# Holy Infant Catholic Church 627 Dennison Drive | Ballwin, MO 63021 (636) 227-7440 | holyinfantballwin.org

November 12, 2023 | Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



Monday - Friday: 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Saturday: 8:00 a.m.

SUNDAY EUCHARIST: Saturday: 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. | Sunday: 7:00, 8:30,10:15 a.m. and Noon

CONFESSION:

Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. | Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS: Tuesdays after 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. Masses

WEEKLY ROSARY: Monday-Saturday after 6 a.m. and 8 a.m. Masses and Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the Chapel



# Welcome to Holy Infant !

Whether you are just having a look or are searching for a place to worship, we're happy you are here! If you would like to join Holy Infant Parish, visit our website at holyinfantballwin.org or call the Parish Office at (636) 227-7440.

Rev. Edward Stanger, Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Michael Dieckmann, Retired |Rev. Jacob Braun, Associate Pastor Transitional Deacon Joseph Martin

Deacon Daniel Henke | Deacon Steven Callen | Deacon Jim Dunne | Deacon David Straub Deacon Ken Clemens, Retired | Deacon Jim Powers, Retired

PARISH CALENDAR

### MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday November 13

•Quilters, 9 a.m., Lower Cafeteria •PSR, 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 14 •Men's and Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., Holy Infant Room •Confessions, 10 a.m. •Adult Faith Formation, 4:30 p.m., Adult Ed Room •Basketball Scorekeepers, 6:30 p.m., Lower Cafeteria •Deacon Ken Bible Study, 7 p.m., Rosario Hall •KofC Membership, 7 p.m., Holy Infant Room Wednesday, November 15 •8th Grade Parent Graduation Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Upper Cafeteria •10:15 Choir Practice, 7 p.m., Church •KofC 4th Degree Knights, 7 p.m., Lower Cafeteria •RCIA, 7 p.m., Rosario Hall •Rosary, 7 p.m., Chapel Thursday, November 16 •Women's Bible Study, 8:30 a.m., Holy Infant Room •HIS Board, 10 a.m., Holy Infant Room •Book Club, 12:30 p.m., Holy Infant Room •Confessions, 6:30 p.m., Church •Stephen Ministry Supervision, 7 p.m., Upper Cafeteria •Jovful Noise Choir Practice, 7:30 p.m., Church Friday, November 17 •Legion of Mary, 9:30 a.m., Holy Infant Room Saturday, November 18 •Px90, 7 a.m., Upper Cafeteria •CLOW at 4 p.m. Mass •Jonah Prayer Team at 4 p.m. Mass •Traveling Fatima Signups at all Masses •KofC BINGO, 7 p.m., Upper Cafeteria Sunday, November 19 Traveling Fatima Signups at all Masses •Jonah Prayer Team at 8:30 and 10:15 a.m. Masses •CLOW at 8:30, 10:15 a.m. and Noon Masses

Monday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3. 4-6. 7-8. 9-10/Lk 17:1-6 6 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Rhegan Sajben 8 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Jim Rung Tuesday, November 14 Wis 2:23-3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10 6 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Dorothy Hanes 8 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Teresa A. Brown Wednesday, November 15 St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19 6 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Betty Kraus 8 a.m. Repose of the Soul of David Lodike Thursday, November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25 6 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Irene Mueller 8 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Marie Sloan Friday, November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37 6 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Dennis Heder 8 a.m. Mary Wiltrakis Saturday, November 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8 8 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Kathy Hayes 4 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Rona Krueger 5:30 p.m. Repose of the Soul of Fernando Ybarra Sunday, November 19 33<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21 7 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Phillip Nigma 8:30 a.m. Repose of the Soul of Ron Laupp 10:15 a.m. Holy Infant Parishioners Noon Repose of the Soul of Phil Carney

