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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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Welcome to the Catholic Community of

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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".

2026 DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND

To date, our parish has given **\$8,001** 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.

DEACON ORDINATION MASS

James Haston (St. Lawrence) and Kevin Haverly (SS Peter & Paul) will be ordained as deacons on July 25th at 10:30am at St. Mary Parish in Joplin. Reception to follow, please RSVP by emailing selbert@stmarysparishjoplin.com or calling 417-623-3333. Everyone is invited!

WEEKLY COLLECTION**June 21, 2026**

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$2,322.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$810.50
Children's Collection	\$29.00
Votive Candles	\$55.00
Outreach	\$40.00
Maintenance Fund	\$515.00
Parish Hall Rental	\$400.00
Sacred Heart Reimbursement	\$2,229.62
DDF (Pledge \$350)	\$350.00
Advertising	\$75.00
Total	\$6,826.12

FUNERAL INFORMATION

Toni Elbert passed away May 29, 2026. She is the wife of Frank Elbert. The family would like to invite you to attend the funeral on Monday, July 6th at 10am at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Pierce City. Burial to follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery. Prayers for the family and friends of Toni Elbert.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- June 28th—Peter's Pence
- September 20—Retirement Fund for Religious

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Plumbing and door lock repairs have been made in the rectory. All fire extinguishers have been serviced or replaced and dead batteries in all the emergency exits have been replaced. The Federal Protection fire system has been updated in the school and parish hall. A new computer and monitor have been purchased for Father. These items along with some minor repairs have been made using the Maintenance Fund. Thank you for your contributions to this ongoing fund!

Other upcoming repairs or activities include:

- Replace missing shingles on the church roof (south side) and evaluation of the roof for remaining life estimate and/or replacement
- Rollers for kitchen oven; the old ones are shredded from age and are costly to replace
- Heating and air unit maintenance for church, basement, hall, and school; some units are at or beyond end-of-life but are kept going because of ongoing maintenance

SCHOOL NEWS

This week's excerpt from Pope Leo's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* is a very interesting one! Here is #140: "Education, by contrast, is a long journey requiring patience, and therefore needs time for development and for engagement with reality beyond appearances. This is a fundamental issue because every technology shapes those who use it. Educating people about the use of AI, then, involves teaching them to decide when and for what purpose it ought *not* to be used. The speed and ease with which answers or summaries can be obtained risk extinguishing the desire to ask questions, which is a process that bears fruit only over time. As Plato wrote, the deepest and most important things are learned only after much time and effort, by engaging in discussion with others, "striking upon" ideas and experiences together like flint until the spark of understanding is kindled within us. We as human beings are curious by nature and learning is one of the things we enjoy! Think of how satisfying it is to learn about an interest of yours or to master a new skill. The point that the Holy Father draws out is that cultivating our intellect requires practice and dedication. This cultivation of the intellect and developing our ability for engagement with reality is something we foster at our school! In our day and age we have access to nearly any information we may want to know—a quick internet search will satisfy our curiosity! Being able to engage reality by continuing to ask questions is essential to our human development and fulfillment.

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 1,200 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/>.

To help us prepare for the Eucharistic Congress, the diocese has designated a **sister parish** for St Lawrence; Immaculate Conception in Jackson, MO. We can make contact with Immaculate Conception in an effort to bring our parishes together for the Eucharistic Congress. Their address is: Immaculate Conception Parish, 208 Hope Street, Jackson, MO 63755. Their pastor is Rev. Randy Tochtrop, rtochtrop@dioscg.org and Deacon Walter Biri, wbiri@dioscg.org and Deacon Alvin Stoverink, astoverink@dioscg.org. Please write a letter or email to let them know about our parish and make sure to register for the Eucharistic Congress on August 15, 2026.

