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FROM THE EDITOR - By: Maria Dorn

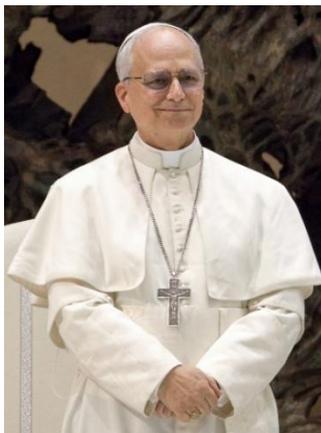
**WELCOME BACK!!** I can't believe the summer flew by like it did! After the Rummage sale, Bob and I went on our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cruise to Scandinavia for 3 weeks in July. We returned on the 30<sup>th</sup>. That kind of makes you think you lost all that time here too. God made such a beautiful world and we're so grateful that we have the opportunity and health to explore it. We're missing this kickoff meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>, as we will be heading west through Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming and Kansas on a 2-week road trip on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. We're going in a van with my brother and sister and their spouses. We're looking forward to it, but I'm a little apprehensive in such close quarters for such a long time. Please pray we return as close and loving as when we left. 😊

You will see in this edition of our Newsletter, last year's activities and goings on as submitted as our HIS Historian. We sure do have a fun time together! This year it looks like our board will have more interesting fun-filled agendas and entertainment. Instead of spotlighting one saint, I will have something about Pope Leo XIV throughout the year.

Remember, if you ever have suggestions or an article that you think other members would enjoy, you can call or send an 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'.

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## Spotlight on Pope Leo XIV From Wikipedia



Pope Leo XIV<sup>[a]</sup> (born Robert Francis Prevost, <sup>[b][c]</sup> September 14, 1955) is the head of the [Catholic Church](#) and sovereign of the [Vatican City State](#). He is the first pope to have been born in the [United States](#) and [North America](#), the first to hold [American](#) and [Peruvian citizenships](#), the first born after [World War II](#), the first from the [Order of Saint Augustine](#), and the second from the [Americas](#) after his predecessor [Pope Francis](#).

Prevost was born in [Chicago](#) and raised in the nearby suburb of [Dolton, Illinois](#). He became a [friar](#) of the Order of Saint Augustine in 1977 and was ordained as a priest in 1982. He earned a [Doctor of Canon Law](#) (JCD) degree in 1987, from the [Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas](#) in [Rome](#). His service includes

extensive [missionary](#) work in [Peru](#) in the 1980s and 1990s, where he worked as a parish pastor, diocesan official, seminary teacher, and administrator. Elected [prior general](#) of the Order of Saint Augustine, he was based in Rome from 2001 to 2013, and extensively traveled to the [order's provinces](#) around the world. He then returned to Peru as [Bishop of Chiclayo](#) from 2015 to 2023. In 2023, Pope Francis appointed him prefect of the [Dicastery for Bishops](#) in Rome, and president of the [Pontifical Commission for Latin America](#).

Made a [cardinal](#) by Pope Francis, Prevost emphasized [synodality](#), missionary dialogue, and engagement with social and technological challenges. He also engaged with issues such as [climate change](#), global migration, church governance, and human rights, and expressed alignment with the reforms of the [Second Vatican Council](#).

Prevost's election in the [2025 conclave](#) was unexpected by observers; he was a [dark horse](#) candidate, with Vatican insiders believing the prospect of a pope from the United States to be unrealistic so long as the country has the status of a [superpower](#).<sup>[8][9]</sup> He took his [papal name](#) in honor of [Pope Leo XIII](#), who developed modern [Catholic social teaching](#) amid the [Second Industrial Revolution](#), and has been interpreted as a response to the challenges of a [new industrial revolution](#) and [artificial intelligence](#).

**Next month – Early life, family, and education  
Background and ancestry**

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STEPHEN MINISTRY

By Gene Bestgen

**“Why don’t you try this?”**

When you’re going through tough times, everyone has advice. But often it isn’t advice you need, it’s caring. Stephen Ministers are trained to give this care by listening instead of telling you what to do.

If you, family member, neighbor or friend would benefit by having a Stephen Minister, have them Contact Alberta, 636 399-6567.

