

Puzzle #769

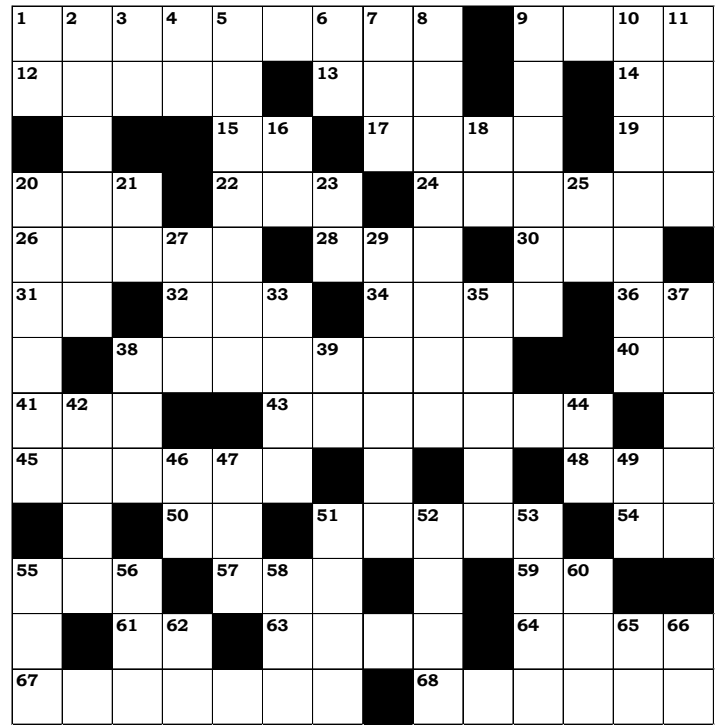
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ACROSS

1. Nearly 90% of earth's creatures hatch from eggs. This puzzle ____ some of the Show-Me State's eggstraordinary eggs.
9. Crayfish moms glue their eggs to the underside of their ____ flippers. Even after hatching, the babies continue to cling for several weeks.
12. Most baby birds and reptiles have an "egg ____" to escape from their shells. It disappears as the hatchlings grow.
13. "Divisive conduct is vulgar, childish and petulant, ____ befitting priests of God and men of sense." —*Constantine*; Frank Slaughter.
14. "You know where also you'll find ____ and countless other imperfect people? The Catholic Church," —*Why I Love Being Catholic*, Alex Breindel, Dynamic Catholic.
15. One of the 8 States bordering Mo. (abbr.).
17. For many fish it's the dad who guards the fish. He swishes his ____ to move fresh water over the eggs and if another fish, even a big one, creeps too close, he will charge to chase it away.
19. In a letter, after the signature, these two letters indicate an addition to the

main text.

20. Car club.
22. "...every tree that does not bear good fruit will be ____ down and thrown into the fire," (Matthew 3:10).
24. "If more people had been organ donors...But people like to keep what's ____, even after they're dead," —Neal Shusterman.
26. The farmer was always up at the ____ of dawn.
28. The ultimate degree.
30. A really wide shoe size.
31. Cousin to St. or Hwy.
32. Although the ____-sized eggs of the Ruby-Throated Hummingbird are the smallest of any bird in Mo., they are actually quite large compared to the body size of the hummingbird.
34. "Rudeness is the ____ man's imitation of strength," —Eric Hoffer, longshoreman/philosopher.
36. Letters after the name of a member of the Society of Jesus (i.e., a Jesuit).
38. Said to be the mascots of 25 Mo. high schools, including Monroe City and Palmyra.
40. Prefix for cede or rum.
41. Private's response to his Sarge: yes, ____!
43. Orchestra leader.
45. Most mama reptiles lay their eggs and leave. But the Five-Lined Skink stays to guard them. If any one of the eggs ____, she eats it so the smell doesn't attract predators. Once hatched, she ske-daddles.
48. Wildebeest.
50. Two of these often follow Tra.
51. Try your best. Give it ____ (2 wds.).
54. "____ the Lord is our witness, we are certain that Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the saints of