Ascend: A Day of Prayer and Formation-save the date

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Alvarez; Sarah Sylvain Isidor(Father's Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wroblewski; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Loretta Hurlbut; Debbie Erwin; Corey Sandwisch; Regina Peterson; Erin Hunt; Lita Cruz. 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.
- ♦ **Christmas in July Bazaar**—July 18th if you are interested in having a booth or a food truck please talk to Lynda Velten 417-354-4228 or Suzie Curry 417-393-6200 or 417-235-3286

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

Volunteers Needed:

- We are looking for 2-3 teachers for Wednesday evening classes (grades 7-12)
- If interested, please contact Jim Haston

ENGLISH LECTORS**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **June 27th.....**Patricia Randall
- **July 4th.....**Al Dohmen
- **July 11th.....**Jim Haston

Sunday 10:00am

- **June 28th.....**Lynda Velten
- **July 5th.....**Clayton Matheson
- **July 12th.....**Youth

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **June 27th—**Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Patty Allcock, Jason Ceselski
- **July 4th—**Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner
- **July 11th—**Jim Haston, Marilyn Ceselski, Michelle Cornell, Ashley Ceselski, Geri Carey

Sunday 10:00am

- **June 28th—**Ed Vetlen, Lynda Velten, John Velten, Cathy Velten, Suzie Curry
- **July 5th—**Sonie Probstfield, Susan Garcia, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Kendra Outhouse
- **July 12th—**Youth

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- **June 28th—**Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklynn Outhouse, Jordan Garcia
- **July 5th—**Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklynn Outhouse, Jordan Garcia
- **July 12th—**Youth

June 28, 2026

1st Read: 2 Kings 4: 8-11,14-16; **Psalm:** Psalm 89:2-3,16-19; **2nd Read:** Romans 6:3-4,8-11; **Gospel:** Matthew 10:37-42

June 29, 2026

1st Read: Acts 12:1-11; **Psalm:** Psalm 34:2-9; **2nd Read:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18; **Gospel:** Matthew 16:13-19

June 30, 2026

1st Read: Amos 3:1-8; **Psalm:** Psalm 5:4-8; **Gospel:** Matthew 8:23-27

July 1, 2026

1st Read: Amos 5:14-15,21-24; **Psalm:** Psalm 50:7-13,16-17; **Gospel:** Matthew 8:28-34

July 2, 2026

1st Read: Amos 7:10-17; **Psalm:** Psalm 19:8-11; **Gospel:** Matthew 9:1-8

July 3, 2026

1st Read: Ephesians 2:19-22; **Psalm:** Psalm 117:1-2; **Gospel:** John 20:24-29

July 4, 2026

1st Read: Amos 9:11-15; **Psalm:** Psalm 85:9-14; **Gospel:** Matthew 9:14-17

**WEEKLY CALENDAR/
CALENDARIO SEMANAL****SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH: SS CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA; BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Josephine Isbell

6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH: 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett +Anna Velten, Concepcion Salas, Blasa Serrano

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass +

2:00 pm EMAUS Meeting

MONDAY, JUNE 29TH: SS. PETER AND PAUL. APOSTLES

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUESDAY, JUNE 30TH: THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Todd Storms, Lupita

Patino, Carmen Reyes

6:00 pm Rosary (Spanish)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST: ST. JUNIPERO SERRA

8:00 am Mass - Verona

THURSDAY, JULY 2ND

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, JULY 3RD: ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE; FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass & Adoration - Monett +Pelagio & Victoria Apostol, Barbara & Glenn Monto

1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement

SATURDAY, JULY 4TH: BLESSED VIRGIN MARY; INDEPENDENCE DAY

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Thomas Schmidt

6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

SUNDAY, JULY 5TH: 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett +Jerry Monto and Doris Case

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass

2:00 pm EMAUS Meeting

NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

¡El fragmento de esta semana de la encíclica *Magnifica Humanitas* del Papa León es sumamente interesante! Aquí presentamos el punto #140: “La educación, por el contrario, es un largo camino que requiere paciencia y, por tanto, necesita tiempo para desarrollarse y para conectar con la realidad mas allá de las apariencias. Esta es una cuestión fundamental, ya que toda tecnología moldea a quienes la utilizan. Educar a las personas sobre el uso de la IA implica, pues, enseñarles a decidir cuando y con que fin no debe utilizarse. La rapidez y facilidad con la que se pueden obtener respuestas o resúmenes corren el riesgo de apagar el deseo de formular preguntas, un proceso que solo da frutos con el paso del tiempo. Como escribió Platón, las cosas mas profundas e importantes solo se aprenden tras mucho tiempo y esfuerzo, mediante el dialogo con los demás, haciendo chocar ideas y experiencias— como quien golpea el pedernal—hasta que en nuestro interior se enciende la chispa de la comprensión. Los seres humanos somos curiosos por naturaleza, ¡y aprender es algo que disfrutamos! Pensemos en los gratificantes que resulta profundizar en un tema de nuestro interés o dominar una nueva habilidad. La idea que destaca el Santo Padre es que cultivar el intelecto requiere practica y dedicación. ¡Este cultivo del intelecto y el desarrollo de nuestra capacidad para conectar con la realidad son aspectos que fomentamos en nuestra escuela! En la actualidad, tenemos acceso a casi cualquier información que deseemos conocer: ¡una rápida búsqueda en Internet basta para satisfacer nuestra curiosidad! Sin embargo, la capacidad de interactuar con la realidad a través de la formulación constante de preguntas es esencial para nuestro desarrollo y plenitud como seres humanos.

