



# HOLY INFANT SENIOR NEWSLETTER



December 2016

Issue # 157



From the Desk of the President

By: Delores Kaemmerer

**Merry Christmas Everyone!!!** On behalf of the officers and members of the Board of the Holy Infant Seniors, we want to wish each and everyone of you a blessed Advent Season. May the Child Jesus, whose birthday we celebrte, be part of all your holiday festivities and bless you and your families with love, peace and joy.

\*\*\*\*\*

FROM THE EDITOR



By: Maria Dorn

Newsletter

It's almost Christmas!! The cooler autumn nights and warm days are giving way to colder days and nights. We are now needing to bundle up when we go outside, and frost is settling on the roofs and the windshields. Bob and I are having to move our walks inside, so you may see us at the Pointe walking or participating in an exercise class, or even 'Zumbaing'. We are thinking of taking up Pickleball.

Our family vacation over Thanksgiving to Florida was fun but not so restful; however, the beautiful bay and gulf along Anna Maria Island were absolutely spectacular. God truly is wonderful. He paints us a canvas with every sunrise and sunset. As we busy ourselves with preparations for the season, we should make it a point to look and see His gifts to us every day and be thankful. It is Christmas and we are going to be celebrating Jesus' birthday. Let us not get so caught up in all the *things* that have to 'get done' that we forget to remember why we are doing them. Keep Jesus' coming in the forefront of your mind as you decorate the house, bake the cookies, wrap the presents and cook the meals. Your heart will be filled with the spirit of Christmas and the season will truly be blessed!

If you ever have suggestions or an article that you think other members would enjoy, you can send email to [mariadorn@hotmail.com](mailto:mariadorn@hotmail.com). Be sure to put HIS in the subject line. Thanks and I look forward to keeping you 'in the know'.



## December's Featured Member – Mary Jane Bahr

Mary Jane and her late husband Larry were married for 49 years and lived in the parish 47 years. While raising 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls, she worked in the office at Logan College. All four children went to Holy Infant grade school and John F Kennedy high school and are successful professionals. Both sons are CPAs, one daughter is a lawyer and the youngest a doctor. She has 11 grandchildren. While Larry was alive, they both helped with Rummage Rampage and volunteered at St VINCENT De Paul since the store opened. She still gives her time at the store. Mary Jane feels blessed with such a strong support group in this parish and feels her involvement in the parish has helped her get through life since Larry has passed. Mary Jane wants to travel, travel, travel! When she's not volunteering or traveling somewhere, you can find Mary Jane golfing, swimming or reading.

\*\*\*\*\*



By Carolyn Kraichel

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

Pat Barbieri	12/8	Carol Lodes	12/25
Cecelia Conner	12/8	Ginne Flenniken	12/26
David Denzer	12/13	Bill Linhoff	12/31
Audrey		Dorothy Denzer	1/2
Westmoreland	12/15	Dorothy Cissell	1/4
George Rosswick	12/16	Nora Henricks	1/4
Al Bouckaert	12/18	Joe Sinibaldi	1/4
		Donald Mertz	1/5

\*\*\*\*\*



## GREETINGS

By Pat Bouckaert

Since our last meeting the following greetings were sent:

GET WELL: Mary Jane Zust and Jerry Quinn

Mass: Daniel Tarleton, Husband of Marilyn Tarleton and Rev. Timothy Bannes, great friend and former associate

Thinking of you: Ruth Holthaus

Christmas Party Invitations: Rev. Edward Stanger, Rev. Timothy Foy and Reve Thomas Vordtriede

The meaning of Christmas, you see, my dear son,  
Is not about presents and just having fun.  
But the gift of a Father—His own precious Son—  
So the world would be saved when His work was all done."  
Excerpt from A Christmas Lesson by Tom Kraus

\*\*\*\*\*

### ADULT BINGO

Saturday, January 21, 2017  
Holy Infant School – Upper Cafeteria  
248 New Ballwin Road  
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

\*\*\*\*\*

### RECIPE OF THE MONTH – Hershey

#### Acorn Treats

By: Maria Dorn



#### Ingredients

- HERSHEY'S KISSES Brand Milk Chocolates
- Mini peanut butter Ritz crackers
- Chocolate chips
- Melted chocolate



1. Remove wrappers from candies.
2. Place mini peanut butter Ritz crackers on a plate. Dab a small amount of melted chocolate onto bottom of candy piece. Immediately press candy bottom onto mini peanut butter Ritz cracker. Allow to set.
3. Place small dab of melted chocolate on bottom of chocolate chip; immediately attach to top of cookie to finish acorn. Allow to set.

\*\*\*\*\*



### DID YOU KNOW ...By Jo Lewis & Carol Wolf

- That if you are considering surgery, schedule it early in the week – you get faster results and out earlier with less cost?
- That if your children are considering an occupation, 9 out of 12 jobs are coming from the health care industry?
- That the holidays bring out the scammers? Be aware and contact the BBB if you come across anything suspicious.

