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**MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS**

Saturday/Sábado
5:00 pm English

Sunday/Domingo
10:00 am English
12:30 pm Español

Tuesday-Thursday / Martes-Jueves
8:15 am English

First Friday/Primer Viernes
10:00 am English

CONFESSION/CONFESIÓN:
Saturday/Sábado
4:00-4:45 pm or by appointment. *O con cita*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/
SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO**
Please call the Parish Office for appointment (6 months of marriage preparation required).
Favor de hablar a la oficina para una cita (6 meses de preparacion requerida).

BAPTISM/BAUTISMOS
Please call the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS
Please visit the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACIÓN
Confirmation is every year with a 2 year preparation. *La confirmacion se realiza cada ano con una preparacion de 2 anos.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Grades K-6/Grados K-6:
Sundays/Domingo 11:00 am -12:15 pm
Grades 7-12/Grados 7-12:
Wednesdays/Miércoles 7:00 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION/PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN
Children in first grade must be enrolled in the Parish School/Parish School of Religion (PSR) to receive the sacrament in second grade. *Los niños en primer grado deben estar inscritos en la Escuela Parroquial/Escuela Parroquial de Religión (PSR) para recibir el sacramento en segundo grado.*

EMAUS: Invites you to pray the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 7:50 am. *Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario cada sábado a las 7:50 am.*

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Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 9:00am-3:00pm

Please remember St. Lawrence Church and School in your will.

Parish Mission Statement/ Misión Parroquial

"We children of God and the Catholic community of St. Lawrence parish are committed to the worship of God and the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and our living example of love and concern for all the people of our area."

"Los hijos de Dios y la comunidad Católica de la parroquia de San Lorenzo estamos comprometidos con la adoración a Dios y la difusión del Evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la educación y nuestro ejemplo vivo de amor y preocupación por todas las personas de nuestra área".

2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

To date, our parish has given **\$17,864** toward our **\$30,123** goal. Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, whatever the amount, in unity with those who have already given by returning a pledge card.

WEEKLY COLLECTION**August 2, 2026**

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$5,552.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,045.00
Children's Collection	\$27.07
Votive Candles	\$18.75
Mass Offerings	\$120.00
School Support	\$943.00
Outreach	\$129.00
Maintenance Fund	\$20.00
Religious Store	\$31.00
Stole Fee	\$510.00
Parish Hall Rental	\$676.00
Sacred Heart	\$2,343.22
DDF	\$2,300.00
Marion Dohmen Memorial	\$20.00
Totus Tuus	\$30.00
PSR	\$200.00
St. Peter & Paul-Deacon Kevin	\$50.00
Advertising	\$375.00
Memorial Donation	\$25.00
Total	\$14,415.54

PSR INFORMATION**PSR REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!****Class Schedule:**

- Grades 7-12 Wednesdays starting September 9th at 7pm
- Grades 1-6 Sundays starting September 13th at 11:15am

Enrollment and Tuition:

- **Enrollment is now open!!!**
- Cost is \$40 for 1 child; \$70 for 2 children; \$80 for 3 or more children
- **Deadline:** Tuition increases to \$50 for 1 child; \$80 for 2 children; \$90 for 3 or more children after September 1st
- **Important: Parish Registration and payment must be completed before the first class**
- **No registrations will be accepted on the day of class**
- If you need financial assistance, please contact Jim Haston
- **Needing:** Adults or already confirmed students to help teachers in the classrooms.

OCIA INFORMATION

Order of Christian Initiation Adult (OCIA) will begin on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 7:00 pm and continue every Tuesday.

It is our obligation by Baptism to evangelize. Please invite friends, family, and coworkers to find out more about the Catholic Faith. We will also begin putting signs up around town. We have 4 X 8 signs and yard signs. If you have a location, contact the office or Ed Laning.

