

# AD ORIENTEM



## Dillman Family news

Jake & Tabatha- Celebrate their 3rd wedding anniversary on  
February 5!

Brayden- Officially a teenager

Madeleine- We built an igloo for the first time and we built a  
snowman in the front yard named Mr. Cowboy.

MaryJo- Turning two next month!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

(The following is from the Traditional Latin Mass Calendar)

### February:

Presentation of Our Lord/ Purification of  
Our Lady/ Candlemas- 2nd  
Our Lady of Lourdes- 11th  
St. Valentine- 14th  
Septuagesima Sunday- 16th  
Chair of St. Peter- 22nd  
Sexagesima Sunday- 23rd  
St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows- 27th

### March:

Quinquagesima Sunday- 2nd  
Ash Wednesday- 5th  
St. Thomas Aquinas- 7th  
St. John of God- 8th  
St. Joseph- 19th  
St. Benedict- 21st  
Annunciation- 25th  
Ember Days- 12th, 14th, and 15th



## Calling All Middle Schoolers!

Are you 11-14 years old and love to read books? Consider joining Brayden and his friends in the "Heart of the Queen Book Club." Each month, we pick a new book and discuss it together. Sound like fun?

Email

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**Dillman Twins  
expected this  
June/July!**



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Cassidy McGann- January 20th  
Tabatha Dillman- January 27th  
Kyle Pierce- January 30th  
Taylr Pierce- March 1st  
MaryJo- March 19th  
Nana McGann- March 27th  
Seve McGann- March 27th



"Christ willed to be thus offered as a sign of humility; so that by the merit of humility He might teach us to become worthy of Divine favor."

-St. Thomas Aquinas

# OUR FAITH

A Shower of Roses  
By Madeleine Dillman



The Beatitudes are spoken by Jesus at the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. There are eight Beatitudes, they can be found at the beginning of Matthew 5. Jesus went up to a mountain and sat down with his disciples and started to teach them saying:

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
2. Blessed are the meek: for they shall possess the land.
3. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.
4. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice: for they shall have their fill.
5. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.
6. Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
8. Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake: Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven. For so they persecuted the prophets that were before you.

The Beatitudes tell us the way to live a good Christian life, and how to be happy by serving God. Following the Beatitudes leads us to Heaven. Jesus can help us to follow the Beatitudes. For the following issues, I will be writing a series about the Beatitudes.

If I am to answer the question, "How would Christ solve modern problems if He were on earth today," I must answer it plainly; and for those of my Faith there is only one answer. Christ is on earth today; alive on a thousand altars; and He does solve people's problems exactly as He did when He was on earth in the more ordinary sense. That is, He solves the problems of the limited number of people who choose of their own free will to listen to Him.

-G.K. Chesterton

"The reason for our existence is to quench the thirst of Jesus. When he asked for water, the soldier gave him vinegar to drink—but his thirst was for love, for souls, for you and me."

-Saint Mother Teresa

# OUR FAITH



## God's Paintbrush

Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic practice that focuses on spending time with Jesus present in the Eucharist, also known as the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist is placed in a monstrance and is positioned to be visible. When visiting the Blessed Sacrament, be sure to dress appropriately; cover your shoulders and knees and do your best not to look sloppy. It is appropriate for girls to cover their heads with a veil or scarf. This shows reverence towards Our Lord, is a witness to the True Presence, and is an act of humility. While in Eucharistic Adoration, you can pray, read, journal, meditate on the life of Jesus or just simply sit with the Lord.

A few things to keep in mind: you should not turn your back on the monstrance, or talk during Adoration. Most chapels have a rule of silence, so others can pray without distraction. When you leave, be sure to kneel on both knees, if able. Eucharistic Adoration is available in many churches, and my personal favorite is the Adoration Chapel at Saint Matthew in Gahanna Ohio, which is open 24/7. Can't wait to write to you again!

Par le Cœur Immaculé de Marie,  
Brayden Dillman

## Dad's Prayer

Domine, fac de me sicut vis.  
Lord, do with me what You will.

Pray daily to open your heart to the Holy  
Will of God.

## Many Are Called Walking the Narrow Path: Part II

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Attend a Holy Hour each week. Time with Our Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament will change your life and the graces received from it are abundant. I encourage all to try this devotion. It brings a peace that cannot be explained and will transform your life for the better. Even if you cannot make the full hour stopping in for 15 minutes is still fruitful. Taking your children to Adoration and teaching them to pray with Jesus is a beautiful gift as well.

### **WORKS OF MERCY:**

Corporal Works of Mercy: Feed the hungry, Give drink to the thirsty, Shelter the homeless, Clothe the naked, Visit the sick, Visit the imprisoned, Bury the dead

Spiritual Works of Mercy: Admonish the sinner, Instruct the ignorant, Counsel the doubtful, Comfort the sorrowful, Bear wrongs patiently, Forgive all injuries, Pray for the living and the dead

## Life's Purpose

We can compare the saints to the church windows which allow light to enter in different shades of color. The saints are our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God in their heart and have passed it on to the world, each according to his or her own hue. But they were all transparent; they fought to remove the stains and the darkness of sin, so as to enable the light of God to pass through. This is life's purpose: to enable God's light to pass through; it is the purpose of our life too.

