

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
JULY 25/26, 2009



(Follow this schedule only)

	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of Holy Communion
3:30 p.m.	Eric Givens	Pat Rohde
		Cathy Givens
12:00 p.m.	Gary Schlupe	Mary Lou Schlupe
		Gemma Smith
		Kadee Knowles
2:00 p.m.	Hispanic Mass	

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR JULY 25
(do not read before Mass)

Two robins were sitting in a tree. "I'm really hungry," said the first one.

"Me, too," said the second. "Let's fly down and find some lunch."

They flew to the ground and found a nice plot of plowed ground full of worms.

They ate and ate and ate and ate 'til they could eat no more.

"I'm so full I don't think I can fly back up to the tree," said the first one.

"Me either. Let's just lay here and bask in the warm sun," said the second.

"O.K.," said the first. They plopped down, basking in the sun.

No sooner had they fallen asleep than a big, fat tomcat sneaked up and gobbled them up.

As he sat washing his face after his meal, he thought,
"I love baskin' robins."

The birds got so loaded down they couldn't fly. Jesus tells the Apostles and us today, don't load down your life with the things of this world so much so that there is no room for God. Even after reporting to Jesus all the wonderful miracles wrought by their hands, Jesus tells them to take time away to "rest awhile." When Jesus says "rest," He means something very specific – to take time to communicate with God. Jesus knew that there is something even more important than spreading the Kingdom. The Apostles had to first put God in the their own lives. We, His followers, have to include God in our lives or the "fat cat" of fear and anxiety will eat us up alive. God has this wonderful ability to unburden you of the daily trials, problems, worries, and challenges in your life – if you give Him the *time*.

Our lives become so busy. So many things to do. How do we give time to God? Tell a mother with three young boys to "rest awhile," and she'll look at you like you're crazy. One of the biggest spiritual struggles in my life is to not get so caught up in ministry that I leave God out of the very work I'm doing for Him. Yet, I do manage to make the time for the Lord and allow Him to talk with me. I find that the third church I spend the most time in, talking with the Lord, is the church of my Ford Focus. I spend a lot of quiet time with the Lord in my car as I travel between St. Mary and St. Benignus. Be sure to make a place where you can rest awhile and bring God into whatever is going on in your life.

The neat thing about God is that He is always there for you. I wondered how Jesus felt after He wanted to take some down time with His Father and there standing in front of Him are thousands of people. He probably felt like some parents do when, after needing rest from a hard day's work, the kid says at 2:00 a.m. through the bedroom door, "I think I'm sick. I just threw up all over the floor." Yet, we know how Jesus felt for all the sick that ran to see Him – "his heart was moved with pity." Jesus is available 24/7 to all who call out to Him. He is waiting to hear from you. Blessings....Fr. Mike



MASS SCHEDULE

- Sunday, July 19**
12:00 noon Ada and Ab Collins (Bill Collins)
2:00 p.m. Hispanic Mass
- Monday, July 20**
8:00 a.m. Socorro Comotes (Mary Lou Schlupe)
- Tuesday, July 21**
7:00 p.m. Communion Service
- Wednesday, July 22**
12:00 noon Don Flynn (Kay Flynn)
- Thursday, July 23**
7:00 p.m. Communion Service
- Friday, July 24**
8:00 a.m. Jessie Spangler (Spangler Family)
- Saturday, July 25**
3:30 p.m. Marianna Rohde (Vic Rohde)
- Sunday, July 26**
12:00 noon Ben Anfone (Mary Lou Schlupe)
2:00 p.m. Hispanic Mass



BENEDICTION every Wednesday morning
at 11:30 a.m.



STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Weekly Need\$ 2,100.00

Collection Week of July 12th
Envelopes and Loose..... \$ 2,358.70
Variance.....+\$ 258.70
(3☺☺☺) Our very first happy faces. Thank you!
May this be the first of many more happy faces to come.

St. Vincent de Paul..... \$ 603.00
(God appreciates your generosity to the poor.)

YTD NEED\$ 4,200.00
YTD OFFERINGS (starting July 5, 2009).....\$ 4,005.99
VARIANCE.....-\$ 194.01
(2☺☺) We've closed the gap by over half.

Happy Birthday



- July 24Carter Campbell's Mother
(Brandy knows it's all about Carter)
Joan Moore
- July 26Rose Davis





IN OUR PARISH

- July 21 6:00 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE
6:45 p.m. ROSARY
- July 22 6:00 p.m. SPANISH CLASS
- July 23 6:45 p.m. ROSARY
- July 25 9:00 a.m. ROSARY
4:30 p.m. CONTINUING
EDUCATION WITH
FELLOWSHIP



The St. Benignus Knights of Columbus meet the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Contact Grand Knight John Baal (981-3102 or e-mail squarerootman@roadrunner.com) for information.