SCHOOL NEWS

We are excited to announce a new hire for our preschool program this year! Allison Witt will be our head teacher. Allison lives in

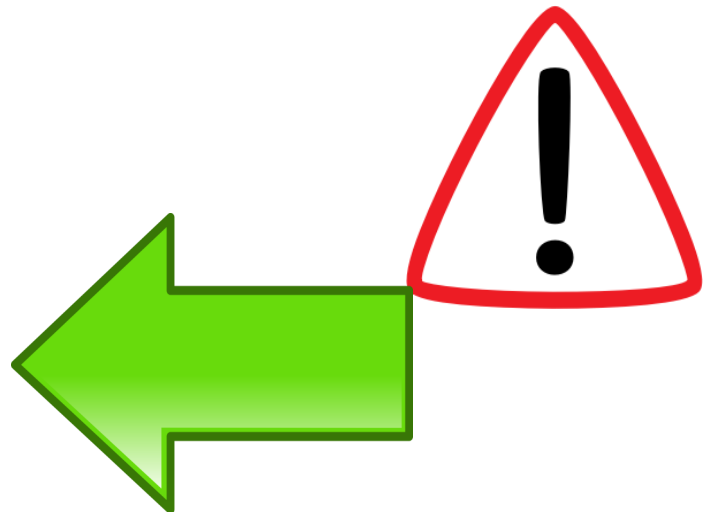


Pierce City and has lots of experience with pre-schoolers-she will be an energetic addition to our program!

Ms. Lourdes will step into the role of 1st and 2nd grade teacher. All our other staff remain in their respective classrooms to serve and educate our students.

We are getting close to the beginning of the school year, our

Open House will be from 5:30-6:30pm on August 20th and our first day of school is August 25th!

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

If you have a prayer request, please call Joan McNerney (417) 235-3836 or Marlene Hayes (417) 235-5524

DIOCESAN NEWS

You are Invited!

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau will celebrate its 70th anniversary by bringing the faithful of Southern Missouri together on **August 15, 2026** for our first-ever, Diocesan Eucharistic Congress. This even marks a historic opportunity to embody the vision of our diocese to truly be "One Church, East to West" and will feature national Catholic speakers, breakout sessions on relevant topics, Mass with fellow Catholics from all over the diocese, beautiful music, prayer, and more! Make plans to join us at the West Plains Civic Center in West Plains, MO, for this one day celebration of faith! Over 1,500 people have already registered and seating is limited to 3,000. Learn more about the Diocesan Eucharistic Congress and register online at <https://dioscg.org/diocesan-eucharistic-congress/>.

Ascend: A Day of Prayer and Formation

Ascend is a formation opportunity open to all adults in the parish, they do not have to be actively involved in a ministry. The goal is to form intentional disciples in the home, the parish, and wider community. The day will begin at 9am and end at 12:30pm, a light lunch is provided. The day is free of charge, thanks to the generosity of donors to DDF. Dates and locations are as follows:

- Sat., Nov 7—Holy Trinity Parish, Springfield
 - Sat., Nov 14—St. Lawrence Parish, Monett
- To register contact Lynn Melendez, Sr. Janine Tran or Simon Elfrink at the Diocese Center.

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

The Beatification Mass for Archbishop Fulton J Sheen will be held **Thu., Sept. 24th, 2pm** at the Dome at America's Center, St. Louis, Mo. Tickets for the Beatification Mass are now on sale and selling fast! Limit of 10 tickets per person. An additional allotment of seats are now available, including floor seats. **If you are interested in purchasing tickets, please purchase ASAP!!**

Women's Mission Trip Opportunity

Have you ever wondered what it would look like to be a missionary? Have you ever felt a twinge now and then to serve the poor? The Glenmary Sisters invite women, ages 20 and older, to join them in serving the poor in Pemiscot County, **Oct. 11-16**. You will spend time helping at Mother's House, our outreach center for mothers and children. You will be doing various projects in the community, helping whomever God places in our midst during the week, and serving one another. Space is limited. To register or for more information, contact Barbara O'Nan at 706-414-2982 or Barbara@glenmarysisters.org. **Registration deadline is Aug. 15th.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mickey Allcock, Barbara Alvarez, Irene Cavazos, Juan Cecenas, Brooks Clarfelt, Lou Clennan, Lita Cruz, Bob DeGraff, Debbie Erwin, Susan Garcia, Erin Hunt, Loretta Hurlbut, Parker Laning, Maria Padilla, Regina Peterson, Maria Rueda, Corey Sandwisch, Rosemary Schmidt, Tammy Watson, Kenneth Wroblewski
To put a name in the bulletin or arrange a visit for sick or homebound parishioners, please call the parish office.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILIARY



- ♦ Meetings held every 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the church basement.
- ♦ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.

