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A Message from Deacon Dave

Greetings in the
Lord Jesus Christ:

One of our new
parishioners wrote
an article that gives
us a fresh way of
looking at St.
Vincent's Church.
She has been
helping me out with
doing little things
around the office.
She has been a big
help to me and I
certainly appreciate
her.

I was born and
raised in a very
small neighborhood
in northern
Wisconsin. It is so
small and rural
that the nearest
grocery store is
about half an hour
drive away and the
nearest city is an
hour and a half
drive away.

Recently my parish
celebrated its 100-
year anniversary,

and at my church,
located about 5
minutes' drive from
my house, they put
out pictures of the
evolution of the
churches in the
parish. Looking at
them, I could see
what my local
church started out
as. The church
consisted of a
platform with a
canvas roof. That
was the altar, and
the people who
came to Mass would
stand or sit out in
the grass. In the
pictures, there was
a large crowd,
maybe 150 people
just standing
around that
platform with their
cars parked just
behind them along
the grass wherever
there was space. No
parking lot. No
roofing for the
congregation. No
pews. Yet the
people came to



Deacon Dave Reising

celebrate Mass.

Today there is a
parking lot. Today
there is a roof. But
the church seats
probably a
maximum of 100
people. It is as of
yet the smallest
church I have seen.
It has no choir loft
and is shaped as
one big rectangle
with one main
entrance. I was in
the choir for years,
and once my sisters
and I were the
entire choir for
Mass. There were 4
of us girls, and no

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”

microphone. My family, seated on the opposite side of the church, could hear me when I sang. Now I'll admit, I was singing as loud as my vocal cords would allow because we had no microphone, but the fact that they heard me with all of the people in that church, probably at least half of the congregation singing, stressed to me how small that church is.

Coming from that to St. Vincent's, my mind was blown. Here is this gorgeous church with three altars, a large choir loft, beautiful stained-glass windows, and seating for probably my entire neighborhood. I have been in the St. Vincent's choir a few times and it still amazes me. An organ -- which to me is the one of the greatest parts of any choir -- and an official director whereas at home the director is just whoever volunteers. Whoever volunteers for that weekend is handed a sheet on what the announcements are for the day and what songs were planned for the Mass, and that is that. There are no gorgeous stained-glass windows in the church, and the stations of the cross are literally quarter the size of those at St. Vincent's, and although we have a small organ, we have no pianist so it is never used.

St. Vincent's is a gorgeous church and a wonderful parish. I have been here months and every time I enter that church, I feel the greatness of it, the beauty of it, and great pride that Catholic men show their love for God by building such a worthy home for Him. -- **Veronica Atwood** --

God Bless,

Dcn Dave

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.

August Happenings

Columbus set sail on his first voyage in 1492

Davy Crockett was born in 1786

The International Red Cross was founded in Geneva in 1863

Mother Teresa was born in 1910

First World War began in 1914

President Warren Harding died suddenly 1n 1923

First atomic bomb dropped over Hiroshima in 1945

Martin Luther King made his famous “I have a dream” speech in 1963

Princess Diana was killed in a car accident 1997

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3, Romans 8:35-39, Matthew 14:13-21

*Old age is like everything else. To make a success of it,
you've got to start young. —Theodore Roosevelt*

Tourists go to California for many reasons. One is to see the majestic coastal redwoods. Four things stand out about these redwoods: They are old, tall, nurturing and interconnecting.

They are old! California redwoods are among the oldest living things on the planet. Some live to be more than 2,000 years old! That's old!

They are tall! Redwoods routinely soar to a height of more than 300 feet — the length of a football field! Sometimes, the tops are out of sight. The tallest redwood is "Hyperion" at 380 feet tall. Because people can be so mean, the location of the tallest trees like Hyperion is a closely guarded secret.

