



# The Monthly Visitor

## Catholic Community



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If you know  
someone who has  
recently become  
infirm or  
homebound  
please contact our  
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we can add them  
to our visitation  
list.

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### A Message From Deacon Dave

Greetings in the  
Lord Jesus Christ:

What a beautiful  
time we are in! Fr.  
Adam Ahern has  
just been assigned  
as our sacramental  
minister for the  
Catholic  
Community of  
Lawrence County.  
That is great news.  
Now we can get  
back to Mass and  
the sacraments.  
Instead of trying to  
introduce him to  
you myself, I will  
ask Fr. Adam to  
introduce himself in  
the next  
Homebound  
Newsletter. I will  
tell you this; he has  
already proven that  
he is a blessing to  
our community.

Hopefully, you have  
all said a daily  
rosary, especially in

the month of May.  
Kathy and I look  
forward so much to  
saying our prayers  
and rosary  
together. I think it  
strengthens our  
marriage and our  
love for each other  
every time we come  
together to pray,  
just like at any time  
we all come  
together for a  
liturgy at church  
with all of you. I  
think our love for  
one another and our  
love for the Lord is  
strengthened any  
time we pray  
together. One of the  
blessings that we  
have all received  
this year is Deacon  
Tom's nightly  
rosary. It has  
certainly blessed  
and strengthened  
our community  
every time we get  
together to pray  
that rosary together  
with Deacon Tom.  
Deacon Tom is



Deacon Dave Reising

continuing to pray  
the rosary every  
night at 7 pm on his  
Facebook page, so if  
we can, we all need  
to visit his  
Facebook page and  
pray together.

This leads me to  
explain more about  
what a beautiful  
time we are in. I am  
writing this article  
on the feast of the  
Ascension, which is  
the second Glorious  
Mystery of the most  
holy rosary. It falls  
between the  
Resurrection of our  
Lord Jesus Christ

### **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.

and Pentecost. When we pray the mysteries of the rosary we always pray for faith, hope and charity (love). I think with the Glorious Mysteries we should be praying and thinking about the faith we have received from the Resurrection. After all, the Resurrection is the source of our faith in which we believe. The second Glorious mystery is the Ascension, which provides us our hope that we too will follow Jesus in resurrecting and ascending into heaven just as Jesus did. This resurrection and ascension of our bodies on the Last Day gives us hope that each one of us will live in eternity with one another but more importantly with God the Father, Jesus His only begotten Son, and the Holy Spirit. That hope gives us strength to endure whatever life might throw at us, like the pandemic that we are still dealing with. Then the third Glorious Mystery of the rosary is the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost). When Pentecost occurred it was the beginning of the church, the church's birthday so to speak. When the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and Mary when they were all together the Holy Spirit filled them with peace, joy and courage. We know how the Holy Spirit affected them and gave them the wherewithal to go out and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that Jesus had commanded them, as Jesus told the Apostles at the Ascension.

Jesus is giving that same message to us. For us to go out and live our lives as true believers. Being filled with the Holy Spirit, we too can fill this world with God's love for which we pray for every time we pray the rosary.

God Bless,

Deacon Dave

### ***June Facts***

<i>June 1</i>	<i>In 1926 Marilyn Monroe &amp; Andy Griffith were born</i>
<i>June 4</i>	<i>National cheese day</i>
<i>June 5</i>	<i>Robert F. Kennedy killed on this day in 1968</i>
<i>June 6</i>	<i>D-Day happened on this day in 1944</i>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>Feast of the Holy Trinity</i>
<i>June 8</i>	<i>In 1872 the first US postcard adopted by congress</i>
<i>June 11</i>	<i>Feast of Corpus Christi</i>
<i>June 14</i>	<i>Flag Day (Congress adopted flag on this day in 1777)</i>
<i>June 15</i>	<i>In 1752 Ben Franklin proved lightening is electricity</i>
<i>June 19</i>	<i>Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>Summer Solstice (Longest day of the year)</i>
<i>June 21</i>	<i>Fathers Day</i>
<i>June 24</i>	<i>Birth of John the Baptist</i>

## Trinity Sunday

Scripture Reading: Exodus 34:4-9, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13, John 3:16-18

*Whenever you serve others in any way,  
you are actually serving God. —Rick Warren*

The theme for this devotional is “Being in God’s service wherever we are, whoever we are and no matter what our circumstances.”

To consider this, we turn first to airplane travel.

Traveling by airplane is perhaps the most common experience in which class distinctions in our culture are still observed. You can fly First Class, Business Class, Premium Seating (sometimes called Economy Plus or just Economy). The higher the class, the more expensive the ticket. But with the extra money comes extra benefits such as wider seats, more legroom and better food.

Back in the days of the American West, there were three classes of tickets on the old stagecoaches. The ride was equally bumpy and dusty no matter which ticket you held. The real value of the ticket emerged when the stagecoach got stuck in a rut or mired in mud.

If you held a *first-class* ticket, it was your privilege to remain in the coach, while the crew labored to push it out of the ditch.

If you held a *second-class* ticket, you were expected to step down from the coach and stand off to the side.

If it was a *third-class* ticket you held in your hand, you had to get out, roll up your sleeves and push.

There aren’t any tickets in the church but third-class tickets.

*Everyone* is expected to work and use their talents, voices, love and actions to advance the mission of Jesus Christ.

Wherever we are, whoever we are, no matter our circumstances, God has something for us to do.

What would God have us to do today?

—Carl Wilton with Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Thank you, heavenly Father, for calling us to labor in the harvest field. I cannot work in the same way that I used to, but there is plenty I can do every day to make someone’s life more pleasant. For I am the servant of the King of Kings! Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of June 7, 2020

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** John 3:16-18

**Monday:** Matt 5:1-12

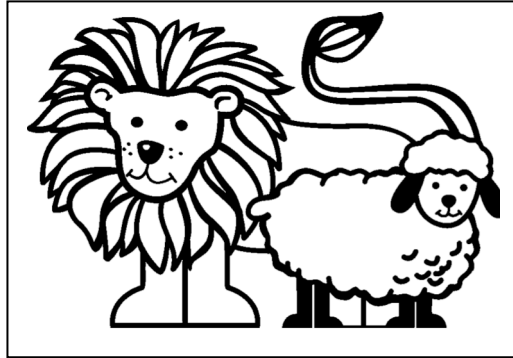
**Tuesday:** Matt 5:13-16

**Wednesday:** Matt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Matt 5:20-26

**Friday:** Matt 5:27-32

**Saturday:** Matt 5:33-37



## PROBLEMS AT THE ZOO!

One day, a rookie zookeeper is preparing to place new signs on all the animal exhibits, but he trips over something and spills all the letters on the ground. Now he has to unscramble the letters so that he correctly identifies the animals in the zoo. Can you help him?

NLOI	_____	RAFEGIF	_____
RLUTTE	_____	GPEUNINS	_____
KAESNS	_____	LAORP ERAB	_____
LOW	_____	CURPOENIP	_____
EHCTEHA	_____	HISF	_____
GREIT	_____	BIGBON	_____
KOMEYN	_____	RREENID	_____
RABE	_____	BZREA	_____
EESTPNALH	_____	KSSRAH	_____
PDALOR	_____	SINCTSE	_____
RROTPA	_____	GORSF	_____
LKAAO	_____	LMAEC	_____

**SOLUTION:** left column — lion, turtle, snakes, owl, cheetah, tiger, monkey, bear, elephants, leopard, parrot, koala; Right column — giraffe, penguins, polar bear, porcupine, fish, gibbon, reindeer, zebra, sharks, insects, frogs, camel.

## Corpus Christi Sunday

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-16, 1 Corinthians 10:16-17,  
John 6:51-58

*The only creatures that are evolved enough to convey pure love  
are dogs and infants. —Johnny Depp*



In a recent piece on CBS Sunday Morning, humorist Dave Barry bemoaned the contents of his mailbox. Whereas he used to receive advertisements for cruises and sporting equipment, now he receives invitations to join AARP or enroll in long-term health insurance programs. He's afraid to pick up his mail.

This reluctance has spilled over into other areas of his life. He discovered he was taking his dog for a walk because he had to, not because he wanted to. This observation caused him to think about his dog. "My dog is 10 years old; so in dog years, we are the same age." Barry noted that when he took the dog's leash off the hook, the dog leaped around with enthusiasm. On the walk, the excited canine stopped every few feet to sniff something, tail a-wagging like crazy.

Barry, on the other hand, never stopped to smell a rose or notice his surroundings.

"I need to be more like my dog," Barry concluded.

Maybe we all need to be more like dogs!

The simple joy of walking outside is something I take for granted, and I shouldn't. Every person I see is an opportunity for a fresh experience of discovery — a chance to offer friendship and kindness.

Jesus said that he came to give us life abundantly (John 10:10). Of course, he meant spiritual life. But I think he meant more than that too! I believe he meant that anyone who followed him would experience life as it was meant to be lived. We would see God's creation, we would touch the face of God when we admired the petals of a rose, we would be swept into the presence of God on the melody of a symphony and we would offer prayers and thanksgiving as we made the bed, ate our daily bread or comforted a friend.

This is living!

—Melanie Silva

*Prayer: Wake me up, O God. Stir in me a sense of gratitude for what I can do and give me the enthusiasm to do it. Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of June 14, 2020

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** John 6:51-58

**Monday:** Matt 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** Matt 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** Matt 6:1-18

**Thursday:** Matt 6:7-15

**Friday:** Matt 11:25-30

**Saturday:** Luke 2:41-51

## VERSE TO REMEMBER

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. ... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also."* –John 14:1, 3



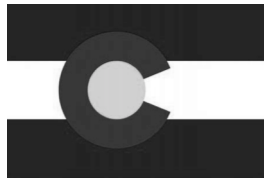
## TODAY IS FLAG DAY, 2020

Can you correctly answer these  
"true or false" questions?

1. Most of the flags currently sold at U.S. retailers are not the official size and specifications set forth by the congress of the United States.
2. The American flag has always had 13 stripes.
3. Old Glory is a nickname for the American Flag.
4. The original star spangled banner immortalized by Francis Scott Key once flew over Fort Benning, Georgia?
5. No one knows what became of the original stars and stripes that inspired Francis Scott Key to write "The Star Spangled Banner."
6. The flag may be flown every day and in any weather condition.
7. The designer of the current 50-star flag was a high school student.
8. It is illegal to burn the American flag.
9. The flag is usually flown from sunrise to sunset.
10. When the president is not in Washington, D.C., the flag does not fly outside The White House.

**ANSWERS:** 1. True. The official dimensions feature a 1:1.9 height to width ratio. Most flags sold to the public are in sizes that do not conform to this ratio, such as 2'x3' 3'x5' and 4'x6'. 2. False. At one time (from 1795 to 1818), the American flag had 15 stripes. 3. True. Other nicknames are The Star Spangled Banner and The Stars and Stripes. 4. False. It flew over Fort McHenry. 5. False, you can see it today at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. 6. True, as long as it is made of all-weather material. 7. True, the current 50-star design was created by Robert G. Heft, who was a 17-year-old high school student when he designed it. 8. False. Burning the flag in a dignified manner is the preferred method for retiring it. 9. True. 10. True. STATE FLAGS: AL, CO, NY, TX.

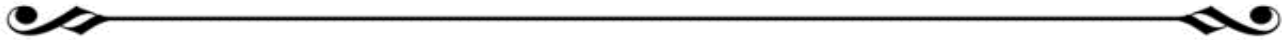
**CAN YOU IDENTIFY THESE STATE FLAGS?** Answers above.



## 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13, Romans 5:12-15, Matthew 10:26-33

*A father's smile has been known to light up a child's entire day. —Susan Gale*



One day, a father went to visit his son's preschool on a special parental-visitation day. He was surprised to learn that only a handful of other dads had come to be with their children that day.

During circle time, the teacher asked each of the children to tell the class something about their fathers.

"My daddy is a lawyer," piped up one little boy. "He makes a lot of money and we live in a big house."

Another student announced, "My father is very smart. He teaches at the college and a lot of important people know him."

Finally, it was time for a boy whose father was sitting beside him to say something special about his dad. The boy could say nothing that approached the boastings of the doctor's or professor's children.

He looked up at his father, then he looked around the circle of his friends, and just smiled. Then he proudly proclaimed: "My dad ... my dad *is here!*"

Today is Father's Day. I hope you have good memories that you cherish of your father. Some children grow up without a dad. Some children lose a dad to death, divorce or abandonment. But many children grow up with strong, loving fathers who, as the little boy said in his class, "are here."

These fathers are the image of our Heavenly Father who is "here." God has not abandoned us. God's love is not conditional. But as an earthly father who loves, disciplines, protects and provides for his children, so, too, does our heavenly Father love, discipline, protect and provide.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for being present through all the days of my life. Thank you for your providential care and loving attention to me and all those you love. Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of June 21, 2020

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** Matt 10:26-33

**Monday:** Matt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** Matt 7:6-14

**Wednesday:** Luke 1:57-80

**Thursday:** Matt 7:21-29

**Friday:** Matt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Matt 8:5-17

## Verse to Remember

*"Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered."*

—Psalm 32:1

## 4-LETTER CITIES

If you live in Rome or Lima, you probably do not live in Italy or Peru. You live, instead, in a city in the United States. Below you will find a list of 15 cities and states. All of them are scrambled. Unscramble the words, and then write the correct pairs in the space provided. We have done one for you.

ELOK	AHSTSETSUMSCA	CITY/ STATE	CITY/ STATE
EREI	ZARNOIA		8.
YGRA	IWIHAA	1. Elko, Nevada	9.
ALMI	IGORAEG		10.
IOLH	WEN OKRY	2.	11.
NKOA	ANEVDA	3.	12.
NNYL	AEYIVSNNNPLA	4.	13.
EASM	NRAAKEBS	5.	14.
NORE	IADIANN	6.	15.
RPEU	IOOH		
EORM	AAHIWI		
TORY	ADVENA		
KOYR	AIONRAZ		
WOAC	SILLNIOI		
YUAM	ATSXE		

FOUR LETTER CITIES: Elko, Nevada;  
Erie, Pennsylvania; Gary, Indiana;  
Lima, Ohio; Hilo, Hawaii; Kona,  
Hawaii; Lynn, Massachusetts; Mesa,  
Arizona; Reno, Nevada; Peru, Illinois;  
Rome, Georgia; Troy, New York; York,  
Nebraska; Waco, Texas; Yuma,  
Arizona.

# FATHER'S DAY

pAtient, sTrong, Hero, rEliable, provideR

"Funny,



13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-16, Romans 6:3-11, Matthew 10:37-42

*God loves each of us as if there were only one of us. —Saint Augustine*



A popular speaker started off a seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. A crowd of 200 had gathered to hear him speak. He asked, “Who would like this \$20 bill?”

Two hundred hands went up.

He said, “I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this.” He crumpled the bill up. He then asked, “Who still wants it?”

All 200 hands were still raised.

“Well,” he replied, “What if I do this?” Then he dropped the bill on the ground and stomped on it with his shoes.

He picked it up, and showed it to the crowd. The bill was all crumpled and dirty.

“Now who still wants it?” All the hands went up.

“My friends, this is a very important lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because what I did to it did not decrease its value. It was still worth \$20.

“Many times in our lives, life crumples us and grinds us into the dirt. We make bad decisions or deal with poor circumstances. We feel worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Don’t ever forget it!”

The speaker’s presentation was not given in a religious context. But the message sounds familiar, doesn’t it?

In fact, the Bible says much the same thing. The apostle Paul gave the same message to the Christians in Rome, predating this speaker by about 2,000 years! He wrote a letter to them, and in the middle of the letter, he stopped to ask a question, sort of like the speaker did when he spoke to his audience. He asked, “Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” (Romans 8:35).

Then he answered his own question: “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (8:37-39).

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: God of grace and mercy, thank you for your everlasting love. Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of June 28, 2020

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** Matt 10:37-42

**Monday:** Matt 16:13-19

**Tuesday:** Matt 8:23-27

**Wednesday:** Matt 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Matt 9:1-8

**Friday:** John 20:24-29

**Saturday:** Matt 9:14-17

## Verse to Remember

*"The LORD  
watches over  
the way of the  
righteous."*

—Psalm 1:6



**Answer:** Beethoven

## BIBLE CRYPTO - FUN!

Clues: R=I, M=T

## MUSIC MYSTERY!

**Directions:** Fill in the blank boxes below by choosing the correct letter from the two clues provided to spell a famous composer's name. Answer below.

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1	W	T	E	D	E
2	F	C	R	H	P
3	E	U	A	I	U
4	K	M	B	V	S
5	O	L	J	G	N