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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.*

*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](http://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 **\$5,391** 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](mailto:selbert@stmarysparishjoplin.com) or calling 417-623-3333. Everyone is invited!

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

May 10, 2026

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$3,813.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,215.00
Catholic Home Missions Appeal	\$5.00
Children's Collection	\$71.00
Votive Candles	\$40.00
Mass Offerings	\$150.00
School Support	\$50.00
Outreach	\$7.00
PSR	\$30.00
Advertising	\$75.00
Wedding Stole Fee	\$300.00
Basement/Parish Hall Rental	\$300.00
Sacred Heart Reimbursement	\$2,108.82
DDF	\$1,285.00
Baptism Fee	\$60.00
Cemetery	\$155.00
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Total	\$9,764.82

**CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES**

If you did not receive your confirmation certificate Wednesday, May 13th, please pick them up in the parish office during office hours.

Pictures are posted with a link on the St. Lawrence Facebook page.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- June 14th—Catholic Communications
- June 28th—Peter's Pence

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

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

**PCCW**

Meetings will resume on Mon., Sept. 14 at 6:30 pm. PCCW donated \$1,000 to the St. Lawrence School.



**OUTREACH**

We are having a **diaper drive** during the month of May to benefit *For the Kids* foster closet. We are also collecting wipes for Pregnancy Care Center. Bring any size diapers and/or wipes to the church office and we will see that they get delivered.

**DRIVER NEEDED**

Barbara Brown is looking for a driver(s) to take her to dialysis 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday & Friday to Monett. She needs to be picked up at 6:00am & 11:00 am. If you can help, please call Sandy Brown (417) 489-0663. Compensation provided.

**SCHOOL NEWS**

This was our last full week of school this year! The students gets a little more relaxed, and the staff shift into higher gear with a view to all the end-of-year activities! This week we hosted the students from St. Mary's school in Pierce City with a mass together. Students did a great job mingling and everyone left knowing a little something about a peer in another Catholic school. It is always a blessing to share time with them!

We finished the week off with our preschool promotion! Congratulations to our hard working preschoolers-you have bright kindergarten careers ahead of you! A special word for our hardworking and dedicated preschool teacher of 19 years-Ms. Amy Dierker! We cherish all the time and effort you have put into educating our smallest pupils these last nearly 2 decades! You have put your heart, soul, formidable creativity and fun loving spirit into it and have left a legacy and some big shoes to fill! Next week is short but intense our last school mass followed by our awards ceremony will be on Tues.

**PSR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congratulations to the students who received the gift of the Holy Spirit on May 13th. We had a total of 34 students be confirmed. May they continue coming to church and follow God.

**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](mailto:rtochtrop@dioscg.org) and Deacon Walter Biri, [wbiri@dioscg.org](mailto:wbiri@dioscg.org) and Deacon Alvin Stoverink, [astoverink@dioscg.org](mailto: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.

**Catholic Night at the Springfield Cardinals:  
May 28th**

CCSOMO is hosting a special Catholic Night at the Springfield Cardinals baseball game, **Thursday, May 28, 7:05pm**, with \$10 stadium tickets available for the cost of general admission. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Taste of CCSOMO at the Ballpark! You can buy a separate ticket and attend Taste of CCSOMO in the Executive Suite with food for all attendees!

**‘The Holy Trinity, One True Family’  
Conference**

Experience transformation and healing in your soul through the power of the Holy Spirit! This conference is sponsored by Revive: Strengthening and healing of Souls Ministry—Join us for Holy Mass and Adoration, inspiring talks, unique devotions and sacramentals, prayer and healing services, and much more at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Springfield. Fri., June 5, 4-8:30pm Sat., June 6, 8:30am-8:30pm.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

**Barbara Alvarez; Sarah Sylvain Isidor(Father’s Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wrobleski; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Loretta Hurlbut; Debbie Erwin; Corey Sandwisch; Regina Peterson; Erin Hunt.** To add or remove a name to 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.
- ◆ **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