They are nurturing. Here's what one source says: "Incredibly, mats of soil on the upper branches of the canopy support other plants and whole communities of worms, insects, salamanders and mammals. Plants that grow on other plants are called epiphytes; some of the redwoods' epiphytes are trees themselves. Trees that have been documented growing on the coastal redwoods include cascara, Sitka spruce, Douglas fir, western hemlock and California bay laurel — some reaching astonishing heights of 40 feet."

Their roots intertwine. The root system is rather shallow — only going down 6 to 12 feet deep. But the roots flare out horizontally, intertwining with the roots of other trees thereby finding support in the root systems of others. This interconnectedness greatly increases their stability.

We are like redwoods.

We're old.

But we're tall. We're wise. We have gained some wisdom.

We nurture others, helping them to grow and develop into mature "trees" themselves.

And our roots intertwine. We depend on others. We in turn are strengthened by them, while providing support for them as well.

So this week, let's be a tree — like the redwood tree!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, you are the Grand Tree of all other trees! You are the greatest! You have fed and protected me. Help me to grow old gracefully, to help others and find strength in the "roots" and presence of others. Amen.

Activity Page *Week of August 2, 2020*

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Matt 14:13-21

Monday: Matt 24:22-36

Tuesday: Matt 15:1-14

Wednesday: Matt 15:21-28

Thursday: Matt 17:1-9

Friday: Matt 16:24-28

Saturday: Matt 17:14-20

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Verse to Remember

This week's Verse to Remember is presented as a cryptogram. See if you can decode the message before looking up the verse in the Bible.

Clues: Y=T, D=I

YKTPY DX YJZ VQKR FDYJ
 OVV CQTK JZOKY, OXR RQ
 XQY KZVC QX CQTK QFX
 D X P D L J Y. — Proverbs 3:5 (NRSV)

WORD

LADDER

DIRECTIONS: At each step down, subtract one letter to form a new word.
 Each step has a clue.

SWEAT

___ ___ ___ chair

___ ___ consume

___ location

___ indefinite article

SPINET

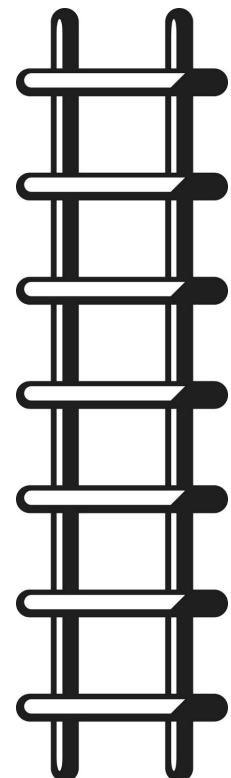
___ ___ ___ backbone

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___ first person pronoun

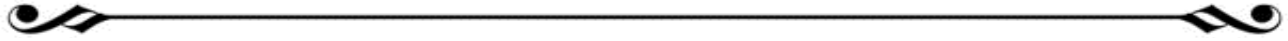


ANSWERS: SWEAT— seat, eat, at, a; SPINET— spine, spin, pin, in, I.

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-13, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33

A bad day for your ego is a great day for your soul. —Jillian Michaels



Many years have passed since Ken pastored a small church in the Midwest. While at this church, however, some remarkable things happened. Pastor Ken seemed to have a remarkable gift for prayers and healing. People came to him for help and asked him to pray, and many were healed of long-term ailments. Pastor Ken knew that he was only a channel of something God was doing, but in moments of honesty and self-reflection, he admitted to a sense of worth and pleasure that came with this gift. He didn't like pride, but pride was indeed a problem.

One day, a parishioner of about 60 years of age came into Pastor Ken's office and said, "Pastor, I have a problem."

Ken asked, "What's the problem?"

The older gentleman replied, "I am worried about my hearing."

Accordingly, Pastor Ken rose from his chair and walked around his desk and placed his hands over the ears of the man seeking his help. "Lord Jesus, you know your servant here before you today. You know about his hearing. We ask now in your name ..." And so the prayer continued, until finally, Pastor Ken removed his hands and asked, "How is your hearing now?"

