

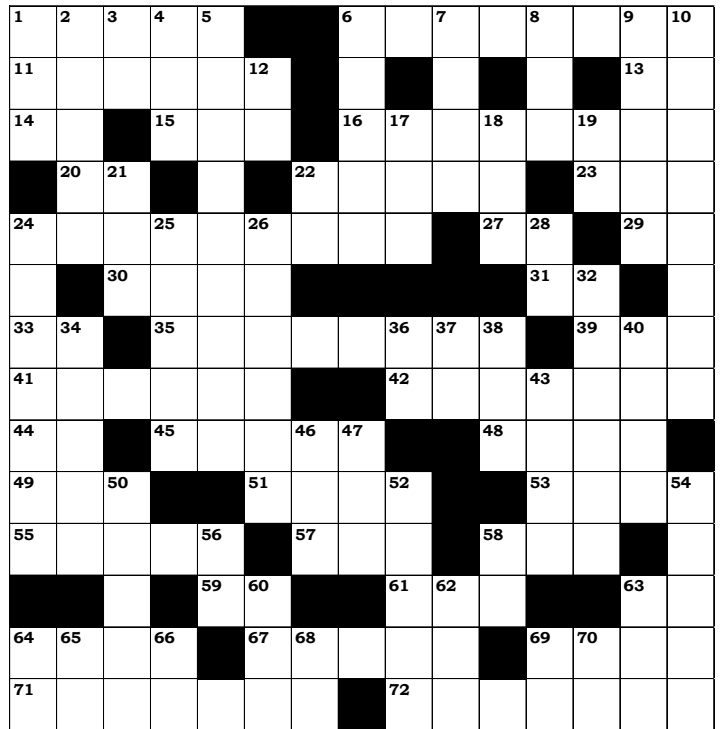
Puzzle #748

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ACROSS

1. "We ____ Kings of Orient are..." —Christmas carol written in 1857, based on Matthew 2:1.
6. The prophet Daniel described the coming Messiah as "One like a son of man coming on the clouds of heaven. He received ____, glory, and kingship," (Daniel 7:13,14).
11. "Hark the ____ Angels Sing," —Christmas carol, first appeared in 1739, based on Luke 2:14.
13. Lancaster Co. in this State is known as Amish country (abbr.).
14. 52 wks. make a ____.
15. Only eight days ' ____ Christmas!
16. We know what time the angels filled the skies, according to the Christmas carol "It came upon a ____ clear..."
20. A section of a hospital.
22. Commander of King Saul's army; or L'il ____, Daisy Mae's boyfriend.
23. Three in Caesar's Rome.
24. Our parish's 24 hr. ____ chapel is so warmly decorated for Christmas.
27. What are you getting ____?
29. Winnebago, for ex.
30. "A ____ is born in Bethlehem," —18th cen. Christmas hymn.
31. Eight parishes in our diocese are named for this

- Marian dogma (abbr.).
33. This punch usually means the bout is over.
 35. Christmas month.
 39. Making really nice personal Christmas tree ornaments is a real ____.
 41. Each of our parish's Church doors has a Christmas ____ with a big bright bow.
 42. Traditional entry and egress for Santa into the homes to bring toys.
 44. Follows #35 DOWN.
 45. This river starts in the Swiss Alps, flows through Germany and empties into the North Sea. A river cruise on this river is a popular vacation destination for Americans.
 48. Often called pop outside the Midwest.
 49. Santa suit color.
 51. Dir. the Magi came from.
 53. Letters for Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints (since 2001, called Community of Christ); based in Independence, Mo.
 55. "The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a ____..." (Matthew 1:20).
 57. Parent/school org.
 58. Flying formation of migrating geese.
 59. Mt. Rushmore face wearing glasses (abbr.).
 61. Federal airport screening Agency.
 63. Animal in the crèche, according to the Christmas carol, "Good Christian Men Rejoice..."
 64. Jesus had no ____ for a bed, only the hay of the manger, acc. to the Christmas carol "Away in a Manger."
 67. Traditional animal included in the crèche scene, at least by the feast of the Epiphany.
 69. Though the Magi rode to the stable, the shepherds arrived on ____.
 71. Philistine who betrayed Samson (Judges 16:4-22).



72. He had a very shiny nose.

the first ____ scene (live!) in 1223 A.D.

DOWN

1. "...and blessed is the fruit of ____ womb Jesus."
2. The king of Judea who sought to kill the child Jesus (Matthew 2:3, 16+).
3. The Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway ("Katy ____") began operating in Sedalia in 1873. The restored depot is now part of the Katy Trail State park featuring Sedalia souvenirs & heritage exhibits.
4. With all the feasting and sweets to ____, Christmas time is a special treat.
5. Who Mary went to visit after the Annunciation (Luke 1:41).
6. Disney's flying elephant with the flapping ears.
7. Though Christmas toys or their boxes often have brand names, we all know they were really ____ by elves.
8. Letters for New York Islanders hockey team.
9. Source of Solomon's gold (1 Kings 10:11).
10. Francis of Assisi is not only the Father of Christmas Caroling, he created
12. In football, defensive lineman.
17. There was no room for Jesus here (Luke 2:7).
18. Gun club.
19. WW II soldier.
21. "Any man or institution that tries to ____ me of my dignity will lose," — Nelson Mandela.
22. Artificial intelligence.
24. "You can only grow if you're willing to feel ____ and uncomfortable when you try something new," —Brian Tracy.
25. My little son feared that Santa might accidentally get shot down. I reassured him that Santa flies under the ____.
26. Since he put GPS on his sleigh, Santa has become a real ____!
28. Musical note.
32. Mom put a Christmas ____ shining bright in every window of our house.
34. "Out of ____," gaveled the Judge as Santa tried to explain how his presence in the house did not legally constitute a break-in.
36. Precedes #43 ACROSS.

37. I, er, ____ don't have a clue.
38. Letters for Refugee & Immigration Services, Cath. Charities of Cen. & Northern Mo., Dio. of Jeff. City.
40. Every Christmas Eve, her parents would ____ to her the Gospel Christmas stories before they went to Christmas Eve Mass.
43. You want ____ out of life? Pray!
46. "And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap, had just settled our brains for a long winter's ____..."
—*A Visit from St. Nicholas* (later, *The Night Before Christmas*) by Clement Clarke Moore.
47. Superlative ending.
50. St. Michael's opponent.
52. ____ tots.
54. Mary conceived in the ____ month (Luke 2:26).
56. The story of the Magi comes from this Gospel (abbr.).
58. Fed. Dept. for veterans.
60. Old record label.
62. Letters for Saint Louis University; among the top (& second oldest) of the Jesuit universities in the country; est. in 1818, oldest univ. west of the Mississippi; 270-acre campus in mid-town St. Louis; 13,000 students.
63. Comic strip caveman.
64. All my favorite Christmas music is on one ____.
65. Prefix for move or treat.
66. Santa annually has to re-negotiate jurisdictional ____-lateral agreements & permissions for his annual Christmas flight.
68. Satisfaction sound.
69. Fee-fi-____-fum; from fairy tale "Jack & the Beanstalk."
70. "____' Man River"; song from the musical "Show-boat."