

HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER

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A SUMMARY OF OUR CIVILIZATION AS OF APRIL - 2016

Our Phones – Wireless
Cooking – Fireless
Cars – Keyless
Food – Fatless
Tires – Tubeless
Youth – Jobless
Leaders – Shameless
Relationships – Meaningless
Attitudes – Careless
Babies – Fatherless
Feelings – Heartless
Children – Mannerless
We are SPEECHLESS,
Our government is CLUELESS,
And our politicians are WORTHLESS !!!



Thank goodness that.....



or we might become depressed !!!

PARISH REMINDERS

Now that Easter is over and there are no more extra masses, stations, or fish fries to report, the only activities to remind you of are:

- 4/9 7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus
Adult Bingo – Upper Cafeteria
(While this Bingo is usually held on the 3rd Sat. of the month....this month it's on the 2nd Sat.)
- 4/24 12:00 P.M. Fr. Stanger's
25th Anniversary – Special Liturgy
& Reception following in
Upper Cafeteria
- 4/30 7:00 P.M. Knights of Columbus
Ladies Auxiliary Spring Dance
Upper Cafeteria



TIDBITS

April.....the month of "fools".....what could be more appropriate for this month's "Tidbits" than quotations for April Fool's Day.

Let us be thankful for the fools. But for them the rest of us could not succeed.

(Mark Twain)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

4/4 Ken Koepke
4/10 Kim Waller
4/21 Sara McEntire
4/22 Julie Jackson
4/22 Celeste Koebel
4/24 Maureen Catlett
4/24 Rod Silvagni
4/25 Barbara Kelley
4/26 Gene Bestgen
4/30 Alberta McGilligan



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



WHY STEPHEN MINISTRY ?

We have so many needs for care in our parish; people experiencing divorce, grief, a terminal illness, loss of job, relocation, an empty nest, retirement, hospitalization, loneliness and many other stresses or challenges.

Often people with needs suffer silently or do not request or receive the level of care they really need. With only three priests for a parish of 2,800 families, you can quickly see why it would be impossible for them to meet every single need of every single person. Stephen Ministry expands the care Holy Infant can offer by equipping and organizing members to provide Christian care. This gives us a larger pool of people with gifts, skills and calling to bring Christ's love and care to those who most need it.

To learn more call Patricia at 227-7440 or Gene at 527-5385.

HOLY INFANT ADULT BINGO

Saturday, April 9, 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



SPRING INTO CLEANING

Need some motivation to start spring cleaning within your house ?? Check out these dust related statistics from the University of Mo. Health Care.

40 pounds of dust accumulates in an average home over the course of a year.

40,000 is the number of dust mites that can live in a single speck of dust.

RUMMAGE RAMPAGE

Our parish wide **Rummage Rampage** will be held on: **June 25th from 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**
and
June 26th from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

We are blessed to have our Chiefs in place, but still need lots and lots of Indians. If you are available to help in any way, Jo Lewis 458-8720 and Mary Oestreich 314-803-0055 are waiting for your call.

There will be **one** meeting for Chairmen on April 11th at 1:00 P.M. in the Holy Infant Room, and you will be notified.

We hope to set up on **June 17th** and all help is appreciated.

You may **drop off** your gently used treasures on:

June 20th from 11:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

June 21st from 11:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

June 22nd from 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

Volunteers who have worked five hours may shop on June 23rd from 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.

A **pre-sale** will be held on **June 24th from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. for a fee of \$5.00**

Our raffle this year will be a wonderful basket full of gifts called.....

“The Bounty Basket”

Chairman Gene Bestgen will be selling tickets for:

1 for \$1.00

6 for \$5.00

15 for \$10.00 and

35 for \$20.00

We want to thank Nell Cox for her donation of \$100.00 for our basket. Because of her generous gift, we will increase the cash in our basket to \$ 300.00 this year. There will also be \$ 200.00 in scratch off tickets.

If you are a Cardinal's fan (and who in St. Louis isn't) there are 8 box seat tickets included as well as 4 other tickets to a game. We also want to thank Pauline Nocifora for her gift of Cardinal memorabilia.

The Rummage Rampage is a parish wide event and all are welcome. It's the best way to meet new people and form wonderful friendships.

It's also a great opportunity to see and purchase some amazing bargains.

See you there ! ! ! !



A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof is to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.

(Douglas Adams)

It is better to weep with wise men than to laugh with fools.