The gentleman looked up at his pastor and said, "My ears and hearing are fine. I am worried about a court date I have next week. I might have to pay a fine!"

Pastor Ken told this story later in his life, and confessed: "I learned my lesson. Beware of your ego, lest it get in the way of what you are meant to do."

—Melanie Silva

Prayer: Heavenly Father, forgive me for the times when I have put my own sense of importance to the forefront. Keep me mindful that it is not "I" but rather "you" that should be my primary concern. To you is the glory always. Amen.

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Matt 14:22-33

Monday: John 12:24-26

Tuesday: Matt 18:1-14

Wednesday: Matt 18:15-20

Thursday: Matt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Matt 19:3-12

Saturday: Luke 1:39-56

VERSE TO REMEMBER

*Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations. Before the mountains were brought
forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting*

QUESTIONS

Question 1

What is it that was given to you, that still belongs to you, that you have never lent to anyone, but that is used by all the people you know?

Question 2

Can you write five odd figures that add up to 14? (Be careful! This is tricky.)

MAGIC SQUARES

DIRECTIONS: Fill in the grids, so that each column, diagonal and row add up to the given sum.

Given Sum: 15

2		
	5	3

Given Sum: 30

	10	6
12		

USE WHITE SPACE HERE TO MAKE MATH NOTES



Questions: 1. Your name; 2. $1+1+1+11=14$. We said "figures," not numbers!

2	9	4
7	5	3
6	1	8



4	18	8
14	10	6
12	2	16

MAGIC SQUARES

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 56:1-7, Romans 11:13-32, Matthew 15:21-28

Trust in God's timing. It's better to wait awhile and have things fall into place, than to rush and have things fall apart. —Anon.

  At many airports in Southeast Asia, the area where arriving passengers can be greeted by family members, friends or a company driver is designated as the “Meeting Hall.”

After passengers get their baggage, they walk through corridors until finally they pass through doors that open into the Meeting Hall. There, they encounter a teeming mass of people bobbing and shuffling around in search of their friends and loved ones. Drivers hold up signs with the passengers’ names on them.

If all goes well, everyone will meet the people they came to meet. Everyone is happy.

In the reading above, Joseph is waiting in a “Meeting Hall.” He is nervous, however, about the people he is going to meet. He is meeting his brothers for the first time since they treacherously sold him to traders who took him to Egypt. At the time, they were washing their hands of this troublesome little brother. Or so they thought.

They had come to Egypt now because there was widespread famine. But for seven years, Egypt had saved for the lean years. Now, these brothers had been detained by authorities. They didn’t know why. They are ushered into the presence of a high-ranking Egyptian authority.

And then Joseph reveals who he is!

It is the most touching reunion story in all of the Bible and perhaps all of literature.

Joseph had learned to be gracious. He had learned to be forgiving. He had learned to understand that when you’re in the will of God, there’s no need to fret or fuss. Joseph understood this: “So it was not you who sent me here, but God,” he told his brothers (Genesis 45:8). And later, after the death of their father Jacob, Joseph told them, “Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good” (Genesis 50:20).

What good thing does God intend for you today?

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: We confess, O God, that we can become upset when things do not go our way. Help me to be patient, forgiving and gracious, and to wait upon your timing. Amen.

Activity Page *Week of August 16, 2020*

Daily Gospel Reading

Sunday: Matt 15:21-28

Monday: Matt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Matt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Matt 20:1-16

Thursday: Matt 22:1-14

Friday: Matt 22:34-40

Saturday: Matt 23:1-12

NORTH AMERICA SCRAMBLE

DIRECTIONS: Unscramble the following words which pertain to North America

1. xtaes
2. ancaad
3. oexcim
4. amceari
5. titaacnl
6. ifpaicc
7. liuocxomffge
8. sinatroynumkc

