



# HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

By Dolores Kaemmerer

A warm welcome to both new and returning members of Holy Infant Seniors. As you may or may not remember, I am your new President by default for the coming year. Deacon Ken Clemens retired at the end of last year when he was appointed Administrator of Immaculate Conception Parish in Maplewood. We hope you will continue to join us on the first Thursday of each month for our meetings. Some will be informative, some educational, but all will be fun no matter the topic. The Refreshment Committee will see that you are well fed, so please continue to join us. We hope that you will always feel welcome.

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Newsletter

## FROM THE EDITOR

By Maria Dorn

As I embark upon this newsletter journey, I wonder, as Carol did 10 years ago, how I will ever follow her. But with the support I know I'll get from everyone here, I'll give it a try. Let me start by introducing myself and Bob, my wonderful husband of 41 years. We moved into this parish in 1985 when our kids Tony and Tracie were in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Now they are 38 and 40. Through them we have been blessed with 6 grandchildren ages 15, 8, 6, 5 and identical twins who are now 4 months old.

I worked as a project manager with United HealthCare for 29 years before retiring in 2014. Bob retired from Praxair 3 and 1/2 years ago. Once retired, neither of us have looked back. Bob volunteers at Mercy Hospital and as our very own Holy Infant Tuesday School Crossing Guard. In addition to producing this Newsletter for our Holy Infant senior organization, I am babysitting, and looking forward to beginning to train as a tutor for Rockwood K through 3 grades in reading. We enjoy golfing and traveling as well as watching all the grandkids' sporting events. We are really liking the 'field/day' trips this group is taking, but taking a river cruise down the Rhine in Europe remains one of the many things on our bucket list.

In an effort to learn more about our fellow HIS members, I thought it would be fun to gather a little information from you that could be shared in our newsletters from time to time. Please fill out the form at the back of the newsletter (add more pages if needed) and return it to me. You can hand deliver, mail it to 744 Woodrun, Ballwin MO 63021, or send email to [mariadorn@hotmail.com](mailto:mariadorn@hotmail.com). Be sure to put HIS in the subject line of any email. Thanks and I look forward to learning more about each of you.



## OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....by Jo Lewis

- Bob and Mary Schlemeier for making the June picnic fun and making it all happen!
- Rosemary and Gene Bestgen and Mary Jane Bahr for planning the race track trip and the river cruise. Heard lots of good comments from some who attended!
- Gene and Kathie Hanneke for making sure the 'mailings' get to all of us!

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## TRAVEL TIME

By Gene Bestgen

### Kansas City

Thirty two members will be riding the rails to Kansas City for two fun filled days! We will leave St Louis around 9 a.m. on October 25<sup>th</sup> and arrive about 4 p.m. where the group will party the first night in the K. C. Power & Light District. (60 bars and restaurants).

The group will be riding the K. C. Trolley first thing Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> to see various sights around town, visiting the Truman Library in the afternoon. Dinner is planned at Jack's Stacks BBQ near the Sheraton Hotel Crown Center, where we will be staying. More partying after dinner at the Crossroads District is planned.

On Thursday, the 27<sup>th</sup>, visiting the Arabian at 10:00 a.m. (a previously sunken steamboat). In the afternoon, individuals can tour the World War I Memorial or the Nelson Art Gallery. Train leaves for St. Louis at 4:00 p.m.

### Christmas Brass Concert

Again, on December 5<sup>th</sup>, we have about 50 tickets for the Brass Concert at the Methodist Church. The price this year is \$23. We must have your money by September 15<sup>th</sup>. Pay today before you leave, if you can. We have fewer tickets this year, so buy them early. **This for the 10:30 a.m. concert.**

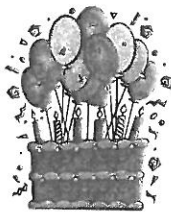
### River Cruise on the Becky Thatcher

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, a group set sail on a river cruise on the Mississippi. The cost of \$59 included transportation, dinner and music. It was a beautiful night and everybody enjoyed the fun evening.

### Horse Races

On June 14<sup>th</sup>, 36 people galloped over to Fairmont Park Race Track. The cost of \$39 included transportation and a great lunch. A great time was had by all and plans are to schedule this trip again in 2017.