**FINANCIAL CORNER**

Financial Corner	Mar 2026	Mar 2025
<b>Regular Operations</b>		
Sunday Contributions	\$ 31,976.45	\$ 26,966.96
Other Income*	\$ 4,164.70	\$ 7,059.86
Endowment/Cemetery/School Support	\$ 1,562.81	\$ 2,042.00
Collections for Diocese projects	\$ -	\$ -
2nd Collections/Non-revenue/Other	\$ 3,328.57	\$ 4,786.48
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b>\$ 41,032.53</b>	<b>\$ 40,855.30</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Operational Expenses	\$ 19,165.75	\$ 27,889.48
School/Parish Education Expenses	\$ 13,123.67	\$ 17,866.86
Payouts to Diocese/2nd Collections	\$ 3,723.94	\$ 3,184.66
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 36,013.36</b>	<b>\$ 48,941.00</b>
<b>Net Income (Net Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 5,019.17</b>	<b>\$ (8,085.70)</b>

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

May 17, 2026

7th Sunday of Easter; The Ascension of the Lord

**ENGLISH LECTORS**

**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **May 16th**.....Patricia Randall
- **May 23rd**.....Jim Haston
- **May 30th**.....Al Dohmen

**Sunday 10:00am**

- **May 17th**.....Lynda Velten
- **May 24th**.....Emma Outhouse
- **May 31st**.....Jim Haston

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday 5:00pm**

- **May 16th**—Jim Haston, Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff
- **May 23rd**—Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Patty Allcock, Jason Ceselski
- **May 30th**—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Mary Mael

**Sunday 10:00am**

- **May 17th**—Bridget Outhouse, Emma Outhouse, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders
- **May 24th**—Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, John Velten, Cathy Velten, Suzie Curry
- **May 31st**—Sonie Probstfield, Susan Garcia, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Kendra Outhouse

**SERVERS 10AM MASS**

- **May 17th**—Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklynn Outhouse, Jordan Garcia
- **May 24th**—Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johana Piedra, Coy Matheson
- **May 31st**—Francisco Salas, Fernando Salas, Uriel Marcos, Memphis Matheson

**May 17, 2026**

**1st Read:** Acts 1:1-11; **Psalm:** Psalm 47:2-3,6-9;  
**2nd Read:** Ephesians 1:17-23; **Gospel:** Matthew 28:16-20

**May 18, 2026**

**1st Read:** Acts 19:1-8; **Psalm:** Psalm 68:2-7;  
**Gospel:** John 16:29-33

**May 19, 2026**

**1st Read:** Acts 20:17-27; **Psalm:** Psalm 68:10-11,20-21; **Gospel:** John 17:1-11

**May 20, 2026**

**1st Read:** Acts 20:28-38; **Psalm:** Psalm 68:29-30,33-36; **Gospel:** John 17:11-19

**May 21, 2026**

**1st Read:** Acts 22:30; **Psalm:** Psalm 16:1-2,5,7-11; **Gospel:** John 17:20-26

**May 22, 2026**

**1st Read:** Acts 25:13-21; **Psalm:** Psalm 103:1-2,11-12,19-20; **Gospel:** John 21:15-19

**May 23, 2026**

**1st Read:** Acts 28:16-20,30-31; **Psalm:** Psalm 11:4-5,7; **Gospel:** John 16:7,13

**WEEKLY CALENDAR/  
CALENDARIO SEMANAL**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16TH**

4:00 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - Monett +April Cornell, Al and Irene Fiffe  
6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

**SUNDAY, MAY 17TH: 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER;  
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

8:00 am Mass - Verona  
10:00 am Mass - Monett +Ed Welters and Ralph Schmidt  
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass +Carmen Carmona, Celia Salas y Blasa Serrano  
2:00 pm EMAUS Meeting  
6:00 pm Our Lady of Fatima Rosary

**MONDAY, MAY 18TH: ST. JOHN I**

6:00 pm Prayer Group

**TUESDAY, MAY 19TH**

8:15 am Mass - Monett +April Cornell and Charlotte Hanson  
6:00 pm Rosary (Spanish)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH: ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!**  
8:00 am Mass - Verona

**THURSDAY, MAY 21ST: ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES AND COMPANIONS**

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Janet Markworth

**FRIDAY, MAY 22ND: ST. RITA OF CASCIA**

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

**SATURDAY, MAY 23RD**

4:00 pm Confessions  
5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Deceased Members of Probstfield Family; For the health of Vincent Cobb  
6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish Mass

