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A Message from Deacon Dave

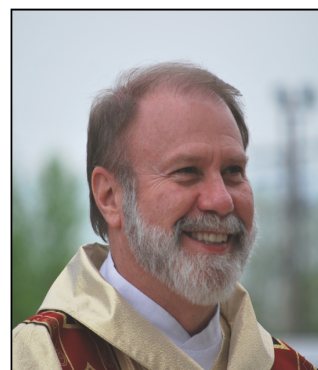
Greetings in the Lord
Jesus Christ:

When it was time for
the writing of this
newsletter both Kathy
and I were
hospitalized at two
different hospitals.
Amy, my youngest
daughter, asked me
what she could do to
help get some of the
things I needed done.
I asked her to write a
newsletter article of
something that she
experienced recently.
She graciously agreed
and the next day she
had written the article
below about her
oldest child JD
leaving for college.

The morning we
packed up JD's things
felt like a quiet ache
wrapped in
cardboard boxes. His
room, once a
whirlwind of clothes,
keepsakes from high

school and lots of
shoes had been
transformed into
neat stacks of
essentials—towels,
notebooks, and his
guitar he insisted
he'd use. Jason
carried the heavier
boxes to the car
while I fussed over
the small things, like
whether JD had
enough socks or if
he'd remembered his
toothbrush. It wasn't
really about the
toothbrush or the
socks. It was about
the letting go. Before
we left, our family
formed a circle in
the garage and held
hands. We all said a
prayer for JD in the
garage as well as an
Our Father and Hail
Mary.

JD had chosen



Deacon Dave Reising

Indiana University in
Bloomington. A
beautiful campus,
full of promise and
opportunity. We are
very proud, but pride
has a funny way of
mingling with
sorrow when it
means watching
your child step into a
world that no longer
includes you in every
moment. I kept
reminding myself:
this is what we
raised him for. To be
strong. To be
curious. To chase his

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

The question is “What do you want to ask God for today?” Most of us don’t need much time to consider that question because we all have needs and/or wants. Scripture tells us that our prayers are very powerful! If you are interested in having someone from our Parish Prayer Ministry to pray for you or with you, just give Deacon Dave a call at 812-278-1795, and he will set up a time to meet with you.

dreams.

The drive up was uneventful. JD had his headphones in, lost in his own thoughts. Jason and I didn’t talk much, but we didn’t need to. We were both thinking about the same things—how quickly time moves, how JD had grown, and how this moment marked a turning point.

When we arrived, the campus was buzzing with families doing the same thing we were: unloading, organizing, and trying not to linger too long. JD was ready. He met his roommate and started unpacking with the ease of someone who’d already imagined this day. We helped set up his room, hung a few posters, and made sure the essentials were in place. I watched him from the doorway, my heart swelling and breaking all at once.

As we walked back to the car, I felt the weight of the moment settle in. This wasn’t just a goodbye. It was a handing over. A surrender. And in that surrender, I found myself praying—not just for JD’s safety, but for his joy, his resilience, his faith. I asked God to walk beside him, to guide him when we couldn’t, to be the voice in his heart when ours was too far away.

Back home, JD’s room was still. The bed made, the shelves half-empty. I sat on the edge and let the quiet settle. Not sadness—just change. The kind that comes when someone you love steps into their own story. JD is beginning his next chapter, and we are too. It’s a chapter of trust, of watching from a distance, of cheering quietly. Our relationship is strong—built on years of shared moments, lessons, and laughter. And though the distance is new, the connection remains.

So here we are—Jason, JD, Elizabeth and me—each on our own path, yet forever connected. And as JD walks the halls of Indiana University, chasing dreams and discovering himself, we walk in faith, trusting that God is with him every step of the way.

Thanks, Amy! Your story is about each generation’s trust in God through the many changes that occur in our lives, giving us the strength to do what we need to do. And by the way, Kathy and I are back home and feeling better.

God Bless,
Deacon Dave

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-2:4, 2 Timothy 1:6-14, Luke 17:5-10

*In faith, there is enough light for those who want to believe
and enough shadows to blind those who don't. —Blaise Pascal*



After WW II, the Allied powers established the International Military Tribunal (IMT) to bring Nazi leaders to justice for crimes against peace, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing crimes.

Why do I bring this up? Because, in less than two weeks, we will observe the 80th anniversary of a major development in the so-called Nuremberg trials. On October 18, 1945, an indictment against 24 major war criminals and seven organizations was filed with the trial itself beginning on November 20. In all, 199 defendants were tried, 161 were convicted, and 37 were sentenced to death.

It is safe to say that most people who had suffered at the hands of the Nazis were relieved that those who had perpetrated untold atrocities upon other human beings were getting what they deserved. They were punished, and it was only right that they were.