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## BIRTHDAY WISHES

By Carolyn Kraichel

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

Pat Weikart	9/3	Carol Galus	9/18	Maggie Green	9/27
Tom Piskor	9/10	Liz DeRum	9/19	Mary Ann Banage	9/28
Jom Wilding	9/11	Joseph Schibig	9/23	JoAnn Dinkelkamp	10/1
Mary Jane Bahr	9/13	Lanada Marcinko	9/26	Tom Wardenburg	10/4
Marian Dunham	9/15	Ronald Marcinko	9/27	Linda Krull	10/6

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## GREETINGS

By Pat Bouckaert

Since our last meeting the following greetings were sent:

GET WELL: Jerry Quinn, Rafael Mercado, Ginnie Arends, Joe Schibig, Gene Norris, Mary Jane Zust, Pauline Nocifora

SYMPATHY: Mass Card for member, Peter DeRum, husband of Liz DeRum; Sympathy card to Denis & Linda Thien in remembrance of her mother; Sympathy card to Don & Alice Mertz in

remembrance of her sister; Sympathy card to Rob Meinberg in remembrance of his father.

PICNIC INVITATIONS: Fathers Stanger, Vordtriede & Foy; Sisters Laurentia & Rosario; Rob Meinberg & Rafael Mercado

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## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

By Kathie Hanneke

### Sept. 10, Saturday Year of Mercy Pilgrimage: Crossing the Delmar Divide

Meet at St. Louis University Clock Tower for opening prayer for Unity at 9:30 am. Procession starts at 9:40 am. You can join the walkers as they walk or meet at the Cathedral on Lindell. Walk due to end around 12pm at the Cathedral Basilica with a closing prayer and walk through the Door of Mercy. A reception follows at Catholic

Charities. Shuttles will be available to take walkers back to SLU Spring Ave. Free parking in the Laclede Ave. garage at SLU campus. Contact Kathie Hanneke, 314-704-2350 if interested.

Sept. 25, Sunday Plants of the Bible, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Upper Cafeteria. Join Master Gardener, John Hensley from the Mo. Botanical Gardens to learn more about the many plant species mentioned in the Bible and the role these plants played in the Biblical writings.

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## DID YOU KNOW ....By Jo Lewis

- That if you are a veteran there are many stores that will offer you a 10% discount with a copy of your discharge papers? Some demand your presence (Lowe's/Home Depot) and others allow a spouse to use the copy (Joann's Fabric). There are also stores that will offer a 10% discount to seniors on certain days of the week 'if you ask for it'. Don't hesitate to ask!!
- That the Daniel Boone Library is closing for renovation on October 8<sup>th</sup>? Use Samuel C Sachs by Chesterfield Mall as an alternative until it reopens.



## SERVICE & PAC - VOTING IN NOVEMBER

By Eileen Buehrle

We have had quite a summer with decisions as to who will run for the various National, State and Local government offices. We have heard many commercials about voting for "X" or not voting for "X" because he/she is not a good candidate. I do not think these commercials will decline in number but we will see fewer commercials for some and more commercials for others. Listen carefully to what is being said about a candidate and do research if you think something is not right that might influence your decision about that candidate's ability to hold office.

If you are not registered to vote you have until the October 12<sup>th</sup> to do so. You can go to your local city hall or library to register. If this is not convenient please let me know and I can tell you other places to use. If you have moved or changed your name also let me know and I will tell you how to notify the Election Board of these changes.

Should you wish an Absentee Ballot I can help you obtain the necessary paperwork. Please remember you cannot get an absentee ballot just because you do not want to go the polls on Election Day. Absentee ballots must be at the Election Office by November 2<sup>nd</sup> so requests for the Absentee ballot need to be mailed long before this date. Allow time for your request to reach the Election Board, time for them to send you a ballot and time for you to return the ballot.

Our next election is November 8<sup>th</sup>. In this election you do not have to choose your party in order to vote. We will choose our next President and other leaders at this time so it is important to vote. Remember if you do not vote you cannot complain about the person elected. You did not "put your two cents worth in" concerning his/her election.

If I can help anyone with the election (but not who to vote for) please let me know. 636-230-5435



## STEPHEN MINISTRY

By Gene Bestgen

Want to know more about Stephen Ministry? Please join us for our information night Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. A new training class will begin in October.





## RECIPE OF THE MONTH CHOCOLATE TOFFEE GRAHAMS

Shared by: Joanne Lewis

About 48 rectangular graham crackers (finished cookie size)  
1 cup butter or margarine (70% or higher vegetable oil content)  
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar  
1 cup chopped walnuts or 1 ½ cups Rice Krispies  
1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Arrange the crackers on a creased 15 X 10 cookie sheet with the sides. Bring butter and sugar to a boil and boil for 2 minutes. Stir in walnuts or Rice Krispies. Spread over crackers. Bake 10 minutes. Cool for 1 minute and place on rack. You may put a dab of melted semi-sweet chocolate on top of each cookie.

