

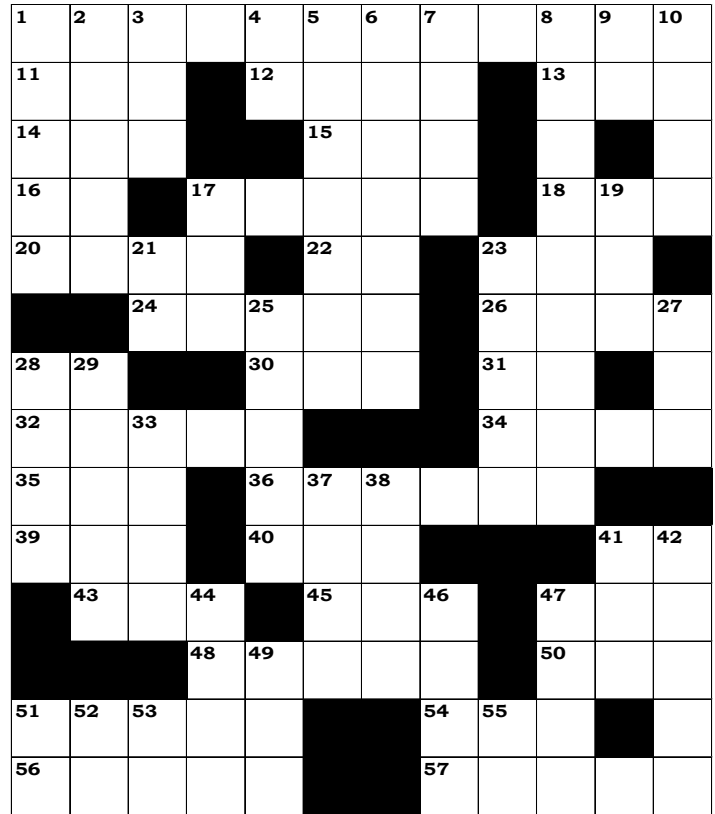


Puzzle #714

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ACROSS

1. Gunther Skaletz is a parishioner at Our Lady of the Lake Church, Lake Ozark, Mo. Born in Poland in 1927, he has endured poverty, war, _____, torture, escape. He was chef to a U.S. president and wrote a book. His faith has been the foundation of his amazing life.
11. One of the Three Stooges.
12. The Irish Wilderness is our State's largest wilderness area, a 16,277-_____ section of the Mark Twain Nat. Forest located along the Eleven Point River.
13. "Striving to better, oft we _____ what's well," Shakespeare's, "King Lear."
14. Parent/school org.
15. "Hee _____"; American country comedy TV show, 1969-1992, starring Buck Owens & Roy Clark.
16. Phone home extraterrestrial.
17. Still only 16 yrs. old, Skaletz was conscripted into the German army in 1944 to serve on the crumbling Russian _____. In 1945, he was taken prisoner by Soviet troops, interrogated and tortured. "Somewhere inside me, I could still hear the voice of my mother telling me not to give up."
18. Something you lose when you stand up.
20. At 15 yrs. old, Skaletz was sent to the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp, with _____ hard labor and little to eat. "What kept me alive was my strong faith, which my mother so deeply ingrained in my heart."
22. In 1981, the Ozark Trail (_____) began construction as a long-distance hiking trail through the Ozarks from suburban St. Louis to eventually connect with an Arkansas Trail. 350 miles were built by 2008. Estimated total will be 500 miles.
23. At the KC airport, as Harry Truman's first trip back to Mo. as President was ending, his mother gave him some final advice: "Now you be a good _____, Harry," —from *Mr. Truman's War*.
24. "What profit would there be for one to gain the _____ world and forfeit his life?" (Matthew 16:26)
26. "...awake, _____ and harp!" (Psalms 57:9)
28. Abbr. for Citizens' Band (_____), a range of radio frequencies for the general public for two-way communications. Often used by truckers.
30. Letters on an American navy vessel.
31. Ameren_____; biggest supplier of electricity in the State.
32. Brother and spokesman for Moses (Exodus 4:14-16).
34. In East Germany, "I lived in constant _____." In April of 1947, he risked all and in the darkness of night scrambled over the border to freedom.
35. Medical scan.
36. In Feb. 2020, after a 50-yr. drought, NFL's Kansas City _____ won the Super bowl!