—Pope Francis

# Ad Orientem

## poetry Contest!

### 1st Place

**A Martyrdom** (Inspired by God)- Roselyn Shea

'Prefect! Oh, great Prefect!  
Came a soldier's loyal cry.  
'The Christians.  
Yes, the Christians!  
Their hideout is nearby!  
This, expectant reader  
To the great Prefect of Rome  
Starts a story  
How a young priest made it home.  
In this so-said hideout  
Where a Mass was being said,  
Where the Christians were assembled  
While the Romans planned ahead.  
While they found their fastest horses,  
Fetched ten quick and witty men.  
Lit their bright and shining torches,  
Took some rope and left for them.  
The last gospel had been said,  
And the priest now standing by,  
Heard a child by the window,  
Suddenly begin to cry,  
'Father' I see soldiers.  
There are soldiers coming on!  
By the time the first one gets here,  
All of us must long be gone'  
Well, my friend, the story goes,  
That the priest went kindly last,  
The Eucharist he took,

As the Christians filed past.  
With Our Lord clutched to his breast,  
And a prayer to Heaven sent,  
He hurried down the passage,  
Where the Christians all had went.  
The Eucharist was given,  
In a little golden case,  
To another priest not far,  
Though in a safer place.  
Well, the Romans fast pursued him,  
The priest I said before,  
Was running down the passage,  
Though he couldn't run much more.  
In the passage there they caught him,  
Tied the hands that held Our Lord.  
Took him down the dusty city road,  
Round some buildings, cross a ford.  
Till they reached the Prefect's palace  
Led him to a giant hall  
There sat the prefect waiting  
On his chair set near the wall.  
There he threatened this young priest  
To change his Christian ways.  
'Never' he always said,  
Though the price he'd gladly pay.  
There he bravely stood the trial

There, through God's abundant grace.  
He remained firm so  
He was taken  
To a very different place.  
To a place with metal bars  
Though even here he still had peace.  
Through every single hardship  
Still did God's strength in him  
increase.  
The next day this priest was  
martyred  
And his soul at last so free  
Flew up to God stay with Him  
For all eternity.  
Far from sin and sadness  
Far from weeping,  
Far from woe  
It was this place he went to  
Where he praised God, and so...  
At this, the story's close  
There's a lesson to be seen.  
With God's grace we can all be saints  
No matter where we've been.  
All praise to God Almighty  
May all creation sing:  
'Holy, holy, holy,  
Hosanna to our King!'

### 2nd Place

**Our Lady of The Sacred Heart**

-Meaghan Long

In quiet grace beneath the sky,  
Our Lady of The Sacred Heart  
Draws high,  
With gentle hands and loving gaze,  
She guides us through life's  
winding maze.  
Her heart, a beacon, pure and  
bright,

A refuge in the darkest night,  
With every prayer, her presence  
near,  
In whispered hopes, she calms our  
fear.  
In sorrows' depth, she shares our  
pain,  
In joys embrace, she sings out  
'gain,  
A tender heart, forever true,  
In Sacred love, she makes us new.

## Other Honorable Mentions

Rosemary Kiesel- Mist  
The hero's bloody body lay, In  
the shallows of the bay,  
And his sword was broken in  
the mud,  
And the sea ran red red with  
the young man's blood.  
He had sailed far into the east,  
And fought with many a vicious  
beast, And killed an Arab and  
an evil priest, And escaped  
sacrifice at a Muslim feast.  
To the Indian jungles of Bangle  
he went, And there he met an  
elephant, He saw golden ruins  
of Indian battlement, Where  
Oriental silks within were rent.  
hen to the African island of  
Baging, e sailed to in a boat  
made of silver string, Where he  
was captured by an African  
king, And his escape from there  
was a very near thing.  
Away he then went to the  
Amazon region, there, he was  
met by an Amazon legion.  
They took him to the king of  
treason.  
And he defeated them all with  
his corpulent reason.  
He rescued from them the  
princess of Ream, Her eyes  
were dark brown, her hair was  
black gleam, He called her his  
lady,  
and made her his queen,

And they sailed away in a boat  
like a dream.  
But his spirit was willed, and  
restless and free, And yet there  
were lands that he could not  
see,  
He had to go, he had to leave,  
he had the fever of the sea.  
So away into the misty west,  
sailed he.  
Afar he went to the land of the  
Yank, Where the long grass  
grows all dark and rank, And  
the cold water flows in it's cold  
river bank, And the chill winds  
moan all stark and blank.  
There he met the man, a  
Mexican knight, his hair was  
black as the black midnight,  
Who's arm was strong and  
who's sword was light,  
And he ran him through in the  
cold moonlight.  
The young man lay under the  
glimmering  
stars,  
And he thought of his love,  
alone and afar, He thought  
upon the years, a gold  
memoire, And his life ebbed  
away on the white sand bar.  
The hero's bloody body lay, In  
the shallows of the bay,  
And the cold white surf washed  
his blood away, And he lay  
there dead at the brake of day.