### LECTORS, SERVERS, GIFT BEARERS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

### LECTORS

Saturday, November 18 4 p.m. Mary Ellen Voss Patti Niemeyer 5:30 p.m. Kent Wood Terri Wood Sunday, November 19 7 a.m. Linda Herron Matt Knipshild 8:30 a.m Monica Vaccaro Shannon Goodson 10:15 a.m. Jack Dwyer Tracy Koch Thursday, November 23 9 a.m. Lauren Reeves Anthony Bustillo **SERVERS** Saturday, November 18 4 p.m. Andrew & Joe Buehrig/Andrew Son 5:30 p.m. Ellie Soltow/Ben Neuner/Amelia Alfon Sunday, November 19

8:30 a.m. Taylor Cooke/Julie & John Ludwig 10:15 a.m. Jacob & Andrew Volansky/Abby Carapella Noon Maggie Walsh/Kyle Rushing/Abby Day

### **GIFT BEARERS**

Saturday, November 18 4 p.m. Jim and Linda Estes Sunday, November 19 8:30 a.m. Bob and Carol Komor 10:15 a.m. Jill and Derek Mester

### WE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK

Linda Alhamar Viv Bergauer Louis Berry Bonny Boedeker
Kay Branca
Steve Buritsch
Betty Bush
Fran Capra
Mary Carrara
Maureen Catlett
Ron Colletti
Beth Colonna
Mary Cook
Nel Cox
Deanne Damico
Sr. Rosario Delaney
Msgr. Dieckmann
Don Dinkelkamp
Shirley Dolan

Jan Dollus Jim Dunne **Reinier Fabros** Ellie Fitzgerald Michelle Fix Barry Hagan Ruth Hall Natalie Henik Mary Henning James Hollstein Mark Hollstein Mary Hollstein Judy Jeglijewski Jean Kirchner Charley Link Steve McHugh Vivian Morice Steve Nash Joan Otis

Eileen Peters Olivia Pieknik Teresa Power Kyle Rombach Mary Salvia Dan Sheehan Joe Sinibaldi Steve Swyers Sam Taylor Pat Tierney Mark Travers John Walker Mike Waller Rose Wardenburg Steve Wozniak Mary Jane Zust

#### Living God's Word

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship. Relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

### STEWARDSHIP

Through October 29, 2023 (Week 18)				
	Weekly	Year-to-Date		
Offertory Received	18,080	275,154		
Offertory Received - Electronic		309,706		
Special Donations	25	5,093		
Parishioner Bequests		0		
Holy Day Collections	380	3,518		
End of Year Contributions	210	210		
Building Repair Fund	210	12,535		
Endowment Fund		590		
PSR Program		865		
School Annual Fund	360	7,151		
Tuition Assistance Fund	255	15,085		
Youth Ministry Program		1,808		
Special Collections:	1,026	25,614		
Christmas Flowers	253			
Seminary	110			
Retirement Fund for Religious	105			
Christmas Offering	125			
World Mission Sunday	188			
Tuition Deficit Donation	125			
Campaign for Human Development	110			
Other	10			
Number of Families Enrolled in Faith D				

Number of Families Enrolled in Faith Direct - 606

## FAITH DIRECT

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- ⇒ Text "ENROLL" to (636) 202-2911

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### SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

Know a Neighbor who needs assistance? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is here to help. We provides clothes, shelter, utilities, food, medicine and more for people in need throughout the St. Louis region. Our personal, one-on-one approach gives people the help they need for today and frees them to see a better tomorrow. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to keep up with the needs of those in our parish area, in spite of rising costs. If you are in need of financial help or know someone in need who resides in our parish boundaries,

give us a call at (314) 289-6101, mailbox 2265. Leave a message and one of the volunteers will return your call. All requests are kept confidential.

# **Giving Tree 2023**

It's time again for the Annual Giving Tree Program! Last year, our generous parishioners helped hundreds of people to have a special Christmas and provided year-round support to food pantries, women's shelters, and the homeless in the St. Louis area. We are asking for your help again this year as the need continues to be great. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

# Use the link below or scan the QR code to see the wish list!

# tinyurl.com/higivingtree23



Three Ways to Donate; Pick the one that works best for you!

## Sign Up Genius Website

1) Go to the Holy Infant Website www.holyinfantballwin.org and find the link for the Sign Up Genius Giving Tree.