PRAYERS FOR SPEEDY RECOVERY

Lita Cruz is receiving visitors and cards at: Creekside at Elfindale Assisted Living, 1401 West Elfindale St, Springfield, MO 65807, Room 214

FINANCIAL CORNER

Financial Corner	June 2026	July '25-June '26
Regular Operations		
Sunday Contributions	\$ 24,439.30	\$ 309,166.67
Other Income*	\$ 1,639.46	\$ 53,006.58
Endowment/Cemetery/School Support	\$ 1,435.07	\$ 77,789.53
Collections for Diocese projects	\$ 2,720.00	\$ 11,406.00
2nd Collections/Non-revenue/Other	\$ 8,833.52	\$ 53,308.03
Total Operational Income	\$ 39,067.35	\$ 504,676.81
Expenses		
Operational Expenses	\$ 19,012.77	\$ 290,611.01
School/Parish Education Expenses	\$ 15,090.14	\$ 180,392.80
Payouts to Diocese/2nd Collections	\$ 9,838.45	\$ 45,963.10
Total Expense	\$ 43,941.36	\$ 516,966.91
Net Income (Net Loss)	\$ (4,874.01)	\$ (12,290.10)

*Masses/Stole fees, Votive candles, Religious goods, Advertising

ENGLISH LECTORS**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **August 8th.....**Al Dohmen
- **August 14th.....**Nikki Pierce
- **August 22nd.....**Rosa Villeda

Sunday 10:00am

- **August 9th.....**Youth
- **August 16th.....**Angie Madison
- **August 23rd.....**Sonie Probstfield

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **Aug. 8th—**Deacon Jim, Marilyn Ceselski, Michelle Cornell, Ashley Ceselski, Geri Carey
- **Aug. 14th—**Deacon Jim, Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Krik Verhoff
- **Aug. 22nd—**Deacon Jim, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conely, Patty Allcock, Jason Ceselski

Sunday 10:00am

- **Aug. 9th—**Youth
- **Aug. 16th—**Bridget Outhouse, Emma Outhouse, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders
- **Aug. 23rd—**Deacon Jim, Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, Cathy Velten, John Velten

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- **Aug. 9th—**Youth
- **Aug. 16th—**Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklynn Outhouse, Jordan Garcia
- **Aug. 23rd—**Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johana Piedra, Coy Matheson

August 9, 2026

1st Read: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13; **Psalm:** Psalm 85:9-14; **2nd Read:** Romans 9:1-5; **Gospel:** Matthew 14:22-23

August 10, 2026

1st Read: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; **Psalm:** Psalm 12:1-2,5-9; **Gospel:** John 12:24-26

August 11, 2026

1st Read: Ezekiel 2:8; **Psalm:** Psalm 119:14,24,72,103,111,131; **Gospel:** Matthew 18:1-5,10,12-14

August 12, 2026

1st Read: Ezekiel 9: 1-7,10; **Psalm:** Psalm 113:1-6; **Gospel:** Matthew 18:15-20

August 13, 2026

1st Read: Ezekiel 12:1-12; **Psalm:** Psalm 78:56-59,61-62; **Gospel:** Matthew 18:21

August 14, 2026

1st Read: Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63; **Psalm:** Isaiah 12:2-6; **Gospel:** Matthew 19:3-12

August 15, 2026

1st Read: Revelation 11:19; **Psalm:** Psalm 45:10-12,16; **2nd Read:** 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; **Gospel:** Luke 1:39-56

**WEEKLY CALENDAR/
CALENDARIO SEMANAL****SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH: SAINT DOMINIC**

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Judith Bennett and Dr. Tom McClure

6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH: 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett +Ron Burke

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass +Zenon Meza R, +Arturo Meza D, +Herminio Canales Perez, +Por las almas de el Purgatorio; Alejandro Arias y Esteban Arias

2:00 pm EMAUS Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 10TH: SAINT LAWRENCE

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH: SAINT CLARE

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Souls in Purgatory and Dr. Tom McClure

6:00 pm Rosary (Spanish)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH: ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTEL

8:00 am Mass - Verona

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH: SS. PONTIAN AND HIPPLYTUS

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Father Roland Hart

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH: SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

8:00 am Mass - Verona

1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement

6:00 pm Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Verona

7:30 pm Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Monett +Frank Schmidt and Marion Dohmen

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

NO MASSES or CONFESSION due to the Diocesan Eucharistic Conference

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16TH: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett - Velten and Curry Families; +Gene Roetto

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass

2:00 pm EMAUS Meeting

NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

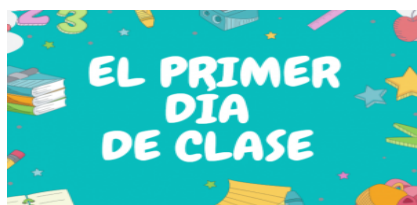
¡Nos complace anunciar una nueva incorporación a nuestro programa de preescolar para este año!