If you or a loved one can benefit from a Stephen’s Minister, check out Stephen Ministry on our church website [www.holyinfantballwin.org](http://www.holyinfantballwin.org)

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# ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

By: Kathie Hanneke

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

**Jubilee Year of Hope Pilgrimage, Saturday, Sept. 6, 8:45 a.m.** Passionist Nuns Chapel, 15700 Clayton Rd., Ellisville (next to St. Clare of Assisi School) We will say the Rosary and a prayer for Pope Leo XIV. All are welcome to stay for private prayer as well. This is a designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Site. Special Jubilee indulgences can be granted when conditions are met.

**Faith and Poverty: A Justice Response** – Wednesday evenings, **beginning Sept. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** in the **Music Room** in Dolan Hallway of the school. This nine-session series provides formation for faith-in-action people. Included are excellent instruction and resources, team bonding, and a service opportunity.

**A Test of Faith: A Jubilee Year of Hope Message from a former Syrian Prisoner. Sunday, Oct. 12, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Upper Cafeteria** Internationally acclaimed speaker and author, Sam Goodwin, shares how unwavering faith and the power of prayer sustained him during his captivity in Syria. Don't miss this mesmerizing and powerful talk!

**Movie Night: Fatima (2020 Film, PG-13) Sunday, Nov. 9, 6:15-8:30 p.m. in the GYM.**

Find a seat and settle in for a powerful and uplifting journey of faith with three young shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Enjoy our large screen and new sound system! Let's pack the GYM!

**Ladies' Advent Tea, Sunday, Dec. 7, 1:30-3:00 p.m. Upper Cafeteria**

Jen Ryan of Kenrick-Glennon Seminary will present this annual program to infuse the true spirit of Advent into your season. Come as an individual or with a group.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Mark your calendar! Prayer Shawl Ministry display weekend will be Nov. 1-2 after all the Masses. Come and see all the lovely Shawls the ladies of our parish have made! If you know of someone who is going through a difficult time or needs to know she/he is loved, pick out a blessed Shawl to give the person! If you would like to join this caring and dynamic Ministry, contact Kathie Hanneke, 314-704-2350 cell/text for more information. Many of the ladies in the Ministry will be happy to show you how to knit or crochet or teach you a new pattern, if you are rusty or unfamiliar with how to start. Everyone is welcome!



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## Birthdays - June - September

By Theresa Bichsel

Wishing each of you, and any others I may have missed, a very Happy Birthday!

Jeanne	Adler	1-Jun	Joan	Wojciechowski	6-Aug
Mike	Kelley	2-Jun			
Paul	Adler	3-Jun	Steve	Jacobi	13-Aug
Bill	McCann	5-Jun	Bob	Maloney	14-Aug
Rosemary	Bestgen	6-Jun	John	Skinner	16-Aug
Jeff	Cupps	10-Jun	Sharon	Sughero	16-Aug
Deacon			Carol	Komor	18-Aug
Jim	Powers	15-Jun	Cam	DeLancey	20-Aug
Kathie	Fears	21-Jun	Mary	Marzorati	23-Aug
Bob	Hoelscher	24-Jun			
Marcia	Spencer	27-Jun	Monica	Castagno	30-Aug
Mary	Mallery	28-Jun	Terry	Bryant	3-Sep
Maureen	Maloney	30-Jun	Pat	Weikart	3-Sep
			Patti	Kusky	7-Sep
Marge	Quinn	1-Jul	Jaeque	Glaeser	9-Sep
Dan	Buechler	2-Jul			
Gene	Hanneke	2-Jul	Mary Jane	Bahr	13-Sep
Al	Julius	4-Jul	Joleen	Halleman	13-Sep
Janet	Lowe	8-Jul	Lee	Freeman-Rung	15-Sep
Becky	O'Brien	9-Jul	Jim	Hudgens	17-Sep
Pat	Offerman	10-Jul	Ken	Velten	18-Sep
Sharon	Clemens	13-Jul	Liz	DeRum	19-Sep
Randy	Ewers	21-Jul	Donald	Montgomery	21-Sep
Lynn	Ewers	22-Jul	Linda	Bruer	23-Sep
Pauline	Nocifora	22-Jul	Vincent	Daus	23-Sep
Myra	Ventus	24-Jul	Lanada	Marcinko	26-Sep
Steve	Buritsch	27-Jul	Mary Ann	Carney	27-Sep
Donna	McCann	27-Jul	Mary	Emke	27-Sep
Lisa	Slattery	31-Jul	Ronald	Marcinko	27-Sep
Barbara	Thebeau	4-Aug	Barb	Velten	29-Sep
Betty Ann	Heder	6-Aug			
Jan	Jordan	6-Aug			

## Carol's Corner - by Carol Komor



### PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the mighty Name of Jesus to ask blessings and mercy on my country and its leaders. Please guide our president and his cabinet, our Congress and courts, and leaders throughout our land in every decision they make. Show them the way of truth and righteousness.

