



# The Monthly Visitor

## Catholic Community

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### A Message from Deacon Dave



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If you know someone who has recently become infirmed or homebound please contact our parish secretary at 275-6539 so that we can add them to our visitation list.

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ:

Hopefully, all of you are aware that the Catholic Community of Lawrence County is live streaming Masses and other special liturgical celebrations. These live streams are a wonderful thing especially for those people that want to come to church and are unable to come for whatever reason. We began live streaming because of the COVID pandemic, which we have all been struggling with.

If you are not taking advantage of these live streams, we want to make you aware of these opportunities and help you to see them, if you would like to. Our livestreaming is a

way for you to watch the celebration of the Mass at St Vincent's and/or St Mary's either on your smart phone, iPad, or even your TV. Our live streams are very accessible because you can see them either live as it is happening or anytime afterwards on your own time. It is really handy to watch them whenever you would like to.

To see a Mass or any other liturgy that is lived streamed from either one of our churches, there are several ways you can do it. One way is to go on the Catholic Community of Lawrence County Facebook Page which is at "Catholic Community of Lawrence County." You can either go



Deacon Dave Reising

right into Facebook and see it or another way is that you can go to our CCLC website at

[www.yourcclc.org](http://www.yourcclc.org).

Once you get onto our website, there will be a little black tab on the left side of the screen with four different symbols on it. The first symbol/icon is a red one that is in the shape of a TV screen with a large arrow on it. If you click on it, it will take you to our Community's YouTube channel,

### **Anointing of the Sick**

The catechism says,

“The anointing of the sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death.

Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived”

### **Prayer Ministry**

Beginning with the Feast of Pentecost the Catholic Community of Lawrence County Prayer Ministry will be present at all weekend Masses. The Prayer Ministry will be in back of both churches making themselves available to pray for anyone who has a need. If your interested in having some members of this Prayer Ministry come to where you live, just give Deacon Dave a call at 812-278-1795, and they will set a convenient time with you.

where you can pick which Mass you want to watch. The second symbol is a blue box with the letter “f” on it, which links you to our Facebook page. The next icon below that one is one for you to reach an Instagram site, which does not connect to our live streaming. Then the last symbol/icon is a green circle with three lines which takes you to Deacon Tom’s Spotify site, which provides many of his unique podcasts.

We are planning on continuing the livestreaming of our Masses as long as there is a need out there. I will be going to each one of the nursing facilities in Lawrence County to make sure their management team is aware that these live streams are available and to push for them to help set up these Masses for the individuals in their facility to see or to have a showing in front of a common TV for a gathering, so that everyone has an opportunity to see these Masses. If you reside in a nursing facility, I would suggest that if you would like to see these Masses that you ask the Nursing Facility Staff to help you to see them. If you would like to view these Masses but have problems in accessing them, see if you can get someone to help you. If you have no one, give me a call and I will try to help. I am not very savvy when it comes to viewing these, but I will try to get the right people over there to help you. Viewing these Masses will help keep you attached to your church whether it be St Vincent’s or St Mary’s. Staying connected is important for all of us.

May You Have a Blessed Thanksgiving,

*Dea Dave*

What do you call a cow with a twitch?

*Beef Jerky.*

What do you call a dentist in the army?

*A drill sergeant.*

A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store for Thanksgiving Day but couldn’t find one big enough for her family. She asked a stock boy, “Do these turkeys get any bigger?”

*“No, ma’am. They’re dead.”*

## All Saints' Day

Scripture Reading: Revelation 7:2-14, 1John 3:1-3, Matthew 5:1-12

*Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future. —Oscar Wilde*

Many churches today are observing All Saints' Day. This year the day happens to fall on a Sunday. But All Saints' Day is always on November 1, right after Halloween, or All Hallows Eve.

This is a Sunday when Christians honor those who in both their life and death were models of holiness and godly living.

Would you like to be a saint?

I know that in one sense, we *are* "saints." The apostle Paul describes Christians as saints in several of his letters to the churches he established.

But would you like to be a "real" saint — like one of those people who were so righteous, holy and almost perfect?

One problem for many of us might be the perception that saints were very dull and humorless people.