St. Vincent de Paul Society is open for business at these times:

- 1st Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- 3rd Thursday, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

If an emergency, call Fr. Mike at 937-403-2510.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



1. The Greenfield Historical Society's Annual Ice Cream Social featuring homemade pies will be held at the Society's Grain and Hay Facility on the east end of Jefferson street, across from Save-A-Lot grocery store. This takes place on Sunday, July 19th, from 11:30 a.m. till 3:30 p.m.
2. The next Kid's Night will be August 12th, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., with a Bible story, craft, games and a cookout (for grades K-6).

- **Movie Night for the youth (grades 7-12) on July 22nd, beginning at 5:00 p.m.** We will watch a movie and eat pizza (at the Religious Education Building).

- If you would like to donate any seating, such as futons, beanbag chairs, etc., please let me know. We would like to make the junior high classroom a little more comfy!

- **If your child is eligible for Confirmation, please let Katie Paugh know ASAP!!!** The Archdiocese needs to know how many will be celebrating this Sacrament. So far, I have heard from only three people. If we don't have any more than that, the Archbishop may not come perform the ceremony. Grades 7-12 are eligible. Please call or e-mail me with your child's name and grade. Thanks!!!



3. **The St. Vincent de Paul Society** of St. Benignus will have their annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser on September 19th. Make plans to stay after 3:30 p.m. Mass! On the regional level, St. Vincent de Paul is having their annual Friends of the Poor Walk in Dayton, on September 26th. I believe the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul is the 27th.

4. August 9th is the next SVdP Meeting at 10:30 a.m., before Mass.

TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO, JULY 19th...The St. Benignus Parish Picnic would take place on Sunday, August 2nd, at the Leesburg Roadside Park. Requiem High Mass for Raymond Elberfeld on Monday, July 20th, at 9:30 a.m. Rosary was said on Sunday evening, July 19th, at the Anderson Funeral Home.

25 YEARS AGO, JULY 15th...Fr. Gavin received a letter from Archbishop Pilarczyk expressing his concern that St. Benignus fell way short on the Archbishop's Fund Drive Collection. St. Benignus gave only \$1,883.00 in 1984. Fr. Gavin asked the people to give and make the Archbishop happy.

10 YEARS AGO, JULY 18th...These are a few of the sick the Parish was praying for in 1999: Tom Flynn, Greg Hadley, Mary Uhl, Harold Carsons, and Tom Hixson.



Wedding Story

(As only a child could do...)

A little boy was in a relative's wedding. As he was coming down the aisle, he would take two steps, stop, and turn to the crowd (alternating between bride's side and groom's side). While facing the crowd, he would put his hands up like claws and roar...so it went, step, step, ROAR, step, step, ROAR, all the way down the aisle. As you can imagine, the crowd was near tears from laughing so hard by the time he reached the front. The little boy, however, was getting more and more distressed from all the laughing, and was also near tears by the time he reached the front. When asked what he was doing, the child sniffed and said, "I was being the Ring Bear..."



Pancakes

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

Job Hunting

Most of us have gone job hunting at one time or another and have put together a résumé. A good résumé tells the prospective employer something about us. A bad résumé does the same thing; only it's probably not quite the message we want to send. The good folks at *Fortune Magazine* snipped some bits from résumés and cover letters that weren't quite up to snuff. Enjoy!

1. "I demand a salary commiserate with my extensive experience."
2. "I have lurnt Word Perfect 6.0 computer and spreadsheet programs."
3. "Received a plague for Salesperson of the Year."
4. "Reason for leaving last job: maturity leave."
5. "Wholly responsible for two (2) failed financial institutions."
6. "Failed bar exam with relatively high grades."
7. "It's best for employers that I not work with people."
8. "Let's meet, so you can 'ooh' and 'aah' over my experience."
9. "You will want me to be Head Honcho in no time."
10. "Am a perfectionist and rarely, if ever, forget details."
11. "I was working for my mom until she decided to move."
12. "Marital status: single. Unmarried. Unengaged. Uninvolved. No commitments."
13. "I have an excellent track record, although I am not a horse."
14. "I am loyal to my employer at all costs. Please feel free to respond to my résumé on my office voice mail."
15. "I have become completely paranoid, trusting completely no one and absolutely nothing."
16. "My goal is to be a Meteorologist. But since I possess no training in meterology, I suppose I should try stock brokerage."
17. "I procrastinate, especially when the task is unpleasant."
18. "As indicted, I have over five years of analyzing investments."
19. "Personal interests: donating blood. Fourteen gallons so far."
20. "Instrumental in ruining entire operation for a Midwest chain store."
21. "Note: Please don't miscontrue my 14 jobs as 'job-hopping,' I have never quit a job."
22. "Marital status: often. Children: various."
23. "Reason for leaving last job: They insisted that all employees get to work by 8:45 a.m. every morning. Could not work under those conditions."
24. "The company made me a scapegoat, just like my three previous employers."
25. "Finished eighth in my class of ten."
26. "References: None. I've left a path of destruction behind me."

