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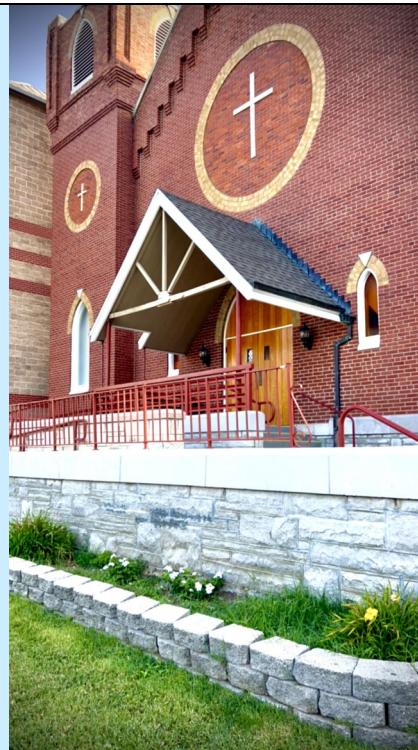
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MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS

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

CONFESION/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/INTENCIÓNES 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 año con una preparacion de 2 años.

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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Welcome to the Catholic Community of
St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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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-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".

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Due to weather concerns, we will not have first Friday adoration during the months of February, March and April 2026. There will still be a mass, but no adoration following.

PARISH DIRECTORY

This is the last weekend to sign up!! If we don't have at least 20 families per day, the company will cancel!! Pictures will be taken on January 23-24. Sign-up sheets are available at the back of church.

***** Each family having their picture taken gets a FREE 8X10 and directory* ****

If you had your pictures taken in 2023, you do not HAVE to retake unless you want a recent picture. To schedule online at www.ucdir.com, click on Photography Session Sign-Up on the right side, enter MO257 in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. For assistance in setting your appointment please call 816-501-8652.

Universal Church Directories works hard regarding not applying pressure to buy photos. While we want to give everyone the opportunity to purchase pictures, we also respect your wishes and work hard at making your experience with us professional and hassle free.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

January 11, 2026

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$3,492.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,292.00
Latin America	\$20.00
Children's Collection	\$70.00
Votive Candles	\$19.00
Mass Offerings	\$40.00
School Support	\$100.00
Maintenance Fund	\$250.00
Advertising	\$75.00
Holy Day-Solemnity of Mary	\$40.00
 Total	 \$5,398.00

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate and clean up the church for Christmas. Your time and effort is very much appreciated!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Jan. 25th—Church in Latin America

Parish Council of Catholic Women

We are now collecting dues of \$10. Dues can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked PCCW dues. Please include your name and contact number. PCCW is beginning the process of updating our Circles.

SCHOOL NEWS

January is a special month for Catholic school nationwide because January 25th to the 30th we celebrate our special mission of education and evangelization! The theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is "United in Faith and Community." Throughout the days we will have special themes and activities (like the spelling bee and knowledge bowl) and will top it off with a special field trip to St. Mary's Catholic School in Pierce City. Father Rahab will celebrate a mass for all the students of St. Lawrence and St. Mary's to demonstrate our unity and community, as mentioned in the theme. February 1st at the 10am mass here at St. Lawrence we will have a mass of gratitude for our Catholic School and our students will read and serve—we hope you can come celebrate with us.

2 of our amazing teachers are delivering new babies and growing their families this spring! We are hiring 2 long term subs to cover their classrooms. We need to defray the cost of maternity pay and the substitute teachers. We will be dedicating the proceeds from the upcoming pancake supper to this cause, as well as our spring fundraiser pasta shapes. The QR code to purchase the pasta for all your winter soups and pasta dishes below. Thank you for your support! And if you feel moved to make a direct donation, we will gratefully accept!



PSR ANNOUNCEMENTS

PSR fees need to be paid as soon as possible!

- First Communion will be on Saturday, April 11 during the 5:00pm Mass.
- Confirmation retreat will be on Saturday March 21 at 9:00am. Confirmation will be on Wednesday, May 13 during Mass at 7:00pm. The bishop will speak with the students at 6:00pm.
- **Sunday Classes are now at 11:15AM to allow time for those attending the 10:00 mass.**

DIOCESAN NEWS

The Gathering

Registration for The Gathering is open! If you minister with youth in 7th-12 grades, this "gathering" is for you! This year, Pat Millea, of the Martin Center for Integration, will be addressing the modern-day struggle with mental health issues through sessions on "Ministering to Mental Health Struggles" and "Being a Healthy Minister to Lead a Healthy Ministry." Come with your questions and concerns so that we can discuss practical solutions and encourage each other in this most important area of ministry. **The Gathering will be held February 27-28** at the Landing, Van Buren, MO.

