programs and activities for the year.

Barb Luecke worked hard at bringing us entertaining, educational and interesting meetings each month. Starting in Sept., at our ice cream social, she presented Fr. Anstoetter who gave a fascinating account of his 5 years in Rome which was remarkably during Pope Benedict's resignation and Pope Frances's election. In Oct. our guest speaker from Summer Winds showed us how to do container gardening. In Nov. Barb acquired Fr. Vordtriede who entertained us with a narrative and pictures of his 5 day retreat to the Holy Land. Plow Sharing Crafts were brought and displayed for fair trade. Rick Howard Willms spoke on the history of the crafts, and the seniors were able to purchase items later on. For fun in Jan. Roberta Mueller, known as "Tallberta", entertained us with music and song. Carol Nolte from Wolfner State Library in

Jefferson City educated us in Feb. on their FREE library service to anyone who cannot read standard printing and materials. Our guest speaker for April was Matt Struempf, the fitness manager at the Ballwin Pointe. He explained all the classes and the equipment available to people 50 and over. Liz DeRum also got us moving with a short exercise program. Barb and her helpers planned a Kentucky Derby Party for May. Eighty-two members and one horse were in attendance. What a hoot it was to see all the ladies in their decorated hats, fancy gloves and dresses parading around the cafeteria as the judges selected five of the best! Cam DeLancey read us the history of the Kentucky Derby which was followed by the "horse races" with volunteers racing on stick horses and paper horse heads.

Our new Trip Chairman, Linda Krull, offered us a variety of trips throughout the year. Oct. had many visiting St. Genevieve for a guided tour of old St. Genevieve Catholic Church, a reenactment at the Bolduc House and Gardens, lunch at Café St. Genevieve, and wine tasting at Chaumette Winery. A sold out crowd of 75 attended the Brass Concert at Manchester Methodist Church in Dec. This spring Linda arranged a trip to the Ballpark Village and Hall of Fame Museum where we got to have pictures taken of us holding celebrities' bats and World Series replica rings. Later in May a trip to Amish Country in Illinois was offered. A step-on guide gave interesting tidbits on the Amish. A family-style lunch in an Amish home, a visit to a woodworking shop, and Beachy's for baked goods ended a delightful day.

On a serious note, for our Day of Reflection, Fr. Anstoetter gave talks on the theme "Lent, Liturgy

and Our Lady of Trastevere". During the catered lunch beautiful slides were shown of the church. HIS gave many hours of service to our church, school, and community. They worked the Fish Fry, St. Pat's celebration, Rummage Rampage, Food Pantry, the polls, parish mailings, crocheting, knitting or cutting fleece for the prayer shawl ministry, Serve St. Louis, cleaning linens and purificators, standing for 40 Days for Live outside Planned Parenthood, cooking casseroles for St. Patrick's Center, serving food at St. Peters and Paul, crossing guards at the school and many more. Some seniors also belong to important ministries as Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary of K. of C., Quilters, Meals on Wheels, Angel Crops., St. Vincent de Paul Society and Stephen Ministry. Well done Seniors!

Our Christmas chairman, Alberta McGilligan planned another festive luncheon. Her helpful committees decorated the cafeteria and tables with sparkling trees and beautiful centerpieces. 145 members were entertained with the colorful, high-kicking routines by the St. Louis Strutters, a story about a box of kisses left by a little girl to a grieving father by Mary Jane Zust, and a sing-along with Carol Lodes. A scrumptious catered lunch was then provided and enjoyed by all.

Our meetings would not be complete without the wonderful lunches prepared by Brenda George and Mary Schlemeier. They started with strawberry shortcake and ice cream for our ice cream social in Sept. They followed with Sloppy Joes, carrot sticks with dip and cake in Oct. In Nov. we devoured a scrumptious macaroni shrimp salad, warm chipotle bread ham and cheese sandwich, and homemade pumpkin squares. A pot-luck in Jan. was shared by members who brought in their favorites. We enjoyed macaroni and pea salad with ham and cheese sandwiches and fruit cup in April. Burgoo, cornbread, salad and Boston cream pie finished out a lunch in May at our Kentucky Derby Party. Because of our \$20.00 dues and many meals cooked by Brenda and Mary, we were able to have 5 free lunches from February to June with two even catered. Brenda and Mary are a treasure!

