

# HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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As I begin my last Thanksgiving edition of the H.I.S. Newsletter, I once again go to my wonderful "Leaves of Gold" and am pleased to share the following.....

## THANKFULNESS

First among the things to be thankful for is a thankful spirit. Some people would grumble at the accommodations in Heaven if they ever got there. They take their blessings here so much as a matter of course, that even once in a year is more than they feel any need of. And if their personal blessings in any measure fail, gratitude for what they have had or still enjoy is the last thing they think of.

Another class really desire to be thankful, but they are naturally despondent. Their sky is as dark with clouds as though a special Old Probabilities were employed to keep it full. They go through the world in a deprecating spirit, hoping things may turn out well yet fearing for the worst. We always feel glad for this class when Thanksgiving Day comes around. They then have an official warrant for gratitude. If their own hearts do not formulate blessings, they can listen to the sermon, or look to the President's proclamation.

How different with the thankful heart! What a gift it is to be born with an outlook toward the bright side of things! And if not so by nature, what a triumph of grace to be made thankful through a renewed heart! It is so much more comfortable and rational to see what we have to be thankful for and to rejoice accordingly, than to have our vision for ever filled with our lacks and our needs. Happy are they who possess this gift!

Blessings may fail and fortunes vary, but the thankful heart remains. The happy past, at least, is secure -----and Heaven is ahead.



## TIDBITS

Just as praise focuses on WHO God is, Thanksgiving focuses on WHAT God has done.

**Thanksgiving helps us focus on God's faithfulness, being watchful for the answers.**

*Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Psalm 111:2*



**God wants us to give thanks.**

*Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thes. 5:18*

## HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE CHRISTMAS PARTY ???

If not, then see or call Pat Bouckaert 636-391-9368. Because of a catering deadline, all reservations must be made and paid for by November 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets are \$20.00 a person. If you want to sit with a group (tables of 8) please have the names together when you buy your ticket or tell the ticket seller who you plan to sit with if the group names have already been turned in.

Friends....music....entertainment....good food and fun....what more could you ask for in a holiday warm up ???

See you on **December 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M.**



**God's goodness deserves our thanks.**

*Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Psalm 107:31*



### A LITTLE TURKEY TRIVIA

- A mature turkey has approximately 3500 feathers (who knew ???)
- A turkey can drown if it looks up while it is raining.
- June is Turkey Lovers Month. Go figure!
- 90 to 95 % of American homes serve turkey on Thanksgiving.
- Ben Franklin suggested the turkey as the national bird instead of the eagle.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Three new members joined us at our October meeting. They include:

Rod Silvagni  
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Email: n/a

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Birthday: 4/10  
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Please clip this update and add it to your directory but more importantly remember to extend a warm H.I.S. welcome to each of them.



**Giving thanks puts us at peace with ourselves and others.**

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Colossians 3:15*



## FROM OUR DEACON'S DESK

Shared by: **Deacon Ken Clemens**

Here are some of the feast days and saints we celebrate in November:

**11/1** All Saints – This feast applies not only to all the canonized saints, but to all those who are with the Lord, for every person in heaven is a saint.

**11/2** The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

**11/3** St. Martin de Porres (1579-1639)

**11/4** St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584)

**11/10** St. Leo the Great

**11/11** St. Martin of Tours (317-397)

**11/12** St. Josaphat (1580-1623)

**11/13** St. Francis Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917)

**11/16** St. Margaret of Scotland (1046-1093)

**11/17** St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207-1231)

**11/30** St. Andrew the Apostle

The saint I will highlight this month is Francis Xavier Cabrini. She is the first citizen of the United States to be canonized a saint on June 7, 1946. She was born in Lombardy, Italy and desired to be a missionary from the time she was a young girl. She wanted to enter the religious life but was always turned down because of frail health and was advised by the bishop to start a religious community herself. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart and received approval from Rome. In 1889, Pope Leo XIII asked her to go to the United States where there were many Italian immigrants. Within a few months she had already opened an orphanage and a school. She became a naturalized citizen in 1909. She founded 67 charitable institutions and houses of her Congregation.

