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A Message From Deacon Dave



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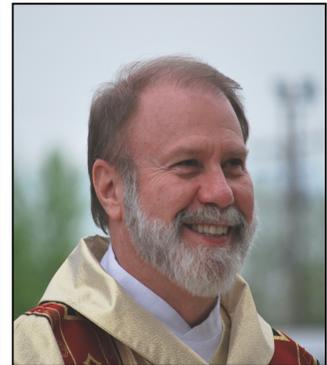
If you know someone who has recently become infirmed or homebound please contact our parish secretary at 275-6539 so that we can add them to our visitation list.

Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ:

One of the high points of this summer, for me, was when I made a homebound visit to celebrate a dear lady's 90th birthday. I had visited Anne and her husband Cecil several times over the last couple of years. During that time Cecil was in poor health and was pretty immobile. Even though he was not Catholic Cecil enjoyed my visits and would always join me and Anne in prayer. I would say a prayer and give Anne Holy Communion while Cecil was always open for a blessing. After prayer, Anne and Cecil would usually invite me to eat lunch with them, which was a real treat for me. They always had more than enough food to go around and I enjoyed the food and fellowship. Sometimes

I could stay and sometimes my schedule would not allow it. But it was a real joy to visit them.

On my visits, Anne and I would normally talk about what was going on at church, and she would almost always talk about her good friends at church. One friend she would bring up time and time again was Mary Margaret. Growing up, Mary Margaret and Anne lived very close to each other and both attended St Vincent de Paul Church and School together. Anne would go on about Mary Margaret and how close they were to each other. I heard several times, that they were known as Mutt & Jeff because they were always together with each other, which included getting into trouble in school. Even though Anne was one grade ahead of



Deacon Dave Reising

Mary Margaret, they were pretty well inseparable.

So, every once in a while, after I would visit Anne, I would see Mary Margaret in church. I would pass on a story or two from Anne, usually about their shenanigans together. And sure enough their stories normally coincided, so I assumed that they were both telling me the truth. Every time I would mention one to the other I would get a big grin, and another story would come forth. On one of my

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.

visits to Anne’s I mentioned that I would someday bring Mary Margaret with me. Anne’s eyes opened wide and a big grin came on her face, and she said that would be wonderful.

In August of this year Anne’s husband Cecil passed away. At Cecil’s viewing, Anne reminded me that I was going to try to get Mary Margaret and her together for a visit. When I learned that Anne was going to be having her 90th birthday soon. I got in touch with Mary Margaret, and without hesitation she told me when I could pick her up for the daytrip out to see Anne on her 90th birthday.

When I picked up Mary Margaret she did not stop talking about Anne until we knocked on Anne’s door. When we entered the living room where Anne was seated, both of them got these big grins on their faces, and it was like someone opened the floodgates of a big dam. Mary Margaret sat down next to Anne, and they began swapping stories and kidding one another. What one would not say the other one would. They smiled at each other as they both were talking at the same time. The excitement of being in each other’s presence never waned through the whole visit. I could go on and on about their visit together, but I can tell you that the 90th birthday wasn’t what was important that day. What was important was the reunion of two soul mates who had a lifetime of shared life and love together.

During Anne’s and Mary Margaret’s reunion my heart was full of joy, and I knew that I was being blessed by God to experience such a wonderful relationship. I felt God’s presence at that gathering and am sure that Anne and Mary Margaret experienced His presence as well. After their visit together, I couldn’t help but wonder if this is the type of reunion we will experience in heaven. When, we will see those people we miss who have shared life and love with us in this life and in joy, we will meet them in the presence of Almighty God.

God Bless,

Dcn Dave

Veterans Day – November 11

For some, Veterans Day is just another federal holiday. But for many, it is a day of reflection, gratitude and conversation. This year, let’s make sure to honor our veterans in the best way possible by reflecting on the significance of their service, conveying our gratitude in meaningful and personal ways, and carefully pursuing conversations that will allow them to talk about the memories they wish to recall without forcing them to relive memories they’re seeking to avoid. Happy Veterans Day.

November 3, 2019

31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2, 2 Thessalonians 1:11–2:2
Luke 19:1-10

*Long before Zacchaeus couldn't see Jesus,
the tree was already planted to meet his need. —Anon.*

The Scripture reading above tells the story of Zacchaeus, the little man with a big problem. First, he was a little man. This is not necessarily a problem, but sometimes shortness of stature requires a workaround.

If you've ever been to a parade, you might remember seeing a dad with a child sitting atop their shoulders. Why? To enable the child to see above the heads of the crowd. It's hard to see a parade if you're a kid, unless you can get a good seat. What better seat than your dad's shoulders?