2) Choose a gift to purchase for someone or an organization Purchase the requested gifts or gift cards and

3) Return the unwrapped gifts back to the church lobby by the requested date

OR

## Use a specially marked Giving Tree envelope

Use a Giving Tree envelope provided in the Church Lobby to place cash, check or a gift card specifying which organization you want to support. Drop it in the collection basket during Mass or in the collection box in the vestibule no later than December 3rd.

OR

# Cut this Coupon for monetary donations:

## Please give my donation to:

\_\_\_\_\_ St. Vincent de Paul Society (Helping families within parish boundaries for Christmas and year round) \_\_\_\_\_ St. Wenceslaus Food Pantry (Our sister parish)

Please place your check (made payable to the charity of your choice) or cash with this coupon in an envelope and drop in the collection basket or the Giving Tree collection box in the vestibule by December 3.

# The Giving Tree helps the following organizations...

## Pathways to Progress -

This program educates and empowers families living in North County and the City of St. Louis to lift themselves out of poverty. Long term case management, asset building, and resource coordination services are provided to individuals and families in need; along with life skills training, GED classes, job training and monthly education programs.

# St. Martha's Hall and Kathy J. Weinman Shelter -

Shelters for abused women and children that rely on us for supplies to run their centers and for gifts to be given at Christmas to their residents.

**Sts. Peter and Paul Community Services** – The gifts we collect go directly to the residents in their homeless shelter and those who have graduated from homeless to assisted living. For most of these residents, this will be their only gift this Christmas and it truly gives them joy.

**St. Vincent DePaul Society** – The Society helps the needy that live within our parish boundaries, including some of our own parishioners. Grocery and store gift cards are given to the families with the intent of giving them the joy of shopping for their families this Christmas season.

St. Wenceslaus Food Pantry – Run by Holy Infant parishioners, the pantry uses these gift cards throughout the year to purchase meat and dairy products for the clients they serve.

Wellston Center Christmas Club – A program designed to give the poorest residents in the Wellston area the dignity and joy of shopping for their own gifts at a fraction of the cost. All proceeds are fed directly back into the program for the following year.

# May the Souls of the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace

Chuck Bergfeld, Husband of Carol Bergfeld and Father of Carin Croak and Christy Wibbenmeyer Penneye Buesking, Mother of Heather Fanning Ivadell Peters, Grandmother of Sandy Grassi Flo Zych, Mother of Stephen Zych

# Happy Thanksgiving

All are welcome to the Thanksgiving Mass on November 23, at 9 a.m., as we give thanks to God for our many blessings.

The offertory collection will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Infant. These monetary donations will help those in need in our parish boundaries.

As part of the offertory procession, you are invited to bring items for the St. Wenceslaus Food Pantry. Canned goods, Aldi/Walmart gift cards or monetary donations are appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity!



# SAVE the DATE

# Breakfast with SANTA Saturday, December 9th

Dalurday, December II 8:00am - Noon Holy Infant Upper Cafeteria

**Price: \$9 per person** (MAX \$45 per household) Ticket sales go thru December 6th or until sold out. Spots are limited.

Includes hot breakfast and drinks. Adult beverages available for purchase. MORE DETAILS TO COME!

# Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration: Celebrating 25 Years at Holy Infant!

Would you like to spend an hour with our Lord? The adoration chapel is open 24 hours a day. Contact Jan at (314) 856-8966 if you would like to become a permanent adorer or a substitute.



**PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE** FAMILY VISITATION SIGNUPS TO HAVE THE FATI-MA STATUE AT YOUR HOME will be in the vestibule after all Masses November THIS WEEKEND and November 18 and 19. The primary purpose of the home family visitation program is to aid families in responding to the requests made by Mary during her apparitions at Fatima. The essence of her request is threefold: return to God; make reparation for sins and pray the Rosary for peace. Our Lady told us at Fatima that when enough people have been converted, the triumph of her Immaculate Heart will come and there will peace.