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SEPT. 2015/JUNE 2016

By Mary Mallery, Historian

Vice President Dee Kaemmerer called the meeting to order on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> for the start of our 19<sup>th</sup> year as an organization at Holy Infant. Dan Tarleton, our Spiritual Director gave a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Dee introduced the officers in lieu of President Ken Clemens absence: Nell Cox our Secretary and John Nortman our Treasurer. She next introduced all the hardworking committee chairpersons who along with the officers make up the Board, which meets monthly to plan programs and activities for the year.

As program planner Dee obtained speakers and entertainment for our meetings beginning with Fr. Stanger in Oct. who gave us his "State of the Union" address. He told us we have about 3,000 households, approximately 580 students in the school and about the same number enrolled in PSR. In summary, all is well on the campus with a future concern for the old boiler. In Nov. thanks to Fr. Foy, we learned many interesting facts about the priests' vestments. He brought in some of his own and those of a friend who has a collection of old vestments. We learned what each item is called, when they are worn, and their fascinating

history. In Jan. Dee introduced Fr. Chris Dunlap, pastor of St. James the Greater. He told about his life there since leaving Holy Infant as associate pastor. It was neat to see, hear, and visit with him again. In Feb. HIS was all decked out in red to welcome guest speaker, Joe Strom who works for the St. Louis Cardinal Organization. His short talk ended with informative answers to our varied questions and a surprise give away of super great tickets to Cardinal games. For April Dee presented a game "Are You Smarter than a 5<sup>th</sup> Grader?" She had four 5<sup>th</sup> graders against Fr. Vordtriede, Mary Weman, Denis Thien and others which made it fun and entertaining, especially when Fr. Vordtriede reminded all that it is "The Year of Mercy"!! May brought a presentation from the Incredible-Edible Egg Lady. She gave a humorous account of the eggs' characteristics and positive qualities. We learned how to cook boiled eggs correctly, make omelets, crepes, and an instant breakfast drink. We laughed at her parody of eggs in a song she sang. Thanks Dee for the great programs!

Our Trip Chairman, Linda Krull, had us in a coach riding to the Daniel Boone Home and Pioneer Village in Defiance, MO on a beautiful fall

day in Oct. After a guided tour we enjoyed a luscious lunch and wine tasting at Chandler Hill Winery and took in the lovely views from the hilltop. Next Linda organized a trip to the Holiday Brass Concert at the Manchester United Methodist Church in Dec. for the 55 seniors who attended. April brought a tour of Warm Springs Clydesdale Ranch near Boonville, Mo. After a guided tour of the ranch, HIS enjoyed a buffet lunch and a little time for gambling at the Isle of Capri Casino. Linda Krull wished to retire as travel chairman, so as usual other seniors stepped up where there was a need. Our new travel chairpersons (Gene and Rosemary Bestgen, and Mary Jane Bahr) planned a trip to Fairmount Park Race Track for June 14<sup>th</sup> and a fun night on the Mississippi for a dinner cruise was enjoyed by many on July 30<sup>th</sup>. They were researching a train trip to Kansas City with a 2 night stay in Oct.

In March Liz DeRum had some seniors join in on a Bakery tour at Companion Bakery in Maryland Heights. After a free tour of the new building, they enjoyed a lunch of soup, salad, or sandwiches and the chance to buy fresh bakery products.

Our Christmas party was one of, if not the high light of the year expertly chaired by Alberta McGilligan. With the lovely decorations of Christmas trees, nativity scene, and tables made festive with centerpiece angel tree toppers beautifully dressed in Christmas colors, members soon got in the holiday spirit. A social time was followed by the amazing talents of Bob Kramer and his Marionettes. Next came a sing-a-long led by Carol Lodes and topped off with a story by the talented Mary Jane Zust who told "The Man and the Birds" story which reminded us of the meaning of Christmas. A delicious lunch catered by Genesis was savored by all.

Besides all the fun and games, HIS members didn't forget their religious and service side as they put in many hours volunteering for the parish. They worked the Rummage Rampage (which earned \$25,000 WOW), Food Pantry, the polls, the Fish Fry, St. Pat's celebration, making prayer shawls, cleaning linens and purificators, parish mailings, Serve St. Louis, cooking casseroles

for St Patrick's Center, serving food for St. Peters and Paul, crossing guards to the school, and many belong to other important parish ministries. For the Day of Reflection during Lent, a Dominican priest, Fr. Jay Harrington, gave presentations on "Mary, Refuge of Sinners" and "Mother of Reconciliation". In one of the offerings Father told the fascinating story of 2 hardened criminals that were saved by the intercession of Mary and gave us reflection questions to ponder. The day ended with a delightful catered lunch by Kim & Geri.