Zacchaeus was not a kid and there were no shoulders upon which to perch. So if he was going to get a glimpse of the parade he would need to get creative. He climbed a tree.

Then he saw Jesus.

And then he had a bigger problem.

He knew that he had to mend his ways. He needed to seek forgiveness. He needed to set things right with the people he'd wronged.

Jesus told him that he would stop by Zacchaeus' house that night! Wow!

Do you think Zacchaeus was nervous? I would be. I would fret about what to serve Jesus. Does he have certain dietary needs? Is he lactose intolerant? A vegan? What should I serve him to drink?

Truth is, Jesus was only interested in the total transformation of Zacchaeus from a dishonest merchant into one who could be trusted.

The best thing we can ever offer Jesus is our willingness to follow him without reservation.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I invite you to call me to my senses; to show me where I need to improve; to tell me that you will visit me where I live. My life is open to you, O Lord. May I be your obedient servant. In your name I pray. Amen.

Activity Page

Week of November 3, 2019

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Luke 19:1-10

Monday: John 10:11-16

Tuesday: Luke 14:15-24

Wednesday: Luke 14:25-33

Thursday: Luke 15:1-10

Friday: Luke 16:1-8

Saturday: John 2:13-22

Verse to Remember

“May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.”

—Psalm 126:5-6

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M	U	S	T	E	R
C	A	M	E	R	A
F	L	A	M	E	S
S	T	O	L	E	N
W	A	I	T	E	R

WORD SHUFFLE

Notice that the diagonal letters in the box to the left spell SUMMER. Shuffle the order of the words so the same diagonal spells WARMER.

PYRAMID PUZZLE

ORANGE

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In the figure to the **left**, reduce the six-letter word by one letter at each descending step so each step makes a new word.

In the figure at the **right**, descend the stairs by adding one letter at each step to make a new word.

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November 10, 2019

32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-14, 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5,
Luke 20:27-38

Kindness is a gift everyone can afford to give — Anon.

One afternoon, a father and son were walking through their neighborhood when they came upon a baseball game in progress in the local park. Shayla knew some of the kids, and after watching them play for a while, he asked his dad whether they would let him play.

Well, his dad had a feeling Shayla was going to ask him that very question. It was a question he dreaded because Shayla has physical issues so severe that he can't run, can't hold a bat very well, and certainly does not have the coordination required to hit a baseball.

Still, he approached one of the boys in the field and almost apologetically asked him if Shayla could play.

"Well, we're losing by six runs and we're going into the eighth inning. I guess he can play. We'll try to let him bat in the ninth inning."

When Shayla's team came to bat in the bottom of the ninth inning after scoring three runs in the eighth inning, the unbelievable happened: the bases were loaded! That was the good news. The bad news was that there were already two outs. They had only one chance to win, and that chance lay with the next batter. That batter was Shayla.

Shayla's dad held his breath. Would they let him bat?

Yes. Shayla emerged from the dugout with a bat and a smile. He took his place in the batter's box. The pitcher moved in a few steps and lobbed him an easy ball. Shayla missed.

Then a teammate held the bat with Shayla and together they hit a slow ground ball.

But instead of throwing Shayla out at first, the pitcher picked up the ball and threw it to right field, well beyond the reach of the first baseman. Everyone started yelling, "Run, Shayla run." Shayla scampered down the baseline and, not knowing any better, he kept going.

By now, the right fielder had the ball; he could have easily tagged Shayla out on his way to second. But instead, he threw the ball over the head of the third baseman. Shayla kept running — as did the other boys in front of him, who by now had scored.

By the time Shayla rounded third, the boys from both teams were running behind him screaming, "Shayla! Run home; run home!" He did.

And all 18 boys lifted him on their shoulders and made him the hero, as he had hit a grand slam and won the game for his team.

—Melanie Silva

Prayer: Help me, O God, to always choose kindness. Amen.

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Week of November 10, 2019

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Luke 20:27-38

Monday: Matthew 25:31-40

Tuesday: John 17:20-26

Wednesday: Luke 17:11-19

Thursday: Luke 17:20-25

Friday: Luke 17:26-37

Saturday: Luke 18:1-8

Verse to Remember

“But [God] said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.’ So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.”

—2 Corinthians 12:9

LOGIC CHALLENGE: Can you solve this?

$$\heartsuit + \heartsuit + \heartsuit = 60$$

$$\heartsuit + \smiley + \smiley = 30$$

$$\smiley - \lightning = 3$$

$$\heartsuit + \lightning = ???$$

WRITE YOUR ANSWER HERE:

WHICH NUMBER IS THE ODD ONE OUT?

68 18 50 31

Answer to LOGIC CHALLENGE: 26. **Odd One Out:** 31. It is the only odd number.

