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**MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS**

Saturday/Sábado
5:30 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
4:30-5:15 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.*

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

**FOUNDED
1892**

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

**DIocese of
SPRINGFIELD
-CAPE
GIRARDEAU**

Parish Office 417-235-3286 Parish School 417-235-3721 405 7th Street, Monett, MO 65708

Digital bulletins available at www.stlawrencemonett.com

Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 9:00am-4:00pm

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”.

DEEPEST THANKS!

The parish would like to thank Francisco and Norma Mendez for their generous donation for the tile in the sanctuary. Trujillo and Sons, parishioners and parish council members, were the contractors. There were many volunteers that contributed as well. St. Lawrence parish thanks you!!

None of the funding for this project came from church funds. We thank you and are counting on your continued support for maintenance and church programs. Your financial support is critical for our church and school.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 16, 2025

Loose Bills/Change	\$991.28
Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$4,197.00
Children's Collection	\$21.00
Votive Candles	\$20.00
Mass Intentions	\$60.00
School Support	\$10.00
Outreach	\$100.00
Maintenance Fund	\$558.00
Religious Store	\$15.00
Mirror	\$63.00
Reimbursement	\$40.00
Hispanic Ministry Subsidy-Diocese	\$4,000.00
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Total	\$10,075.28

Fr. Rahab would like to thank everyone for your generous contributions to our Parish.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2024 are available in the church office.

PRIEST MONTHLY CALENDAR

The monthly priest prayers and prayer calendar is available in the back of church. If we run out please let the office know and they can make more copies.

FIRST FRIDAY ANNOUNCEMENT

Until further notice, we will only be having First Friday Mass at 10:00am. There will not be adoration or benediction services.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Mar. 9th - Church in Central & Eastern Europe
- Mar. 30th - Church Relief Services

WELCOME to St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Our Parish has helped to bring Jesus Christ to the city of Monett since 1892. We seek to foster the spiritual growth of our parishioners through the celebration of the Sacraments, Catechists, community life, and personal prayer.

Parish Council of Catholic Women

Every women of the parish is a member of the PCCW. Ladies, please place your name and the \$10 dues in one of the envelopes provided in your pew. Envelopes then can be put in the collection basket, brought to the parish office or our next meeting on March 3rd at 6:30pm.

FROM THE DESK OF SISTER SOCORRO

Attention First Communion Parents

We are already around the corner of the Retreat for First Communion students and their parents that will be on Saturday, March 8th from 10am-3pm. But **ATTENTION!** You must arrive 15 minutes before 10am so as not to delay the schedule. Remember to bring a dish to share. And please contact the office at 417-235-3286 with Sister Socorro as soon as possible.

Parents of Confirmation Students

We are already around the corner of the Retreats for confirmation students and their parents that will be on Saturdays March 15 and 22 from 10am-3pm. But **ATTENTION!** You must arrive 15 minutes before 10am so as not to delay the schedule. Remember to bring a dish to share. And please contact the office at 417-235-3286 with Sister Socorro as soon as possible.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parish,
I am writing this before our big storm is coming in Tuesday. I hope all of you have stayed safe and warm. Please view the flyer in the bulletin and share with friends and family.
This is an opportunity for our school to grow and help with funding student tuition.
Pray for the school, your support is always needed. Thank you and may God's blessings be upon you. Mr. Keaton

BULLETIN DEADLINE

If you would like to have something in the bulletin, please send via email to the parish office **no later than Tuesday - stlawrence1892@gmail.com**

DIOCESAN NEWS

Jubilee Year of Hope

The two cathedrals of the diocese, St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield and St. Mary of the Annunciation Cathedral, Cape Girardeau, are the designated locations for the Jubilee Year of Hope. In St. Mary Cathedral, to the front left, pilgrims may find and actual relic of the True Cross.

In St. Agnes Cathedral, near the Blessed Sacrament, pilgrims will find a crucifix on display. As part of the Jubilee Year, you may receive a plenary indulgence if you:

- Participate in the sacrament of penance and reconciliation and
- Attend Holy Mass along with the reception of Holy Communion within a 20-day period of visiting the cathedral and
- Pray the Nicene or Apostol Creed, the Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory Be for the intentions of the Holy Father

Please try to make a “pilgrimage” to one of our two cathedrals and engage in the Jubilee Year of Hope.

2025 Rites of Elections

Sunday, March 9, 2025—St. Agnes Cathedral, Springfield: 3pm for all parishes surrounding the Springfield area; 7pm for all parishes in Springfield, Nixa and Ozark

Diocesan Youth Conference/DYC 2025

All 7th-12th grade youth and their parents or adult chaperones are invited to participate in the DYC at the West Plains Civic Center, March 29-30.