(Spanish Proverb)



GREETINGS

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

GET WELL CARDS: Ginny Guitteau, Ron Laupp and Harry Linneman

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



I have great faith in fools – self confidence, my friends call it.

(Edgar Allen Poe)



TRAVEL NEWS

Shared by: **Linda Krull**

I am looking forward to accompanying those that have signed up and paid for the trip to the Warm Springs Clydesdale Ranch and Isle of Capri in Boonville, Missouri, on Tuesday, April 19th.

Please be at the Target Parking Lot, Manchester and Holloway Roads by 7:00 A.M. as I would like to **LEAVE NO LATER THAN 7:15 A.M.** that morning. We plan to return to Ballwin by around 4:30 P.M.

Some walking is involved so wear comfortable shoes. A light jacket, etc. may be needed. You might like to bring an umbrella if rain is forecasted. We will make a brief stop on the way, but it will not involve eating breakfast due to time constraints. So please eat at home before leaving.

This will be my last trip that I have planned this year. I want to thank those who have attended any of the outing these past two years. It has been my pleasure to get to know and enjoy each and all of you.

DIRECTORY UPDATE

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

Linda Gatton
647 Lemonwood
Ballwin, MO 63021
Phone: 314-853-8185
E-mail: lgatton@gmail.com
Birthday: 5/28

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



If every fool wore a crown, we should all be kings.

(Welsh Proverb)



H.I.S. ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual picnic scheduled for Thursday, June 2nd will once again be held at the Bussman Shelter, in Bluebird Park from 10:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

All of your favorite picnic foods will be served.

The picnic is, once again, free of charge to all paid members.

Mary Schlemeier, our Picnic Chairperson, asks that you bring games from home to be played in the morning and has planned a "Cash Bingo" for after lunch. She also wants to remind everyone to bring a donation for the food pantry and baby items for Birthright.

Lets all start praying for the perfect picnic day..... blue skies, warm temperatures, gentle breezes..... you get the idea.

CAROL'S CORNER

WHAT'S YOUR SEASON

Spring will be coming fully to the trees in our back yards. Branches will soon becoming homes. Squirrels and birds build nests with mouths full of leaves and perhaps hearts full of dreams.

We all welcome spring with open arms don't we.....it's a time of hope and joy after a long, dark winter.....a wonderful reprieve before the stretched-out, hot summer. If we could, many of us would choose spring outside all year long.

But that's not how the season's work. The trees need time to let go in the fall. They need time to be quiet and grow deeper roots in the winter. They need the intense sunshine of summer. All are part of the rhythm that keeps them living and growing.

We tend to always want it to be spring inside too. We resist the stillness and the in-between seasons. But, God is whispering that it can't always be spring. All of the seasons have their place and purpose. All have gifts to offer. All are necessary.

When you find yourself in winter, do you wonder if you're as valuable to God. *What am I giving? What am I producing?* Do you manufacture an early spring out of to-do-lists and projects and going here and there.

God doesn't ask that of you. He sees what we can't see in winter.....the growth going on beneath the surface. The silence. The preparing. The drawing in of what our hearts need so that when spring comes we will be able to grow, to give, to bear fruit again.

What season are you in today ? ? ? ?

If you're in fall.....let go.

If you're in winter.....rest.

If you're in spring.....grow.

If you're in summer.....take care of yourself so you don't burn out.

"For everything there is a season." Eccl. 3:1

The seasons of our hearts may change but this always stays the same. **God loves us.** He knows our circumstances. He understands our needs. He's with us and caring for us every day of our lives and spring will come again.

(Holley Girth)



RECIPE OF THE MONTH QUINOA SALAD

Shared by: **Monica Vaccaro**

- 1 c. quinoa
- 2 large oranges cut into segments
- 1 red pepper – diced
- 1 jalapeno, seeded and diced
- 1 c. black beans rinsed and drained
- ½ c. can corn kernels, drained
- 1/3 c. chopped red onion
- 2 T. chopped fresh cilantro

For the Orange Vinaigrette

- ¼ c. olive oil
- ¼ c. apple cider vinegar
- ¼ c. freshly squeezed orange juice
- zest of 1 orange
- 1 T. sugar

In large sauce pan of 2 c. water, cook quinoa according to pkg. instructions and set aside.

Whisk the vinaigrette ingredients and set aside.