The 2026 Missouri Catholic Summit

The Diocese of Jefferson City is inviting young adults Catholics (18-25 years old) to attend the Missouri Catholic Summit (MCS) on February 28. The MC, which will be held at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Jefferson City, aims to bring college-aged Catholics from all over the state to encounter Christ in a community setting. The event is themed "Sheer Goodness," inspired by the description of God's plan for creation outlined in the first paragraph of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. The MCS will feature talks from Catholic speakers, live music, a vigil mass, Eucharistic adoration, and more. Registrants can purchase coffee and t-shirts at the summit, but registration for this event is 100% free (including lunch and dinner). Any young adults interested in this opportunity to celebrate the Catholic faith with their peers in Missouri are encouraged to learn more about the Missouri Catholic Summit and register at the official webpage: <https://diojeffcity.org/mo-catholic-summit/>

Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 31 in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Springfield *updated location due to the construction at St. Agnes Cathedral*

ATTENTION

All seniors in high school and older. Applications for seminary for Fall 2026 school year are being accepted now. Please contact your pastor or vocations promoter for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Alvarez; Sarah Sylvain Isidor(Father's Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wrobleksi; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Loretta Hurlbut; Debbie Erwin; Corey Sandwisch; Regina Peterson; Erin Hunt; Patty Burke. 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 AUXILLARY**

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **4th Degree Meeting January 18th at 2pm in Neosho. For more information please contact Ed Velten at 417-235-9638**

PARISH MAINTENANCE

We are in need of upgrading 2 of the office computers and a printer - Father's desktop is still on Windows 7!!! and the primary office computer is on Windows 10 and not upgradeable. Thank you for your support of our parish and school needs!

FINANCIAL CORNER

Financial Corner	Nov 2025	Nov 2024
Regular Operations		
Sunday Contributions	\$ 32,828.80	\$ 21,605.74
Other Income*	\$ 2,013.01	\$ 2,385.50
Endowment/Cemetery/School Support	\$ 1,613.00	\$ 569.00
Collections for Diocese projects	\$ 3,325.70	\$ 5,256.10
2nd Collections/Non-revenue/Other	\$ 75.27	\$ 2,256.57
Total Operational Income	\$ 39,855.78	\$ 32,072.91
 Expenses		
Operational Expenses	\$ 28,820.79	\$ 26,660.86
School/Parish Education Expenses	\$ 13,573.75	\$ 11,999.22
Payouts to Diocese/2nd Collections	\$ 4,080.31	\$ 6,061.60
Total Expense	\$ 46,474.85	\$ 44,721.68
 Net Income (Net Loss)	\$ (6,619.07)	\$ (12,648.77)

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

ENGLISH LECTORS**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **January 17th**.....Patricia Randall
- **January 24th**.....Jim Haston
- **February 7th**.....Jim Haston

Sunday 10:00am

- **January 18th**.....Sonie Probstfield
- **January 25th**.....Lynda Velten
- **February 1st**.....St. Lawrence School Children

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **January 17th**—Jim Haston Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff
- **January 24th**—Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Patty Allcock, Marilyn Ceselski
- **February 7th**—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner

Sunday 10:00am

- **January 18th**—Jay Jastal, Emma Outhouse, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders
- **January 25th**—Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, Cathy Velten, John Velten, Suzie/Tim Curry
- **February 1st**—Sonie Probstfield, Susan Garcia, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Michelle Cornell

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- **January 18th**—Alex Apostol, Francisco Salas, Fernando Salas, Uriel Marcos
- **January 25th**—Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklyn Garcia, Jordan Garcia
- **February 1st**—St. Lawrence School Children

January 18, 2026

1st Read: Isaiah 49:3,5-6; **Psalm:** Psalm 40:2,4,7-10; **2nd Read:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; **Gospel:** John 1:29-34

January 19, 2026

1st Read: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; **Psalm:** Psalm 50:8-9,16-17,21,23; **Gospel:** Mark 2:18-22