November 17, 2019

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:19-20, 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12, Luke 21:5-19

*Aim at heaven and you will get earth “thrown in.”
Aim at earth and you will get neither. —C.S. Lewis*

In some parts of central Iowa, the tale is told of a local pastor who crusaded against the demon drink.

One Saturday evening, Pastor Jones walked into a tavern and said to the first man he met, “Do you want to go to heaven?”

The man put his beer on the counter and said, “Of course I do, Pastor.”

“Then you’d better leave this bar right now!”

The passionate reverend then approached a second man and asked him, “Do you want to go to heaven?”

“Certainly, Pastor,”

“Then get out of this den of iniquity!” said the pastor.

The pastor now approached Red “Cooter” Jackson, who clearly had already knocked away a few pints. Pastor Jones walked up to old Cooter and asked, “Do you want to go to heaven?”

Cooter said, “Nah, I don’t think so.”

Pastor Jones leaned in and looked Cooter Jackson in the eye and said, “You mean to tell me that when you die you don’t want to go to heaven?”

Cooter laughed. “Oh, well yes indeed, pastor. When I *die* I want to go to heaven. I thought you was getting a group together to go *right now!*”

Red “Cooter” Jackson wasn’t ready to go to heaven *right now*. Maybe someday, but not right now.

Perhaps he didn’t understand what the Bible says about heaven. Our reading for today tells us a lot about heaven. God says, “I am about to create new heavens and a new earth” (Isaiah 65:17). God then says that in heaven we won’t remember things in the past, that we will be “glad and rejoice forever,” and that “no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it.”

God also offers a wonderful promise: “Before [you] call, I will answer, while [you] are yet speaking I will hear” (v. 24).

God has prepared a wonderful place for us. We can rejoice and be glad.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: God, I am humbled in your presence. I am not worthy of what you have prepared for me. I look to you for strength and courage, and I will not fear when you call me into the joy of my true eternal home. Amen.

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Week of November 17, 2019

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Luke 21:5-19

Monday: Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday: Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday: Luke 19:11-28

Thursday: Matthew 12:46-50

Friday: Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday: Luke 20:27-40

CAPITAL CROSSING

Directions: Place the capitals listed below in the correct spaces to complete the crossword.

9 Letters
Amsterdam
Bucharest
Stockholm

10 Letters
BatonRouge
Copenhagen
MexicoCity

Sacramento
Washington

11 Letters
Springfield
Tallahassee

4 Letters

Lima
Oslo

5 Letters

Hanoi
Paris
Seoul
Tokyo

6 Letters

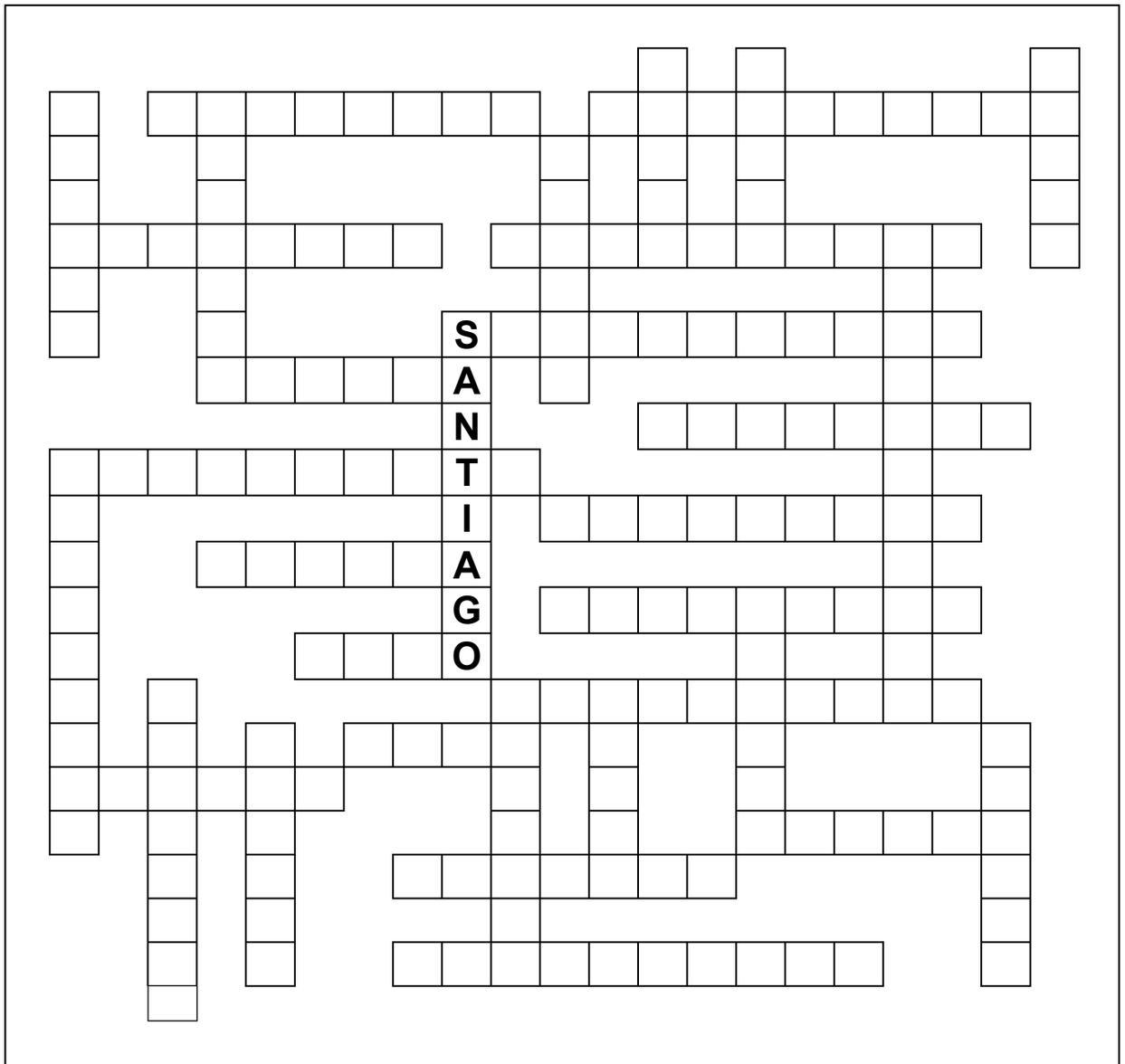
Athens
Boston
Havana
Lisbon
London
Moscow
Pierre
Saigon
Topeka