Allison Witt será nuestra maestra

titular. Allison vive en Pierce City y cuenta con amplia

experiencia trabajando con niños en edad preescolar; ¡su energía será un gran aporte para nuestro programa! La Srta. Lourdes asumirá el puesto de maestra de 1 er y 2 gradp. El resto del personal continuara en sus respectivas aulas atendiendo y educando a nuestros alumnos.

Ya falta poco para el inicio del año escolar: nuestra jornada de puertas abiertas (*Open House*) será el 20 de agosto de 5:30 pm a 6:30pm, ¡y el primer día de clases es el 25 de agosto!



9 de Agosto de 2026

Primera: 1 Reyes 19:9,11-13; **Salmo:** Salmo 84:9-14; **Segunda:** Romanos 9:1-5; **Evangelio:** Mateo 14:22-33

10 de Agosto de 2026

Primera: 2 Corintios 9:6-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 111:1-9; **Evangelio:** Juan 12:24-26

11 de Agosto de 2026

Primera: Ezequiel 2:8; **Salmo:** Salmo 118:14,24,72,103,111,131; **Evangelio:** Mateo 1:5,10,12-14

12 de Agosto de 2026

Fondo Diocesano de Desarrollo 2026

Hasta la fecha, nuestra parroquia ha dado **\$17,864** para alcanzar nuestro **objetivo de 30.123 dólares.**

¡Gracias! Si aún no has hecho tu promesa, por favor añade tu regalo, sea cual sea la cantidad, en conjunto con quienes ya lo han hecho devolviendo una tarjeta de compromiso.

INFORMACION SOBRE EL PSR

¡YA ESTAN ABIERTAS LAS INCRIPCIONES PARA EL PSR!

Horario de Clases:

- Grados 7-12: Miércoles a partir del 9 de septiembre a las 7pm
- Grados 1-6: Domingos a partir del 13 de septiembre 11:15am

Inscripcion y matricula:

- El plazo de inscripción ya esta abierto.
- Costo:\$40 por 1 niño; \$70 por 2 niños; \$80 [pr 3 o mas niños
- **Fecha limite:** A partir del 1 de septiembre, la matricula aumenta a \$50 por 1 niño; \$80 pr 2 niños; \$90 por 3 o mas niños
- **Importante:** El registro en la parroquia y el pago deben completarse antes de la primera clase.
- **No se aceptaran inscripciones el día de la clase**
- Si necesita ayuda económica, por favor comuníquese con Jim Haston.
- **Se necesitan:** adultos o estudiantes ya confirmados para ayudar a os maestros en las aulas.

Primera: Ezequiel 9:1-7; **Salmo:** Salmo 112:1-6; **Evangelio:** Mateo 19:3-12

13 de Agosto de 2026

Primera: Ezequiel 12:1-12; **Salmo:** Salmo 77:56-59,61-62; **Evangelio:** Mateo 18:21

14 de Agosto de 2026

Primera: Ezequiel 16:1-15,60,63; **Salmo:** Isaias 12:2-6; **Evangelio:** Mateo 19:3-12

15 de Agosto de 2026

Primera: 1 Cronicas 15:3-4,15-16; **Salmo:** Del Salmo 131; **Segunda:** 1 Corintios 15:54-57; **Evangelio:** Lucas 11:27-28

Herald Street
To Serve or not to Serve
August 9, 2026
By Deacon Jim

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus offers one of the clearest pictures of what it means to follow Him: to serve those in need through simple, human acts of compassion. Matthew 25:40 reminds us, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." This call is not reserved for priests, deacons, or ordained clergy. It is a call for every person who chooses love over indifference. Service is not a title; it is a posture of the heart. It is found in the child caring for an aging parent, the friend sitting beside someone who is hurting, the neighbor mowing the lawn of a senior who can no longer do it, the parent driving kids to their games and practices, and the person who visits the sick or simply shows up when someone needs a presence more than a solution. These acts rarely make headlines and require no theological training, yet in the eyes of God they shine with eternal significance.