## PARISH REMINDERS

**11/6 6:30 P.M. Adult Faith Formation's "Paint & Sip Night" – Upper Cafeteria**

**11/7 Day School's Dinner Auction – Marriott West Hotel**

**11/11 8:00 A.M. Veterans' Day Celebration Parish Center & Upper Cafeteria**

**11/21 7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria**

**11/23-27 Collection of Food for St. Wenceslaus Food Pantry – Lower Cafeteria**

**11/26 9:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Day Mass & Food/Non-Perishables Collection**



## GREETINGS

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

**GET WELL:** Nell Cox, Linda Krull, Marge Quinn and Jean Wilding

**SYMPATHY CARD:** Audrey Dischert in remembrance of her husband.

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



**Gratitude**  
can transform  
common days into  
**Thanksgivings.**

## CAROL'S CORNER

### Autumn Prayer of Acceptance

Autumn God, earth teaches me by her natural turning from one season to another. As she enters into the dying and rising cycle, she welcomes the changes. May I be open to the teachings in this season of autumn and turn, as autumn does, toward opportunities for my spiritual transformation.

When I accept only the beautiful and reject the tattered, torn parts of who I am, when I treat things that are falling apart as my enemies, walk me among the dying leaves. Let them tell me about their power to re-energize the earth's soil by their decomposition and decay.

When I fear the loss of my youthfulness and the reality of my aging, turn my face to the brilliant colors of fall trees. Open my spirit to the mellow resonance of autumn sunsets. Brush your love past my heart with the beauty of golden leaves twirling from the autumn trees.

When I refuse to wait with the mystery of the unknown and when I struggle to control rather than to let life evolve, wrap me in the darkening days of November. Encourage me to enter into stillness and silent mystery, to wait patiently for clarity and wisdom.

Thank you, God of transformation, for all these lessons that the autumned earth teaches me.



## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### CRANBERRY-ALMOND BRUSSEL SPROUTS

Shared by: Carol Komor

**Editors Comments: All right all of you who think you don't like Brussel Sprouts.....it's just because you haven't tried this recipe !!!**

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 6 T. melted butter
- 1 lb. Brussel Sprouts, trimmed and halved lengthwise (about 1 lb.)
- ½ cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup sliced almonds
- 2 cloves garlic, thinly sliced

#### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 425 degrees
2. Combine all ingredients in large bowl, tossing until evenly coated
3. Arrange on large baking sheet
- 4.. Roast 25 minutes or until Brussel Sprouts are tender and almonds are lightly toasted.

#### ENJOY !!!!!

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

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Ballwin, MO (63011)

Or email: [ckomor@att.net](mailto:ckomor@att.net)



## WORD WINKS




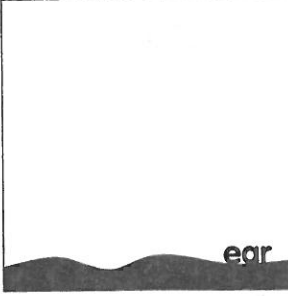

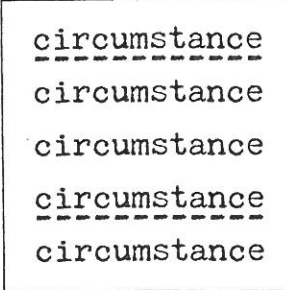
## THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Oh My Golly !!!!!

I just picked up the November installment of "Word Wink" puzzles and only figured out one of them without cheating.

The following six should challenge everyone's brain.

Good Luck !!!!!

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**God has given each of us some special abilities. Be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings.**

*Every talent that I have, You have given me Lord. May I have the wisdom to use these abilities to Your glory. Amen.*



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### H.I.S. Board Members

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Answers on the last page.