Our year ended with a June picnic chaired by Mary Schlemeier. In spite of the rainy weather we enjoyed visiting amongst the tables and savored a catered lunch by Geri and Kim of delicious hamburgers, brats with all the trimmings (lettuce, tomatoes, sliced onions, pickles, buns), bow tie pasta salad, chips, fruit salad and a cookie assortment. John Nortman iced up the beer, water and soda with wine also available. The morning lawn games were restricted by the rain, but under the shelter we enjoyed the Bingo led by Tom Dollus and the 50/50 which was all given out.

Some closing tidbits: Our recycle chairman Jim Yettke received \$ 1,738.72 for the bins from Jan. 2014 to Sept. 2014 (half to the school and half to HIS). After that he has received no checks from the company and has had a hard time getting information from them of when they will start paying again. Treasurer Gene Hanneke reported a balance of \$ 959.60 as of July 2nd.

An appreciative thanks goes to Blanche Flynn and Jeanni Steffens retired co-chairmen of the Resurrection Choir and to Nell Cox retired from Photography. A large thanks also goes to our retiring officers: President Paul Mallery, Vice President Barb Luecke, Secretary Dee Kaemmerer and Treasurer Gene Hanneke for their leadership and caring.

This past year HIS had a historically high number of deaths. We sadly attended funeral after funeral of past and present members who are gone but not forgotten: Amon and Mary Lou Owens, Wally Bourneuf, Everett Grey, Walter Zamalia, Fern Lampe, Ralph Heathcote, Robert Bergman, Rosella Fiedler, Jim Weikart, Eleanor Zipp, Larry Bahr, Don Fischer, Don Modde, Veronica Schiller, Donald Hayes and Ben Holthaus.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Mallery, Historian

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

9/3 Pat Weikart
9/7 Regina Corpus
9/8 Pete DeRum
9/10 Thomas Piskor
9/13 Mary Jane Bahr
9/15 Marian Dunham
9/18 Carol Galus
9/19 Liz DeRum
9/23 James Fritschie
9/27 Mary Ann Carney
9/27 Margaret Geen
9/28 Judy Gallagher



Wishing each of you, and anyone accidentally missed, a very Happy Birthday !!!!!



TIDBITS

This months "Tidbits" are **Random Thoughts as we Age** and were shared by JoAnn Dinkelkamp.

The biggest lie I tell myself is....."I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU
ASK FOR HELP FROM A
STEPHEN MINISTER ???

When you ask for help from a Stephen Minister, a Stephen Leader will contact you to talk more about Stephen Ministry and what it can mean to you. If your needs can be best served by a Stephen Minister, you will be matched with someone who will support you through this tough time.

Confidentiality is a top priority for Stephen Ministers. You do not need to be concerned that other people will discover what you talk about with your Stephen Minister. You may call Patricia 636-227-0802, Opt. 3 or Gene at 636-527-5385 to learn more about Stephen Ministry.



HOLY INFANT ADULT BINGO

Saturday, September 19, 2015

Holy Infant School – Upper Cafeteria
248 New Ballwin Road
Ballwin, MO 63021



Doors Open at 6:30 P.M.
Bingo Starts at 7:00 P.M.
\$20.00 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



RUMMAGE RAMPAGE

Jo Lewis, Co-Chairman of our Rummage Rampage reports that the event was a huge success this year because of all the hard work of so many people, particularly the seniors. She proudly said she had 40 aprons to be worn by the workers and ran out.

A total of **\$20,328.55** was earned and will be used to support the mission and ministry of Holy Infant parish.

Jo sends her thanks to all who participated, and wants the "irreplaceable seniors" to know that their time and effort are very valuable to our parish.

The 2016 Rummage Rampage will once again be co-chaired by Jo Lewis and Mary Oestreich.

Start saving your treasures for this great event and mark your calendars.they will begin setting up on **Friday, June 17th** and collecting on **Monday, June 20th**.

If you'd like to help, please call her at 458-8720



ADDITIONAL WORDS OF THANKS

Dear Senior Members:

Thank you so much for the beautiful Mass card in memory of Larry.

Your expressions of sympathy have provided us with much comfort.

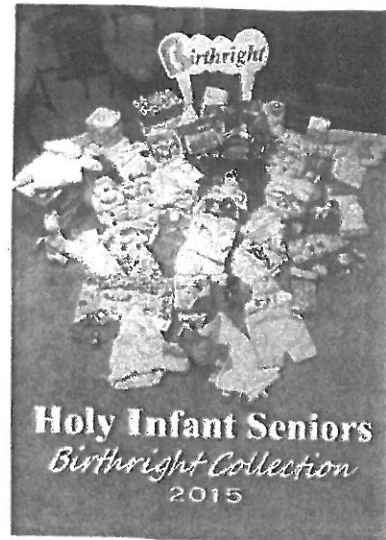
May God Bless You.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Jane Bahr and Family

ALSO

Linda Thien shared the following thank you note she received from Birthright Counseling for the items collected at our senior picnic.....