Saint John Chrysostom (who lived in the fourth century) thought that laughing was inappropriate behavior for Christians. He said, "Laughter does not seem to be a sin, but it leads to sin." Oh my!

Not everyone agreed with him. In the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the founder of a monastic order, liked to laugh at some of his gloomy and serious monks. Once, when opening a new abbey near Foigny, France, the monks found a huge swarm of pesky flies filling a church that was about to be dedicated.

Bernard (he wasn't a saint then) watched his monks swatting, shooing and coaxing — all to no avail. Finally, the head abbot fixed his eyes on the swarming flies and solemnly and loudly declared, "I hereby excommunicate all of you."

Bernard's monks laughed with him. Then, according to legend, the next morning they found hundreds of dead flies all over the floor.

Yes, you can be a saint, too, and you don't have to lose your sense of humor.

You can be a saint and you don't have to be grumpy or frumpy.

You, too, can be a saint — a saint with a smile!

You can be a saint who's a servant — someone who helps and prays for others.

When this happens, someone might say to you, "Why, dear, you're such a saint!" And in your heart, you will smile and know that it is true — all glory to God and by his grace.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Thank you for setting me aside to be holy. May my life attract others rather than repel them. May it be a channel for pouring out blessing upon blessing to others. Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of November 1, 2020

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** Matt 5:1-12

**Monday:** John 6:37-40

**Tuesday:** Luke 14:15-24

**Wednesday:** Luke 14:25-33

**Thursday:** Luke 15:1-10

**Friday:** Luke 16:1-8

**Saturday:** Luke 16:9-15

## Verse to Remember

*Unless the LORD builds the house,  
those who build it labor in vain.*

—Psalm 127:1

## November 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

# Walk the line

**DIRECTIONS:** Below you see letters of the alphabet above or below the line. Think about why they are arranged in this way. Finish writing the alphabet by correctly putting the letters either above or below the line.

A            E F        H I        K L M N  
\_\_\_\_\_  
B C D        G            J            O P

# The Family Motto

**DIRECTIONS:** This motto can be seen over the fireplace of the 18<sup>th</sup>-century home of the McFarland family, but some of the letters have fallen off. What is the motto?

S \_ R \_ K \_    W \_ I \_ E    \_ H \_    I \_ O \_ ' S    H \_ T

# 100!

Take the numbers

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

and arrange them so that they add up to 100.



## Answers

100:

1        6  
2        14  
34       23  
56       57  
7        —  
—       100  
100

**Walk the Line:**

The letters above  
the line are made  
with straight lines;  
the letters be-  
low the line have  
curves.

**The Family**

**Motto:**

"Strike  
While the  
Iron's  
Hot"

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

*What you do behind the scenes, predicts your scenery. —Jonathan Di Lemme*



Leonard Bernstein was one of America's greatest composers and conductors, directing the New York Philharmonic Orchestra from 1958-1969. His musical "West Side Story" brought him wide acclaim.

As a musician, he could do just about everything. He was an accomplished pianist. He was an innovator, delivering lessons on classical music by way of television — which in the 1950s was a new medium. He composed music in different genres. He developed orchestras comprised of only talented young people. And he was charismatic: he looked good on television.

An admirer once asked Bernstein what was the hardest instrument to play. What would your answer be?

I would have answered that question by saying, "The oboe." I played the oboe when I was in school. It's a double reed instrument. It's not easy to play.

But you might say that the hardest instrument to play is the French horn. What about a harp? Then again, the piano is not easy to learn, either, or a pipe organ. All of these are difficult instruments to master.

But which one is the hardest? Bernstein replied without hesitation: "Second fiddle. I can always get plenty of first violinists, but to find one who plays second violin with as much enthusiasm, or second French horn, or second flute, now that's a problem. And yet, if no one plays second, we have no harmony."

Sometimes, people who are retired say that retirement feels as though they're playing second fiddle. Those who have serious illnesses also feel sometimes that they are no longer "first chair."

It's hard to take a backseat when we've been used to the front seat.