January 20, 2026

1st Read: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; **Psalm:** Psalm 89:20-22,27-28; **Gospel:** Mark 2:23-28

January 21, 2026

1st Read: 1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-57; **Psalm:** Psalm 144:1,2,9-10; **Gospel:** Mark 3:1-6

January 22, 2026

1st Read: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; **Psalm:** Psalm 56:2-3,9-13; **Gospel:** Mark 3:7-12

January 23, 2026

1st Read: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; **Psalm:** Psalm 57:2-4,6-11; **Gospel:** Mark 3:13-19

January 24, 2026

1st Read: 2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; **Psalm:** Psalm 80:2-3,5-7; **Gospel:** Mark 3:20-21

WEEKLY CALENDAR/ CALENDARIO SEMANAL**SATURDAY, JAN. 17TH: SAINT ANTHONY**

4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Dolores & Melchor Apostol; Barbara & Glenn Monto

SUNDAY, JAN. 18TH: 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass - Verona
10:00 am Mass - Monett +Olen & Berneice Morris
11:15 am PSR
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish +Vicente Soriano, Rito Barrientos, Omar Mijares, Simona Salas, Fidel Ayala, Candelapa Mejia Lopez y Juan Lopez Hernandez

MONDAY, JAN. 19TH: MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

****Parish Office Closed****
6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUESDAY, JAN. 20TH: ST. FABIAN; ST. SEBASTIAN

8:15 am Mass - Monett -Healing for Loretta Hurlbut
6:00 pm Rosary (Spanish)
7:00 pm OCIA

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21ST: ST. AGNES

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 22ND: DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Barbara Gates and for the legal protection of unborn children

FRIDAY, JAN. 23RD: ST. VINCENT; ST. MARIANNE COPE

8:00 am Mass - Verona
1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement

SATURDAY, JAN. 24TH: ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

4:00 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Barbara & Glenn Monto

SUNDAY, JAN. 25TH: 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass - Verona
10:00 am Mass - Monett +Barbara Gates
11:15 am PSR
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish

NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

Enero es un mes especial para las escuelas católicas de todo el país, ya que del 25 al 30 de enero celebramos nuestra misión especial de educación y evangelización. El lema de la Semana de las Escuelas Católicas de este año es "Unidos en la fe y la comunidad". Durante estos días tendremos temas y actividades especiales (como el concurso de ortografía y el concurso de conocimientos) y culminaremos con una excursión especial a la Escuela Católica St. Mary's en Pierce City. El Padre Rahab celebrará una misa para todos los estudiantes de St. Lawrence y St. Mary's para demostrar nuestra unidad y comunidad, como se menciona en el lema. El 1 de febrero, en la misa de las 10am aquí en St. Lawrence, celebraremos una misa de acción de gracias por nuestra escuela católica y nuestros estudiantes leerán y servirán en el altar. Esperamos que puedan acompañarnos. ¡Dos de nuestras maravillosas maestras van a tener bebés y a ampliar sus familias esta primavera! Estamos contratando a dos maestras sustitutas a largo plazo para cubrir sus clases. Necesitamos cubrir los costos de la baja por maternidad y de las maestras sustitutas. Destinaremos las ganancias de la próxima cena de panqueques a esta causa, así como las de nuestra venta de pasta con formas especiales de primavera. A continuación encontrarás el código QR para comprar la pasta, ideal para sus sopas y platos de pasta de invierno. ¡Gracias por su apoyo! Y si desea hacer una donación directa, ¡la aceptaremos con mucho gusto!



ADORACION DEL PRIMER VIERNES

Debido a las condiciones climáticas, no tendremos la adoración del primer viernes durante los meses de febrero, marzo y abril de 2026. Habrá misa, pero no habrá adoración posterior.

18 de Enero de 2026

Primera: Isaías 49:3,5-6; **Salmo:** Salmo 39:2,4,7-10; **Segunda:** 1 Corintios 1:1-3; **Evangelio:** Juan 1:29-34

19 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; **Salmo:** Salmo 49:8-9,16-17,21,23; **Evangelio:** Marcos 2:18-22

20 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; **Salmo:** Salmo 88:20-22,27-28; **Evangelio:** Marcos 2:23-28

21 de Enero de 2026

ANUNCIOS DE PSR

Si aún no ha pagado las cuotas del PSR de su(s) hijo(s), por favor hágalo lo antes posible. La Primera Comunión será el sábado 11 de abril durante la Misa de las 5:00 p.m. El retiro de Confirmación será el sábado 21 de marzo a las 9:00 a.m. La Confirmación será el miércoles 13 de mayo durante la Misa a las 7:00 p.m. El obispo hablará con los estudiantes a las 6:00 p.m. CUANDO LAS CLASES SE REANUDEN EL DOMINGO, 4 DE ENERO, COMENZARÁN A LAS 11:15 A.M.