28 de Junio de 2026

Primera: 2 Reyes 4:8-11,14-16; **Salmo:** Salmo 88:2-3,16-19; **Segunda:** Romano 6:3-4,8-11; **Evangelio:** Mateo 10:37-42

29 de Junio de 2026

Primera: Hechos 12:1-11; **Salmo:** Salmo 33:2-9; **Segunda:** 2 Timoteo 4:6-8,17-18; **Evangelio:** Mateo 16:13-19

30 de Junio de 2026

Primera: Amos 3:1-8; **Salmo:** Salmo 5:5-8; **Evangelio:** Mateo 8:23-27

1 de Julio de 2026

Fondo Diocesano de Desarrollo 2026

Hasta la fecha, nuestra parroquia ha dado **\$8,001** 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 [por 3 o mas niños
- **Fecha limite:** A partir del 1 de septiembre, la matricula aumenta a \$50 por 1 niño; \$80 por 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 voluntarios:

- Buscamos 2 o 3 profesores para clases los miércoles por la tarde/noche (grades 7 a 12)
- Si le interesa, por favor contacte a Jim haston

Primera: Amos 5:14-15,21-24; **Salmo:** Salmo 49:7-13,16-17; **Evangelio:** Mateo 8:28-34

2 de Julio de 2026

Primera: Amos 7:10-17; **Salmo:** Salmo 18:8-11; **Evangelio:** Mateo 9:1-8

3 de Julio de 2026

Primera: Efesios 2:19-22; **Salmo:** Salmo 116:1-2; **Evangelio:** Juan 20:24-29

4 de Julio de 2026

Primera: Amos 9:11-15; **Salmo:** Salmo 84:9,11-14; **Evangelio:** Mateo 9:14-17

Herald Street
June 28, 2026
Christs' Divine Mercy
Deacon Elect Jim

When I woke up this morning, it hit me hard that my Dad passed away this week. The weight of knowing I can't just pick up the phone and call him anymore settled in all at once. After I prayed my morning prayer and got a cup of coffee—maybe it was the other way around—I turned on YouTube. That's when St. Faustina's Diary of Divine Mercy in My Soul appeared on my feed.

St. Faustina, a Polish nun and mystic of the early 20th century, is known as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy." In her diary, she recorded the visions and messages she received from Jesus, all centered on God's endless mercy and the call to trust in Him. Diary Entry 1484-1486

Jesus is speaking directly to St. Faustina, a living soul. He's teaching her about how deeply He desires trust from souls, how much it pains Him when people are afraid to come to Him, how even the greatest sinner can receive His mercy, and how powerful it is when someone prays for others. These entries are part of the ongoing dialogue between Jesus and Faustina during her life, not messages directed to a soul who has already died.

Seeing that pop up today felt fitting. I've been thinking a lot about our journey to Christ after we pass away. And as I write this, my thoughts keep returning to Dad—a man who believed in God, was baptized, and carried his faith quietly, even if he hadn't been a churchgoer since I was a kid. Somehow, reading about Divine Mercy this morning brought a sense of peace, a reminder that God's mercy reaches farther than we can imagine, and that He never stops seeking the souls He loves. The following is a very short beginning of entry that spoke deeply to me:

Soul: Lord, I doubt that You will pardon my numerous sins; my misery fills me with fright.

Jesus: My mercy is greater than your sins and those of the entire world. Who can measure the extent of my goodness? For you I descended from heaven to earth; for you I allowed myself to be nailed to the cross; for you I let my Sacred Heart be pierced with a lance, thus opening wide the source of mercy for you. Come, then, with trust to draw graces from this fountain. I never reject a contrite heart. Your misery has disappeared in the depths of My mercy. Do not argue with Me about your wretchedness. You will give me pleasure if you hand over to me all your troubles and griefs. I shall heap upon you the treasures of My grace.

