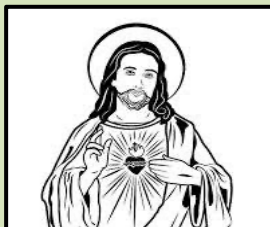




# The Monthly Visitor

## Catholic Community

## Of Lawrence County



### **Contact** **Information**

St. Vincent de Paul  
Parish 275-6539

St. Mary of the  
Assumption Parish  
849-3570

Father Jegan Peter  
275-6539

Deacon Dave  
Reising  
275-6539  
278-1795

Deacon Tom  
276-5062

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

Volume 2025, Issue 8

August 2025

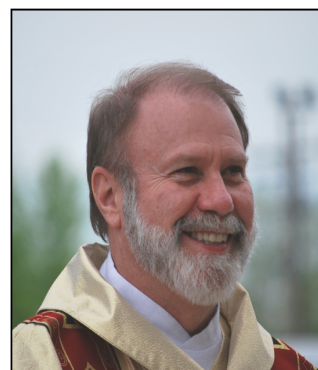
### A Message from Deacon Dave

Greetings in the  
Lord Jesus Christ:

As I write this  
newsletter, it is 91  
degrees outside with  
a real feel  
temperature of 100  
degrees and high  
humidity. The last  
several weeks have  
been stifling hot.  
Obviously, we have  
a heat advisory in  
effect today, as we  
have had the last  
several of days.  
With these types of  
hot temperatures  
and high humidity a  
person could come  
down with a heat  
illness of some sort  
if they are not  
careful.

A couple of years  
ago a good friend,  
who was 41 at the

time, was outside in  
extremely hot  
weather when she  
was overcome by a  
heat stroke. Ever  
since then she  
cannot be outside  
when the  
temperature gets  
warm. For your  
information, the  
symptoms of a heat  
stroke can be  
throbbing  
headaches,  
confusion, slurred  
speech, nausea,  
dizziness, rapid and  
strong pulse,  
fainting and/or a  
loss of  
consciousness. A  
heat stroke is very  
dangerous and is  
considered a severe  
medical emergency.  
So, all of us need to  
be aware of high  
heat and keep out of



*Deacon Dave Reising*

those situations that  
can cause any type  
of heat illness. The  
good news is that  
relief is coming.  
Tomorrow the  
forecasted high  
temperature is 78  
degrees.

So, with the  
moderate  
temperatures  
coming, we can all  
grab our pickleball  
paddles and get out  
there and enjoy.  
Several of us from

### **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.

our Catholic Community of Lawrence County (CCLC) have started to play pickleball every Thursday morning together. A couple, who are parishioners of Saint Mary’s, bought two pickleball sets for our CCLC community. Several of us got together and laid out two courts in St. Mary’s gym, marking them with official pickleball tape. So when the weather is inclement (hot, cold, rainy or windy) the group plays in St. Mary’s gym. When the weather is nice we meet at Wilson Park in Bedford where they have six pickleball courts. Our pickleball group consists of almost all CCLC parishioners, whose skill levels are from beginner to intermediate. It certainly doesn’t matter who wins the games, what is important is that we are playing together, just having fun together. Playing and praying together strengthens the whole CCLC community, and playing pickleball is a great way to do that as we meet and enjoy other parishioners.

On another note, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, Kathy and I invited Fr. John Hall and our daughter April to come over to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our first consecration of ourselves and our house to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Ten years ago, we celebrated the consecration at our previous home. When we moved from that house we brought our Sacred Heart bust and picture of the Sacred Heart to the new house and continued to pray the prescribed daily Sacred Heart prayers. After we moved, we had Deacon Tom Scarlett lead the celebration of the consecration for us in our new house in town.

This year before we celebrated the anniversary of our consecration we had Fr. John bless the house again. Kathy and I feel strongly about having the house blessed at least once a year. We almost always bless the house with the traditional Epiphany blessing but periodically bless the house during the summer as well. You can have your home blessed by any of the clergy anytime of the year. Just reach out to Fr. Jegan, Fr. John, Deacon Tom or myself. Any of us clergy are more than happy to bless your house or any other items that you would like.