Habakkuk would've approved. As it is, when we find him in our reading for today, he is in a bad mood. He does not like the way God is handling foreign affairs. He does not think God is doing a very good job.

Do we ever feel this way? Have you ever looked around at the world and felt like Habakkuk — frustrated, confused, maybe even angry? You see injustice flourishing, corruption unchecked, and people who do evil seemingly getting ahead. Meanwhile, the faithful struggle, and God seems silent.

While it is unlikely we have suffered as the world did for almost a decade while the Nazis were in power, we still bridle, do we not, at the slightest provocation? Like Habakkuk, we complain, "O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save?" (1:2). Habakkuk's complaint is not new. But he did learn something. God's delay is not the same thing as God's absence. God told him, "Look at the nations and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told" (1:5). God sees the wickedness and is neither blind nor inactive, but we must trust God's timing, not ours. In the meantime, God says, "The righteous live by their faith" (2:4).

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, help me to live by faith and not by sight. Amen.

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Week of October 5, 2025

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Luke 17:5-10

Monday: Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday: Luke 1:26-38

Wednesday: Luke 11:1-4

Thursday: Luke 11:5-13

Friday: Luke 11:15-26

Saturday: Luke 11:27-28

Verse to Remember

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.*

—Psalm 111:10

What happened and when it happened in U.S. history

Directions: At the bottom, fill in the letters that complete the sentences about these events in U.S. history begun in Group I. Take a letter from each group (II through IV) to complete the sentences.

Group I

A. Alaska joins

B. The National League

C. The government approves AZT

D. The Whig Party

E. JFK,

F. George Washington is chosen

Group II

G. the 35th President of the United States,

H. in the treatment

I. the union

J. is established

K. becomes

L. commander in chief

Group III

M. the first professional baseball league

N. by opponents of Andrew Jackson

O. of AIDS patients

P. is born in Brookline, MA

Q. as the 49th state

R. of the Continental Army

Group IV

S. on June 15, 1775

T. on April 14, 1834

U. on Feb. 2, 1876

V. on May 29, 1917

W. on Jan. 3, 1959

X. on March 20, 1987

A. ____ B. ____ C. ____ D. ____ E. ____ F. ____

Answers to "What happened and when it happened in U.S. History": A. IQW, B. KMU, C. HOX, D. JNT, E. GPV, F. LRS.



*"Jesus Christ,
who unites us
and keeps us as
one."*

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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	31	

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17, 2 Timothy 2:8-13, Luke 17:11-19

God sees our wounds, our brokenness, our weariness. And in his hands, what is shattered can be restored. —Max Lucado



If it's not broken, don't fix it. We're familiar with this time-tested adage, and it rings true. But what about humans? Can we be repaired? Can we be healed?

When you think about it, the human body has a strong repairability index. But what about the soul? What about the mind? What about relationships? What about a marriage? What about the human heart?

The case of the Assyrian commander in 2 Kings is an interesting one, because here's a guy who gets a two-fer: Both his body and soul are healed! Naaman was sick. "He suffered from leprosy" (v. 1). It was a diagnosis no one wanted to hear. You can imagine Naaman seeing his doctor, and praying to himself, "Don't let it be leprosy! Don't let it be leprosy."

His fears were justified. It was a terrible, disfiguring disease. The Bible says, "Though a mighty warrior, [he] suffered from leprosy." This is the thing about disease: *it is no respecter of persons*. He was a big man. A powerful man. A wealthy man. But he had leprosy, and had to bear the social stigma that went with it.

Naaman learned that *repairs require faith*, and after humbling himself and following the prophet Elisha's prescription (dipping into the Jordan River seven times), he was healed.

This business of seeking a cure for a disease is tricky. On one hand, we are all headed for death. It is a destination none of us can avoid. At some point, the body is not fixable. But what about our hearts, souls and minds? Yes, these too can be healed and fixed.

Do you ever feel wounded, scarred, broken and falling apart? You, too, can be "repaired." That's what Jesus is all about. Repairs are guaranteed. As the gospel song puts it:

*He's the healer of broken hearts, / He'll mend your shattered dreams.
He'll pick up all the threads / Of your broken life
And weave them together again.
To your soul, he'll bring peace and joy.
A friend in need he'll be. / The healer of broken hearts
Is Jesus of Galilee.*

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Teach us to trust you as Naaman did — to walk in faith, even when your ways seem unexpected. Give us humility to obey, patience to wait, and confidence to believe that you are always at work in us. Help us to surrender our hurts, our fears and our failures into your hands, knowing that, in you, true healing is found. Amen.

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Week of October 12, 2025

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Luke 17:11-19

Monday: Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday: Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday: John 15:1-8

Thursday: Luke 11:47-54

Friday: John 12:24-26

Saturday: Luke 10:1-9

Crypto-mania!