7 Letters

Caracas
Jackson
Raleigh

8 Letters

Belgrade
Bismarck
Brussels
Capetown
Santiago



November 24, 2019

34th Sunday In Ordinary Time – Christ the King Sunday

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3, Colossians 1:12-20, Luke 23:35-43

Give light, and the darkness will disappear of itself. —Desiderius Erasmus

Today I met Luci.

She's both beautiful, smart and amazing! She helps so many people.

And she's also compact, waterproof and a very cool-looking, *solar-powered lantern*. Luci offers affordable and portable light to people who don't have access to electricity.

Such people might be recreational campers, but they could also be people affected by natural disasters or who live in remote areas of Africa.

The International Energy Agency estimates that 1.3 billion people lack access to electricity, and an additional 1.5 billion have irregular access. Luci can help.

The solar-powered lamp is made of primarily see-through plastic and weighs just 4 ounces. With 10 tiny LED lights, the company says it can shine about 15 square feet of light, and on a full 8-hour solar charge, the light will last between 6 and 12 hours. The time varies because there are two different brightness modes as well as a flashing mode.

The makers of Luci say that this little light has the power to change the world!

Luci reminds me of the Sunday school song:

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!

This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? NO! I'm going to let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel? NO! I'm going to let it shine!

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Each one of us carries within us the light of God.

This light is best revealed —

- when we're smiling, not frowning;
- with an open hand, rather than a closed fist;
- with a positive word, rather than an unkind remark;
- and with a hug, not a shrug.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to let my light so shine before others, that they might glorify you. Amen.

Activity Page

Week of November 24, 2019

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Luke 23:35-43

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: Matthew 4:18-22

PROVERBIAL ANIMALS

Many expressions in our language use animals as metaphors. Consider, for example, "Wise as an owl," or "To take the bull by the horns." Below are more of these expressions. Unscramble the words to find the animals in the proverbs.

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| PAE | _____ | 1. To go _____ over something. |
| EBRAEV | _____ | 2. An eager _____ . |
| RDIB | _____ | 3. To sing like a _____ . |
| GOD | _____ | 4. To be in the _____ house. |
| FOWL | _____ | 5. To be a _____ in sheep's clothing. |
| RUYTEK | _____ | 6. To talk _____ . |
| RUILQSER | _____ | 7. To _____ away your money. |
| SMUPOS | _____ | 8. To play _____ (pretend to be dead). |
| LEMU | _____ | 9. Stubborn as a _____ . |
| NOLI | _____ | 10. _____ -hearted. |

RIDDLE

I am weightless and can be seen. When I am put in a barrel, I make it lighter.

What am I?

(Answer to the right)

Answers to Proverbial

Animals: 1. ape,
2. beaver, 3. bird,
4. dog, 5. wolf,
6. turkey, 7. squirrel,
8. possum, 9. mule,
10. lion.

Solution to Riddle:

A hole.