In large bowl, combine all. Pour the vinaigrette on top and gently toss to combine.

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

Carol Komor
237 Monroe Mill
Ballwin, MO (63011)

BIRTHRIGHT
Shared by: Linda Thien

Since last year's BIRTHRIGHT shower was so enthusiastically and generously responded to by all of you, we will be collecting baby items again this year at all the meetings leading up to and including the June Senior Picnic.

If it is more convenient, please bring your baby items to any of the upcoming Senior meetings or bring them to the Senior Picnic in June.

BIRTHRIGHT so appreciated your generosity and all the wonderful baby items that you donated for women who are having a baby and do not have any of the basic essentials needed to care for the baby!

Thank you!



PRAYER QUILT
Shared by: Mary Jane Zust

A Reader's Digest Magazine, found in our own HIS Book Store, contained the following story. The title of the article "Prayer Quilt" and the sentence in the story that begins with "Every stitch was sown with prayer..." immediately caught my attention. At Holy Infant we are proud to have two ministries that could also use that identical phrase to write about their work, our Prayer Shawl and our Quilters Ministries.

The Title: "PRAYER QUILT"

"I started quilting so I could spend time with my aunt. I didn't accomplish much until my little sister was put into the hospital. She lived 13 hours away, which meant I couldn't be at her side, but I could pray, and I could make her a blanket. Every stitch was sewn with prayer and tears, memories woven in between layers of cotton and polyester.

Doctors said she was going to die at least three times. I sewed faster. By God's good grace, I delivered that blanket two years ago, and my sister still sleeps under it today."

(Jennifer Thornburg, Sun Tan Valley, Arizona)



STORIES WORTH SHARING

Join Host Zip Rzeppa as he interviews these Holy Infant parishioners to help us all embody the Year of Mercy as the "revolution of tenderness" described by Pope Francis:

- Kate and Michelle Treese share their story of coping with profound grief and finding God again after the loss of their beloved husband and father.
- Deanna McClintock Lester, author of Love Bends: A Forest of Family Trees, shares complexities and blessings that are unique to blended/stepfamilies.

Sunday, April 17th
6:30 -7:45 P.M.
Upper Cafeteria

Don't miss this opportunity to keep growing in faith, mercy and charity! All are welcome!

Sponsored by the Holy Infant Adult Faith Formation Team.



He who is born a fool is never cured.

(Proverb)



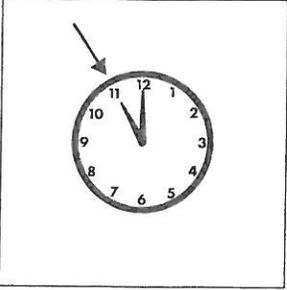
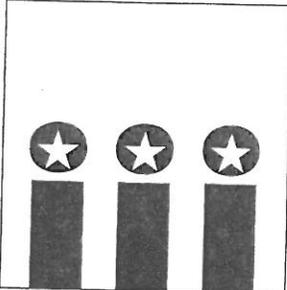
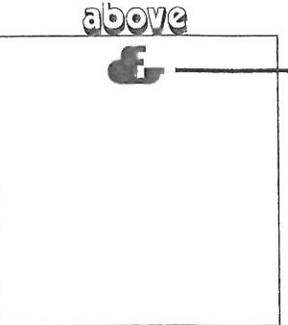
WORD WINKS

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

It's time for more "Word Winks".

Since we skipped them in the March issue, I think I'll include eight puzzles to provide your April brain challenge.

Good Luck !!!

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Answers on the last page.

"If I feed my faith, my fears will starve to death."

Lord, we know that You are always with us and that we don't have to be afraid. Help us to keep our eyes on You. Amen.



2015-2016

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	"	227-2348
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JUST FOR FUN.....

ATHEIST HOLY DAY

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days.

The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentations by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, "Case dismissed!"

The lawyer immediately stood and objecting to the ruling said, "Your honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter and others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays....."

The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, "But you do. Your client, counselor, is woefully ignorant."

The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists."

The judge said, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states, 'The fool says in his heart, there is no God.' Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court adjourned...."

You gotta love a judge that knows his scripture ! ! ! !

Word Wink Answers:

1. At the Eleventh Hour
2. Walk a Thin Line
3. Stars in Your Eyes
4. A Diamond in the Rough
5. The Bottom of My Heart
6. Flat Broke
7. Open and Above Board
8. Above and Beyond

