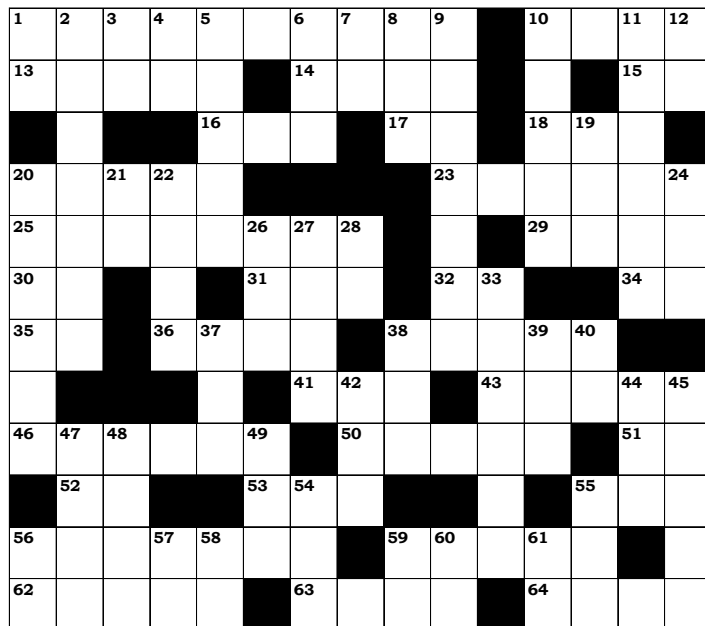


Puzzle #772

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ACROSS

1. The basics of American baseball was invented from various bat and ball games by Alexander Cartwright, a NYC bank clerk who codified many of the ____ and rules of the game.
10. "In Scripture, we find a ____ of interrelated images and figures through which Revelation speaks of the inexhaustible mystery of the Church," — *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #753
13. January, in Nazca, one of our diocese's former mission parishes in Peru.
14. "He reached down from on high; ____ me out of the deep water," (Psalms 18:17).
15. Prefix for core or trails.
16. The giant statue of Jesus overlooking ____ de Janeiro is struck by lightning several times a year.
17. The Evergreen State; its capital is Olympia (abbr.).
18. The flagship campus of the Univ. of Mo. system.
20. You're a ____ for sore eyes!
23. Donkeys.
25. "You shall love your ____ as yourself," (Leviticus 19:18).
29. "Lamb of God, you take away the ____ of the world, have mercy on us," —from the Mass.
30. Politician Gore or actor Pacino.
31. "A man can be damned alone, ____ he can only be saved with others," — St. John Climacus; d. 649 A.D.; Monk at the monastery on Mt. Sinai.
32. ____ & ____ Block; tax preparation company (2 ltrs.).
34. The other book in the Bible besides Ex. which contains the 10 commandments; 5th book of the Bible (abbr.).
35. In corporate business, letters for Research & Development.
36. "O God; how ____ the sum of them!" (Psalms 139:17).
38. "...if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, ____ according to the promise," (Galatians 3:29).
41. "Jesus accepts what we give...Often in ways that we don't or cannot ____," — *Jesus, a Pilgrimage*, James Martin, S.J.
43. The ____ is a popular NBC show where the best undiscovered singing talent goes head-to-head before judges; on air since 2011.
46. The Base Ball games (as they were called) were huge ____ events and businesses would shut down as if it were a holiday.
50. We'll tackle these problems ____ a time (2 wds.).
51. This border State of Mo. has a golden-domed 19th cen. State Capitol Building (abbr.).
52. "Young people nowadays take ____ little interest in what they're set to do — fly-by-nights and frivolous, most of them," —Alard in *A Rare Benedictine*, Ellis Peters.
53. Acronym for Employer Identification Number; used by the IRS to identify a business.