In times of stress, Lord, make them steady; in times of hardship, make them strong; in times of success, make them humble. Turn their hearts to You that they will want Your wisdom and be obedient to Your instructions. Let them recognize evil and turn away from it, and let them know good, and grasp hold of it.

Make them honest, effective and innovative as they run our country, but most of all, cause them to be men and women of high integrity in Your eyes, that under their leadership, this nation and its people may prosper.

For Your many blessings, I praise and thank You and ask You to grant my prayer that this nation may truly say "In God we trust" all the days of our lives.

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### Sentiments

By Carol Laupp

Since our last HIS newsletter the following sentiments were sent to:

**Get well cards:** Kathy Wentworth, Bob Hoelscher, Marylou Bergman, Jan Linhoff, Mary Jane Bahr, and Alberta McGilligan

If you know of anyone in our HIS group that could use a Get-Well card, a Thinking of or Praying For You card, a Sympathy card, etc., please call Carol Laupp at 636-256-0924 and she will send them a card from the HIS group.

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## ADULT BINGO

September 20, 2025  
Holy Infant School –  
Upper Cafeteria  
248 New Ballwin Road  
Doors Open at 5:00 P.M.  
Bingo Starts at 7:00 P.M.



\$25.00 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



Travel Plans – Mary Jane Bahr, Becky O'Brien,  
Joan & Tom Wojciechowski

**The Holiday Brass Concert** - Monday, December 1st. at 10:15. The admission is \$28.00. Meet at the Manchester United Methodist Church for this fabulous Christmas Concert where we have reserved seating. Please go to our Travel table and get the scoop. We have 40 tickets now, and payment is due **NOW**. Please make check payable to HIS.

**Agusta Bell River and Lunch cruise** - The travel committee is offering a cruise on the Missouri River on October 23 on the **Miss Augusta**. We will meet at the Mount Pleasant Winery at 10:30am and be shuttled to the boat. The boat will cruise from 11:30am to 1:00pm. Lunch will be included on the boat. Wine, beer, soda, and ice tea is an extra cost. Cost for the cruise will be \$60 per person, Hope to see you there!

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Gene's Funnies –  
By Gene Bestgen

- What's the fastest dairy product in the West? Milk, **because it's pasteurized before you see it.**
- A book fell on my head...I **guess I have only my shelf to blame.**
- To the person who stole my Microsoft Office: **You will pay, you have my Word.**
- I know how to use MS Word; you could say I **Excel at it.**
- What do you say to your sister when she's crying? **Are you having a crisis?**
- A woman is walking along the beach with her children, appearing to be looking for something. At this moment, a lifeguard traipses up to them. "Excuse me, ma'am," he says. "I had noticed you seemed to be looking for something and wish to offer my help."

"Yes, my husband is missing," the woman replies with concern. "My kids buried him in the sand and now we can't find him."

"Do you remember where you were sitting recently?" the lifeguard asks. The woman looks up at him incredulously. **"Don't be silly, would you have remembered where you were sitting a year ago?"**

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## Odds and Ends

By HIS members

### The FREE Table

All are welcome to drop off books, puzzles, no longer needed glasses, pull tabs from soda and beer cans, plus those tabs from pet food cans onto the FREE table. All are welcome to pick up a book or puzzle to read or work on. The glasses will go to Lions Club deposit boxes in an eye doctor's office. The pull tabs are turned in at the David Pratt Cancer Center to be given to Ronald McDonald House to generate money.

### Worn Flags Disposal – Olivia Pieknik

Bring your worn American flags to the next luncheon. I will accept the worn flags for dignified disposal. All flags collected will be deposited at VFW/American Legions Posts for proper disposal. God Bless America!

### Newsletter Articles or Items of Interest needed - Maria Dorn

Please share any types of interesting articles, tips, notes of thanks or recipes with fellow HIS members. This is YOUR Newsletter; I am just a collaborator.

