

HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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Oh my goodness.....St. Patrick's Day and Easter all in the same month.....what is an editor supposed to do ??? ?

Because I'm sure that ALL Irish Catholics would feel that Easter trumps St. Patrick's Day, I'll begin with the following.....

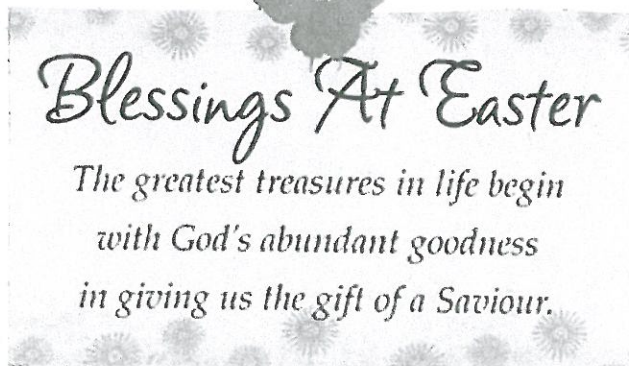
GOD'S PERFECT LOVE AND AMAZING GRACE

The greatest treasures in life begin with God's abundant goodness in bringing us the gift of a Savior.

Praying that your day is filled with good things and thankful moments – a special time of celebrating the miracle of Easter, with glimpses of **God's perfect love and amazing grace.**

Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:39



PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

LENTEN MASSES – 5:30 P.M. in Church

3/8 3/9 3/10 3/15 3/16 3/17 3/22 and 3/23

WAY OF THE CROSS in Church

3/4 at 7:00 P.M.

3/7 at 2:00 P.M.

3/11 at 7:00 P.M.

3/18 at 7:00 P.M.

3/21 at 2:00 P.M.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS in Church

3/7 at 8:00 P.M.

3/14 at 8:00 P.M.

3/21 at 8:00 P.M.

MEN'S CLUB FISH FRIES – Upper Cafeteria

3/4 3/11 and 3/18

3/23 1:15 P.M. Special Holy Week Meditation in Church

3/24 7:00 P.M. Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper – Church

3/25 1:00 P.M. Day School's 8th Grade Passion Play – Church

3:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross – Church

7:30 P.M. Good Friday – The Lord's Passion - Church

3/26 8:00 P.M. Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass – Church

3/27 7, 8:30, 10:15 A.M. and Noon – Easter Sunday Masses

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

3/5 Ginny Guitteau
3/5 Bob Komor
3/6 Maureen Richter
3/7 Alan Jordan
3/7 Mary Werner
3/8 Mary Lou Bergman
3/8 Lee Gebhardt
3/8 Sue Rosswick
3/9 Paul Mallery
3/10 Pat Ehlman
3/16 Joanne Lewis
3/16 Mary Schlemeier
3/16 Judy Silvagni
3/18 Glenn Stafford
3/18 Rose Wardenburg
3/23 Joan Daues
3/23 Nancy Quinn
3/23 Elmer Williams



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



LIMERICKS SUITABLE TO PRINT

Nothing could be more appropriate for our "March Newsletter" than a few Irish limericks. I hope you enjoy the following.....

**A flea and a fly in a flue
Were imprisoned so what could they do?
Said the fly, "Let us flee!"
"Let us fly." said the flea.
And they flew through a flaw in the flue.**

**A man and his lady-love Min,
Skated out where the ice was quite thin.
Had a quarrel no doubt,
For I hear they fell out.
What a blessing they didn't fall in.**

HOLY INFANT ADULT BINGO

Saturday, March 19, 2016

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



**Doors Open at 6:00 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**



TIDBITS

Because I began working on our Newsletter the day of the Iowa caucus, I decided that this month's Tidbits would have to be "Apolitical Aphorisms".

If God wanted us to vote, he would have given us candidates.

(Jay Leno)

ADDITIONAL PARISH
REMINDERS

- 3/5 Holy Infant Shamrock Shuffle –
Holy Infant Campus
- 3/13 1:00 – 7:00 P.M. St. Patrick's Celebration
- 3/16 1:00 P.M. Archdiocesan Song Festival –
Parish Center
- 3/19 7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus
Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria



PAC NEWS

Shared by: Eileen Buehrle

ELECTIONS FOR 2016

- March 15th – Presidential Preference
Primary Election
- April 5th – General Municipal Election
- August 2nd – Primary
- November 8th – General Election

ABSENTEE VOTING

You must have a good reason to request an Absentee Ballot. To see the list of those who qualify see www.stlouisco.com/yourgovernment/elections/absenteevoting. Absentee ballot requests must be mailed or faxed to the Election Board no later than 5:00 P.M. the Wednesday before the election. You can request a form at the Election Office or go there to fill out a form or even vote. See the above website for more information or contact Eileen Buehrle at 636-230-5435.