Midwest March for Life—May 1, 2025

The annual statewide March for Life in Jefferson City to raise awareness of the sanctity of life and to let our elected officials know we want them to work in upholding the dignity of life in all its stages will be Thurs., May 1, 2025. Transportation option available as follows:

Springfield— chartered bus will leave The Catholic Center, located at 601 S Jefferson Ave at 6am; bus will return to The Catholic Center by 6pm; cost is \$15 per person and includes a t-shirt or \$7 per person without a t-shirt.

T-shirts are available to purchase for \$8, to guarantee a shirt you must register by April 1, 2025. To register visit:

<https://dioscg.formstack.com/forms/midwestmarchforlife>

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

We have space available for advertising your business in our weekly bulletin. Call the office for pricing or other questions!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Alvarez; Jane Ellen Saunders; Sarah Sylvain Isidor (Father’s Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Father Peter Morciniec; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wroblewski; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Oaklee Kay White; Les Erwin’s Mother; Al Fiffe; Drew Cornell; Debbie Erwin

If you want to put a name in the bulletin or know of any sick or homebound parishioners who would like visitors, please call the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILLARY



- ◆ Meetings held every 1st Thursday of the month at 7:00p.m in the church basement.
- ◆ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 5:00pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.

PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to the parish, have not previously registered, or your information has changed in the last 5+ years, please fill out a parish registration/change form in the office. Forms are also available at the back of church.

VOCATION UPDATE

2025 Vocation Report. State of vocations to the priesthood and marriage.



**No Priest,
No Eucharist**

**No Eucharist,
No Church**



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HELP NEEDED CORNER

Please call or email the parish office if you are able to help with these activities:

- Eucharistic ministers, especially for the Saturday 5:30 pm mass
- Drivers to provide rides to mass for parishioners who are unable to drive
- Skilled volunteers to help with minor repairs
- Anyone interested in being an altar server please contact John Velten at 417-489-4266. All servers must have made their 1st Communion
- Youth and adults to help with Totus Tuus activities: Contact Bailey Flynt or Gabby Cecenas

ENGLISH LECTORS

Saturday 5:30pm

- Feb. 22nd..... Jim Haston
- Mar. 1st.....Al Dohmen
- Mar. 8th.....Thomas Kump

Sunday 10:00am

- Feb. 23rd.....Sandy Jastal
- Mar. 2nd.....Angie Madison
- Mar. 9th.....Youth (Jonah Rosebaugh)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturdays

- Feb. 22nd—Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner, Marilyn Ceselski
- Mar. 1st—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner
- Mar. 8th—Jim Haston, Marilyn Ceselski, Jason Ceselski, Ashely Ceselski, Geri Carey

Sundays

- Feb. 23rd— Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, John Velten, Cathy Velten, Sonie Probstfield
- Mar. 2nd—Gary Schad, Randy Schad, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Michelle Cornell
- Mar. 9th—Youth Group

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- Feb. 23rd—Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklynn Outhouse
- Mar. 2nd—Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johanna Piedra
- Mar. 9th—Youth

February 23, 2025

1st Read: 1 Samuel 26: 2,7-9,12-13,22-23; Psalm: Psalm 103:1-4,8,10,12-13; 2nd Read: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

February 24, 2025

1st Read: Sirach 1:1-10; Psalm: Psalm 93:1-2,5; Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

February 25, 2025

1st Read: Sirach 2:1-11; Psalm: Psalm 37:-4,18-19,27-28,39-40; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

February 26, 2025

1st Read: Sirach 4:11-29; Psalm: Psalm 119:165,168,171,172,174,175; Gospel: Mark 9:38-40

February 27, 2025

1st Read: Sirach 5:1-8; Psalm: Psalm 1:1-4,6; Gospel: Mark 9:41-50

February 28, 2025

1st Read: Sirach 6:5-17; Psalm: Psalm 119:12,16,18,27,34,35; Gospel: Mark 10:1-12

March 1, 2025

1st Read: Sirach 17:1-15; Psalm: Psalm 103:13-18; Gospel: Mark 10:13-16

**WEEKLY CALENDAR/
CALENDARIO SEMANAL**

SAT. FEBRUARY 22ND: THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Saturday Mass Monett - + Jim Ceselski and Charles LaGarce