MANTENIMIENTO DE LA PARROQUIA

¡Hemos recibido varias donaciones para el fondo de mantenimiento! Por favor, tengan en cuenta que los árboles dañados al sur de la iglesia ya han sido retirados y están listos para el desbroce de tocones. ¡Pronto habrá más información! ¡Gracias por su apoyo a nuestra parroquia y a las necesidades de la escuela!

DIRECTORIO PARROQUIAL

Las fotos se tomarán del 23 al 24 de enero. **SI YA SE TOMARON SUS FOTOS ANTERIORMENTE EN 2023, NO NECESITA VOLVER A TOMARLAS**, la empresa aún las tiene. Para programar su cita de fotografía en línea, vaya a www.ucdir.com, haga clic en Photography Session Sign-Up en el lado derecho, ingrese MO257 en el campo Church Code y escriba photos en el campo Church Password. Siga las indicaciones para programar la cita de su familia. Si tiene 5 o más miembros en su familia, por favor use 2 franjas horarias consecutivas. Para obtener ayuda para programar su cita, llame al 816-501-8652. Las hojas de inscripción también estarán disponibles en las misas en enero antes de los días de fotografía. ****Cada familia que se tome una foto recibirá una foto de 8x10 pulgadas y un directorio GRATIS****

Primera: 1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-57; **Salmo:** Salmo 143:1-2,9-10; **Evangelio:** Marcos 3:1-6

22 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; **Salmo:** Salmo 55; **Evangelio:** Marcos 3:7-12

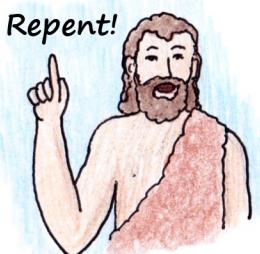
23 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; **Salmo:** Salmo 56:2-4,6-11; **Evangelio:** Marcos 3:13-19

24 de Enero de 2026

Primera: 2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,17,19,23-27; **Salmo:** Salmo 79:2-3,5-7; **Evangelio:** Marcos 3:20-21

John the Baptist: Was He the Messiah?



Everybody thought that John the Baptist was a great preacher and prophet. Some people thought that he might even be the Messiah who would save their people. But John knew that was not his job. When Jesus came to him at the river to be baptized, John pointed at Him and told the people, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" He told the people that he was not the great one; Jesus was.

Saint John the Baptist is an example to all of us. If we are really good then our lives will show other people the way to Jesus.



John the Baptist taught the people by telling them to repent of their sins and be baptized. God wants some people to teach about Him by teaching and preaching to the people. But for most of us, the best way to teach others about God is by living a good life and loving

God. If you really do your best to love God then your life will be like St. John the Baptist's and point the way to Jesus.