POLL WORKERS

Poll Workers are always needed. This is a paid position. You can contact the Election Board at 314-615-1865 for more information or go to their website at www.stlouisco.com/yourgovernment/elections/pollworkers or contact Eileen Buehrle at 636-230-5435.

DON'T FORGET

Fish Fries – March 4, 11 and 18

Shamrock Shuffle – March 5th

St. Patrick's Day Celebration – March 13th

Each of these venues can use your help. For more information see the Church Bulletin or the Parish website at holyinfantballwin.org.



FROM OUR DEACON'S DESK

Shared by: Deacon Ken Clemens

We certainly can use all the help we can get as we walk through life. God's Word is the place we should first turn to. Sometimes we may think about picking up our Bible, but we just don't know where to find what we need. Here is a little help.

When in sorrow – see John 14

When people disappoint you – see Psalm 27

When you have sinned – see Psalm 51

When you worry – see Matthew 6:19-34

When you are in danger – see Psalm 91

When God seems far away – see Psalm 139

When your faith needs stirring – see Hebrews 11

When you are lonely and fearful – see Psalm 23

When you grow bitter and critical – see
1 Corinthians 13

For Paul's secret to happiness – see
Colossians 3:12-17

When you feel down and out – see Romans 8:31

When you want peace and rest – see Matt. 11:25-30

When the world seems bigger than God – see
Psalm 90

If you are depressed – see Psalm 27

For how to get along with others – see Romans 12

If you are losing confidence in people – see
1 Corinthians 13

If people seem unkind – see John 15

For dealing with fear – see Psalm 34:7

For security – see Psalm 121:3

For assurance – see Mark 8:35

For reassurance – see Psalm 145:18



When I was a boy I was told that ANYBODY could become President. I'm beginning to believe it.

(Clarence Darrow)



I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY

Those who experience the grief that comes with great loss feel as if they are the only ones who have ever gone through this terrible experience. Stephen Ministry training prepares Stephen Ministers to care sensitively for all others going through these difficult times.

Call Patricia at 636-227-0802 for more information.



We hang the petty thieves AND appoint the great ones to public office.

(Aesop)

I offer my opponents a bargain: if they will stop telling LIES about us, I will stop telling the TRUTH about them.

(Adlai Stevenson, campaign speech, 1952)



DIRECTORY UPDATE

One new member joined us at our February Meeting. She is:

Mary Ann Bange
1 Strecker Road Apt. E204
Ellisville, MO 63011
636-730-0426
Birthday: 9/28

Please clip this information and add it to your directory and be sure to give her wonderful Holy Infant Senior welcome !!!

TRAVEL NEWS

Shared by: **Linda Krull**

The Tuesday, April 19th trip to the Warm Springs Clydesdale Ranch and the Isle of Capri Casino is filled and a wait list is formed to replace anyone already signed up but unable to attend. If you signed up to attend but have not yet paid (today, March 3rd) you have until Monday, March 7th to pay \$58.00 per person. If I have not received your check by March 7th your name will be removed from those going and I will contact those members on the wait list. Anyone having questions please call me at 636-458-1580. Thank you !!



I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

(Charles De Gaulle)

Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you.

(Author Unknown)



MORE FROM THE DEACON

Shared by **Deacon Ken Clemens**

Here are some of the feast days and saints we celebrate in March.....

Mar. 3 – St. Katharine Drexell (1858-1955)

She was from a wealthy and well-known Philadelphia family. Her parents made large donations to charity. On a trip to the state of Washington, she was shocked by the poverty she saw on Indian reservations. Later, while visiting

Rome, the family spoke to Pope Leon XIII. Katharine begged him to send missionaries to help neglected Native American communities. To her shock, he said, "My child, why don't you become a missionary yourself?"

Eventually, she did just that. In 1891, with 13 other women, she founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. She first opened a boarding school for Pueblo Indian students in Santa Fe, New Mexico. In time they founded missions for Indians in 16 states. They began a secondary school for African American students in New Orleans. This school was the forerunner of Xavier University. After the First World War they founded schools in Chicago, Boston and New York City.