Let's not be afraid to play second fiddle — to add harmony to the melody of the first fiddle.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Gracious God, thank you for allowing me the unspeakable privilege of being part of a grand symphony! Whatever my gifts and contributions may be, let them bring glory to you. Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of November 8, 2020

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** Matt 25:1-13

**Monday:** John 2:13-22

**Tuesday:** Luke 17:7-10

**Wednesday:** Luke 17:11-19

**Thursday:** Luke 17:20-25

**Friday:** Luke 17:26-37

**Saturday:** Luke 18:1-8

## VERSE TO REMEMBER

*For to me, living is  
Christ and dying is  
gain.*

—Philippians 1:21



## Can You Name the Neighbors?

**Directions:** What two states are tied for the most borders they share?

Can you name the neighboring states? Try not to look at the answers below. Use this area for notes.



**Answers:** Tie. First: What state borders Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Missouri? Answer: Tennessee. Second, what state borders Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska? Answer: Missouri.

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 31:10-31, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, Matthew 25:14-30

*Triumph is just UMPH added to try. —Anon.*

In 1763, a child was born in Germany near Heidelberg to Johann and Marie. He was the youngest kid in a family of four boys. As a child, he worked in his father's butcher shop, and he also sold milk.

When he was 16, he joined his brother George in London, working in his uncle's flute and piano factory. While there, he learned to speak English.

In 1784, after the American Revolution, John, as he now called himself, left London for New York City. He intended to work with Henry, another brother who had established a butcher shop in the city. But purely by accident, he bumped into a fellow who was dealing in furs. One thing led to another and by the late 1780s, young John had a flourishing fur shop and was selling at a great profit to stores in London and elsewhere.

And that's how John Jacob Astor founded what would become one of the storied families of America's history. Astor was the scion of the fur trade for many years. But later in life, he diversified his interests and began to make considerable sums of money in New York real estate. And here is a story about one such transaction.

One day, Astor sold a lot near Wall Street for \$8,000. The buyer, confident that he had outsmarted Astor, could not resist a little self-congratulations after the signing of the papers. "Why, in a few years, this lot will be worth \$12,000," he gloated.

"True," said Astor, "but with your \$8,000, I will buy 80 lots above Canal Street, and by the time your lot's worth \$12,000, my 80 lots will be worth \$80,000. *(There are a number of versions about this story of Astor's real estate dealings, perhaps apocryphal, but it was accepted as true during his lifetime.)*

In today's Bible reading from Matthew 25, Jesus tells the story of a master who gave three servants some money to invest. Two of the servants were very much like John Astor of our story. They made a lot of money. They gave it to their lord. The master was pleased. But the third servant simply held on to his master's money. He didn't lose any money, but he didn't earn any either. The master was not pleased.

God has given us, like the master gave his servants, some investment capital. It might be different from person to person "according to the grace given to us," says the apostle Paul in Romans 12:6.

Let's thank God that we are trusted with God's work in the world. Let us use every gift God has given us to increase the work on God on earth. Our Lord and Master will be pleased!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Thank you Lord Jesus for investing in me. Thank you for giving me all I need to do your work.. Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of November 15, 2020

## DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

**Sunday:** Matt 25:14-30

**Monday:** Luke 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** Luke 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** Luke 19:11-28

**Thursday:** Luke 19:41-44

**Friday:** Luke 19:45-48

**Saturday:** Luke 20:27-40

## DOES IT ADD UP?

?	7	2
3	?	8
<hr/>		
4	7	?

**It's *N*-ovember! Can you name the answers to these geography questions where all answers begin with 'N'?**

1. Its capital is Concord.
2. The tomb of this former resident of the isle of Elba is located in Paris.
3. It is bordered by California, Oregon, Utah, Arizona and Idaho.
4. The origin of this state's name derives from an Oto Indian word meaning flat water.
5. It is the most densely populated city (of those over 100,000) in the United States.
6. At 4,130 miles, it is generally regarded as the world's longest river.
7. This notorious Roman emperor ruled in Rome during the lifetime of the apostle Paul.
8. It is the capital and largest city of Kenya in Africa.
9. It is called the country music capital of America.
10. It is often called Holland.
11. Jesus lived here as a boy.
12. This country is famous for its fjords.
13. These provinces are in eastern Canada.
14. This Massachusetts island used to be a whaling center.
15. The words "code talkers" are strongly associated with this Native American nation, and the bilingual speakers who were specially recruited during World War II to send tactical messages.