Thinking about Divine Mercy today brought a kind of quiet comfort. The way Jesus speaks to Faustina—so patient, so full of mercy—reminds me that we're all held in that same compassion. It's reassuring to know that what matters most isn't having everything figured out or living perfectly, but learning to trust, even in the middle of grief and uncertainty. And right now, in the middle of all these emotions, it helps to rest in the thought that God meets us exactly where we are, with more mercy than we can understand.

For anyone who's grieving or hurting, I hope these thoughts bring a little comfort. Sometimes Divine Mercy helps us see our struggles with softer eyes and reminds us we're not alone in them.

Yours in Christ,

Jim

Herald Street
28 de Junio de 2026
Divina Misericordia de Cristo
Diacono electo Jim

Cuando me desperté esta mañana, me impactó mucho que mi padre falleció esta semana. El peso de saber que ya no puedo simplemente coger el teléfono y llamarle se asentó de golpe. Después de rezar mi oración matutina y tomar una taza de café—quizá fue al revés—puse YouTube. Fue entonces cuando apareció en mi feed el Diario de Santa Faustina de la Divina Misericordia en mi Alma.

Santa Faustina, monja polaca y mística de principios del siglo XX, es conocida como la "Apóstol de la Divina Misericordia." En su diario, anotó las visiones y mensajes que recibió de Jesús, todos centrados en la misericordia infinita de Dios y el llamado a confiar en Él. Entrada del diario 1484-1486

Jesús está hablando directamente con Santa Faustina, un alma viva. Le está enseñando lo profundamente que desea la confianza de las almas, cuánto le duele cuando la gente tiene miedo de acudir a Él, cómo incluso el mayor pecador puede recibir Su misericordia, y lo poderoso que es cuando alguien reza por otros. Estas entradas forman parte del diálogo continuo entre Jesús y Faustina durante su vida, no mensajes dirigidos a un alma que ya ha muerto.

Ver eso aparecer hoy me pareció apropiado. He estado pensando mucho en nuestro camino hacia Cristo después de que falleceramos. Y mientras escribo esto, mis pensamientos no paran de volver a papá—un hombre que creyó en Dios, fue bautizado y llevó su fe en silencio, aunque no hubiera ido a la iglesia desde que yo era niño. De alguna manera, leer sobre la Divina Misericordia esta mañana trajo una sensación de paz, un recordatorio de que la misericordia de Dios va más lejos de lo que podemos imaginar, y que nunca deja de buscar las almas que ama. A continuación se presenta un comienzo muy breve que me habló profundamente:

***Alma:** Señor, dudo que me perdones mis numerosos pecados; mi miseria me llena de miedo.*

***Jesús:** Mi misericordia es mayor que vuestros pecados y los de todo el mundo. ¿Quién puede medir la magnitud de mi bondad? Por ti descendí del cielo a la tierra; por ti permití que me clavarán en la cruz; por ti dejé que mi Sagrado Corazón fuera atravesado con una lanza, abriendo así la fuente de misericordia para ti. Ven, entonces, con confianza para extraer gracias de esta fuente. Nunca rechazo un corazón arrepentido. Tu miseria ha desaparecido en las profundidades de Mi misericordia. No discutas conmigo sobre tu desgracia. Me darás placer si me entregas todas tus penas y penas. Os amontonaré los tesoros de Mi gracia.*

Pensar en la Divina Misericordia hoy le traía una especie de consuelo tranquilo. La forma en que Jesús habla a Faustina—tan paciente, tan llena de misericordia—me recuerda que todos estamos sostenidos en esa misma compasión. Es reconfortante saber que lo que más importa no es tenerlo todo resuelto o vivir perfectamente, sino aprender a confiar, incluso en medio del duelo y la incertidumbre. Y ahora mismo, en medio de todas estas emociones, ayuda descansar en el pensamiento de que Dios nos encuentra exactamente donde estamos, con más misericordia de la que podemos entender.

Para cualquiera que esté de duelo o sufriendo, espero que estos pensamientos les traigan un poco de consuelo. A veces la Divina Misericordia nos ayuda a ver nuestras luchas con ojos más suaves y nos recuerda que no estamos solos en ellas.

