

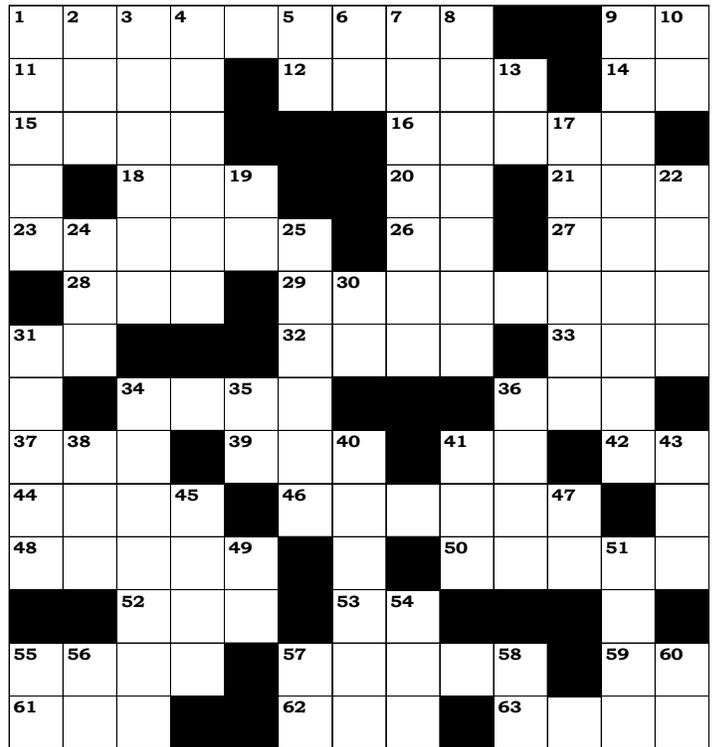
Puzzle #739

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ACROSS

1. This puzzle presents unusual ____ and characteristics of some of Mo.'s wildlife.
9. Letters for 9 parishes in our diocese, the names of which celebrate Mary's immaculate beginnings.
11. Car rental agency.
12. The Mo. Botanical Garden in St. Louis, was/is also called ____ Garden, after its philanthropic founder.
14. Nyet in New York.
15. Catholics believe in the ____ Presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
16. "Birdbrain" isn't an insult if you're a crow. The brainy black ____ can count, solve simple puzzles, and use tools to gather food. They even recognize human faces and learn to approach people who feed them and avoid those who bother them.
18. ____ Lords a Leaping,
20. ____ Goodrich, tire company.
21. Letters for Intrauterine Pregnancy, the normal growth path after conception in a woman's body.
23. When we butcher a hog, we say we use everything but the ____.
26. "Having to face God is not what makes prayer so challenging; ____ is in having to face ourselves in God's presence," —
27. Gun club.
28. Sixth sense.
29. Once it forms its protective cocoon, a caterpillar's body quickly dissolves into a gooey soup of cells and proteins (yuk!). Special cells act like a recipe book to remix the goo and form legs, wings ____, and other butterfly body parts.
31. Letters often found behind a physician's name.
32. Cold War foe (abbr.).
33. Letters for an ear, nose and throat doctor.
34. Hollywood celebrity.
36. "...the bronc whirled and kicked slamming the man front to rear in the saddle and sent his hat spinning skyward in a lazy ____," —*The Road to Hell*, Matt Braun, from the Black Hat anthology.
37. ____ Big Apple; NYC nickname.
39. Semi.
41. Possible abbr. before a priest's name.
42. Sullivan or Bradley.
44. Capitol City County.
46. Timothy's mother (2 Timothy 1:5).
48. "Worry about those things you can change and let God take care of the rest. Not easy but it ____ me," —*Barbara Bush: Pearls of Wisdom*, by Jean Becker.
50. Fireflies flicker to attract a mate but their flashing backsides have another purpose: the blinking signals to hungry bats that the firefly is actually ____ and shouldn't be eaten.
52. Pope John XX ____ is the Pope who called the Vatican Council II together.
53. Hi-____ crackers.
55. I couldn't get my guitar in ____ with the rest of the band.

The Lost Art of Walking on the Water: Reimagining the Priesthood, Michael Heher.



57. "Grace does not work like a ____ in a slot machine. It will move you only when you let it move you," —*The Wisdom of Fulton Sheen*, Dynamic Catholic Press.
59. This State recently removed St. Junipero Serra from its State's capitol grounds (abbr.).
61. "I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to ____," (Luke 16:3).
62. Suffix for lemon or gator.
63. Honolulu's island.

DOWN

1. Cliff Swallows gather mouthfuls of mud to build nests on bluffs, bridges, and _____. It takes about 1,000 beakfuls of mud, and as many trips to and from the mud puddle, to finish a single nest.
2. First lady.
3. Although the singer took two years ____ from touring, she did not lose her ability to entertain a crowd.
4. Even busy bees need to catch some zzz's. Comb through a patch of flow-ers at sunrise and you might find a bee curled up in the petals, sound _____. It's usually males who slumber outside; females return to the nest each night.
5. "A rationalist ____ at a disadvantage when events are irrational," —*Borrower of the Night*, Elizabeth Peters.
6. The Buckeye State (abbr.).
7. Bugs and Roger.
8. Eastern Coachwhip snakes can slither ____ than any snake in the Show-Me State. Compared to humans, their top speed of 3.5 mph isn't impressive, but they're quick enough to outslither all but their fastest predators and prey.
9. Part of FDIC.
10. "... we may merit to be ____-heirs to eternal life..." —Second Eucharistic Prayer.
13. 4th year high schooler (abbr.).
17. Did Jesus eat His last ____ before or after He ate His last supper? asked the 2nd grader.

19. Chemical letters for sodium.
22. "The ____ is always with us, for it feeds the present," —Ruskin Bond.
24. Abbr. for the Latin phrase "*quod erat demonstrandum*," literally meaning "which was to be demonstrated." It is used at the end of a thesis to show that the author's overall argument has just been proven.
25. At the Lake of the Ozarks, it is the closest town to the National Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Church.
30. The Bay of Fundy in this Canadian maritime province has some of the most extreme tides in the world (abbr.).
31. Gray Treefrogs are not always gray. To hide from hungry predators, these snack-sized amphibians change color—turning from gravel-gray to bark-brown to leafy-green—so they can ____ whatever they are crawling on.
34. "... (Jesus) overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those ____ doves," (Mark 11:15).
35. President Clinton's presidential archives is in this State's capital (abbr.).
36. Gasoline station brand.
38. Garden tool.
40. "He split the rock and water ____ forth," (Psalm 105:41).
41. "No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks back is ____ for the kingdom of heaven," (Luke 9:62).
43. One of the seven dwarves.
45. A long narrative of the deeds of a legendary historical hero (e.g., the Iliad or the Odessey).
47. Abbr. for 2nd book of the Bible.
49. Yes in Monterrey.
51. "Give him an ____ and he'll take an ell (mile)," —John Heywood, from his collection of proverbs, 1546.
54. "____ definition of insanity is to continue to do the same things and expect different results," —Steve Covey, author of *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.
55. Short for the event in which the Vince Lombardi Trophy is awarded.
56. "Abandon hope, all ____ who enter here," —inscription over the entrance to hell in Dante's *Divine Comedy*, 1472.
57. State in which the Declaration of Independence was penned and the U.S. Constitution was adopted (abbr.).
58. Slang word popularized by Italian-Ams. in Philadelphia in the 1940s; prominently used by Rocky Balboa (Sylvester Stallone) in the "Rocky" movies.
60. Periodic chart letters for gold.