**Does it add up?** Solution: 072+398=470

**N-ovember:** 1. New Hampshire; 2. Napoleon; 3. Nevada; 4. Nebraska; 5. New York City; 6. Nile; 7. Nero; 8. Nairobi; 9. Nashville; 10. Netherlands; 11. Nazareth; 12. Norway; 13. Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia; 14. Nantucket; 15. Navajo.



Read today's Bible story from Matthew 25:14-30, The Parable of the Ten Talents.



## Christ The King Sunday

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-17, 1 Corinthians 15:20-28,  
Matthew 25:31-46

*It is generally best to be generous with praise,  
but cautious with criticism. —Anon.*



It is a wonderful feeling when you are praised and appreciated. There are so many aspects of praise that send out radiant beams of joy. You feel happy and light in your heart when someone praises you. This praise might be channeled *directly* to you from a friend, a family member or someone for whom you did a service or good deed. It's wonderful!

Or, you might hear *secondhand* about a person who praised you to the skies to someone else. This, too, brings a good feeling to your heart. You are glad to be appreciated, and you are happy that you were able to render service to someone in need.

Sometimes, you might be praised not for *doing* anything, but for simply *being the wonderful person you are!* Your friends might thank you for your very presence! Nothing more. Just for being you! How satisfying to be extolled and lifted up simply for being no one but yourself.

It's easy to *receive* praise, but do you find it difficult to *give* praise? Some people do, including a conductor I know. Schedule permitting, I try to join a community chorus every Advent season — which begins next Sunday — to sing G.F. Handel's *Messiah*. A couple of years ago, we imported a guest conductor from Austin, Texas. He had recently retired, but had an excellent, national reputation as a choral conductor. He expected nothing but the best from his musicians, and so he was very sparing with his praise.

On one occasion, however, after a particularly excellent rendition in rehearsal of the final choral piece, "Worthy Is the Lamb," he congratulated the choir and the orchestra with an enthusiastic "Good!" We singers, and players, too, burst into spontaneous applause. The conductor's smile quickly vanished, and then became a frown, and he said, "Not *that* good."

I hope you do not find it difficult to give praise. Because God loves to receive praise. Read Psalm 100, the Bible reading for today. "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name" (v. 4).

Yes, as Thanksgiving Day approaches this week, let's ramp up our praise and thanksgiving to God for all of his bountiful blessings, and for just being our God!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: God of great glory, power and majesty, I praise you today for your blessings bestowed not only upon me, but upon humankind since the dawn of history. You are great and deserve our worship and adoration! Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of November 22, 2020

## DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

**Sunday:** Matt 25:31-46

**Monday:** Luke 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Luke 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Luke 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Luke 21:20-28

**Friday:** Luke 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Luke 21:34-36

## A POEM BY ANY OTHER NAME

**Directions:** The first letter of each line must begin with the letters of your name. Thus, if your name has only five letters, you will then have five lines in your poem. Here is an example: SUSAN =

**S**eventy years old —

**U**nique

**S**uper

**A**lways fun

**N**ice

Now write your poem using your name!

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A	J	S
B	K	T
C	L	U
D	M	V
E	N	W
F	O	X
G	P	Y
H	Q	Z
I	R	

### Directions:

Can you think of a name that begins with each letter of the alphabet? Write your answer in the space provided.

## FIVE & FOUR

**Directions:** Each line contains a five-letter word and a four-letter word whose letters have been mixed, *but the left-to-right order has not been changed*. Unmix the two words on each line and write them in the spaces provided. When you're done, unscramble the boxed and circled letters to reveal the mystery word. A clue is provided. We've also given you a head start.

**S H A D E L T E D** = **S H A**  **T** + **D E E**

**P A T G A X I A N** =

**V I P A S E T A W** =

**N O V A L U N I D**

**Clue:** A pilot's friend —

**ANSWER**  
TO : Five  
& Four:  
shalt/  
deed;  
pagan/  
taxi;  
pasta/  
view;  
valid/  
noun.  
A pilot's  
friend:  
TAIL  
WIND



# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63:16-19, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:33-37

*God is telling us: learn to wait — wait — wait for your God, wait for love, be patient with everything. Everything that is worthwhile must be waited for!*

—Carlo Carretto

One of our children recently begged us to come for a visit. With the stay-at-home orders easing somewhat, she wanted us to visit.