Dear Holy Infant Parish Seniors Club:

On behalf of all of us at Birthright Counseling, St. Louis I want to thank you for your faithful support. It is a beautiful witness to the words of our Lord.

May you always enjoy the comfort and peace you so kindly extend to others.

Thanks for all the wonderful gifts!

Most Gratefully in Life,

Ann Hallenkamp
Birthright Counseling, St. Louis



TRAVELS WITH LINDA

Shared by: Linda Krull

Welcome or Welcome Back to our HIS organization for the new 2015-2016 year. It has been my pleasure to have been your travel planner this past year and I am looking forward to a second year of travels with so many of you.

First Fall Trip

Our first trip this fall will be on Thursday, October 8th to the Daniel Boone Home and Pioneer Village, Lindenwood University's Heritage Center in Defiance, MO. After that morning visit we will travel two miles to the Chandler Hill Winery for wine tasting and lunch. The cost including admission to the Home and Village, wine tasting, lunch, transportation and tips is \$48.00 per person. We depart from the Target Parking Lot on the Holloway Rd. side at 9:00 A.M. and should return by around 3:00 P.M. Sign up and payment (by check please) is beginning today, September 3rd and must be signed up and paid by the next HIS meeting on October 1st.

Holiday Brass Concert

This 24th annual concert is scheduled for Tuesday morning, December 1st. It is held at the Manchester United Methodist Church and our reserved time is to begin at 10:15 A.M. The cost is \$22.00 per person, senior rate. We have 75 places reserved. Our check to them must be in by October 16th so you need to sign up and pay either at the September or October meetings. Please make separate checks for the Daniel Boone trip and this Concert.

You may contact me by phone 636-458-1580, or email llurkbl@charter.net or regular mail at 16148 Surfview Ct., Wildwood, MO 63040.

I will be happy to give you further information about either of these trips.

Thank you, Linda Krull

FROM OUR DEACON'S DESK

Shared by: Deacon Ken Clemens

Each month I will share with you a prayer, a humorous story, a poem, maybe something relating to the liturgical season, or possibly a story of faith. I hope you enjoy it.

Here are some of the feast days we celebrate in September:

- Sept. 3 St. Gregory the Great and Doctor of the Church
- Sept. 9 St. Peter Claver
- Sept. 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Sept. 17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Sept. 21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Sept. 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
- Sept. 28 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
- Sept. 30 St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Notice that there are three saints listed above who are Doctors of the Church. This is a title given to authors or eminent holiness and learning whose work has significantly enhanced the cause of Christ in His Church. There are thirty-three Doctors of the Church including three women: Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena and Therese of Lisieux.



Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes; come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller ! ! ! !



GREETINGS

Since our last meeting cards have been sent to the following members:

GET WELL: John Nortman

SYMPATHY MASS CARDS: To the families of Vernioica Schiller, Don Hayes and Ben Holthaus

FAREWELL CARD AND GIFT:

Father Donald Anstoetter

Our conscientious "Cheer" Chairperson, Pat Bouckaert, reports that it has been a very quiet summer and given the year we've just been through, quiet is a blessing !!!

Be sure to call Pat at 636-391-9368 if you know of anyone who should receive a card.



I don't have gray hair, I have "wisdom highlights". I'm just very wise.



CHARITY NAVIGATOR

If your house is anything like ours, not a day goes by without several requests for help from some worthy sounding organizations.

Who should we give to ???

Judy Gallagher has shared the following website so that we can make sure that the monetary gift we provide actually goes to the cause.

Please check www.charitynavigator.com for information.

WE'RE ON LINE

Beginning with this September issue, the H.I.S. Newsletter will now be on line.

If you can't make a meeting and forgot to tell a friend to pick up a copy for you, just go to www.holyinfantballwin.org.

We can be found on the bottom right of the home page, under the heading "Quick Links".



NEW MINISTRY

Holy Infant Parish is beginning a new ministry and is asking the Seniors to prayerfully think about becoming involved.

Help Save the Innocent



A prayerful vigil will be held every 2nd Saturday of the month from 9:00 – 10:00 A.M. at Planned Parenthood, 4251 Forest Park Avenue. Come pray the rosary or pray silently to end abortion.

60 million babies have been lost in this country alone. Lives that had so much promise; children made in the image of God.

Car pooling can be arranged. For questions or more information call: Bill Koop 636-391-8575 or Denis Thien 636-225-9197.