- God are alive," —Sermon on Baptism by St. Pacian, Bishop, 310-391 A.D.
55. According to legend, Robin Hood used to ____ from the rich and give to the poor.
57. Letters you might see on a Cardinal fan's baseball cap.
59. Bone.
61. Stomach muscle.
63. A response from the pews.
64. After a mama Box Turtle covers her eggs with ____, the temperature determines the sex of the hatchling. Warmer nests produce females; cooler nests males.
67. Brown-Headed Cowbirds are absentee _____. They don't make nests. They don't sit on their eggs. They don't raise their chicks. Instead, they lay their eggs in other birds' nests and let others unwittingly hatch, feed and raise them!
68. Some birds, like the Killdeer, don't put a lot of effort into nesting. They simply lay their eggs on the ____, right out in the open. Luckily, the eggs

are well-camouflaged so predators have a hard time spotting them.

DOWN

1. In 1921, Mamie Ousley was elected in _____. James, Mo. as Mo.'s first female mayor.
2. This county in our diocese was established in 1816, the 8th and by far the largest, 22,000 acres; 1/3 of the whole Mo. Territory. It is called Mo.'s "Mother of Counties." 31 Mo. counties came from it as well as parts of 6 other Mo. counties and even parts of 8 counties that are in present day Iowa. Its county seat is Fayette, Mo.
3. ____ 7: James Bond designation.
4. Short for weight.
5. Canada Geese win the prize for laying the largest eggs in Mo., nearly twice the size of ____ eggs.
6. Yes, for Fernando.
7. Santa's helper.
8. There can be a lot inside an egg. The Eastern Yellow-Bellied Racer snake's egg is only about 1 inch long, but the baby snake

- that ____ out can stretch up to 10 inches long.
9. "I too will go ____ the Lord," —Zechariah 8:21 (2 wds.).
10. When going to a job interview, forget the t-shirt and torn jeans! Dress to _____. Put your best foot forward.
11. "Then there was Tobit's religion. Colored folk in this part of the country had only a little ____ suspicion of Catholics than did the white Protestants," —*Tobit's Dog*, Michael N. Richard.
16. Chemical letters for gold.
18. Mt. Washington in this State is the highest peak (6,200 ft.) in the Northeast U.S. It is notorious for its extreme and erratic weather. Concord is this State's capital (abbr.).
20. "...he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on ____," (Philippians 2:8).
21. Original 12-step group.
23. Elvis' Graceland is in this State (abbr.).
25. Common Latin abbr. for *id est*, meaning, in other words.
27. Many financial advisors/tax preparers have this professional degree.
29. It's what a Robin in the treetops does all day long, according to the 1958 hit "Rockin' Robin."
33. Money machines.
35. A Houston MLB player.
37. "To pray as ____ describes demands the courage of a warrior and the docility of a disciple," —*The Lost Art of Walking on the Water: Reimagining the Priesthood*, Fr. Michael Heher.
38. Prefix for noun or gram.
39. That's a laugh!
42. ____ *facto*; Latin phrase meaning by the very fact or act itself; inevitable result.
44. Bashon's king (Psalms 136:20).
46. Land of Lincoln State (abbr.).
47. ____ Vegas.
49. Chemical letters for sodium.
51. "Sell your belongings and give ____," (Luke 12:33).
52. "At the house of Haman stands a gibbet fifty cubits high. Haman prepared it for Mordecai. The king answered, '____ him on it,'" (Esther 7:9).
53. There was a big ____-__ in the stands over the umpire's call (2 wds.).
55. Letters on a gravestone, perhaps.
56. The Missouri ____ Assn. was created in 1944 by order of the Mo. Supreme Court. Its mission is to improve the legal profession, the administration of justice and the law on behalf of the public; 30,000+ members.
58. Do needlework.
60. Southern Illinois Univ. (____) at Edwardsville, Ill., part of the greater St. Louis metro area, has nearly 13,000 students on a campus of 2,660 acres of trees and lakes.
62. "Bitter though it may ____ to many, Cadfael concluded, there is no substitute for truth," —*The Raven in the Foregate*, Ellis Peters.
65. Professional caregiver.
66. 6 points in football.