Mar. 4 – St. Casimir (1458-1483)

His father was the king of Poland. Even though he was a prince, he dedicated himself totally to serving the poor.

March 7 – Sts. Perpetua & Felicity – Martyrs (died in 203 A.D.)

March 8 – St. John of God (1495-1550)

He served in the army and then became a shepherd. It wasn't until he was 40 that he decided to turn his life around. He founded a hospital where he could care for the sick and homeless. He laid the foundation for what would become known as the Brothers Hospitalers. He was canonized in 1690 and, in 1886, Pope Leon XIII names him patron of hospitals and the sick.

March 9 – St. Frances of Rome (1384-1440)

March 17 – St. Patrick (389-461)

March 18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem (315-386)

March 19 – St. Joseph – Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

March 25 – Holy Thursday

March 26 – Good Friday

March 27 – Holy Saturday

March 28 – Easter Sunday -

HE HAS RISEN. ALLELUIA !!!

CAROL'S CORNER

OUR LIVES CAN BE FRUITFUL AT EVERY AGE

This is the promise: If we stay connected to Jesus there will be fruit in every season of our lives. Not maybe. Not might. Not "if conditions are right." There will be fruit.

*"If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
(John 15:5)*

And the fruit in our lives will thrive. That doesn't mean nothing hard will ever happen or we'll get everything we want, but it does mean that God's plans for our lives are invincible when we stay connected to Him. Life's droughts, storms, hail and hell can't stop Him from bringing forth His miraculous work in and through us.

Let's cling to God's promises. Hold tight to His heart. Have strong roots that go down deep into His affection for us. We will not falter. We will not fail. We will not lead a barren life at any age.

*"They shall bear fruit even in old age, vigorous and sturdy shall they be."
(Psalm 92:14)*

Yes, we will be people of growth and blessings as long as we live. Because we are trees planted by the river of God's love and it will never run dry.

(Holley Girth)



RECIPE OF THE MONTH

STRAWBERRY CRUNCH

Shared by: Paula Skinner

1 stick oleo (melted)
¼ c. brown sugar
1 c. flour
1 c. chopped nuts

FILLING:

2 egg whites
2/3 c. sugar
16 oz. strawberries (partially frozen)
8 oz. Cool Whip
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix melted oleo, brown sugar, flour and nuts. Brown in a 350 degree oven for 15 minutes. Stir often. Cool crumbs. Place mot of the crumbs in a buttered rectangular dish.

Filling: Beat 2 egg whites until stiff. Add 2/3 cup sugar gradually. Add 16 ounces strawberries. Add Cool Whip and vanilla. Pour into dish.

Put remainder of crumbs on top. Store in freezer Remove a few minutes before serving.

NOTE: Some people layer these ingredients, but I prefer to mix them all together and pour into dish as the flavor is blended more evenly. To each his own. Any way you fix it – it is good.

Editors Note: This dessert was served at the January Pot Luck to rave reviews.

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

GOD BLESS AMERICA

PAC Chairperson, Eileen Buehrle reminded us that there will be a "Presidential Preference Primary Election" on March 15th.

The same friend who sent me the "Apolitical Aphorisms" just sent me the following prayer to share with all my "H.I.S. Newsletter" readers.

Dear Beloved God in Heaven.....

Please give us a president that loves this country and everything it stands for.

Please give us a president who respects You as the one true God.

Please give us a president who will, with Your help, restore this nation to its former glory, the way You created it.

Please help us to respect what you have given to us and not take anything for granted ever again.

Please God weaken the evil and strengthen the good both without and within.

May our eyes be opened.

In Jesus name. Amen.



GREETINGS

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

THINKING OF YOU CARD: To Dan Tarleton

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



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

The entire law is summed up in a single command.....

"Love your neighbor as yourself."

But Lord, it's so hard sometimes !!! Please give me Your love – in Jesus name. Amen.



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JUST FOR FUN.....

THE EXPLANATION

Brains of older people are slow because they know so much.....

People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes them longer to recall facts because they have more information in their brains, scientists believe.

Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets filled up, so humans take longer to access information, it has been suggested.

Researchers say this slowing down is not the same as cognitive decline.

The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more.

Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem, it is nature's way of making older people do more exercise.

SO THERE !!!!!

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