Tuyo en Cristo,

Jim



ULTREYA - CURSILLO
SOUTHERN MISSOURI CURSILLO
WEST SIDE

ULTREYA: June 27, 2026 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 320 NW Washington Ave. Billings, MO 65610. The gathering will start at 10:00 am. All that attended past and new Cursillistas should attend and those inquiring and interested in learning more about the Cursillo Movement and Retreat. I especially request all Rectoras and Rectors attend these Ultreya's because they can help others understand what a blessing it is to attend the Cursillo, Friendship Groups, and Ultreya's.

BRING YOUR BOOKLET THAT YOU RECEIVED AT YOUR CURSILLO.

BRING A SNACK.

REMEMBER: MAKE A FRIEND AND BE A FRIEND AND BRING FRIEND TO GOD.

Hope to see you there.

Contact: Mary Williams at williams6mj@gmail.com or 417-371-3588.



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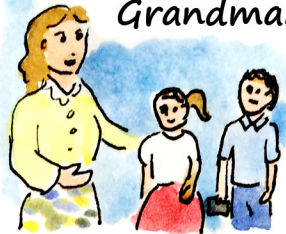
Priorities

In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if we love anyone more than we love Him we are not worthy of Him. What He means is that we need to keep God first in our lives. The two great commandments He gave us are 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and strength' and 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'



How can we keep God first in our lives? We can start by talking to Him as soon as we start our day. We can tell Him we love Him and offer our day to Him! We also keep God first by following His laws-making sure we go to Mass at least every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation, and going to Confession when we have a serious sin.

After Mass we can visit Grandma.



I'd like to play but I have to look after my baby brother.

The next most important thing is loving others. God wants us to love and care for the people He has put into our lives. First we must care for our family that He has given us and then our friends and neighbours.

What is the most important thing for you to do today? How can you put God first every day this week?

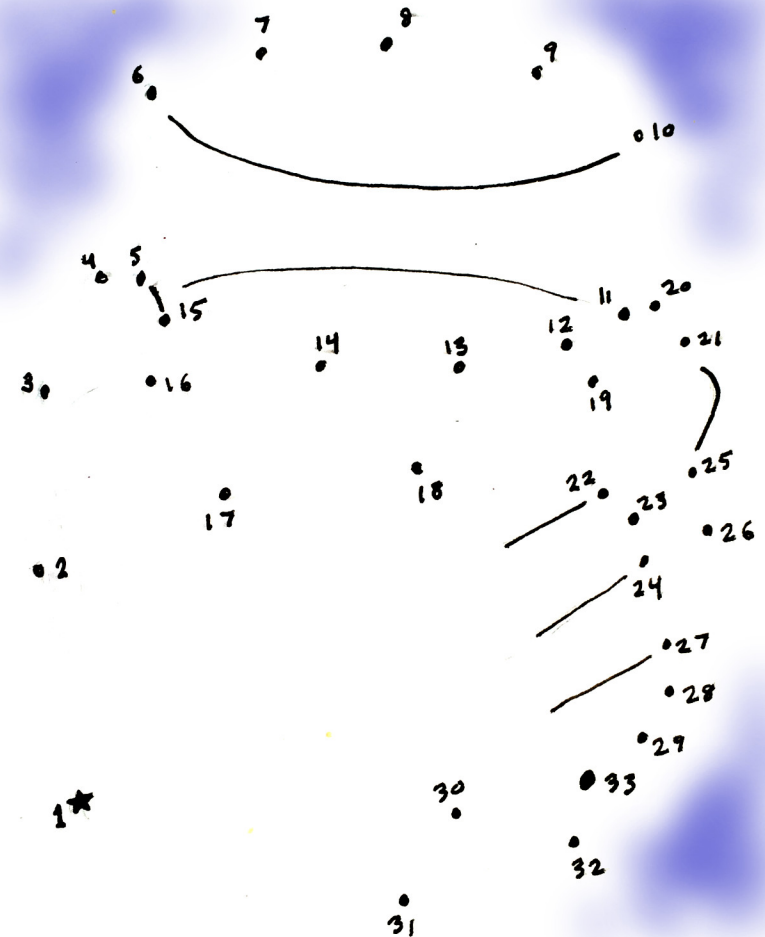


Answers to Crossword: ACROSS: 4 little, 5 prophet, 6 to, 8 reward, 10 say, 11 cup, 12 cross, 14 me, 16 loves, 17 mother. DOWN: 1 righteous, 2 sent, 3 worthy, 7 lose, 9 receive, 13 sake, 15 him