Try to decode the message below before looking up the verse in the Bible.

Clues: W=O, I=N

JEA HWN DB HVEKXWTY SW TY EIN DCBYY TY EIN
JEMB LXV QKKB SW YLXIB TZWI TY.

—Psalm 67:1

WORD SEARCH

These words were taken from an early 20th-century, eighth-grade spelling primer.

Find them in the Word Search below.

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

memorandum
metaphor
nightingale
nonchalant
nucleus
potent
prairies
proportional
reconstruction
remarkably
saxophone
scrupulous
simultaneous
sojourn
supplement
traverse
turbulent
twilight
whimpered
whimsical

Can you find a book of the Bible hidden in these sentences?

1. Piaget's theory proves there are four stages in the life of a child.
2. She sat in the snow by Muddy Creek numb with cold, barely able to feel her fingers.
3. Mother made us taste samples of gruel, otherwise known as porridge, and which we spit out on the sly.

Answers:

1. Es+ther
2. Numb+ers
3. Sam+uel

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:8-13, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2, Luke 18:1-8

*Want to hear God speak? Read your Bible. Want to hear God speak audibly?
Read your Bible out loud! —Justin Peters*



Think about your favorite trip or adventure. Where did you go? How long were you gone? Where did you stay? How did you get there?

Ah, this last question is important, isn't it? To get to your destination, you needed some assistance. Someone had to give you directions, or you used a map.

Life is a journey, and every journey needs a reliable guide. For the believer, that guide is the Bible, God's voice speaking to us, offering wisdom, direction and encouragement at every stage of life. Whether we are young or old, active or slowing down, Scripture remains our moral and spiritual compass, pointing us toward truth, righteousness and hope. In today's reading, these words appear: "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."

God's word guides us at every age. The world around us changes rapidly. Many of us have watched society shift in ways we never expected — new technology, new ideas and even new attitudes toward morality. In the midst of all this change, it can sometimes feel overwhelming. But one thing never changes: God's truth. Isaiah 40:8 reminds us: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." While everything around us shifts, God's word remains steady and true. No matter how many birthdays we celebrate, Scripture continues to be our teacher, our source of wisdom and our moral compass.

But Bible also teaches and corrects us. It is "useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness." The Bible is not just for comfort, but also for instruction. It shows us how to live, corrects us when we go astray, and trains us to be more like Christ.

The ultimate goal, of course is to be "proficient, equipped for every good work." Some may wonder, "What good work can I do when I am elderly and homebound?" The answer is: Plenty! You can encourage and pray for others. You can share wisdom, guiding and inspiring the next generation.

Even in the quiet seasons of life, God is still using you, still equipping you, preparing you for works of faith, love and encouragement.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Gracious God, help me to hold fast to your word, knowing that it will always lead me on the right path and sustain me through every season of life. Amen.

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Week of October 19, 2025

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Luke 18:1-8

Monday: Luke 12:13-21

Tuesday: Luke 12:35-38

Wednesday: Luke 12:39-48

Thursday: Luke 12:49-53

Friday: Luke 12:54-59

Saturday: Luke 13:1-9

Verse to Remember
Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

—Psalm 119:105

THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

Using the code of mathematical and scientific symbols in the column at the left, decipher the names of famous scientists who advanced our knowledge of the world.

A = $\neq$

B = $\lrcorner$

C = Σ

D = $\cong$

E = α

F = $\supseteq$

G = $\{$

H = $\}$

I = $\leq$

L = ∞

M = $\leftrightarrow$

N = $\pm$

O = $\notin$

P = π

R = Ω

S = ∇

T = $\angle$

U = $\sqrt{}$

A. $\{ \neq \infty \leq \infty \alpha \notin$

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C. $\notin \pi \pi \alpha \pm \{ \alpha \leq \leftrightarrow \alpha \Omega$

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F. $\lrcorner \alpha \infty \infty$

G. $\supseteq \infty \alpha \leftrightarrow \leq \pm \{$

H. $\neq \leftrightarrow \pi \alpha \Omega \alpha$

I. $\Sigma \alpha \infty \nabla \leq \sqrt{} \nabla$

J. $\pi \neq \nabla \Sigma \neq \infty$

Solution:

A. Galileo

B. Archimedes

C. Oppenheimer

D. Einstein

E. Curie

F. Bell

G. Fleming

H. Ampere

I. Celsius

J. Pascal

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture Readings: Sirach 35:12-14, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, Luke 18:9-14

Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it's thinking of yourself less.