SUN. FEBRUARY 23RD: 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Verona Sunday Mass
10:00 am Monett Sunday Mass —Living and Deceased Women of PCCW and St. Lawrence
11:00 am PSR
12:30 pm Misa de Domingo Monett - Spanish Mass
5:00 pm Misa de Domingo Verona - Spanish Mass

MON. FEBRUARY 24TH

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUE. FEBRUARY 25TH

8:15 am Weekday Mass—Monett— +Vince Martinez
5:30 pm Rosary– Church

WED. FEBRUARY 26TH

8:00 am Weekday Mass—Verona
6:30 pm Youth Group
7:00 pm PSR

THUR. FEBRUARY 27TH: ST. GREGORY OF NAREK

8:15 am Monett Weekday Mass—+Bernard Spradling

FRI. FEBRUARY 28TH

8:00 am Verona Weekday Mass
1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles in the Church Basement

SAT. MARCH 1ST: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

4:30 pm Confessions
5:30 pm Saturday Mass Monett - + Sara Schad and Michael Schmidt

SUN. MARCH 2ND: 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Verona Sunday Mass
10:00 am Monett Sunday Mass —+ Emilia Fowler
11:00 am PSR
12:30 pm Misa de Domingo Monett - Spanish Mass
5:00 pm Misa de Domingo Verona - Spanish Mass

Del Escritorio de la Hermana Socorro**Atencion Padres de familia de Primera Comunion**

Ya estamos a las puertas del Retiro para los estudiantes de Primera Comunion y sus padres que sera el sabado 8 de marzo de 10am-3pm. ¡Pero **Atencion!** Hay que llegar 15 minutos antes de las 10am para no retrasar el horario. Recuerden que hay que traer un platillo para comparar. Y por favor comunicarse a la oficina al 417-235-3286 con la madre Socorro lo mas pronto posible.

Apreciables Padres de familia Confirmacion

Ya estamos a las puertas de los Retiros para los estudiantes de confirmacion y sus padres que serán los sabados 15 y 22 de marzo de 10am-3pm. ¡Pero **Atencion!** Hay que llegar 15 minutos antes de las 10am para no retrasar el horario. Recuerden que hay que traer un platillo para comparti. Y por favor comunicarse a la oficina al 417-235-3286 con la madre Socorro lo mas pronto posible.

ANUNCIA TU NEGOCIO

Tenemos espacio disponible para publicitar tu negocio en nuestro boletín semanal. ¡Llame a la oficina para precios u otras preguntas!

Las declaraciones de contribuciones

Las declaraciones de contribuciones para 2024 están disponibles en la oficina de la iglesia.

ANUNCIO DEL PRIMER VIERNES

Hasta nuevo aviso, solo tendremos la Misa del Primer Viernes a las 10:00 am. No habrá servicios de adoración ni de bendición.

23 de Febrero de 2025

Primera: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; **Salmo:** Del Salmo 102; **Segunda:** 1 Corintios 15:45-49; **Evangelio:** Lucas 6:27-38

24 de Febrero de 2025

Primera: Siracida 1:1-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 92:1-2,5; **Evangelio:** Marcos 9:14-29

25 de Febrero de 2025

Primera: Siracida 2:1-13; **Salmo:** Salmo 36:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40; **Evangelio:** Marcos 9:30-37

26 de Febrero de 2025**SE NECESITA AYUDA**

Por favor llame o envíe un correo electrónico a la oficina parroquial si puede ayudar con estas actividades:

- Ministros de la Eucaristía, especialmente para la misa del sábado a las 5:30pm
- Conductores para llevar a misa a los feligreses que no pueden conducir
- Voluntarios capacitados para ayudar con reparaciones menores
- Jóvenes y adultos para ayudar con las actividades de Totus Tuus: Contacta a Bailey Flynt o Gabby Cecenas

ESCUELA SAN LORENZO

Escribo esto antes de que llegue nuestra gran tormenta el martes. Espero que todos ustedes se hayan mantenido seguros y cálidos.

Por favor, vea el folleto en el boletín y compártalo con amigos y familiares. Esta es una oportunidad para que nuestra escuela crezca y ayude a financiar la matrícula de los estudiantes.

Oren por la escuela, su apoyo siempre es necesario.

Gracias y que las bendiciones de Dios sean con ustedes. Mr. Keaton

MUCHAS GRACIAS!

La parroquia desea agradecer a Francisco y Norma Méndez por su generosa donación para el azulejo en el santuario.

Trujillo e Hijos, feligreses y miembros del consejo parroquial, fueron los contratistas. Hubo muchos voluntarios que también contribuyeron. La parroquia de San Lorenzo les agradece.