God Bless,

*Deacon Dave*

## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Scripture Readings: Ecclesiastes 2:21-23, Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21

*Clutter is nothing more than postponed decisions. —Barbara Hemphill*



Imagine cleaning out a closet that has been cluttered for years. You discover items you no longer need — old clothes, broken gadgets and things you’ve outgrown. I just went to a closet in my office. I was shocked when I took inventory: board games, candlesticks, recipe box, Spanish and Mandarin flash cards, an illustration file, a folding chair, a Calumet Baking Powder tin, three cigar boxes, file folders and much more! It would be very difficult to get anything else in that closet. Sometimes, to make room for the new, you have to let go of the old.

The apostle Paul writes in our Bible reading for today that we should “put to death” earthly things like anger, greed, and malice (vv. 5-8) — things that clutter our mental, emotional and spiritual lives. These behaviors belong to our old selves, Paul says, but in Christ, we are called to clean out the closet and clothe ourselves in new attitudes that reflect his character.

To “put on the new self” (v. 10) is to live as people transformed by grace. It’s an ongoing process, requiring daily renewal of our minds and choices. It means living with an eternal perspective. Perhaps it means that we will evaluate what occupies our thoughts and how we spend our time. Living out our “new self” might also require that we let gratitude shape our perspectives. Remember, every good gift comes from God, and gratitude goes a long way to - making life easier.

But, we may need to clean out the closet and get rid of a lot of useless junk — stuff that just collects dust and grime. When we set our hearts and minds on things above, we begin to see life through God’s perspective. This doesn’t mean we ignore earthly responsibilities but that we live with a deeper purpose. As Paul says, “Your life is now hidden with Christ in God” (v. 3).

Perhaps it is time to ask God to help you as you attempt to become a cleaner and leaner follower of Jesus!-

Let us embrace this new identity and walk in the freedom and hope it brings.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord, thank you for giving us a new identity in Christ. Help us to focus on things above and not be consumed by earthly distractions. Teach us to put off the old self and to live in the new, reflecting your love and grace in all we do. Amen.*

Daily Gospel Readings

- Sunday Luke 12:13-21  
Monday: Matt 14:31-21  
Tuesday Matt 14:22-36  
Wednesday: Luke 9:28b-36  
Thursday: Matt 16:13-23  
Friday: Luke 9:57-62  
Saturday: Matt 17-:14-20

7	8	9	8
5	1	1	4
2	7	8	4
2	2	7	2

WHAT BIBLE BOOK?

In what book of the Bible would you find the following popular Bible stories?

1. Jonah and the fish
2. Daniel in the lion’s den
3. The visit of the magi
4. The prodigal son
5. Noah and the flood
6. David and Goliath
7. Manna in the wilderness
8. Joseph’s multi-colored coat
9. The annunciation
10. The wedding at Cana

WORD SEARCH: ROMANS 8

This is one of the great chapters of Scripture. In it we find such themes as what it means to walk in the Spirit and how we cannot be separated from the love of God. Find the words taken from this chapter in the word search below.

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

Abba	elect	Jesus	adoption	family
justifies	angels	firstborn	Lord	bondage
flesh	love	called	freedom	Spirit
Christ	fruits	powers	condemnation	heart
glorified	peace	creation	conquerors	
good	purpose	hardship	decay	
died	intercedes	redemption	predestined	

ANSWER to What Numbers?: 0 and 5. Subtract the lower line from the one immediately above it and put the ans- wer directly below.	Answers to What Bible Book? 1. Jonah 2. Daniel 3. Matthew 4. Luke 5. Genesis 6. 1 Samuel 7. Exodus 8. Genesis 9. Luke 10. John
---	--

## 19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Scripture Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9, Hebrews 11:1-12, Luke 12:32-48

*Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase.*  
—Martin Luther King Jr.



Last year on precisely today's date, one of our granddaughters was married at a beautiful location in Vermont. We flew into Hartford, and then rented a car and headed north on the interstate. We went through Springfield, Massachusetts, which is the home of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. So, we stopped and had a great time.