CAROL'S CORNER

It doesn't seem possible, but I am beginning my "10th Year" as editor of the HIS Newsletter.

I'm becoming convinced that it's my ministry and am pleased to share the following.....

An Invitation For You

In the middle of this wild, crazy, get-it-done world, let's pause for a moment and listen to the beckoning deep within our hearts. "Come and talk with me," says the God who created the universe.

It's what someone who loves us would lean in and whisper. What an encourager who wants the best for us would offer. What a dear friend would say to us when we've been missed.

Whatever you're doing right now as you read this, take a deep breath, and for a moment just talk to the One who created you and cherishes you. Tell Him what's on your mind and tune into the still, small voice that so easily gets lost in our loud world.

Only He knows the words our hearts need most.

Yes, Lord, we accept your invitation.

(Holley Gerth)



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

BEEF, SAUSAGE, SPINACH MEATLOAF Shared by: Carol Wolf

1/3 cup olive oil
1 large chopped onion
4 large cloves garlic
1 tsp. basil
1 tsp. oregano
1 tsp. thyme
1 tsp. red pepper flakes
2 lb. lean ground beef
3/4 cup fine dry crumbs
1 lb. sweet Italian sausage
3 eggs beaten
1/3 cup freshly grated parmesan cheese
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1 pkg. frozen spinach thawed and squeezed

DIRECTIONS:

In large skillet, heat olive oil, add onion, garlic, basil, oregano, thyme, red pepper. Reduce the heat to low and cook covered stirring once or twice until onion is very tender, about 20 minutes. Add spinach and cook for 3 minutes.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In large bowl combine beef, sausage and spinach mix, bread crumbs, eggs, cheese and salt. Mix well. Makes 2 loafs.

Bake until 160-165 degrees – about 90 minutes.

Let stand about 10 minutes before slicing.

If you have a recipe you would like to share please send it to:

Carol Komor
237 Monroe Mill
Ballwin, MO (63011)

Or email: ckomor@att.net

EXCITING EVENTS

Our active Adult Faith Formation Committee has scheduled the following activities for this fall.

Sat., 9/12 **Mass in the Grass** – sponsored by The Stewardship Committee
Bluebird Park Stage, 4:30 P.M.
Food and drinks will be provided afterwards.

Sun., 10/4 –
Sun., 11/15 **Choice Wine Program** –
7 steps to a Superabundant Marriage
7:00 – 8:30 P.M. Upper Cafeteria
A free program that is perfect for couples at any stage of their relationship. Help divorce-proof your marriage.

Sat., 10/10 **Serve St. Louis**
8:00 – 12:00
Get involved in a short term project helping the parish or St. Louis community.

Fri., 11/6 **Sip N Paint**
6:30 – 9:00 P.M. Upper Cafeteria
For ladies over 21 only.
\$35.00 advance payment provides 16x20 canvas, acrylic paint and supplies, instruction from Christy Machelett, a professional artist, in creating a fall trees painting, 2 glasses of wine, light snacks and fellowship with other ladies in the parish.

ALSO

SAVE THE DATES !!!

Holy Infant Parish Mission
Feb. 22 – 25, 2016

Fr. Larry Richards, a popular Conference Speaker and pastor from Erie, PA will conduct a four day Mission.

Fr. Larry promises two things:

- 1. You will never be bored.**
- 2. Your life will be changed forever.**

Check his website to learn more about him:
<http://thereasonforourhope.org/>



If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would've put them on my knees.



SMART DRIVER COURSE

This four-hour class will help you tune up your driving skills, update your knowledge of the rules of the road, and teach you about normal age-related physical changes and ways to adjust to reduce traffic violations or accidents. Some insurance companies also offer a discount to participants.

Thursday, Sept. 17th 9:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
Town & Country Municipal Center
1011 Municipal Center Drive

\$15.00 for AARP Members
\$20.00 for non-AARP Members

Payable to AARP on the day of training.