"I have learned that people will forget what said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." - Maya Angelou



## PARISH REMINDERS -

By Sandy Hughe

### December 2016

8 6, 8, 10 am & 7 pm Immaculate Conception  
(Holy Day of Obligation) Masses – Church  
11 1:30pm Ladies Advent Tea – Upper Cafeteria  
24 4 pm Christmas Eve Mass – Church  
24 4:10 pm Christmas Eve Mass – Parish Center  
24 6 pm Christmas Eve Mass – Church  
25 Midnight Christmas Day Mass – Church  
25 7, 9, & 11 am Christmas Day Masses – Church

31 4pm-5:30pm Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God Vigil Mass

### January 2017

1 7, 8:30, 10:15  
& Noon Solemnity of Mary,  
Mother of God Masses  
5 10 am **Holy Infant Seniors Meeting –  
Ballwin Police will talk about Safety  
for Seniors**

\*\*\*\*\*



## OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

- Gene and Rosemary Bestgen's father-in-law for storing all of our Christmas items and to Gene and Rosemary for getting them to us.
- Delores Kaemerer for assuming the role of President.
- Linda and Denis Thein for reminding all of us that abortion kills.
- Pat Bouchaert for again being ticket Chairman for the Christmas party.

\*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*\*



## TRAVEL TIME

By Gene Bestgen

This is a list of trips/events under consideration for 2017.

Jan or Feb Visit St. Louis Art Museum, Lunch, Missouri History Museum  
Feb or Mar Visit Cahokia Mounds and maybe lunch at Our Lady of the Snows  
Mar or Apr Stages Theatre, St. Louis, Mo - Live Show  
May or June Horseracing at Fairmont Park  
June or July Lyceum Theatre at Arrow Rock, Mo - Live Show  
July or Aug Anyone up for going to the Muny?





# STEPHEN MINISTRY

By Gene Bestgen

## How does Stephen Ministry Work?

When someone requests a Stephen Minister, our Stephen Ministry Referrals Coordinators, will meet with that person, explain what Stephen Ministry is, and help determine whether Stephen Ministry is the kind of care that person needs. Our Referrals Coordinators then matches that person with one of our available Stephen Ministers. (Male Stephen Ministers for men and female Stephen Ministers for women.) The Stephen Minister will then call that person and begin meeting with him or her for about an hour each week as long as the need is there.

Everything a care receiver says to his or her Stephen Minister is kept confidential. The Stephen Minister doesn't try to solve problems; rather he or she listens, cares, prays and helps the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness.

If you or someone you know might benefit from having a Stephen Minister, you can call Gene, 636 527-5385, or Patricia, 636 227-0802.

There is a confidential email > > [stephenministryhi@yahoo.com](mailto:stephenministryhi@yahoo.com) that you can use if you prefer.

\*\*\*\*\*



## Reminders

- Pick up your ornament from the Giving Tree in the lobby of church. They are in need of a home with a generous donor.
- Call Schnucks' Consumer Affairs Department at 314-994-9900 if you liked our wine and food pairing last month. Let them know that Stacy did a great job for us. This was the first of it's kind outside the

store and if enough positive feedback is received Schnucks' may be able to do more community outreach.

- There is a link to the HIS Newsletter in the weekly bulletin
- Bring Can Tabs to Tom Dollus
- Bring in your Campbell Soup labels

\*\*\*\*\*

## DIRECTORY UPDATES

By Carolyn Kraichely

PAT GRUS  
225 B Salon Dr.  
Ballwin, MO 63021  
(636) 346-7846  
B'day 02/06

MARY MATHEW  
708 D Ridgeside Dr  
Ballwin, MO 63021  
(636) 399-8502  
B'day 03/03

## 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	314-913-4230
Mary Mallery	Historian	391-9716
Mary Weman	Hospitality	227-1254
Carolyn Kraichely	Directory	394-5151
	Membership	
Maria Dorn	Newsletter	314-610-8784
Denis Thien	Photographer	225-9197
Jim Yettke	Recycle Coor.	227-8163
Brenda George & Mary Schlemeier	Refreshments	394-2286 391-9556
Marie Fox & Marcy Zufall	Sr. Choir	227-2750 394-5540
Eileen Buehrle	Service & PAC	230-5435
Rev. Edward Stanger	Spiritual Dir.	227-7440
Gene & Rosemary Bestgen & Mary Jane Bahr	Trips	458-1580
Carol Wolf & Carol Komor & Rose Birkner	50/50	227-6214 227-7260

## No Only Christmas Day

by Jack Zavada.

Lord, this is my prayer  
Not only on Christmas Day  
But until I see You face to face  
May I live my life this way:

Just like the baby Jesus  
I ever hope to be,  
Resting in Your loving arms  
Trusting in Your sovereignty.

And like the growing Christ child  
In wisdom daily learning,  
May I ever seek to know You  
With my mind and spirit yearning.

Like the Son so faithful  
Let me follow in Your light,  
Meek and bold, humble and strong  
Not afraid to face the night.

Nor cowardly to suffer  
And stand for truth alone,  
Knowing that Your kingdom  
Awaits my going home.

Not afraid to sacrifice  
Though great may be the cost,  
Mindful how You rescued me  
From broken-hearted loss.

Like my risen Savior  
The babe, the child, the Son,  
May my life forever speak  
Of who You are and all You've done.

So while this world rejoices  
And celebrates Your birth,  
I treasure You, the greatest gift  
Unequaled in Your worth.