## MEAL-A-MONTH

Meal-a-Month bags for the St. Wenceslaus Food Panty will be collected in the main vestibule THIS WEEKEND. Suggested items include: canned meat or fish, stew, pasta sauce, powered potatoes, jelly, corn bread, dry jello, dry pudding, and chili. No glass jars, cream soups or cake mix or black beans please! Place all donations in the Meal-a-Month box in the upper church vestibule. Last 2023 dates: December 9 & 10. Thank you for your support!

Did you miss the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit last weekend or do you want to learn more? Scan the QR code below or visit www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste to see **Blessed Carlo Acutis' Eucharistic Miracles website.** 



NATIONAL Revival

Sometimes the veil between heaven and earth flutters, and God Eucharistic allows us a physical glimpse into supernatural realities. Below are some of the many amazing Eucharistic miracles that provide evidence for the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Blessed Carlos Acutis dedicated his life to chronicling hundreds of approved Eucharistic Miracles, such as those below, on a website he built himself. Join us in asking his intercession for the National Eucharistic Revival that we may be set ablaze with the same desire to make Jesus in the Eucharist better known and loved! Scan the QR code to see the full exhibition -



# Eucharistic Miracles Throughout History

## Scientifically Confirmed | Lanciano, Italy

In the 8th century, an Italian monk had doubts while saying Mass. As he said the words of consecration, the host visibly changed into cardiac tissue and the wine became physical blood. This miracle has been studied by modern scientists, who have concluded that there is no natural explanation. DNA indicates the flesh is from the middle east matching the genetics and blood type recovered from the Shroud of Turin.

# The Waters Parted | Avignon, France

The Chapel of the Holy Cross had the Eucharist exposed during the massive 1433 flood. The water in the church was 4 feet high, but the center aisle remained completely dry, creating a clear path to the Eucharist.

## An Army, Defeated | Assisi, Italy

In September of 1240, the Saracen Army stormed the convent of the Poor Ladies of San Damiano, now known as the Poor Clares. Though frail at the time, St. Clare carried the Blessed Sacrament before the army and cried out to Jesus for protection. The soldiers were struck with fear and retreated at the sight of the Sacred Heart.

## A Living Person | Baltimore, Maryland

On his 1995 visit to the U.S., Pope John Paul II asked to visit the Blessed Sacrament at Saint Mary's Seminary chapel. His security personnel brought in trained dogs to sweep the area. The dogs indicated that a living person was in the Tabernacle and refused to leave!





# Holy Infant's 2023 Ladies' Advent Tea Sunday, Dec. 3 | 1:30-3:00 p.m. | Upper Cafeteria

Embracing Mary's 'Yes

*Come explore ideas about Advent through the perspective of Mary's life and witness.* 



This year's speaker, Dr. Amie Koenen, brings 25+ years of faith formation experience from a variety of Catholic settings. Amie currently serves as a Mission Integration leader for SSM Health, as well as an educator for SLU's Catholic Leadership Program in the Graduate School of Education. A mother of four, her greatest passion is to build community and serve others in deepening their faith.

- Individuals and groups welcome!
- Bring one teacup per person and two teapots per table.
- RSVP by Nov. 24 with names of women in your group to Terri Wood, kenwood01@charter.net, ph 636.458.8747.
- This event is sponsored by Holy Infant's Adult Faith Formation Team. Free-will offerings are appreciated to support this program.



# Baptized in Christ

Lincoln Joseph Blassie, Son of Alexander and Kathryn Blassie

### ARCHDIOCESAN PROLIFE MASS AND ROSARY

All are welcome on Saturday, November 18, for the Archdiocesan Prolife Mass and Rosary at the Cathedral Basilica. Mass is at 8 a.m. followed by a Rosary. Our own Associate Pastor, Fr. Jacob Braun will be celebrating Mass. All are welcome to join others around the Archdiocese as we pray for a greater respect for all human life especially the unborn!

### GO AND MAKE PODCAST

Have you heard the Archdiocese of St. Louis podcast, GO AND MAKE? The goal of the podcast is to equip you to live out the Great Commission of Jesus Christ: GO AND MAKE disciples of all nations. As host Brian Miller says, "We want to prepare YOU to go out on mission here in our local church." Click the QR code to listen.

# SCOUT FUNDRAISER

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AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND!