Ninguno de los fondos para este proyecto provino de fondos de la iglesia. Les agradecemos y contamos con su continuo apoyo para el mantenimiento y los programas de la iglesia.

Su apoyo financiero es fundamental para nuestra iglesia y escuela.

Primera: Siracida 4:12-22; **Salmo:** Del Salmo 118; **Evangelio:** Marcos 9:38-40

27 de Febrero de 2025

Primera: Siracida 5:1-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 1:1-4 y 6; **Evangelio:** Marcos 9:41-50

28 de Febrero de 2025

Primera: Siracida 6:5-17; **Salmo:** Salmo 118:12,16,18,27,34,35; **Evangelio:** Marcos 10:1-12

1 de Marzo de 2025

Primera: Siracida 17:1-13; **Salmo:** Salmo 102:13-18; **Evangelio:** Marcos 10:13-16

MOScholars-Bright Futures Fund Tax Credit Program

TURN MO STATE INCOME TAXES INTO CATHOLIC SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS!

The state of Missouri allows any individual or business to re-direct up to half of what you owe in state income tax to an education fund. The **Bright Futures Fund** provides Catholic school scholarships, funded with tax dollars you have to pay anyway, to qualifying families. Choose and know where your tax dollars go!



Scan the QR code to learn more about the MOScholars program.



How to Participate in 5 Easy Steps

SCAN HERE TO LEARN MORE

Step 1

GO TO THE BRIGHT FUTURES FUND WEBSITE

Go to BrightFuturesFund.org and click "Reserve your MO tax credits here".

Step 2

ESTIMATE YOUR TAX LIABILITY BASED ON WHAT YOU OWED LAST YEAR

Fill out all fields for the MOScholars Tax Credit Reservation System. You can reserve tax credits for up to half of what you will owe.

Step 3

CHOOSE BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

Select **Bright Futures Fund** from the EAO (Educational Assistance Organization) drop down menu.

Step 4

RESERVE YOUR TAX CREDIT AMOUNT BEFORE DECEMBER 31

Click "submit" and you will receive an email from the MO State Treasurer's office. **Print and save your confirmation number.**

Step 5

WRITE A CHECK TO THE BRIGHT FUTURES FUND

Write a check to the **Bright Futures Fund** for the amount of the tax credits reserved. Mail the check within 30 days of your reservation and no later than December 31 to: **Bright Futures Fund, P.O. Box 419037, Kansas City, MO, 64141**. After your funds are received and verified, you will receive an email receipt from the State Treasurer's Office. Include the receipt and a MO-TC form with your state income tax filing.

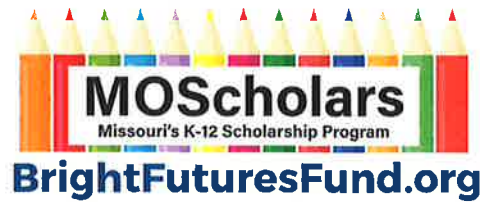
- > Reserved tax credits are equal to 100% of an eligible contribution and can be used for up to 50% of the donor's annual tax liability.
- > For the current MO-TC form, visit BrightFuturesFund.org OR search MO-TC at: <https://dor.mo.gov/forms/>
- > Tax credits may be carried forward for four additional tax years. Tax credits are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be sold.

Questions? Let me walk you through the simple process.

Deacon Rob Huff | (417) 866-0841

Superintendent of Schools
rhuff@dioscgo.org





How to Apply for a MOScholars Scholarship

Go to www.BrightFuturesFund.org. Click on **MOScholars Program** then **MOScholars Scholarships**, then click the button for your diocese.

MOScholars Qualifying Schools 2025-2026 Diocese of Springfield- Cape Girardeau

- Guardian Angel
- Immaculate Conception, Jackson
- Immaculate Conception, New Madrid
- Immaculate Conception, Springfield
- McAuley Catholic High School
- Notre Dame Regional High School
- Sacred Heart
- Springfield Catholic High School
- St. Agnes Cathedral
- St. Ambrose
- St. Ann
- St. Augustine
- St. Denis
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- St. Eustachius
- St. Francis Xavier
- St. Henry
- St. Joseph, Scott City
- St. Joseph Catholic Academy, Springfield
- St. Lawrence
- St. Mary Cathedral, Cape Girardeau
- St. Mary, Joplin
- St. Mary, Pierce City
- St. Peter the Apostle
- St. Teresa
- St. Vincent de Paul