In today's reading from Hebrews 11, we are given a glimpse into the Bible's "Hall of Faith"! It is known as the "faith chapter" of the Bible because it chronicles the lives of men and women whose trust in God shaped their actions and altered history. From Abel to Abraham, this chapter reveals the heart of faith: *a confident trust in God's promises, even when circumstances make them seem impossible.*

The reading forces us to ask questions about how healthy and strong our faith is. What promises of God do you need to trust in this season of your life? How can you live out your faith in a way that inspires others?

These are important questions. Fortunately, we know that faith is not blind optimism or wishful thinking; it is a deeply rooted assurance in the character of God. Verse 6 reminds us that "without faith, it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." Faith acknowledges that God exists and is faithful to his promises. The chapter gives us numerous examples.

Consider Abraham, who was promised descendants as numerous as the stars. His unwavering faith not only honored God but also set an example for all believers. Faith enables us to act in obedience, even when we do not fully understand God's plan.

- Noah built an ark in preparation for a flood he had never seen.
- Moses led the Israelites through the Red Sea, trusting God to make a way.

These acts of faith were not grounded in visible evidence but in the assurance of God's faithfulness. As Christians, our faith is anchored in Jesus Christ, "the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2).

What an incredible Hall of Faith this chapter gives us! How can we not fail to be inspired by the lives of those who walked by faith and not by sight?

May we, like the Hoppers of Hebrews 11, walk in faith, pleasing God and glorifying God's name.

*Prayer: Thank you, O God, that you will meet me where I am in order to take me where you want me to go. Amen.*

# - Activity Page

Week of August 10, 2025

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** Luke 12:32-48

**Monday:** Matt 19:27-29

**Tuesday:** Matt 18:1-14

**Wednesday:** Matt 18:15-20

**Thursday:** John 15:12-16

**Friday:** Luke 1:39-56

**Saturday:** Matt 19:13-15

## VERSE TO REMEMBER

*If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. —James 1:5*

### Things in Common

What is one thing shared by all three items in the same group?

**A:** a cow, a shoe, a baby

**B:** a doctor's office, a post office, music

**C:** a zipper, a shark, a comb

**D:** restaurant goer, a bird, the Senate

**E:** a potato, a hurricane, a target

**F:** a river, a person, a cave

### Yea or Nay?

Read the following question and then answer with either a "yes" or a "no."

*If the day before the day after the day before today was hotter than the day after the day before today, was the day before today hotter than today?*

### RIDDLE

1

You throw away the outside and cook the inside. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What did you eat?

**THE SAME AS ...** Can you identify the word that has a similar meaning (synonym)?

1. COERCE: reduce, mislead, improve, pressure.
2. EFFICACY: effectiveness, effortlessly, emergency, morality.
3. EBULLIENT: daring, violent, lively, ready.
4. CATAclysm: wonder, disaster, miracle, session.
5. ALTRUISTIC: greedy, humanistic, selfish, inconsiderate.
6. FACILITATE: worsen, hurt, block, expedite.
7. ENIGMA: undefinable, appease, clarify, enlighten
8. CONSENSUS: agreement, denial, refusal, opposition.
9. DOCILE: observant, obedient, headstrong, resistant.
10. EMPHATIC: weak, insistent, remorseful, trite.

### RIDDLE

2

What is the only way a leopard will change his spots?

**Answers: Things in Common** — A. a tongue, B. a scale (or a key), C. teeth, D. a bill, E. an eye, F. a mouth.  
**Yea or Nay?** — Yes. The day before the day after the day before today was yesterday. The day after the day before today is today. And the day before today was yesterday. That is why yesterday was hotter than today.

**Riddle 1** — An ear of corn or a chicken.

**Riddle 2** — By going from one spot to another.

**THE SAME AS** — 1. Pressure; 2. Effectiveness; 3. Lively;

4. Disaster; 5. Humanistic; 6. Expedite; 7. Undefinable;

8. Agreement; 9. Obedient; 10. Insistent.

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

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-10, Hebrews 12:1-4, Luke 12:49-53

*Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl if you must; just never give up.*  
—Dean Karnazes



Has running ever been a part of your life? When you were a kid, you surely ran in a three-legged race. You had to do some running in gym class. Today, running is also very popular among oldsters! Are you 100 years old or older? Somewhere, there's a race for you!