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November 26 due November 15

Sunday bulletin or as noted. Email:

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# **Funding our Mission**

#### Our Financial Report: Statement of Financial Position For the Period ending June 30, 2023

		2023	2022
Assets			
Cash and Investments			
Parish Checking	\$	195,163	\$ 127,197
Parish Organization Accounts	S	224,848	\$ 279,169
Funds Held in Investment Accounts			
Unrestricted Funds	S	6,051,322	\$ 5,756,475
Restricted Funds (Endowments)	\$	733,309	\$ 200,069
Other Assets	\$	142,066	\$ 72,172
Total Assets	\$	7,346,708	\$ 6,435,082
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	\$	17,716	\$ 22,009
Other Liabilities	\$	176,589	\$ 281,708
Total Liabilities	\$	194,305	\$ 303,717
Equity	\$	7,152,403	\$ 6,131,365
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	7,346,708	\$ 6,435,082

### Statement Of Revenues & Expenses For the Period July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

	C	urrent Year	Prior Year
Revenues			
Offertory Collections	\$	1,761,847	\$ 1,751,051
Restricted Gifts	\$	428,262	\$ 171,292
Program Fees	\$	2,192,098	\$ 2,146,514
Grant Revenues	\$	158,578	\$ 187,605
Other Revenues	\$	548,662	\$ 392,734
Total Revenues	\$	5,089,447	\$ 4,649,195
Expenses			
Personnel Costs	\$	2,586,587	\$ 2,423,822
Supplies	\$	393,421	\$ 366,080
Fees and Services	\$	153,160	\$ 118,460
Occupancy	S S	257,593	\$ 253,428
Transfers (Arch./Parishes)	\$	556,010	\$ 536,403
Total Expenses	\$	3,946,771	\$ 3,698,193
Excess of Operating Revenues over Expenses	\$	1,142,676	\$ 951,003
Other Extraordinary Income	\$	150,353	\$ 150,147
Capital Expenditures	\$	(269,107)	\$ (478,622)
Other Non-cash Transactions	\$	(2,884)	\$ 5,030
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	S	1,021,038	\$ 627,557



"Christ is a treasure to be shared with others."

### Holy Infant Church in Action

#### Prayer & Participation

,035	Families in our Parish
991	Registered Parishioners
14	New Families
2	Baptisms
	First Holy Communion
0	Confirmation
	Marriages
	Funerals
72	Children in our School
20	Children in our PSR Program
15	Masses said in our church each year
760+	Hours devoted to Eucharistic Adoration
50+	Teens active in our Edge & Life Teen Programs
.000+	Children active in our Sports Programs
0+	Girl & Boy Scouts received Awards

#### Living Our Faith

- The Prayer Chain prays for hundreds of intentions each year
- Over 50 parishioners contribute their musical talent to ou liturgies
- Over 80 active Ministries parishioners can participate in
- Over 150 parishioners serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Hospitality Ministers and Children's Liturgy of the Word leaders
- There were 32 catechists/aides who educate our PSR students
- There were 37 teachers who educate our school children

#### Fundraising Profits in FYE 6/30/23

School Auction ('22)	124,968
St. Pat's Celebration ('23)	44,456
School Annual Fund	25,786
Fish Fry ('23)	25,660
Rummage Rampage ('23)	24,647
Fall Festival ('22)	16,675
Golf Tournament ('22)	10,211
Trivia Night ('23)	10,068
Parent Organization	7,927
Quilters Raffle ('22)	3,522
Electronic Scrip (Amazon Smile)	1,401
Fundraising-Other	23,342

#### Generosity

- Offertory gifts remained flat in FYE 6/30/23
- Operating Expenses increased by 6.7% over last year
- School tuition was \$5,300 for 1 student, \$8,200 for 2 students, & \$9,800 for 3 or more students
- PSR tuition was \$265 for 1 student, \$388 for 2 students & 484 for 3 or more students

#### Parish Gifts

- Number of parish families receiving envelopes 2,249 Number of parish families using envelopes on
- a regular basis
- Number of parish families who give electronically 606



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