WORD CHOP

DIRECTIONS: The table below contains words that have been chopped in half. Find the pieces that fit together and write them in the answer area below. Each piece is used only once. The theme is "Animals." Here is one answer: diu-rnal = diurnal, meaning occurring during the day and not night. There are 13 words, including the one we gave you.

carri	diu	ivore	pr	ital	hab
ator	herb	pred	invert	extin	rnal
verte	dive	ebrates	ivore	ivore	rsity
urnal	vation	brates	omni	ction	noct
conser	ey				

DIURNAL

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

ANSWERS TO WORD CHOP:

carnivore, omnivore, herbivore,
conservation, diversity, extinction, prey,
nocturnal, predator, habitat,
invertebrates, vertebrates

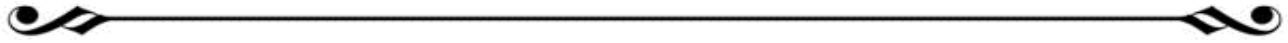
ANSWERS TO NORTH AMERICA
SCRAMBLE:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:13-20

Kindness makes you feel good whether it's being done to you or by you.

—*Frank A. Clark*



Recently, I read about Hunter Shamatt, a young man who lost his wallet. He was on his way from South Dakota to his sister's wedding in Las Vegas, and he left his wallet on the airplane. The wallet held the 20-year-old's ID and debit card, as well as \$60 and a signed paycheck. He was sure he would never see any of those items again.

But fortunately for Hunter, the wallet was found by Todd Brown.

Noting the address information on Hunter's ID, Brown mailed everything back, and then some. Brown included a note that read, "Hunter, I found this on a Frontier flight from Omaha to Denver — wedged between the seat and wall. Thought you might want it back. All the best. P.S. I rounded up your cash to an even \$100 so you could celebrate getting your wallet back. Have fun!!!"

While others may have snatched the cash, Brown gave Hunter something more.

Folks asked, "Why would you do such a thing?"

Brown replied: "I saw he was just a kid, 20 years old, and there was a paycheck in there so I saw he was doing his best. I was 20 once. That's a lot of money for a kid."

Hunter's mom posted the story on social media.

Never seeking attention in the first place, Todd stated simply: "I just wanted to do the right thing. It always feels good to do the right thing."

—Melanie Silva

Prayer: God of us all, wake me up. Keep me alert to the needs of others that I too might always opt to pay it forward. Amen.

Activity Page *Week of August 23, 2020*

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Matt 16:13-20

Monday: John 1:45-51

Tuesday: Matt 22:23-26

Wednesday: Matt 23:27-32

Thursday: Matt 24:42-51

Friday: Matt 25:1-13

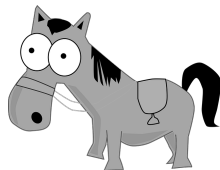
Saturday: Mark 6:17-29

Verse to Remember

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.

—Galatians 5:22-23

NAME THIS PONY!



RIDDLE: How much earth is there in a hole 2 yards wide by 2 yards long by 2 yards deep?

Pastor Farnsworth bought a little pony for his grandchildren, but didn't know what to name it. As he stood in the pasture thinking, he noticed all kinds of birds flying around, each giving its own special call. Then, he got an idea.

Match the bird with its call, and write the letters in order in the space provided to find out the two-word name of Pastor Farnsworth's horse.

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| __ 1. Dove | A. hiss |
| __ 2. Crow | A. crow |
| __ 3. Rooster | E. caw |
| __ 4. Duck | G. chirp |
| __ 5. Eagle | I. cluck |
| __ 6. Owl | L. scream |
| __ 7. Sparrow | P. coo |
| __ 8. Goose | R. quack |
| __ 9. Hen | T. chatter |
| __ 10. Magpie | Y. hoot |

Pony's name:

BRAIN BAFFLERS!

The following two questions come from an actual **fourth** grade class. They are not questions of fact, but questions that ask you to look for patterns.

These are not easy. But you will be interested and amused when you read the answers. Have fun.