The verses from today's reading in Hebrews are all about running and how to do it well.

First, notice the *spectators*. The Bible calls them a great "cloud of witnesses," suggesting that we are not running this race alone. It's as though these spectators are cheering us on as we remember their example of perseverance, faith and reliance on God. We all know that teams playing in their home stadiums have the "home field advantage." We have this, too. The heavens are rooting for us!

Second, a runner carefully has to consider *possible problems*. To achieve peak performance, professional runners go to extraordinary lengths to reduce anything that might slow them down. Elite runners wear aerodynamic clothes — specialized and lightweight clothing designed to minimize drag. Runners are also meticulous about what they eat, body weight and overall fitness. They also pay close attention to mental focus and self-discipline.

It's not hard to see how this applies to our spiritual lives, is it? The instruction to "lay aside every weight" reminds us to identify and remove anything in our lives that impedes our spiritual progress. So, we need to shed those nagging *sins and habits* which weigh us down. The apostle Paul urges us to "put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts" (Ephesians 4:22). And it wouldn't hurt to *simplify our lives* by focusing on what truly matters. This may mean letting go of some possessions, materialism, distractions or unhealthy relationships.

Finally, the best runners know how to *persevere*. Every race has moments of difficulty — the hills, the heat, the fatigue. Modern runners prepare for these challenges, knowing that perseverance is key to finishing well. Our spiritual race is no different. The Bible says, "Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised ..." (James 1:12). And in Isaiah we read, "Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, may it be true for me as it was for Paul, that great evangelist of the early church. He "fought the good fight, ... finished the race, ... kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:7-8). Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of August 17, 2025

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** Luke 12:49-53

**Monday:** Matt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Matt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Matt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Matt 12:1-14

**Friday:** Luke 1:36-38

**Saturday:** Matt 12:31-12

## Verse to Remember

*Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.* —James 4:8

## NUMBER STRINGS

**Directions:** Fill in the blank spaces with the correct numbers based on the "pattern" clue. Notice the example in letter A.

A. 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 (pattern is  $\times 2$ )

B. 5, 13, 21, 29, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_ (pattern is  $+8$ )

C. 5, 7, 6, 8, 7, 9, 8, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_ (pattern is  $+2, -1$ )

D. 98, 93, 97, 92, 96, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_ (pattern is  $-5, +4$ )

E. 41, 39, 40, 38, 39, 37, 38, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_ (pattern is  $-2, +1$ )

F. 10, 6, 18, 14, 26, 22, 34, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_ (pattern is  $-4, +12$ )

G. 4, 20, 100, 500, \_\_, \_\_, \_\_ (pattern is  $\times 5$ )

## ADJECTIVE STRING:

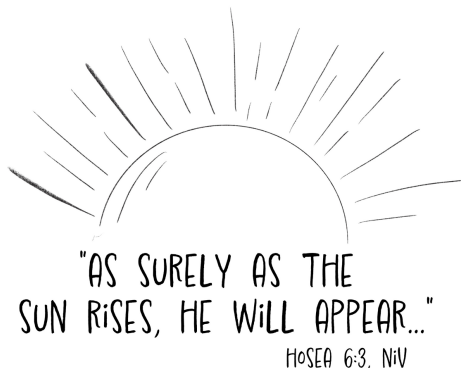
Adjectives are words that modify nouns. "The big boy hit a small ball." In this sentence, "big" and "small" are adjectives. We will give you a NOUN, and then you must write an adjective that begins with its last letter, and then continue to add adjectives with the last letter of the previous word, until you can do no more.