### Meal Train – Maria Dorn

We have no active Meal Train now. But over the summer we had several going. Thanks to all who volunteered to bring delicious meals to our recuperating members. If you want to be added to the list of volunteers, let Maria know by calling 314-610-8784 or email mariadorn@hotmail.com. Please keep this program in mind when you or one of the HIS members needs some support.

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## Parish News

By Sandy Hughes

### September

- 1 Labor Day - 9am Mass followed by Patriotic Rosary.
- 7 Happy Grandparents Day!
- 11 Men's Club Meeting, 7pm in Lower Cafeteria
- 12-13 Parish Festival. Normal Mass schedule both 4pm and 5:30pm
- 16 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting. 6pm - Holy Infant Room. All women are welcome.
- 20 K of C Bingo, Doors open at 5pm, Upper Cafeteria
- 30 Evening Book Club: 7pm-9pm, Lower Cafeteria

### October

- 4 Date Night: 5pm - Upper Cafeteria



## DID YOU KNOW .... OR CARE....

By Joan Wojciechowski, and other members

- Mary Jane Zust turned **105** years old on August 21<sup>st</sup>???. **Happy Birthday to HER!!!!**
- Carol Wolf is moving to Florida to be closer to her daughter?
- That there are lots of Text abbreviations out there we can be using? Here are a few senior specific texting codes found on the back of a Tshirt:
  - BFF – Best Friend Fell
  - LOL – Little Old Lady
  - BTW – Bring the Wheelchair
  - TTYL – Talk To You Louder
  - BYOT – Bring Your Own Teeth
  - LMDO – Laughing My Dentures Out
  - WAITT – Who Am I Talking To?
  - OMSG – Oh My! Sorry Gas
  - GGPBL – Gotta Go Pacemaker Battery Low
  - ROFLACGU – Rolling On The Floor And Can't Get Up
- That you could find our HIS Newsletter through the online bulletin? Go to the website and scroll down till you see HIS Newsletters. We have them all since September of 2015.  
<https://holyninfantballwin.org/news/newsletter/>
- That any of our HI Seniors can submit words of wisdom they want to share to this column? We can all benefit from these little gems. Just send to [mariadorn@hotmail.com](mailto:mariadorn@hotmail.com) or call Maria at 314-610-8784.

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## OUR THANKS GO OUT TO....

submitted by HIS members

- Carol Laup for pulling everyone together for a HIS group picture. It was fun!!
- Becky O'Brien for stepping up to take over the VP position this year.
- To Bernie Flacke who stepped up to help with the HIS picnic this year. We need someone to take this on for this year. Don't be shy, you'll get lots of help from the masses.
- Thanks to all our members who are bringing such delicious desserts to our luncheons. Homemade is the BEST!!
- Thanks to Jo Lewis who continues to sing her heart out to all members celebrating birthdays. Jo's Happy Birthday rendition is a highlight to anyone lucky enough to be closing the door on another year.



**RECIPE OF THE MONTH-Chop Suey – submitted by Maria Dorn**

My mother always made this recipe for our family. When my mom and brother died, I couldn't find the written recipe and I tried several times to come up with it on my own, but it was never the 'right one'. When my friend and fellow Holy Infant parishioner, Karen Schmidt, published her favorite recipes it was in her book! It's

just like Mom's!! I guess our family's recipes don't always belong to just our family. This is a good one to share! Hope you love it like my family does. – Maria

**Ingredients**

- 3 tbsp of oil or bacon grease
- 1 ½ lbs pork and beef cut into ½ inch cubes
- 1 cup thinly sliced onions
- 2 cups of thinly sliced celery
- 1 tsp of salt
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 2 ¼ cups hot water
- 3 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 can of bean sprouts (20 ounces) drained
- 1 can water chestnuts drained
- Kitchen Bouquet for color (optional)
- 3 tbsp cornstarch
- 1/3 cup cold water
- 4-5 cups of hot cooked rice

**Instructions**

Melt fat, add meat and brown stirring frequently. Stir in soy sauce. Add onions, celery, salt, pepper and hot water. Bring to a boil; add bean sprouts, water chestnuts, cover and simmer for about 45 minutes. Add Kitchen Bouquet as desired.

After cooking for 45 minutes, add cornstarch that has been dissolved in cold water and bring to a boil to thicken. Cook for about 5 minutes more. Serve over cooked rice.

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