DOWN

1. Prefix for part or ride.
2. Cartwright called for a diamond-shaped ____, foul lines, 3 strike rule and abolished the dangerous practice of tagging runners by throwing balls at them.
3. "By the merits of his bitter passion joined to mine, God's bounteous goodness shall release ____ from the pains of purgatory and increase my reward in heaven besides," —letter from prison by St. Thomas More to his beloved daughter Margaret.
4. Comparative suffix.
5. Reportedly, "Base Ball" was first played officially in Mo. in St. Louis in 1860. It gained in popularity during the Civil War in army camps, both ____ and south.
6. Wedding vow words, perhaps.
7. Hospital place for surgeries.
8. In 1867, a memorable 3 game set was played in central Mo. between the Empire Club of Sedalia and the Capital Club of Jefferson City under the rules of the ____ Nat.
55. "And one of them struck the high priest's servant and cut off his right ____," (Luke 22:50).
56. Mary Mother of the Church in Laurie, Mo. and Our Lady of Sorrows at Starkenburg, for examples.
59. Sedalia welcomed the Jeff. City team with a grand reception, ____, much food and "the good feelings of the citizens of Sedalia." There were over 1,000 spectators "among them many ladies."
62. Jeff. City in turn welcomed the Sedalia team with a brass band, a pre-game lunch, a post-game supper for 100 guests and with a ____ into the wee hours. The actual game was on a flat place near Lincoln Institute, no grandstands or seating; great crowds were afoot in clouds of dust.
63. A bog or open rocky heather; also where the Hound of the Baskervilles could be found.
64. Shem, Ham and Japheth were the sons of ____, from whom the whole earth was peopled (Genesis 9:18-19).

- Assn. of Base Ball Players (NABBP).
9. For criticizing the captain, I had to ___ ship's deck every day for a week! (2 wds.)
 10. In 1867, the first of the 3 set games was played at Sedalia in an 8-inning game lasting 5 ___ with Sedalia's Empire Club winning 81-53.
 11. The ___ of the 3 set games was at Jeff. City in a 7-inning game with the Capital Club winning 74-59.
 12. The Volunteer State (abbr.).
 19. Hospital scan.
 20. "The cords of Sheol tightened; the ___ of death lay in wait for me," (Psalms 18:6).
 21. WW II soldier.
 22. "Flip or Flop," "Love it or List it," and "House Hunters" are popular shows on this cable television channel.
 24. Fast flyer.
 26. Air rifle ammo.
 27. The NABBP rules specified that the ball was thrown underhanded, the fielders wore no gloves. Thus strikers (batters) produced very high scoring games. The only stats kept for players were ___ and runs scored.
 28. ___. Rev. Msgr.
 33. The third game of the 3-game set was held in neutral territory, the grounds of the Occidental Club in California, Mo. In 9 full innings, the Empire Club won 49-39 but the game was afterwards declared a "nullity" because of ineligible substitutions on both sides. The Sedalia and Jeff. City Clubs remained ___ for decades.
 37. Assumption Abbey, 20 miles from ___, Mo. in Douglas Co., is the only Trappist monastery in Missouri.
 38. "I yearned to gather your children together, as a ___ gathers her young under her wings..." (Matthew 23:37).
 39. "And if I do not, may my hands ___ off..." — Richard II; Shakespeare.
 40. Yes to Jorge.
 42. A very long time.
 44. U.S. spy agency.
 45. 3rd rock from the sun.
 47. Fed. Agency tasked with safety at job sites.
 48. ___ on the cob.
 49. Brand of jeans.
 54. Suffix for terror or material.
 55. Our ___-friendly company recycles paper, plastic, glass, wood and rubber.
 56. The Mount Rushmore State (abbr.).
 57. Short for parishes in St. James and Brookfield.
 58. The Reuben sandwich originated in this State bordering Mo. (abbr.)
 59. Taum Sauk mountain is the highest peak in this State (abbr.).
 60. Abraham's ___ ancestral home.
 61. "___ God We Trust" officially became our national motto in 1956. Though it had been on all coins for over 100 years, it then became legally binding to be printed on all paper money as well.