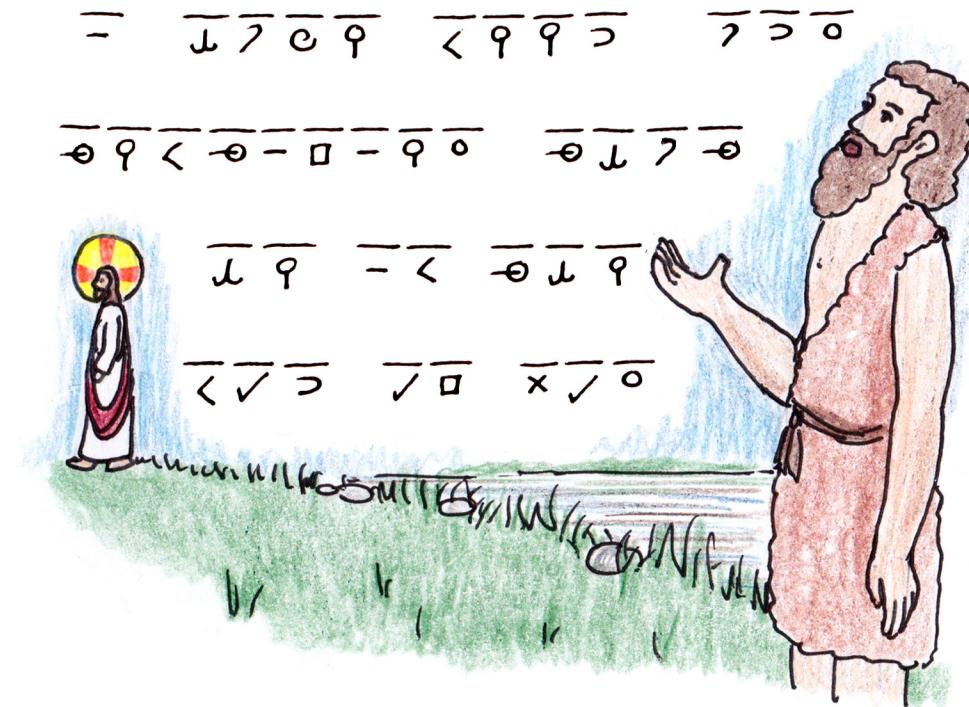


What is something that you can do today to lead someone to Jesus?

Answer to Psalm 40 Word-Find: O Lord I come to do Your will.
Answer to puzzle on front: I have seen and testified that He is the Son of God.

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18th, 2026



*What did Saint John the Baptist say about Jesus?
Use the code to figure it out!*

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A D E F G H I N O S T V

POPE SAINT FABIAN

JANUARY 20

SAINT FABIAN WAS A ROMAN FARMER. WHEN THE POPE DIED HE WENT TO ROME WHERE THEY WERE CHOOSING A NEW POPE. SUDDENLY A DOVE LANDED ON HIS HEAD.



THE PEOPLE SAW THIS AS A SIGN FROM GOD AND CHOSE FABIAN AS THE NEW POPE.

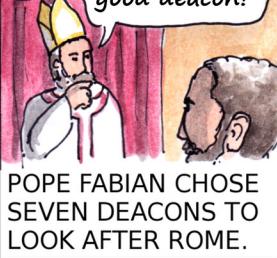
But you don't even know me!



WHILE HE WAS POPE THE PERSECUTION OF THE CHRISTIANS STOPPED.



Do you think young James would make a good deacon?



HE ALSO SPOKE OUT AGAINST HERESY.

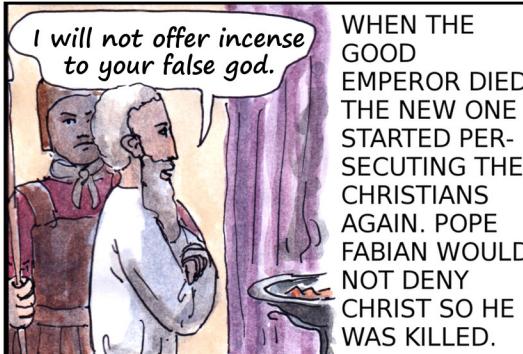


THE POPE DID A LOT OF WORK REPAIRING THE CATACOMBS.



Excellent!

I will not offer incense to your false god.



WHEN THE GOOD EMPEROR DIED THE NEW ONE STARTED PERSECUTING THE CHRISTIANS AGAIN. POPE FABIAN WOULD NOT DENY CHRIST SO HE WAS KILLED.

WE CAN LEARN FROM THE STORY OF SAINT FABIAN THAT GOD CAN DO GREAT WORK WITH ORDINARY PEOPLE. SAINT FABIAN DID NOT EXPECT TO BECOME POPE, BUT WHEN HE DID HE WORKED HARD FOR THE CHURCH. IF YOU EVER GET CHOSEN TO DO A BIG JOB REMEMBER THAT GOD WILL HELP YOU DO IT.

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See if you can find all the words that are in CAPITALS. Use the left over letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

I have WAITED, waited for the LORD, and He stooped TOWARD me and HEARD my cry. And He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn to our God.

SACRIFICE or OFFERING You wished not, but EARS OPEN to OBEDIENCE You gave me. HOLOCAUST or sin-offerings You sought not; then I said, "Behold I COME."

"In the WRITTEN scroll it is prescribed for me, to do Your will, O my God, is my DELIGHT, and Your law is WITHIN my HEART!"

I announced Your JUSTICE in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as You, O Lord, know.

Word-Find

PSALM 40