**SUNDAY, MAY 24TH: PENTECOST SUNDAY**

8:00 am Mass - Verona  
9:00 am EMAUS Group—Basement  
10:00 am Mass - Monett +Dr. Donald Sperandio and Alejandro Rivera  
12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass  
2:00 pm EMAUS Meeting  
2:00 pm Marriage Prep with Jim and Denise

### NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

¡Esta ha sido nuestra ultima semana escolar completa del ano! Los estudiantes se relajan un poco mas, mientras que el personal acelera el ritmo con la vista puesta en todas las actividades de fin de ano. Esta semana recibimos a los estudiantes de la escuela St. Mary's en Pierce City para celebrar una misa conjunta. Los alumnos hicieron un gran trabajo al enteractuar entre si, y todos se marcharon habiendo aprendido algo nuevo sobre un companero de otra escuela catolica. ¡Siempre es una bendicion compartir tiempo con ellos!

¡Cerramos la semana con nuestra ceremonia de promocion de preescolar! Felicidades a nuestros esforzados alumnos de preescolar; ¡les espera un brillantes future en el Jardin de infancia! Una mencion especial para nuestra dedicada y laboriosa maestra de preescolar, con 19 anos de trayectoria: ¡la Sra. Amy Dierker! ¡Valoramos inmensamente todo el tiempo y el esfuerzo que ha dedicado a educar a nuestros alumnos mas pequenos durante estas casi dos decadas! Ha entregado su corazon, su alma, su formidable creatividad y su espiritu alegre a esta labor, dejando tras de si un gran legado y un liston muy alto que superar.

La proxima semana sera corta pero intense: nuestra ultima misa escolar, seguida de la ceremonia de Entrega de premios, tendra lugar el martes.

### CERTIFICADOS DE CONFIRMACION

Si no recibió su certificado de confirmación el miércoles 13 de mayo, por favor recójalo en la oficina parroquial durante el horario de atención. Las fotografías están publicadas a través de un enlace en la pagina de Facebook de San Lorenzo

#### 17 de Mayo de 2026

**Primera:** Hechos 1:1-11; **Salmo:** Salmo 39:2,4,7-10; **Segunda:** Efesios 1:17-23; **Evangelio:** Mateo 28:16-20

#### 18 de Mayo de 2026

**Primera:** Hechos 19:1-8; **Salmo:** Salmo 67:2-7; **Evangelio:** Juan 16:29-33

#### 19 de Mayo de 2026

**Primera:** Hechos 20:17-27; **Salmo:** Salmo 67:10-11,20-21; **Evangelio:** Juan 17:1-11

#### 20 de Mayo de 2026

### ANUNCIOS DE PSR

Felicidades a los estudiantes que recibieron el don del Espíritu Santo el 13 de mayo. Un total de 34 estudiantes recibieron la Confirmacion. Que sigan asistiendo a la iglesia y siguiendo a Dios.

### MISA DE ORDENACION DIACONAL

James Haston (San Lorenzo) y Kevin Haverly (SS Pedro y Pablo) serán ordenados diáconos el 25 de julio a las 10:30 de la mañana en la parroquia de Santa María en Joplin. Recepción próximamente, por favor confirma tu asistencia enviándole un correo electrónico o llamando a selbert@stmarysparishjoplin.com 417-623-3333. ¡Todos están invitados!

### Fondo Diocesano de Desarrollo 2026

Hasta la fecha nuestra parroquia ha dado **\$5,391** y la meta es **\$30,123**. Gracias! Si usted no ha dado su contribución, por favor añada la cantidad que va a contribuir a los fondos que se han recaudado haciendo su promesa y entregando la tarjeta de promesa.

### LABOR SOCIAL

Durante el mes de mayo, estaremos realizando una colecta de panales a beneficio de \*For the Kids Foster closet\*. Traiga panales de cualquier talla a la oficina de la iglesia y nosotros nos encargaremos de que sean entregados.