1. What do these words have in common?

banana
dresser
grammar
potato
revive
uneven
assess

2. What pattern do you see when you multiply 111,111,111 x 111,111,111?

ANSWERS: Riddle — None. Holes are always empty. **Brain Bafflers — Question 1:** If you take the first letter of each word listed and place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word. **Question 2:** 12,345,678,987,654,321. **Name this pony:** Pearly Gait.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 16:21-27

God's love is like an ocean; you can see its beginning, but not its end.

—Rick Warren

The Old Testament reading today is from Exodus 3. It tells the story of “the burning bush.” This is no ordinary bush that burns. A bush that merely burned was no doubt a common sight. This bush, however, burned and was not consumed. It did not wither in the heat of the flames to a pile of ash! It just burned and burned and burned!

Moses was curious. He was tending a flock of sheep at the time. He was about 40 years old. He thought, “I got to see this.” So he went to the bush. You know the story. A voice — the voice of God — spoke from the bush and told Moses to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. A burning bush and holy ground. Something amazing was going to happen. Moses could feel it.

Then God identifies himself: “I AM THAT I AM.”

This is the way most versions of the Bible translate the Hebrew. But the New Revised Standard Version translates Exodus 3:14 to read, “God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’”

This makes sense, doesn't it? We say the same thing about ourselves sometimes, don't we? “I am who I am.”

Often, we say this after someone has criticized our behavior. “You sure are stubborn,” your friend says.

“I am who I am,” you reply in defense. In other words, you can be no other than you are.

This is what God tells Moses. “I am who I am. I will be God for you. I will be faithful to you, I will be trustworthy and I will keep covenant with you. I am who I am.”

Terence Fretheim, in *Exodus*, of the *Interpretation Bible Commentary* series, writes that the “formulation [I am who I am] suggests a divine faithfulness to self: Wherever God is being God, God will be the kind of God God is. Israel need not be concerned about divine arbitrariness or capriciousness. God can be counted on to be who God is; God will be faithful.”

Aren't you glad that God is who God is?

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: God of Moses, thank you for being who you are. I thank you that you are unchanging in all your ways. Praise your name! Amen.

Activity Page *Week of August 30, 2020*

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Matt 16:21–27

Monday: Luke 4:16–30

Tuesday: Luke 4:31–37

Wednesday: Luke 4:38–44

Thursday: Luke 5:1–11

Friday: Luke 5:33–39

Saturday: Luke 6:1–5

Jesus said ...

By using one letter of the alphabet BEFORE the letter shown, decipher one of the sayings of Jesus.

Jesus said to them:

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_ _ _
J B N

_ _ _
U I F

_ _ _
C S F B E

_ _
P G

_ _ _
M J G F

—John 6:35

NUMBER STUMPERS

DIRECTIONS: This little exercise is bound to get the gray matter moving! Here's what to do: Using the clues given for each number, figure out the answer for each question. We've given you an example.

Example:

Clue 1: It is an even, two-digit number.

Clue 2: The difference between its digits is 1.

Clue 3: When the two digits are multiplied, the answer is 12.

The answer is 34.

1.

Clue 1: It is an odd, two-digit number.

Clue 2: The product (multiply) of its two digits is 24.

Clue 3: When the second digit is subtracted from the first, the difference is 5.

Answer _____

2.

Clue 1: It is an even, two-digit number.

Clue 2: The sum of the two digits is 10.

Clue 3: The difference of the two digits is 2.

Answer _____

3.

Clue 1: It is an odd, two-digit number.

Clue 2: The sum of the two digits is 10.

Clue 3: The difference of the two digits is 0.

Answer _____

4.

Clue 1: It is an even, two-digit number.

Clue 2: One-half of the number is 5 more than the number of days in a fortnight.

Clue 3: The sum of the squares of the two digits is 73.

Answer _____

Answers:
Jesus said ...
"I am the
bread of life."
Number
Stumpers:
1-83
2-46 or 64
3-55
4-38