**Example:** Motorcycle: eye-catching, green, new, wondrous, speedy. Here is your word:

**RIVER.** Write your responses below. Have fun!

### ANSWERS: Number Strings

B. 37, 45, 53; C. 10, 9, 11, 10;  
D. 91, 95, 90, 94; E. 36, 37, 35;  
F. 30, 42, 38; G. 2,500, 12,500, 62,500





## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21, Hebrews 12:5-7, Luke 13:22-30

*Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen. —Winston Churchill*



In chapter 1 of the book of Jeremiah, the Lord calls the young Jeremiah to be a prophet to the unfaithful people of God. Jeremiah demurs, saying, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy” (v. 6). His comment made me wonder about the ages of some young kings and queens in the history of Western civilization. Here’s a partial list of what I found.

- King Tutankhamun of Egypt was 9 years old when he became the pharaoh and reigned from 1332-1323 B.C.
- Alfonso XIII of Spain was born a king! His reign: 1886-1931.
- Mary, Queen of Scots, was 6 days old. Her reign: 1542-1567.
- Wilhelmina of the Netherlands became queen at the age of 10. Her reign: 1890-1948.
- Louis XIV of France was 4 years old. His reign: 1643-1715 (72 years!)

Of course, monarchs ascending at young ages had to rely heavily on regents or advisors to govern until they reached maturity. Many of these young rulers became historical icons, leaving lasting legacies despite their early beginnings.

This is what Jeremiah did not realize at first. Perhaps he thought God was simply throwing him into the deep end of the pool, expecting him to learn how to swim without any lessons.

But God quickly reminded him, as he did to Moses centuries earlier, that Jeremiah would never be without divine guidance. “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD” (vv. 7-8). God even promises to put words in the mouth of the young prophet; he won’t need to worry about speaking in public (v. 9).

God may not be asking you to be a prophet. But you might be called to do something difficult. Perhaps there is someone who is in mourning and needs comfort. Perhaps there is a dear soul who is lonely and God is calling you to be a friend. Perhaps you know of some staffers whose faithful work every day goes unnoticed and unappreciated. God is calling you to offer a word of encouragement and gratitude.

Say “Yes!” Jeremiah did and he became a great spokesman for God!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: God, give me courage to say “yes” to anything you ask of me. Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of August 24, 2025

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** Luke 13:22-30

**Monday:** Matt 13:13-22

**Tuesday:** Matt 23:23-26

**Wednesday:** Luke 7:11-17

**Thursday:** Matt 23:8-12

**Friday:** Mark 6:17-29

**Saturday:** Matt 25:14-30

## Verse to Remember

*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."*

—Psalm 91:1-2

## MAGNIFICENT MYSTERIES!

Consider the riddles and enigmas below and prepare to have your mind challenged!

1. What was it that Adam never had and never saw yet gave to his children?
2. When does a chair hate you?
3. Which candle burns longer, a wax candle or a tallow candle?
4. What kind of clock shows the exact time twice a day, but is wrong at all other times?
5. What question can never be answered by "Yes"?

## WORD MATCH

Directions: Below is a list of 10 compound words, but you need to draw lines from a word in the left column to a matching word in the right one. Write the new word (a compound word) in the space provided.

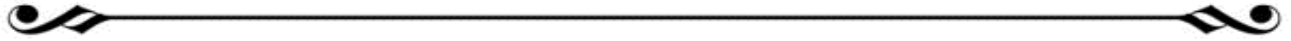
door	line	_____
jaw	brush	_____
farm	worm	_____
back	fish	_____
earth	mat	_____
air	ground	_____
gold	house	_____
candle	blot	_____
hair	bone	_____
ink	stick	_____

**Solution:** 1. Parents; 2. When it can't bear you. 3. Neither; they burn shorter. 4. A stopped clock. A stopped clock will show the correct time twice a day. 5. Are you asleep? **WORD MATCH:** doormat, jawbone, farmhouse, background, earthworm, airline, goldfish, candlestick, hairbrush, inkblot.

## 22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Scripture Readings: Sirach 3:17-18, Hebrews 12:18-19, Luke 14:7-14

*I am a slow walker, but I never walk back. —Abraham Lincoln:*



In the 2002 movie, “Catch Me If You Can,” Frank Abagnale, Sr. (Christopher Walken) receives the highest honor at his local rotary club. In response, he tells the story of two little mice — a story about perseverance.