Under the Bussman Shelter in Bluebird Park in June, seniors got caught up with one another visiting amongst the tables. Their prayers paid off for a perfect picnic day with gorgeous blue skies and warm gentle breezes. A ladder game and a bean toss challenged some members for fun in the sun. 50/50 tickets were sold and all the money was given out to the winners. Next a catered lunch by Kim & Geri of hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs with all the trimmings, a delicious pasta salad, a fruit salad and chips were enjoyed. For dessert a farewell cake to Sister Rosario and Sister Laurentia and a birthday cake for Fr. Stanger were provided by Brenda George. After lunch our committee chairman Mary Schlemeier got the Bingo games going with Tom Dollus calling out the numbers. Prizes of \$10 were awarded with \$20 for specials. What a fun day!

A note of thanks to the many seniors who held our organization together: Mary Weman who graciously greeted members each month; Tom Dollus for keeping track of attendance, name tags and electronics; Pat Bouckaert for sending out sympathy, get well, thinking of you, and mass cards; Kathie Hanneke for her graphic expertise; Pat Weikart for managing the magazine & book exchange; Denis Thien for his photography and beautifully displayed in albums; Carol Wolf and Carol Nortman for taking care of the 50/50; Carol Kraichely for keeping the membership straight and providing us with a directory; Marie Fox and Marcy Zufall for calling the Resurrection Choir for funerals; Eileen Buehrle for presenting parish and community needs; Pauline Nocifora for selling raffle tickets; Gerri Bergman and Joan Wojciechowski for stepping up to co-chair the programs for our meetings next year; Mary

Schlemeier for planning the June picnic; Jim Yettke, our faithful recycle coordinator, reported collecting from January to June \$201.20 for aluminum and \$177.17 for paper, a total of \$378.37 One half goes to the school and the other half goes to HIS treasury. (Hopefully the demand for recycled paper will go up next year.); Brenda George and Mary Schlemeier for preparing our lunches; Carol Komor for her 10 years providing us with a marvelous newsletter; and lastly our officers: President Ken Clemens resigned due to

coming out of retirement and being sent to run Immaculate Conception parish; Vice President Dee Kaemmerer, our new President; Nell Cox who recorded all the doings and John Nortman who kept the treasury running and reported an ending balance as of June 30th of \$2206.32.

We will miss our faithfully departed members: Ruth Trusdale, Judy Gallagher, Emmett O'Brien, Gee Gee Schmeer, Helen Stehly, Harry Linneman, and Doris Erwin who left us all too soon.

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## PARISH REMINDERS -

from Sandy Hughes



### September 2016

- 10 4:30pm Mass in the Grass Bluebird Park
- 17-18 Men's CRHP Retreat Weekend
- 17 7pm Knights of Columbus Adult Bingo
- 25 6:30pm Adult Faith Formation "Plants of the Bible" -29
- 7pm Confirmation Parent Evening of Reflection - Upper

### October 2016

- 3 7am Reception/Refreshments Mission Mass
- 3 9am Mission Mass Archbishop Carlson
- 8-9 Parish-Wide Service Project -  
On and Off Campus

### ADULT BINGO

Saturday, September 17, 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

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### 2016-2017 H.I.S. Board Members

Dolores Kaemmerer	President.	391-7743
Joan Wojciechowski	Vice President	256-2510
Nell Cox	Secretary	394-5371
John Nortman	Treasurer	227-7260
Tom Dollus	Attendance	207-0924
Pat Bouckaert	Cheer	391-9368
Kathie & Gene Hanneke	Graphics	913-4230
Mary Mallery	Historian	391-9716
Mary Weman	Hospitality	227-1254
Carolyn Kraichely	Directory	394-5151
	Membership	
Maria Dorn	Newsletter	610-8784
Denis Thien	Photographer	225-9197

Jim Yettke	Recycle Coord.	227-8163
Brenda George & Mary Schlemeier	Refreshments	394-2286
Marie Fox & Marcy Zufall	Sr. Choir	391-9556
Eileen Buehrle		227-2750
	394-5540	
	Service & PAC	230-5435
Rev. Edward Stanger & Dan Tarleton	Spiritual Dir.	227-7440
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Gene & Rosemary Bestgen & Mary Jane Bahrl	Trips	458-1580
Carol Wolf & Carol Komor & Rose Birkner	50/50	227-6214
		227-7260



WHO AM I AND WHAT AM I DOING HERE?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

If married/widowed, how many years were you married? \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you lived in Holy Infant parish? \_\_\_\_\_

How many children/grandchildren? \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us about them \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What was your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite thing to do? \_\_\_\_\_  
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What is on your bucket list? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Any other information you want to share?

PLEASE GIVE US FEEDBACK ON WHAT YOU  
WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE NEWSLETTER  
AND WANT YOU COULD DO WITHOUT.

Please complete and return  
to Maria Dorn. Thanks  
for your input!!