Scholarship application process opens
February 1, 2025
www.BrightFuturesFund.org

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Qualifying Paths

- ▶ Siblings of current MOScholars recipients
- ▶ Students with an approved IEP 'individualized education plan' developed under federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) or an individual service plan (ISP) that is developed in cooperation with a local education agency under IDEA, specifically those provisions pertaining to parentally placed private school children found in 20 U.S. Code 1412 (a) (10) and 34 CFR 300(b).*
- ▶ Students who have been diagnosed with dyslexia, as the term "dyslexia" is defined in section 633.420.
- ▶ Attended a public school as a full time student for at least one semester during the previous twelve (12) months.
- ▶ Are eligible to begin kindergarten or first grade
- ▶ Must meet MOScholars income eligibility guidelines

*Any IEP or ISP that is proffered for program eligibility must be dated within thirty-six (36) months of the date of the student's application to the program. Students with ISPs that are not developed under IDEA are not eligible.

MOSCHOLARS INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES Effective July 1, 2024		
Household Size	Annual Income Free & Reduced Lunch	
	200%	100%
1	\$ 55,722	\$ 27,861
2	\$ 75,628	\$ 37,814
3	\$ 95,534	\$ 47,767
4	\$ 115,440	\$ 57,720
5	\$ 135,346	\$ 67,673
6	\$ 155,252	\$ 77,626
7	\$ 175,158	\$ 87,579
8	\$ 195,064	\$ 97,532



Questions about scholarships?
Lisa Kremer | (816) 714-2358
MOScholars Program Coordinator

Being Merciful

YOU'RE SHARING WITH ME EVEN THOUGH I WAS MEAN TO YOU?



In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us to be more kind and generous to others than they are to us. He tells us that the way we treat others is how God will treat us.

Has anyone ever been unkind to you and you felt like getting even by being mean back? Jesus tells us that what we should do instead is be extra kind to that

person. Sometimes we do mean or selfish things too, and we hope that God will forgive us.

What our Lord is talking about is called mercy. Mercy means being nicer to a person than they deserve. God is the most merciful of all and we should try our best to be like Him. Next time someone is mean to you ask Jesus to help you forgive that person and be kind to them.



Answer to Front page: BE MERCIFUL
Answer to Word-Find: LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

The Kids' Bulletin

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 23rd, 2025

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What was Jesus telling us to do in today's Gospel reading?
Use the numbers to help unscramble the letters!

Saint Gabriel Possenti

February 27

FRANCIS POSSENTI WAS BORN IN 1838 TO A LARGE FAMILY IN ITALY. HIS FATHER WAS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND HIS MOTHER DIED WHEN HE WAS ONLY 4.

FRANCIS WAS A FUN FRIEND. HE JOKED, DANCED AND LIKED TO HUNT.

SEVERAL TIMES WHEN HE WAS IN DANGER HE PROMISED TO BECOME A RELIGIOUS IF HE WAS SAVED.

KEEP YOUR PROMISE!

BUT HE FORGOT UNTIL ONE DAY A PICTURE OF OUR LADY REMINDED HIM.

HE JOINED THE PASSIONISTS AND TOOK THE NAME GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS.

GABRIEL STUDIED TO BECOME A PRIEST, AND DID EVERYTHING CHEERFULLY FOR GOD.

HOWEVER, BROTHER GABRIEL SOON BECAME SICK, AND HE DIED AT AGE 24, BEFORE HE COULD BECOME A PRIEST.

WE CAN LEARN FROM SAINT GABRIEL THAT BEING A SAINT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO BE BORING OR SAD. GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE HAVE FUN WITH OUR FRIENDS AS LONG AS WE ARE OBEYING THE COMMANDMENTS. ALSO, WE CAN HELP OUR FRIENDS GROW CLOSER TO GOD WHEN WE ARE CHEERFUL.

David and King Saul Word-Find

S O L D I E R S L H O H
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 A L N S W A S U M M Y R
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 E N V I O U S E F T O A
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 O I N S T E A D I E S Y

See if you can find all the words in CAPITALS in this story of David and King Saul.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

LONG AGO GOD chose SAUL to be the king of the ISRAELITES. Sometimes Saul WAS a good RULER and sometimes he wasn't. When David became a great WARRIOR the people STARTED to love HIM more than they LOVED King Saul. The king became ENVIOUS and wanted to kill DAVID, so he took his SOLDIERS and WENT HUNTING for him. But that night when the KING and his soldiers were SLEEPING, David FOUND them. He could have easily KILLED King Saul, but he CHOSE to be MERCIFUL INSTEAD. He went AWAY without HURTING Saul.