# Ad Orientem

poetry Contest!

(continued)

What If I...

By Harriet Dillman

What if I...

Smile at a stranger?

Wave at passers-by?

Tell someone what a good job they do?

Hold my tongue?

Hold my temper?

Tell someone I'm glad to see them?

Tell someone I missed them?

Tell someone I love them?

None of these have cost, yet all have value to  
the one who receives them.

Congratulations to our winners, and  
thank you to all who submitted  
entries! We hope to have more fun  
things like this in the future.

Know you not that they that run in the  
race, all run indeed, but one receiveth the  
prize? So run that you may obtain.

-1 Corinthians 9:24

# ACTIVITIES, RIDDLES, JOKES, AND MORE

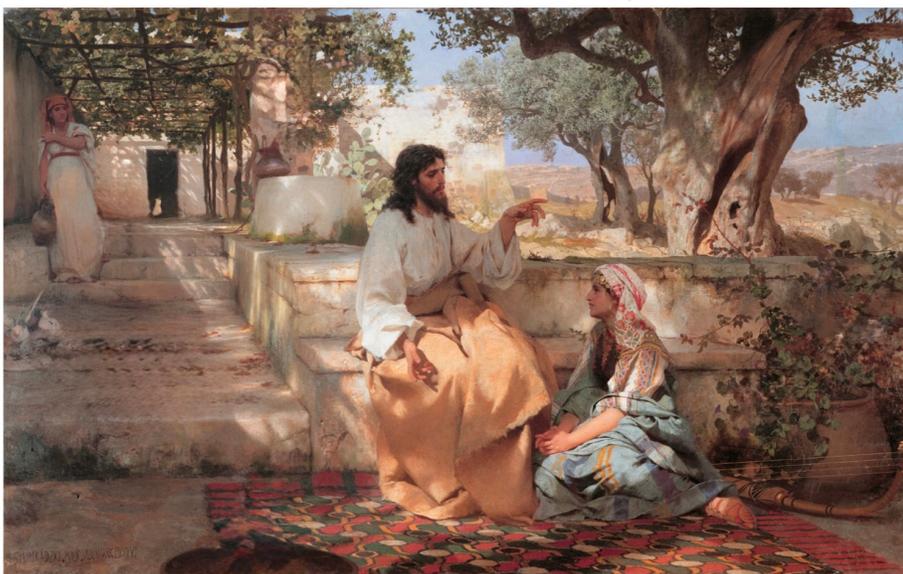
## All is "S"

Fill in the spaces with words beginning with "S" that have the opposite meaning, Example: Tall - short

- |                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. Large _____     | 6. North _____ |
| 2. Different _____ | 7. Long _____  |
| 3. Joyous _____    | 8. Go _____    |
| 4. Deep _____      | 9. Fast _____  |
| 5. Hazardous _____ | 10. Sour _____ |

## Spot the Differences

Find 6 differences between these two pictures.



## English Is a Crazy Language- Part I

Let's face it-English is a crazy language.

There is no egg in eggplant nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple.

We speak of a brother and also of brethren, but though we say mother, we never say methren.

So if Dad is Pop, how come Mom isn't Mop?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?

If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

## Suggested Reading

All of the following books are ones we encourage, and have been read by our family

-The Cure of Ars by Mary Fabyan Windeatt

-Picture Book of Saints by Rev. Lawrence Lovasik

-Princesses of Heaven by Fabiola Garza

-The King of the Golden City by Mother Mary Loyola

-Treasure and Tradition: The Ultimate Guide to the Latin Mass by Lisa Bergman

-Chronicles of Narnia Series by C.S. Lewis

-The Small War of Sargent Donkey by Maureen Daly

# Extras

## Spot the Differences Answer Key



Do you have something you'd like to see in our newsletter?

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To make a submission.

Be yourself. Everyone else is already taken  
-Oscar Wilde

## All Is "S" Answer Key

- |            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| 1. Small   | 6. South      |
| 2. Same    | 7. Short      |
| 3. Sad     | 8. Stop/ Stay |
| 4. Shallow | 9. Slow       |
| 5. Safe    | 10. Sweet     |

## Happy Saint Valentine's Day!

To celebrate this special feast day, consider reading about Saint Valentine, doing a kind deed for someone, making a card for someone special, or even attending Mass. Try to think of things that Saint Valentine would do to please Jesus, just as he did.

Lippizaner Black  
Submitted by Rosemary Kiesel