39. The accuracy of the Global Positioning System (GPS) depends upon the precise combination of 3 components: positioning, navigation and timing (_____).
40. A very long time.
41. The flagship campus of this State's Univ. system is in the extreme north-west corner of the State, in Fayetteville (abbr.).
43. In card games, no one wanted to be his partner. He usually bid too high and went _____.
45. Retired from management at Tan-Tar-A Resort at the Lake of the Ozarks, Skaletz participates in charitable work at the local hospital and in state-wide _____-life activities and is very active in the local Knights of Columbus Council.
47. This youth org.'s motto: Be Prepared.
48. Edith_____; German Jewish philosopher who went from atheist to Carmelite nun; killed by the Nazis in 1942; canonized as a martyr by the Church in 1998.
50. The longest "thank you" Oscar acceptance speech at the Academy Awards was by Greer Garson in 1943. It _____ a lengthy 5½ minutes.
51. Mo. birthplace of Pres. Harry Truman.
54. "_____ missa est"; last words in a Latin Mass.
56. Pres. Lyndon Johnson encouraged Skaletz to write his life _____. He self-published it in 2006. The proceeds fund a college scholarship in honor of his wife who died of cancer in 2017.
57. Two States have this word as part of their name.

DOWN

1. "Uncertainty is the very condition to _____ man to unfold his powers," — Erich Fromm, from *Man For Himself*.
2. Though he lost his mother and a sister before the age of 2, Skaletz's step-mother nourished within him a deep faith. "The

- first thing she taught me was to pray. *Ora et labora* — pray and work. That was our (family) _____.”
3. The Civil War Battle of _____ Ridge in 1862, just over the Mo. border in Arkansas, is considered the second major battle for control of Mo. It sealed Mo. for the Union.
 4. The only man to die on the Lewis & Clark expedition is buried in this State (abbr.).
 5. As Skaletz turned 12, the Nazis invaded Poland and WW II began. Polish _____ were closed; their textbooks burned. “My Jewish friends started to disappear.”
 6. Figures in early Christian art with outstretched arms and palms up in a gesture of prayer.
 7. Politician Gingrich.
 8. The Nazi Gestapo arrested Skaletz and all the _____ of the hotel where he had found work. They were harshly interrogated. “At one point, I cried ‘Please, Jesus, help me.’ I was severely punished for that.”
 9. Chemical symbol for so-
- dium.
10. “Let their table become a snare and a _____” (Romans 11:9).
 17. E through I.
 19. Letters for Are You Ready, in texting.
 21. Dir. from Westphalia to Centralia.
 23. In 2012, at the mouth of a cave 150 feet up a _____ in a remote area of the Ozarks, the second-largest cave gate in the country was installed. At 64 ft. wide and 20 ft. high, the 13-ton gate will prevent people from disturbing endangered gray & Indiana bats that use the cave.
 25. “An _____ of prevention is worth a pound of cure,” —Benjamin Franklin.
 27. “One of the bystanders drew his sword, struck the high priest’s servant, and cut off his _____,” (Mark 14:47).
 28. The Soviet KGB sentenced Skaletz & other POWs to a labor _____ to dismantle an ammunition factory, then all were loaded onto a train for Siberia.
 29. At a train stop at the Soviet border, a split
- second leap from a boxcar sent Skaletz into the night evading gunfire. He walked his way 275 miles through Soviet occupied Poland and into Communist East Germany hiding in _____ and helped by farmers.
33. For a Jewish youth, a Bar (Bat) Mitzvah is a _____ of passage from childhood to adulthood.
 37. “It has been a difficult and arduous journey, but a journey of _____, faith and perseverance. It has always been my conviction that with God, nothing is impossible,” —Gunther Skaletz, from his book, *Life on Both Sides of the Wall*.
 38. Cross letters.
 41. King of Judea and Godly reformer. Ruled 41 years (1 Kings 15:8-24).
 42. After escaping to the West, Skaletz trained and became a master chef in Switzerland; in 1962, he accepted a job in New York and at one point catered for Pres. Lyndon Johnson at his _____ in Texas.
 44. Former Russian ruler.
46. I have nothing to go _____ this murder case said the detective (2 wds.).
 47. _____ Rabbit was originally a trickster figure in African folklore and brought to the southern U.S. by slaves; was popularized in the Uncle Remus stories of Joel Chandler Harris (1848-1908).
 49. “_____ to learn what is pleasing to the Lord,” (Ephesians 5:10).
 51. In medical, scientific and veterinary fields, the abbr. for Left Side.
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 53. The detectives said the last 3 robberies had the same _____. (*modus operandi*).
 55. What’s it _____ ya!