**Primera:** Hechos 20:28-38; **Salmo:** Salmo 67:29-30,33-36; **Evangelio:** Juan 17:11-19

#### 21 de Mayo de 2026

**Primera:** Hechos 22:30; **Salmo:** Salmo 15: 1-2,5,7-11; **Evangelio:** Juan 17:20-26

#### 22 de Mayo de 2026

**Primera:** Hechos 25:13-21; **Salmo:** Salmo 102:1-2,11-12,19-20; **Evangelio:** Juan 21:15-19

#### 23 de Mayo de 2026

**Primera:** Hechos 28:16-20,30-31; **Salmo:** Salmo 10:4-5,7; **Evangelio:** Juan 21:20-25

**Herald Street**  
**By**  
**Deacon Elect Jim**

At St. Lawrence Parish, I've witnessed firsthand how women—especially mothers—are truly the heartbeat of the family, which the Church calls the “domestic church.” The “domestic church” refers to the family as a central place for living out faith and passing it on to the next generation. Inspired by the example of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, these women dedicate themselves to nurturing their children's physical and spiritual well-being. The term “feminine genius” describes the unique gifts women bring to nurturing and serving others—a capacity that goes beyond biology, encompassing the spiritual motherhood of women who lead through service and prayer. Their influence is seen in celebrated saints and in everyday acts of love.

Our Catholic (Universal) Church is blessed with women who embody these virtues every day. From influential **Doctors of the Church like St. Catherine of Siena**—whose wisdom and leadership shaped the Church—to the quiet devotion of my favorite, **St. Bernadette**, who serves God's people with a kind, gentle heart, women's contributions are indispensable. Their love and service sustain the Church's mission and truly transform the world.

Today, I also give thanks for the mothers whose love is rarely noticed by the world but never unnoticed by God—the women who teach quietly, patiently, and faithfully by the witness of their daily lives. They are the ones who fold small prayers into ordinary moments, who teach children to be kind, to forgive, to pray, and to love what is good. Their lessons are often whispered more by example than by words. And we remember, too, the women who have no biological children yet live a true and beautiful motherhood all the same: godmothers, grandmothers, teachers, catechists, aunts, friends, and faithful women of the parish who nurture souls with tenderness and care. In ways seen and unseen, they help form hearts for Christ. May we never overlook these quiet gifts of love, for through them God's own compassion is made present in the world.

**Jesus said in Matthew 12:50**, “For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and **MOTHER.**”

**Herald Street**  
**By**  
**Deacon Elect Jim**

En la Parroquia de San Lorenzo, he sido testigo de primera mano de como las mujeres—especialmente las madres—son verdaderamente el corazón de la familia, a la cual la Iglesia denomina <<Iglesia domestica>>. La <<Iglesia domestica>> hace referencia a la familia como un espacio central para vivir la fe y transmitirla a la siguiente generación. Inspiradas por el ejemplo de la Santísima Virgen María, estas mujeres se dedican a velar por el bienestar físico y espiritual de sus hijos. El termino <<genio femenino>> describe los dones únicos que las mujeres aportan al nutrir y servir a los demás: una capacidad que trasciende la biología y abarca la maternidad espiritual de aquellas mujeres que lideran a través del servicio y la oración. Su influencia se manifiesta tanto en santas veneradas como en los actos cotidianos amor.

Nuestra Iglesia Católica (Universal)ha sido bendecida con mujeres que encarnan estas virtudes cada día. Desde influyentes Doctoras de la Iglesia—como Santa Catalina de Siena, cuya sabiduría y liderazgo moldearon a la Iglesia—hasta la serena devoción de mi favorita, Santa Bernadette—quien sirve al pueblo de Dios con un corazón bondadoso y gentil—las contribuciones de las mujeres son indispensables. Su amor y su servicio sostienen la misión de la Iglesia y transforman verdaderamente el mundo.

Hoy también doy gracias por las madres cuyo amor rara vez es advertido por el mundo, pero nunca para desapercibido para Dios: aquellas mujeres que enseñan con discreción, paciencia y fidelidad mediante el testimonio de su vida cotidiana. Son ellas quienes entretengan pequeñas oraciones en los momentos ordinarios; quienes enseñan a los niños a ser bondadoso, a perdonar, a rezar y a amar aquello que es bueno. Sus lecciones, a menudo, se transmiten más a través del ejemplo que de las palabras. Y recordamos también a aquellas mujeres que no tienen hijos biológicos, pero que, aun así, viven una maternidad verdadera y hermosa: madrinas, abuelas, maestras, catequistas, tías, amigas y mujeres fieles de la parroquia que nutren las almas con ternura y esmero. De maneras visibles e invisibles, ellas ayudan a formar corazones para Cristo. Que nunca pasemos por alto estos discretos dones de amor, pues a través de ellos la propia compasión de Dios se hace presente en el mundo.