Her request sounds like the words of the prophet in the reading above: “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down.”

Had these Hebrews forgotten that God *loves* to visit? God is a visiting God. The Bible begins with the Creator God not only bringing creation into being, but visiting our first parents in the Garden of Eden. In fact, according to Genesis 3, the Lord came walking into the neighborhood where Adam and Eve lived: “The LORD God called to the man, and said to him, ‘Where are you?’” (v. 9).

That is the question, isn’t it? *Where exactly are we?* God wants to visit us, so what are we doing?

Yet God loves to visit us. From the very beginning, this has been amply demonstrated:

- God visited Abraham in the guise of angels who sat down for a meal.
- God visited Jacob, wrestling with him in the night.
- God visited Moses in the burning bush, on Mount Sinai and elsewhere.
- God’s presence went with the Israelites through the wilderness in the form of fire and cloud.
- God visited Samuel as a boy, calling him in his sleeping hours.
- God visited Elijah in a still small voice.

Now, the prophet cries, “O that you would tear open the heavens and come down.” The prophet knows that it is in God’s nature to visit us. “When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down” (v. 3). The prophet says, in effect, “Hey, you used to visit us a lot. What gives? Why aren’t you coming around anymore? Please come for a visit — soon!”

Yes, it is in God’s nature to visit. And in the birth of the Christ child, God visited us! “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, ‘God is with us’” (Matthew 1:23).

God has visited us in Jesus, and God will visit you today. Look for his coming!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Thank you, God, for visiting us in Jesus Christ, and for your daily “visits” with me as we fellowship together. Amen.*

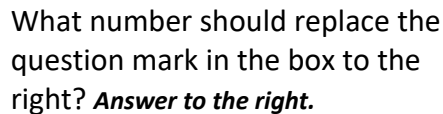
*Week of November 29, 2020*

**Sunday:** Mark 13:33-37  
**Monday:** Matt 4:18-22  
**Tuesday:** Luke 10:21-24  
**Wednesday:** Matt 15:29-37  
**Thursday:** Matt 7:21-27  
**Friday:** Matt 9:27-31  
**Saturday:** Matt 9:35-10:8

*O give thanks to the LORD, for  
he is good, for his steadfast  
love endures forever.*



ANTICIPATING  
*Advent*



<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>?</b>

**ANSWER:** 3. The numbers in columns 2 & 3 equal the number in column 1.

**DIRECTIONS:** Change the position of only one letter in each word below to make a new word.  
**EXAMPLE:** MINUTE, MINUET

- |             |       |            |       |
|-------------|-------|------------|-------|
| 1. HOWEVER  | _____ | 2. LINKING | _____ |
| 3. ENERVATE | _____ | 4. CUTTLE  | _____ |
| 5. TRUMPETS | _____ | 6. DEIFIED | _____ |
| 7. STOPPING | _____ | 8. TICKLER | _____ |

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
														D					O						

$\frac{O}{T \ D}$      $\frac{O \ T}{F \ D \ O}$      $\frac{O}{E \ D \ B \ P \ O}$      $\frac{T}{B \ E \ D \ Y \ O}$      $\frac{O \ T}{O \ D \ U \ D \ H \ H \ D \ L}$   
 $\frac{O}{Z \ D \ H}$      $\frac{O}{G \ D \ Y}$      $\frac{O}{T \ D}$      $\frac{O \ T}{F \ D \ O}$      $\frac{O}{N \ F \ D \ L}$      $\frac{T}{L \ R \ B \ O}$   
 $\frac{B}{T \ B \ G}$      $\frac{U \ B \ G}{E \ H \ A \ F \ M}$  .

**ANSWERS:** 1. Whoever, 2. Inking, 3. Venerate, 4. Cutlet, 5. Strumpet, 6. Edited, 7. Toppings, 8. Trickle. **Cryptogram:** Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring.