



# The Monthly Visitor

## Catholic Community Of Lawrence County



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### A Message from Deacon Dave



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If you know  
someone who has  
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please contact our  
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Greetings in the Lord  
Jesus Christ:

Continuing from last  
month's article:  
When Mary, Kathy's  
mom, came to live  
with us about ten  
years ago her health  
was failing. Once  
she moved in with us  
her diet changed, and  
she started eating  
healthier. For a time,  
her health had  
substantially  
improved after she  
started living with  
us. Mary would  
come to church with  
us periodically, and  
she enjoyed Mass.  
She always prayed  
with us before meals  
and occasionally she  
would say the rosary  
with us.

In December of last  
year, Mary was  
hospitalized for an  
infection and on her  
release was placed in

a nursing home.  
She, like everybody  
else who entered a  
nursing facility  
during the Covid  
pandemic, was  
placed in a  
quarantine status.  
That meant she had  
to be placed in a  
room for two weeks,  
and she was not able  
to leave except in an  
emergency. Her  
meals were brought  
to her, and she was  
not able to enjoy the  
socialization  
normally associated  
with a nursing  
facility. After she  
was out of  
quarantine, she still  
spent most of her  
time in isolation  
from other people.  
When we would visit  
her at first it was  
through her window.  
We would give her a  
call on her cell  
phone, and then we  
would have the staff



Deacon Dave Reising

open her window as  
we would look at  
each other while we  
talked on the phone.  
A little over a month  
ago, we were finally  
able to visit Mary,  
face to face in her  
room, but we were  
required to wear a  
shield and a mask  
while maintaining  
social distancing. It  
was about that time  
we noticed that Mary  
was losing weight.  
The nurse identified  
some physical issues  
she was having when  
we asked. About a  
week after that, we

### **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.

got a call informing us that she was dying. When we visited her after the phone call, she had already become incoherent. We then tried to stay with her all the time. As things progressed Mary was given morphine because she was acting as though she was in pain. The nursing home staff just wanted to keep her comfortable during the process.

Mary did have a very peaceful death. We had been praying the rosary and several Divine Mercy Chaplets over her. When her time came the family surrounded her and prayed together. Once she passed, I prayed out loud the “Rite after Death”, which was comforting for all of us. We then let the staff know that she had passed.

Mary had preplanned her funeral 25 years ago, which was a tremendous blessing for the family. She had everything pretty well spelled out the way she wanted it. So the viewing, the funeral, and the burial were all done in Evansville, her home town, according to her wishes. She had a very nice service, and it was everything I am sure she had hoped for. We certainly miss her and our prayers continue. In fact, we pray the Novena of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for her daily. Praying helps our grief and provides us great comfort and peace. I want to thank all of you who reached out to her, and please keep her in your prayers.

May God Bless you,

Deacon Dave

### **On the Lighter Side**

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?  
One is really heavy and the other's a little lighter.

Why should you never trust stairs?  
They're always up to something.

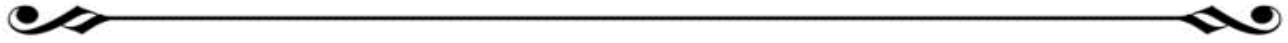
Where does a waitress with only one leg work?  
IHOP.

Why did the cowboy get a wiener dog?  
He wanted to get a long little doggie.

## Corpus Cristi

Scripture Reading: Exodus 24:3-8, Hebrews 9:11-15, Mark 14:12-26

*The wonderful news is that our Lord is a God of mercy,  
and he responds to repentance. —Billy Graham*



In May of every year, Australians submit themselves to a national experience of repentance. Sounds unusual, but it's true. First, there's National Sorry Day (this year it's May 26), which is followed by National Reconciliation Week, which this year is May 26-June 3.

According to one source, National Sorry Day, also known as National Day of Healing, is "an annual event that has been held in Australia on May 26 since 1998, to remember and commemorate the mistreatment of the country's indigenous peoples, as part of an ongoing process of reconciliation between the indigenous peoples and the settler population." The week of reconciliation which follows is intended "to celebrate the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia, and foster reconciliation, discussion and activities."

This is a great idea, and I wish the United States had such a week-long period of national repentance. We have so much of which to repent: slavery, the treatment of Native Americans and ongoing racism for starters. I know there are some who may disagree about the need to do this at a national level, but I believe it would be a good thing.

But, having a pastoral heart as I do, I also think it would be good for every church in America to have a Sorry Sunday, and a Week of Reconciliation. Sorry Sunday would be a day in which we fervently repent for our sins on a personal level. We draw up plans to make amends. We approach those whom we have wronged. We make right the wrongs we have committed. Perhaps Lent would be a good time to designate one Sunday as Sorry Sunday.

This could be followed by a church-wide Week of Reconciliation. Devotional messages, reconciling activities, worship and prayer, vesper services, and more. Such a week could be a time of renewal and a refreshing of the Holy Spirit in the church.

But what about us? Perhaps we should think about having a Sorry Day once a month or once a week. But only if we find it hard to say, "I'm sorry," and offer an apology. We don't need a special Sorry Day, do we, if we already make it a habit to correct an injustice when it is done, or to apologize when a harsh word is uttered, or to offer the hand of friendship to the friendless?

Let's not forget how to say "I'm sorry," and let's not forget how to swallow our pride and make things right when things go wrong.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: O God, I am sorry for my pride that sometimes keeps me from saying "I'm sorry."  
Forgive me. I'm going to do better. Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of June 6, 2021

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** Mark 14:12-26  
**Monday:** Matthew 5:1-12  
**Tuesday:** Matthew 5:13-16  
**Wednesday:** Matthew 5:17-19  
**Thursday:** Matthew 5:20-26  
**Friday:** John 19:31-37  
**Saturday:** Luke 2:41-51

## Word Search: Life of Christ

This word search focuses on the life of Christ. Find the words listed below in the word search box. Words can be found horizontally, vertically, diagonally, backward and forward.



## COMPOUND INTEREST!

**Directions:** Each of the two sets of letters has two compound words hidden. Can you find the compound words? Example: AEGTWAY: gateway, getaway

**BFHILOSW**

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**DOOOPRST**

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## June 2021

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			

**Solution:**  
 Top — fishbowl or  
 blowfish;  
 Bottom — doorpost or  
 doortop.

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

## WORD LIST

baptism  
 Bethany  
 children  
 demoniac  
 disciples  
 faith  
 fasting  
 fishing  
 Galilee  
 gospels  
 healings  
 Jerusalem  
 Jesus  
 John  
 Jordan  
 leper  
 Martha  
 Mary  
 miracles  
 parables  
 Peter  
 Pharisees  
 Sabbath  
 Simon  
 sower  
 temple  
 temptation  
 transfiguration  
 vineyard  
 widow

## Verse to Remember

*"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

—John 10:11

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

Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, Mark 4:26-34

*To the world you may be just one person, but to one person  
you may be the world. —Brandi Snyder*

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In an article about influential people and their impact upon our lives, the late Charles Schulz and Gary Amirault once suggested that we take a quiz in which we name the five wealthiest people in the world, the last five Heisman trophy winners, the last five winners of the Miss America contest, 10 people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer prizes, the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress and the last 10 winners of the World Series.

It's not too easy, although I am sure you can name a few. I came up with Jeff Bezos, Bill Gates and Warren Buffett for the first question. I don't know if they rank in the top five wealthiest people in the world. But they're probably close, although when you read this, they may be dead. I may be dead, for that matter. I have no clue about the last Heisman Trophy winner. I have no idea about the Miss America winners. I don't know who won the Pulitzer Prize recently. I know President Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize years ago as was Myanmar's Aung San Suu Kyi. The Academy Awards were several weeks ago. Do you remember any of the winners?

Do you care? The point is, very few of us remember these people who made headlines for a while, and then faded from view.

Now, Schulz and Amirault suggest, take a different type of quiz.

- Name a few teachers who aided your journey through school a long time ago.
- Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
- Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
- Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
- Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
- Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

I bet you were able to do much better answering those questions!

Here's my question: Are *you* on someone else's list?

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: O God, thank you for the people who have helped me on my life's journey. Make me a person who likewise can be a blessing to others on their pilgrimages. Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of June 13, 2021

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** Mark 4:26-34

**Monday:** Matthew 5:38-42

**Tuesday:** Matthew 5:43-48

**Wednesday:** Matthew 6:1-18

**Thursday:** Matthew 6:7-15

**Friday:** Matthew 6:19-23

**Saturday:** Matthew 6:24-34

## Verse to Remember

*"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

—John 13:35



1. NOSECOUNT					2. DIPLOMACY				
O		S		M	H		R		T
	P		O			R		W	
		O				U			

3. SOMEPLACE					4. BILINGUAL				
R		B		E	U		L		O
	C		R			D		E	
		U				U			

5. HEARTFELT					6. SIDETRACK				
U		N		C	A		M		R
	X		O			A		N	
		O				A			

7. TEAMMATES					8. SALVATION				
C		R		S	N		T		L
	G		N			D		P	
		U				A			

9. FRAGMENTS					10. SCRAMBLED				
O		G		V	U		T		R
	A		O			U		V	
		E				O			

## WORDS WITHIN WORDS

In this puzzle to the left, you will reveal words within words like Russian nesting dolls. Place the letters of each word in the nine empty squares, one letter per square, to spell a 7-letter, a 5-letter and a 3-letter word. Each letter of the 9-letter word will be used only once.