Matthew's Gospel shows Jesus noticing the small things—a cup of cold water, a visit to someone forgotten, a moment of mercy. These are not dramatic miracles; they are miracles of love. We do not have to cure cancer to be in God's graces. We do not have to solve world hunger or preach from a pulpit. God's kingdom grows through ordinary people doing ordinary things with extraordinary love. I have a friend, Dr. Jason Selk, a distinguished sports psychologist who spent years working with the St. Louis Cardinals and many of the world's top athletes. He has had a profound influence on me. Jason teaches that greatness is not found in perfection but in doing a little better in each moment. His message is simple but transformative: focus on improvement, not flawlessness. That wisdom fits hand-in-glove with Matthew's Gospel, because spiritual growth—like athletic excellence—is built through small, faithful steps repeated over time.

As we go about our day, we can look for the little things we can make better: a kind word, a smile, a moment of patience, a gesture of help, a quiet act of generosity. These small improvements ripple outward, lifting the people around us and giving them a sense of Christ's love through our kindness. When we combine the Gospel's call to serve with Jason's call to improve in small ways, we discover a powerful truth: holiness is found in the everyday moments we choose to make better. A smile can ease someone's loneliness. A kind word can soften someone's burden. A small act of help can restore someone's hope. These are not small things in God's eyes; they are the building blocks of His kingdom.

Matthew's Gospel does not ask, "Are you ordained?" It asks, "Did you love?" And love is expressed most clearly in the small, consistent acts of care we offer to others. Every person—regardless of age, status, or ability—is invited into this mission. The invitation is simple: see the need, feel the compassion, respond with kindness, and improve the moment. When we do this, we become Christ's presence in the world. We become His hands, His feet, His smile. In the end, service is not about being important; it is about being available. It is about showing up. It is about doing the small things that make someone else's burden lighter. And in those quiet, unnoticed, everyday moments, we meet Jesus Himself.

Yours in Christ,

Deacon Jim

Herald Street
Servir o no servir
9 de agosto de 2026
Por Deacon Jim

En el Evangelio de Mateo, Jesús ofrece una de las imágenes más claras de lo que significa seguirle: servir a los necesitados mediante actos simples y humanos de compasión. Mateo 25:40 nos recuerda: "Todo lo que hicisteis por uno de estos hermanos y hermanas más pequeños de mí, lo hicisteis por mí." Este llamado no está reservado para sacerdotes, diáconos ni clérigos ordenados. Es un llamado a toda persona que elige el amor sobre la indiferencia. El servicio no es un título; Es una postura del corazón. Se encuentra en el niño que cuida a un padre mayor, en el amigo sentado junto a alguien que está sufriendo, en el vecino cortando el césped de un anciano que ya no puede hacerlo, en el padre que lleva a los niños a sus partidos y entrenamientos, y en la persona que visita a los enfermos o simplemente aparece cuando alguien necesita presencia más que una solución. Estos actos rara vez aparecen en los titulares y no requieren formación teológica, pero a los ojos de Dios brillan con un significado eterno.

El Evangelio de Mateo muestra a Jesús notando las pequeñas cosas: una copa de agua fría, una visita a alguien olvidado, un momento de misericordia. No son milagros dramáticos; Son milagros de amor. No tenemos que curar el cáncer para estar en las gracias de Dios. No tenemos que resolver el hambre mundial ni predicar desde un púlpito. El reino de Dios crece a través de personas comunes haciendo cosas ordinarias con un amor extraordinario. Tengo un amigo, el Dr. Jason Selk, un distinguido psicólogo deportivo que pasó años trabajando con los St. Louis Cardinals y con muchos de los mejores atletas del mundo. Ha tenido una influencia profunda en mí. Jason enseña que la grandeza no se encuentra en la perfección, sino en hacer un poco mejor en cada momento. Su mensaje es simple pero transformador: céntrate en la mejora, no en la perfección. Esa sabiduría encaja de la mano con el Evangelio de Mateo, porque el crecimiento espiritual—como la excelencia deportiva—se construye a través de pequeños y fieles pasos repetidos a lo largo del tiempo.