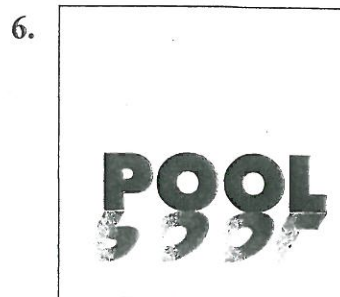
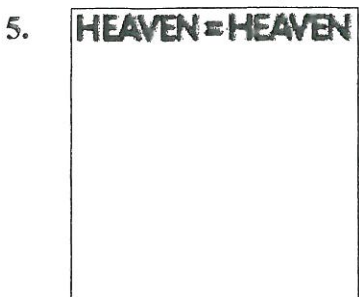
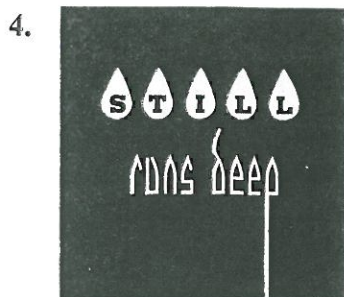
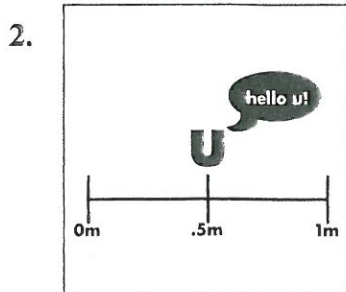
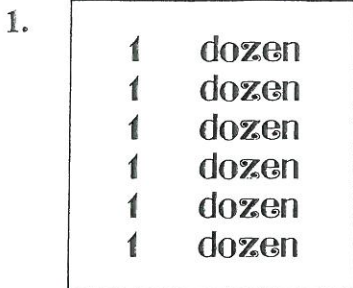
Old age is coming at a really bad time !!!



WORD WINKS

I hope you've been keeping your brain exercised over the summer months.....if not our "word winks" might seem a bit more challenging than usual..... OR.....perhaps it's because we're getting to the end of my book.

Good Luck ! ! ! !

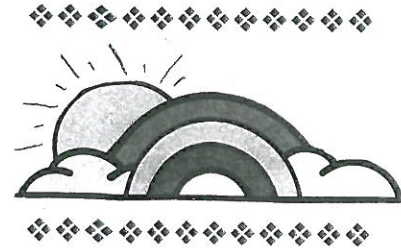


Answers on the last page.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

We would be more grateful if we knew how much of what we take for granted is planned by God.

Lord, forgive me for taking so many things for granted. Thank You for caring and providing so well for me. Amen.

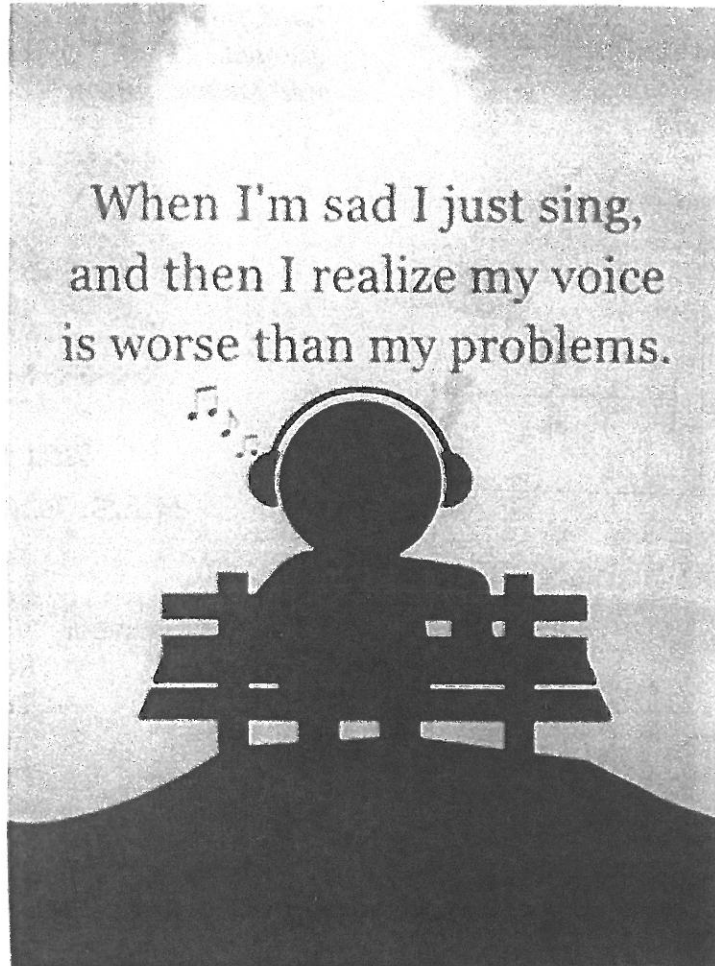


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JUST FOR FUN.....



WORD WINK ANSWERS:

1. 6 of One, Half Dozen of the Other
2. Meet You Halfway
3. An Open Mind
4. Still Water Runs Deep
5. A Match Made in Heaven
6. Reflecting Pool