## ADD A LETTER

Add one letter to the beginning of each word below to form a new word. Then unscramble the letters you added to form the two words that answer the clue.

\_\_host \_\_vied \_\_ova \_\_lucky  
 \_\_arson \_\_airbrush \_\_ascot \_\_river  
 \_\_spire \_\_pinioned

**CLUE:** Description of an angry kangaroo:

### Words within Words:

- 1: consume, spoon, too;
- 2: charity, prowl, mud;
- 3: problem, scare, cue;
- 4: bullion, adieu, lug;
- 5: furnace, extol, hot;
- 6: earmark, saint, cad;
- 7: actress, agent, mum;
- 8: install, adopt, van;
- 9: forgave, mason, get;
- 10: mustard, curve, lob.

### Add a Letter:

ghost, ivied, nova, plucky, parson, hairbrush, mascot, driver, aspire, opinionated.  
 HOPPING MAD



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

Scripture Reading: Job 38:1-11, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17, Mark 4:35-41

*It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping. —John Sinor*



Today is Father's Day and across the country men are enjoying greeting cards that say something along the lines of: "Thanks Dad, for being the best dad ever." My father passed away a number of years ago. Was he a perfect father? No. But he did many good things, and gave me a lot to think about.

When I was 18, dad gave me a pair of hiking boots. They had a cushioned tongue and collar, eyelets securely sewn into the leather, and a Carrarmato lug pattern in Vibram outsoles.

I still have those boots. They've been all over the world. They have carried me over thousands of miles of trails, roads and city streets. These boots have stories to tell. That's why I can't get rid of them. When I see those aging boots, I see a metaphor for life. After all, they carried me and protected my feet.

1. They were no good unless I put them on.
2. I had to lace them up nice and snug or they just would have flopped around and given me blisters.
3. They were particularly good when traveling on scree and talus.
4. They had awesome gripping power on rock.
5. They took the fear out of going into the difficult places, like muddy, rocky or slippery surfaces.
6. Occasionally, they needed to be resoled.

You can understand why I see these boots as a metaphor for life, particularly faith. Isn't it interesting that faith is described in the Bible as a gift (see Ephesians 2:8)? This is a gift that God the Father gives us. As such, it is no good unless we allow our faith to get some exercise and carry us through life.

My faith has taken me many places in my spiritual life. It has protected me from many dangers and mistakes. It had amazing gripping power to help me negotiate the dark valleys and narrow places. With my faith, the fear is gone.

Yes, sometimes my faith needs to be re-souled. I need periodic renewal. Just as the soles of my boots needed cleaning and brushing, likewise my faith-soul needs to be kept clean, and all the dirt and pebbles dug out and discarded.

This is the lesson I remember on Father's Day.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: O God, may my faith keep my feet secure on the path of life. Amen.*

## Activity Page

Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** Mark 4:35-41

**Monday:** Matthew 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** Matthew 7:6-14

**Wednesday:** Matthew 7:15-20

**Thursday:** Luke 1:57-66

**Friday:** Matthew 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Matthew 8:5-17

*Verse to Remember*

*"I am the way, and the truth and the life.  
No one comes to the Father except  
through me."*

—John 14:6

*The path from 1 to 100*

**Directions:** Draw a pencil line from square 1 to square 100. You may do this only by moving to an adjacent square (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) whenever you can **add, subtract, multiply or divide the number in your present square by 2 or 5 to get the number in an adjacent square**. For example, from a square with a 6 in it, one could move to a 30 (6 x 5) or an 8 (6 + 2). Find a path from 1 to 100. **Solution below.**

**ANACROSS:** There are three clues for each 7-letter word: a definition, a pair of words that are an anagram of the answer, and the letter C already in the diagram. The center column reading down will reveal a bonus word.