Two little mice fell into a bucket of cream. The first mouse quickly gave up and drowned. The second mouse, wouldn’t quit. He struggled so hard that eventually he churned that cream into butter. And crawled out.

The moral of the story: *It’s not over til it’s over*. This is an aphorism attributed to Yankees catcher Yogi Berra who played in the 1940s, 50s and 60s. But the moral isn’t just about sports. It’s a reminder for all of us to keep pushing forward when life gets tough.

We all face situations that feel overwhelming — whether it’s a personal loss, a health challenge, financial strain, or broken relationships. In those moments, it’s easy to throw in the towel. But Yogi’s wisdom calls us to stay the course, to trust that the story isn’t finished yet.

In the Bible, we find many stories where it seemed “over” for God’s people, but the final outcome proved otherwise.

*Moses and the Israelites at the Red Sea:* Trapped between the sea and Pharaoh’s army, it seemed hopeless. Yet, God parted the waters, making a way where none existed (Exodus 14:21-22).

*David and Goliath:* A shepherd boy with a sling and stones appeared to have no chance against a giant. Yet, with God’s strength, David triumphed (1 Samuel 17:50).

*Even the resurrection!* For the disciples, when Jesus was crucified, it must have seemed that it was over. But on the third day, Jesus rose, defeating sin and death forever (Matthew 28:5-6).

God’s plans often defy human logic. When we feel at our weakest or most defeated, God is still at work. As Galatians 6:9 reminds us, “Let’s not get tired of doing good, because in time we’ll have a harvest if we don’t give up” (CEB).

This is another way of saying that if we fall into a bucket of cream, like the little mouse, there’s hope — if we keep churning!

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord, when I feel like giving up, remind me that my story isn’t finished. Help me to trust your timing and to persevere, even when the road ahead seems impossible. Thank you for being my strength and my guide through every challenge. May I always look to you with hope, knowing that you are at work in ways I cannot see. Amen.*

# Activity Page

Week of August 31, 2025

## Daily Gospel Readings

**Sunday:** Luke 14: 7-14

**Monday:** Luke 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** Luke 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Luke 22:24-30

**Thursday:** Luke 5:1-11

**Friday:** Luke 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Luke 6:1-5

## Verse to Remember

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,  
gentleness and self-control.*

—Galatians 5:22-23

## LABOR DAY AND THE PEOPLE WHO LABOR

Tomorrow is Labor Day. To remember with gratitude those who work hard, go through this list and make a check mark beside each occupation, if the description identifies a friend or family member. On the margins, write the names of people you know who work in occupations not listed here. Remember to pray for these people this week and to be grateful for all they do.

- ☐ Accountant
- ☐ Actor/Actress
- ☐ Cashier
- ☐ Computer Programmer
- ☐ Babysitter
- ☐ Baker/Cook
- ☐ Bank Clerk
- ☐ Barber/Hairdresser
- ☐ Bus Driver
- ☐ Business Executive
- ☐ Banker
- ☐ Carpenter
- ☐ Dentist
- ☐ Doctor
- ☐ Electrician
- ☐ Factory Worker
- ☐ Farmer

- ☐ Firefighter
- ☐ Flight Attendant
- ☐ Homemaker
- ☐ Hotel Manager
- ☐ Journalist
- ☐ Judge
- ☐ Landscaper
- ☐ Lawyer
- ☐ Librarian
- ☐ Mechanic
- ☐ Model
- ☐ Nurse
- ☐ Office Worker
- ☐ Photographer
- ☐ Pilot
- ☐ Plumber
- ☐ Police Officer

- ☐ Politician
- ☐ Postal Carrier
- ☐ Professor
- ☐ Psychologist
- ☐ Real Estate Agent
- ☐ Salesperson
- ☐ Secretary
- ☐ Security Guard
- ☐ Social Worker
- ☐ Stockbroker
- ☐ Tailor
- ☐ Teacher
- ☐ Trash Hauler
- ☐ Travel Agent
- ☐ Truck Driver
- ☐ Waiter/Waitress
- ☐ Writer