A medida que seguimos con nuestro día, podemos buscar las pequeñas cosas que podemos mejorar: una palabra amable, una sonrisa, un momento de paciencia, un gesto de ayuda, un acto silencioso de generosidad. Estas pequeñas mejoras se expanden hacia afuera, elevando a las personas que nos rodean y dándoles un sentido del amor de Cristo a través de nuestra bondad. Cuando combinamos el llamado del Evangelio a servir con el llamado de Jesús a mejorar en pequeños detalles, descubrimos una verdad poderosa: la santidad se encuentra en los momentos cotidianos que elegimos mejorar. Una sonrisa puede aliviar la soledad de alguien. Una palabra amable puede aliviar la carga de alguien. Un pequeño acto de ayuda puede devolver la esperanza a alguien. Estas no son cosas pequeñas a ojos de Dios; son los cimientos de Su reino.

El Evangelio de Mateo no pregunta: "¿Estás ordenado?" Pregunta: "¿Has amado?" Y el amor se expresa con mayor claridad en los pequeños y constantes actos de cuidado que ofrecemos a los demás. Cada persona —sin importar su edad, estatus o capacidad— está invitada a participar en esta misión. La invitación es sencilla: ve la necesidad, siente la compasión, responde con amabilidad y mejora el momento. Cuando hacemos esto, nos convertimos en la presencia de Cristo en el mundo. Nos convertimos en Sus manos, sus pies, su sonrisa. Al final, el servicio no consiste en ser importante; Se trata de estar disponible. Se trata de presentarse. Se trata de hacer las pequeñas cosas que alijan la carga de otra persona. Y en esos momentos tranquilos, desapercibidos, cotidianos, conocemos al propio Jesús.

Atentamente,

Diácono Jim

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Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

A cartoon illustration of a woman sitting on a bed, looking stressed. A thought bubble above her says "HOW AM I EVER GOING TO FINISH?". A speech bubble below her says "WAIT... MAYBE I SHOULD PRAY!". The room is cluttered with books, a crucifix on the wall, and a small group of people in the background.

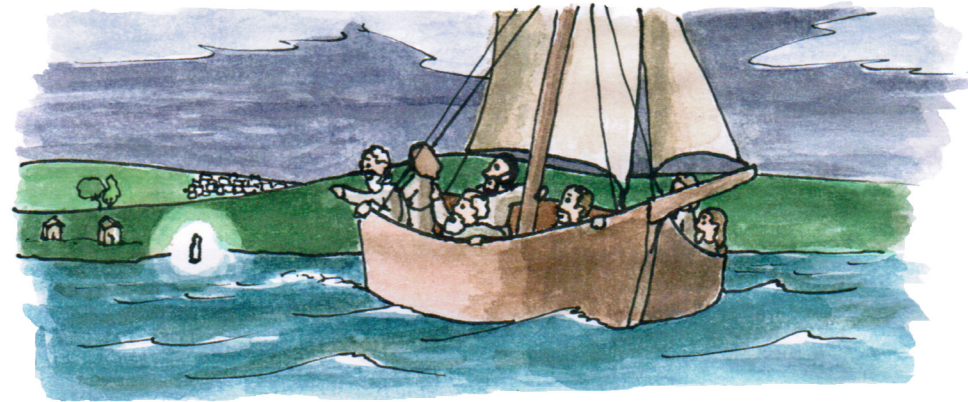
Answer to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on the water. Answer to Flowers for Our Lady: Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven!

The Kids' Bulletin

*In today's Gospel reading, the disciples
were out at sea in a boat when they saw
something that surprised them.*

Use the code to find out!

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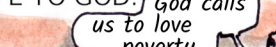
Saint Claire of Assisi
August 11

CLARE WAS THE DAUGHTER OF A WEALTHY COUNT IN ITALY IN THE 1200'S. SHE WAS DEVOTED TO GOD AND WASN'T INTERESTED IN WORLDLY THINGS.



SHE HEARD SAINT FRANCIS PREACH WHEN SHE WAS 18 AND DECIDED TO GIVE HER LIFE TO GOD.

God calls us to love poverty.



ONE NIGHT SHE WENT
TO ST. FRANCIS WHO
CUT HER HAIR AND
GAVE HER A ROUGH
TUNIC.



Did Father let
you come?!