—Rick Warren

In today's gospel, Jesus tells a story about two men, a tax man and a Pharisee. He has high praise for the former and contempt for the latter. Let's take a closer look. The first thing we notice — perhaps with disappointment — is that this reading is not about taxes and tax collectors at all! *It is rather about the best way to get on God's good side.*

Jesus expressed this somewhat more theologically: "I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted" (v. 14).

We get on God's good side *by humbly confessing that we're sinners in need of God's redemptive mercy.*

The Pharisee didn't get this. Notice that everything in his prayer is true. Unfortunately, it was truth fish-wrapped in pride disguised as gratitude. "God, I thank you." So far so good. Then he crossed a line: "... that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers" (v. 11). He might've been okay if he'd stopped right there. But no, he had to keep going, "... or even like this tax-collector." This guy forgot that God loves thieves, rogues, adulterers and tax collectors! God even loves you and me!

Truth is, we don't really like people who are proud and full of themselves, do we? Sadly, it's hard for such people to get on God's good side. We prefer to be around those who can see beyond themselves, who show evident concern in the welfare of others, who take an interest in us, who seek justice and walk humbly with God, as the prophet Micah noted.

For example, I'm thinking of the leader who serves rather than bossing people around; the CEO who spends time learning employees' names, listening to their concerns, and even doing some of their tasks to understand their struggles. Or the physics teacher who corrects a student in class, only to later realize she misunderstood the situation. Instead of doubling down in pride, she publicly apologizes to the student, modeling that true humility means owning mistakes and valuing truth over ego. Or the woman who notices an elderly neighbor struggling to maintain his yard. Quietly, she mows his lawn, pulls weeds, and leaves fresh flowers by his door. She never tells anyone.

Humility. The tax collector had it when he prayed the "Sinner's Prayer." We, too, can clothe ourselves in these attractive garments when we walk humbly with God and our neighbor

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, open the eyes of my heart, that I may see. Amen.

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Week of October 26, 2025

Daily Gospel Readings

Sunday: Luke 18:9-14
Monday: Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday: Luke 6:12-16
Wednesday: Luke 13:22-30
Thursday: Luke 13:31-35
Friday: Luke 14:1-6
Saturday: Matthew 5:1-12

Germany Scramble

Here is the alphabet with some letters omitted. When you find all the missing letters, unscramble them to spell the name of a well-known German city. Write your answer on the line provided.

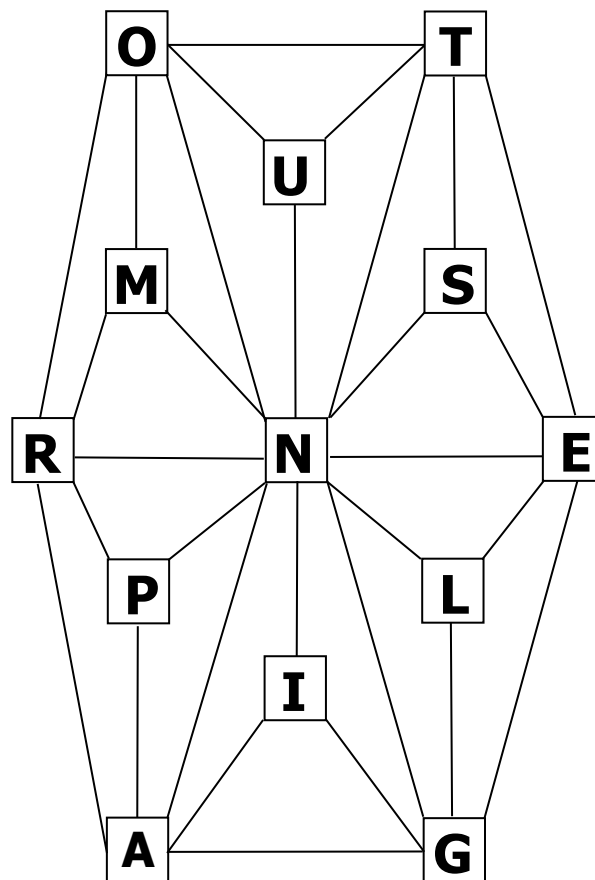
P Q S T C D E
F X Y Z I J K V
W L N O

Word Maze, possible words:
4-letter words: gain, pain, lens, note, page, nuts, nest, sent, rant, rain, pant;
5-letter words: giant, paint, tents, notes, stone, stout, motor, mount; **Longer words:** morning, raging, routes, giants, mounts, promote; **German Scramble:** Hamburg.

WORD MAZE

Directions: Spell as many words as possible by starting anywhere in the maze and moving along the connecting lines. Do not skip letters.

For example, you cannot form the word **must**, since to get from **m** to **u** you would need to skip either **o** or **n**. You may return to use the same letter twice as when you form the word **noun**, but you cannot use the same letter twice in succession.



Four-letter words

Five-letter words

Longer words