Jesús dijo en Mateo 12:50: <<Porque todo aquel que hace la voluntad de mi Padre que están en los cielos es mi hermano, y hermana, y MADRE>>.

## Graduation Mass List 2026

Child Name	Parents Name	School
Viridiana Rodriguez	Omar and Ana Rodriguez	Monett High School
Emma Outhouse	Sam and Kendra Outhouse	Southwest High School
Yandel Rueda	Saul and Veronica Rueda	Monett High School
Valeria Hernandez	Alvaro and Maria Lucia Hernandez	Monett High School
Emiliano Garcia	Ivan and Imelda Garcia	Monett High School
Josue Alberto	Juan and Ana Alberto	Monett High School
Elvira Salazar	Miquel and Leticia Salazar	Monett High School
Edmundo Salas	Luis Salas and Yesenia Rivas	Mt. Vernon High School
Antonio Vizcaino	Antonio and Lacey Vizcaino	Monett High School
Dayanara Canales Dominguez	Jose Antonio Canales and Andrea M Dominguez	Monett High School
Aiden Cavnar	Jeff and Suzanne Cavnar	Monett High School
Luis Sanchez	Francisco Sanchez and Maria Nava	Monett High School

### Graduation Blessings

I bless you with the courage to keep becoming—not who the world expects you to be, but who God created you to be. Fearfully and wonderfully made, handpicked for purpose, and called for such a time as this.

May your dreams align with God’s will, and may your steps be ordered by His grace.

Walk boldly into the future, with your head held high, and your spirit anchored in His truth. May peace go before you, may joy surround you, and may the favor of the Lord follow you all the days of your life.

In Jesus Christ’s name, Amen.

## **St. Lawrence School Preschool Graduates 2026**

Waylon Worm	Leah Serrano
Jane Saunders	Jaxson Homewood
Everly Patton	Karter Jastal
Julian Alberto	Miles Dierker

**Congratulations to our preschool students!**

### **Prayer for Preschoolers**

Dear Lord, we are thankful to you for the ability to gather and celebrate today. Thank you, Lord, for Blessing our school with such precious little ones. Thank you for blessing us with families ready to help partake in their children's education.

Lord, we ask that you help us praise these children for their hard work. Use us all as an example of your pride today, Lord. Let the children see your glory when we applaud their year of accomplishments.

Father, we ask that you walk with these children on their next journey. We ask that you hold their hearts in your hands. Protect them from hatred, Lord. Bless them with the opportunity to show others the great love you have shown them.

Lord, we know that our time together will only be the beginning of a long journey for these children. We pray that this time has planted a seed of faith in each child, Lord. Please fill their lives with vast opportunities for that seed to grow.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen

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# Jesus Ascended into Heaven



The Ascension is one of the great feasts of the Church. Jesus went up, Body and Soul, into Heaven to be with His Father where He is waiting for all of us. Can you imagine what it was like for the apostles to see their leader and best friend going up to Heaven? It would be pretty amazing, don't you think?



At the same time, doesn't it seem a bit sad that Jesus left? Well, He knew it was time for His disciples to start working on their own. It was kind of like having someone there to help you learn to ride a

bike and then they let you go so you can learn to bike on your own.

But Jesus didn't go away and leave us without any help. Nine days after He went into Heaven

WOW! DID YOU  
SEE THAT?



YES... WHAT ARE WE  
GOING TO DO NOW?

He sent the Holy Spirit, who would help and guide His followers.