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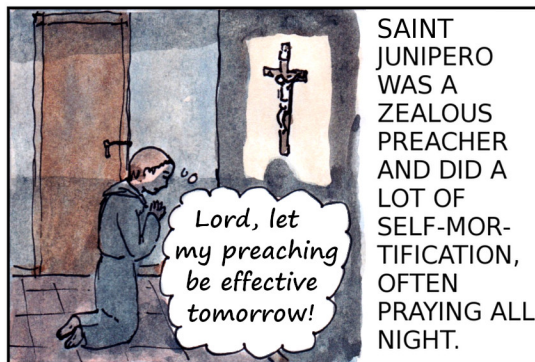
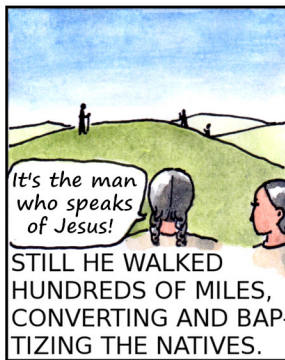
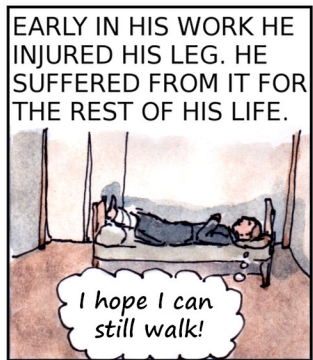
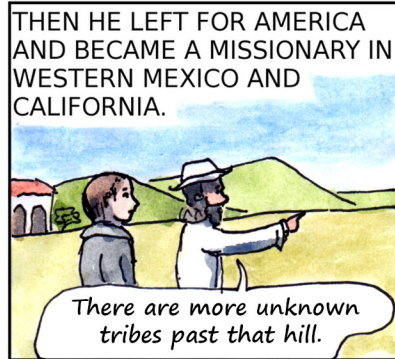
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In today's Gospel reading Jesus says that if you give one of these to a little one because they are His disciple you will be rewarded. What is it? Connect the dots to find out!

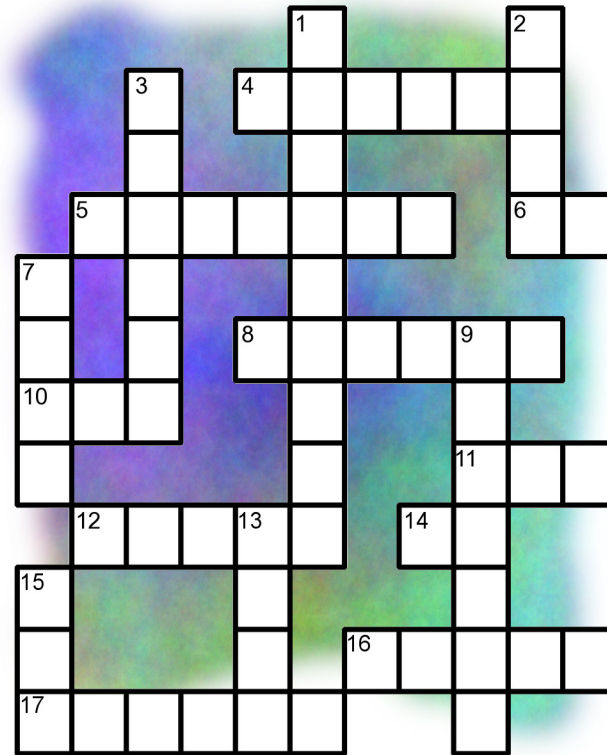
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A Gospel Crossword



Fill in the missing words in today's Gospel reading to find the answers to this crossword!

A=Across
D=Down

He who loves father or _____ (17A)
more than me is not worthy of me; and he who _____ (16A)
son or daughter

more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his _____ (12A) and follow me is not _____ (3D) of me. He who finds his life will _____ (7D) it, and he who loses his life for my _____ (13D) will find it. "He who receives you receives _____ (14A), and he who receives me receives _____ (15D) who _____ (2D) me. He who receives a prophet because he is a _____ (5A) shall _____ (9D) a prophet's reward, and he who receives a _____ (1D) man because he is a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's _____ (8A). And whoever gives _____ (6A) one of these _____ (4A) ones even a _____ (11A) of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I _____ (10A) to you, he shall not lose his reward."