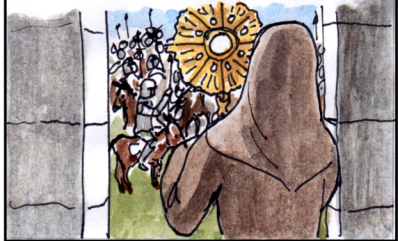
HER FATHER TRIED TO
FORCE HER TO COME
BACK, BUT SOON HER
SISTER JOINED HER!

THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE POOR CLARE SISTERS. THEY LIVED IN TOTAL POVERTY.



We will not own
even our own home.

WHEN ATTACKERS CAME, SHE
HELD UP A MONSTRANCE WITH
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IN
IT AND THEY RAN AWAY!



CLARE WAS MADE THE ABBESS OF THE SISTERS. SHE LIVED A HIDDEN LIFE BUT DREW PEOPLE TO LOVE POVERTY LIKE CHRIST DID. SHE DIED IN 1253.



It is so much easier
to love God when one
owns nothing!

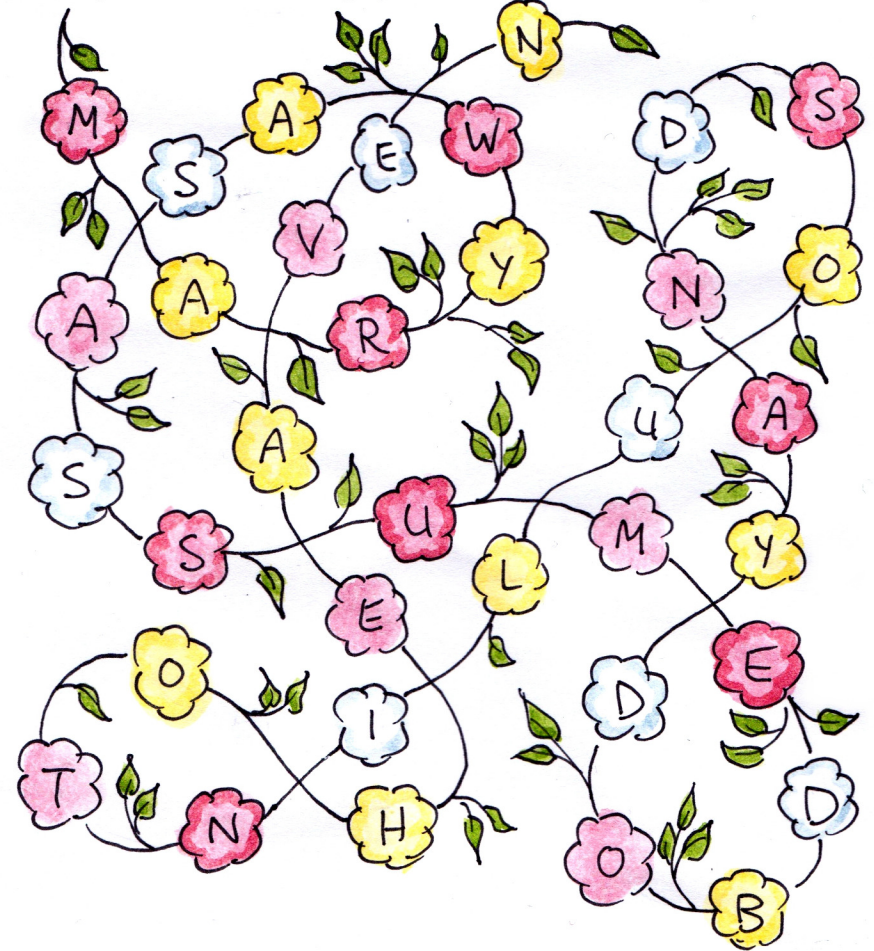
ST. CLAIRE KNEW THAT HAVING NICE THINGS CAN KEEP US AWAY FROM JESUS. SHE GAVE AWAY EVERYTHING SHE HAD SO SHE COULD BE VERY CLOSE TO HIM, WHO HAD GIVEN UP EVERYTHING TO DIE ON THE CROSS FOR US. WE, TOO, SHOULD BE READY TO GIVE UP ANYTHING THAT GETS BETWEEN US AND GOD.

Flowers for Our Lady

This Saturday, August 15th, is a feast day of Our Lady.

What are we celebrating?

Follow the line, starting at M, and put the letters from the flowers in the spaces at the bottom to find out.

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