Answer to puzzle on front page: God  
mounts His throne to shouts of joy!  
Answers to True or False:  
1.True 2.False 3.False 4.True  
5.True 6.False 7.True

# The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension  
May 14th or May 17th, 2026

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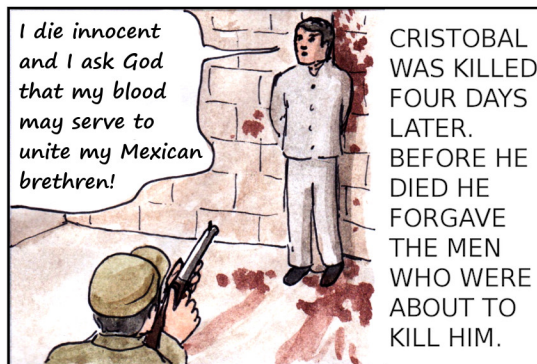
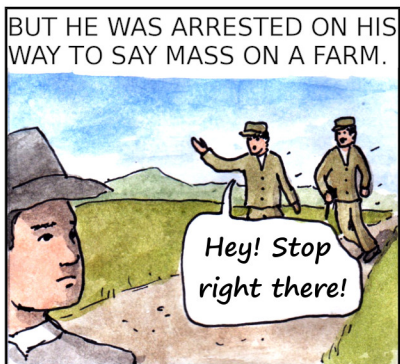
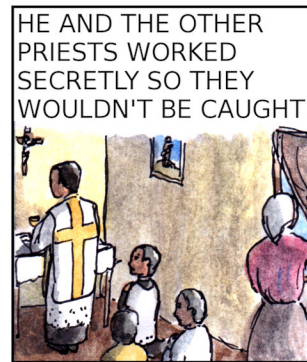
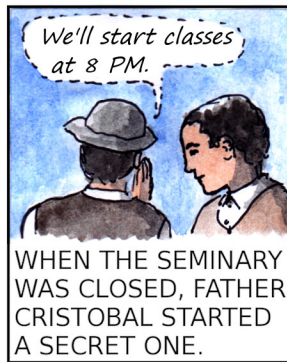
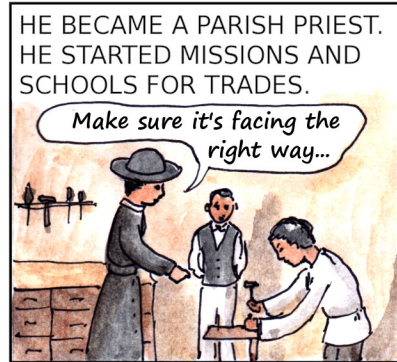
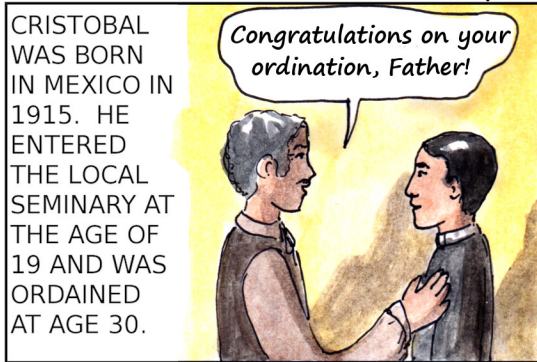


What does today's Psalm say about the Ascension?  
Use every other letter from the box of letters above  
to fill in the blanks below.

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# Saint Cristobal Magallanes

## May 21



SAINT CRISTOBAL WORKED TO HELP HIS FELLOW MEXICANS TO LIVE A BETTER LIFE. WHEN THE GOVERNMENT TRIED TO STOP THE CHURCH, HE KEPT WORKING ANYWAY. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT HELPING PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY IN THEIR FAITH, IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN HAVING A NICE SAFE LIFE.

# True or False about... The Ascension

How well do you know the story of the Ascension?  
See if you know which of these are true and which are false:

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for forty days after He rose from the dead. True or false?
2. When Jesus was with His disciples after He rose from the dead, they could only see Him but they couldn't touch Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't tell His friends that He was going to leave them. True or false?
4. Jesus promised that He would send the Holy Spirit. True or false?
5. The disciples had gathered together and asked Jesus if He was going to restore the earthly kingdom. True or false?
6. Nobody saw Jesus rise into the sky and disappear into a cloud. True or false?
7. Two men appeared to the disciples and said, "Men of Galilee, why are you looking at the sky?" True or false?