1	5	7	20	30
2	3	22	6	28
4	25	8	14	19
20	16	13	55	95
18	9	50	59	100

C						
	C					
		C				
			C			
				C		
					C	
						C

**DEFINITIONS**

(from top row to bottom row)

1. Guilty one
2. School subject
3. New member
4. Chef's domain
5. Skunk
6. Popeye's veggie
7. Of the stomach

**ANAGRAMS**

(from top row to bottom row)

CLIP + RUT  
NICE + SEC  
CURT + IRE  
NECK + HIT  
CLAP + TOE  
CHIN + ASP  
GRIT + SAC



**Solution to "The Path from 1 to 100":** 1-2-4-20-18-16-8-6-30-28-14-19-95-100.  
**Solution to ANACROSS:** culprit, science, recruit, kitchen, polecat, spinach, gastric.  
Bonus word: percent



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

Scripture Reading: Wisdom 1:13-24, 2 Corinthians 8:7-15, Mark 5:21-43

*Look back and thank God; look forward and trust God.*

  In Willa Cather's novel, *Death Comes for the Archbishop*, she tells the story of the Ácoma Indians, some of whom lived on a certain high mesa.

One day, Bishop LaTour set out with a guide from Santa Fe to visit some missions to the west. They traveled by mule through plains with long vistas, and spectacular spires of red rocks, passing through juniper and pinon, until they came upon two mesas.

Atop one of these flattop rocks used to be an Ácoma village, Jacinto the guide told the bishop. The only access to the top was a staircase, easily defended.

The bishop asked Jacinto why the Ácoma had thought to flee the earth and climb this rock and settle a village there. Jacinto explained that the Ácoma had enemies. There were periodic manhunts, and the Ácoma, tired of running, fled not to the north, south, east or west, but up. *There on this rock they found safety.*

They grew crops on the plain *around* the rock, and *came off the rock to hunt*, but there was always a place to turn. They were always able to ascend the rock in which they found security.

Today, the Ácoma Pueblo is a National Historic Landmark. It's about 60 miles west of Albuquerque, New Mexico, and it still sits atop a mesa that rises more than 350 feet above the plain. On this solid rock, the Ácoma have lived for hundreds of years.

A rock, a mesa, a cleft in a cliff, a mountain and the hills — all of these are mentioned in the Bible as places of refuge.

The ancient Israelites lived in country that was in many places similar to the territory in the southwest United States. Sometimes, they had enemies which consisted of roving bands of tribal warriors, or armies from small neighboring nations. Having a place to hide was important.

No wonder the psalmist writes, “You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, ‘My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust’” (91:1-2).

When we are distressed, we can cry to God. God is our mesa, our rock and refuge.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: O God, you have been my help in ages past, and you are my hope for the years to come. But I thank you for your strength and help in the present. Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of June 27, 2021

## Daily Gospel Readings:

**Sunday:** Mark: 5:21-43

**Monday:** Matthew 8:18-22

**Tuesday:** Matthew 16:13-19

**Wednesday:** Matthew 8:28-34

**Thursday:** Matthew 9:1-8

**Friday:** Matthew 9:9-13

**Saturday:** John 20:24-29

## Biblical Dreamers

**Directions:** Many stories in the Bible involve dreams. Can you match the dreamers on the right with the correct clues on the left?

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. His brothers were irritated when he told them of his dreams.

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. He saw angels going up and down a ladder.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. This ruler dreamed about some skinny cows eating fat cows.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. She had an unpleasant dream about Jesus and told her husband to have nothing to do with him.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. He saw a statue whose feet were smashed by a stone.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. He was warned to take his family to Egypt.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. He saw a vine produce grapes and he squeezed their juice into a cup.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. They were warned in a dream about Herod's evil plan.

- A. Pharaoh, Genesis 41:17-21
- B. The Magi, Matthew 2:12
- C. Jacob, Genesis 28:12
- D. Pharaoh's cupbearer, Genesis 40:9-11
- E. Joseph, Matthew 2:13
- F. Joseph, Genesis 37:9
- G. Pilate's wife, Matthew 27:19
- H. Daniel, Daniel 2:31-35

### Verse to Remember

*"These things are written so that you might come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name."*

—John 20:31

## FIND A WORD

How many common words of four or more letters can you find from the letters of the word below? A letter may be used only as many times as it appears in the given word. Proper names, abbreviations, contractions and foreign words are not allowed. We found 36 words (see below). If you find more, let us know! And the word is (in honor of the holiday coming next week):

**INDEPENDENCE**

**Answers to Biblical Dreamers:** 1F, 2C, 3A, 4G, 5H, 6E, 7D, 8B.  
**Find a Word:** cede, ceded, decide, deed, deep, deepen, deepened, deice, deiced, depend, dependence, dice, diced, dine, dined, dinned, ended, epee, epic, iced, indeed, need, needed, nice, niece, nine, peen, pence, pend, pended, penned, piece, pieced, pied, pine, pinned.