FOR THE HISPANIC COMMUNITY

DÉCIMO SEXTO DOMINGO JULIO 19, 2009

Ministros de San Benignus:

***Servidores de el Pan y el Vino:** Margaret Showalter & Sr. Pedro Lopez

Ministros de la Palabra: Rocio Castillo & Alan Sanchez /Lina Cox

Salmo Responsorial: Maria Luisa Beltran

Lector de Peticiones: Yolanda Beltran

Colectores del Diezmo: Maria Reyes & Kathy Dye

Ministros de la Comunión: Alejandro Castillo & Celestino Beltran

Traductora durante la Misa: Norma Cruz

Redactora de la seccion de Español: Lina Cox

*“Todo anuncio para la semana siguiente debe ser entregado los Domingos al finalizar la misa.”

Las posiciones de Lector y Ministro de la Eucaristia son una parte importante en la celebración de la misa. Por favor vea al padre Mike si usted está interesado. Si usted desea ser un ministro de la palabra o cualquier otro servicio voluntario por favor de su nombre para que sea incluido en el siguiente boletín.

* Recordemos todos que el Padre Mike desea que la congregación Hispana aumente y se sienta más unida a todos los feligreses de San Benignus. Y les recuerda que esta es su iglesia y El está a vuestro servicio.

Noticias:

*El 26 de Julio tendremos una tombola para recoger fondos para la celebración de La virgen de Guadalupe y La Inmaculada Concepción de Maria en Diciembre. “Invita a tus amigos a formar parte activa de este evento.”

*El 2 de Agosto brindaremos un baby-shower biblico a Aloha Sanchez; con este acto daremos la bienvenida a un nuevo cristiano. Es niño y el tema es de Mickey Mouse.

Sermon de el Padre Mike de el pasado Julio 12, 2009

Esto fué uno de los días más calurosos de la estación seca. No habíamos visto lluvia en casi un mes. Las cosechas se estaban muriendo. Las vacas habían dejado de dar la leche. Los riachuelos y arrollos se habian secado en lo profundo de la tierra. Era una estación seca que facilmente llevaría a la bancarrota a varios agricultores antes de terminar la temporada. Cada día, mi marido y sus hermanos seguían con el proceso arduo en la tentativa de conseguir el agua en los campos. Últimamente, este proceso habia implicado llevar un camión a la planta local de agua y llenar el mismo de agua. Pero el racionamiento severo no evitó la escases de agua para todos. Si no vemos lluvia pronto ... nosotros perderíamos todo.

Fué ese día que aprendí la lección verdadera de compartir. Yo estaba en la cocina preparando el almuerzo para mi marido y sus hermanos cuando vi a mi hijo de seis años, Billy, que caminaba hacia los bosques. Él no estaba caminando con el abandono habitual despreocupado de la juventud, pero con un objetivo serio. Yo sólo podría ver su espalda. Él estaba caminando obviamente con gran esfuerzo... tratando de estar tan quieto todavía como posible. Minutos después él desapareció en los bosques, él salió corriendo otra vez, hacia la casa. Volví a la tarea de hacer de emparedados, pensando que independemente de la tarea que él había estado haciendo ya se ha completado.

Momentos más tarde, como quiera sea, él otra vez caminaba con paso grande lento y decidido hacia los bosques. Esta actividad continuó durante más de una hora: caminando cuidadosamente hacia los bosques, luego corriendo de vuelta a casa. Finalmente, mi curiosidad consiguió lo mejor de mí. Salí sigilosamente de la casa y en secreto lo seguí en su viaje.

Mientras avanzaba, él formaba una copa con sus manitas en frente de él; siendo muy cuidadoso para no derramar el agua que él sostenía en sus manos ... tal vez llevaba dos o tres cucharadas de agua en sus manos diminutas. Me moví más cerca a medida que él entró en los bosques. Las ramas y espinas golpeaban su pequeña cara, pero él no trató de evitarlos. Él tenía un objetivo mucho mayor. A medida que me agachaba para espiarle, vi lo más asombroso.

Varios ciervos grandes surgieron delante de él. Billy caminó directo hacia ellos. Casi grité para advertirle a él que se alejará. Un enorme ciervo (venado) con una gran cornamenta estaba peligrosamente cercano. Pero el ciervo no dio señales de atacar ... ni siquiera se movió a medida que Billy se arrodilló. Y vi un ciervo diminuto hechado sobre la tierra, obviamente sufriendo de deshidratación y el agotamiento por calor, el levantó su cabeza con gran esfuerzo y bebió a languetadas el agua ahuecada en la mano de mi muchacho hermoso.

Cuando el agua se termino, Billy se levantó de un salto para volver corriendo a la casa y yo me oculté detrás de un árbol. Lo seguí de vuelta a la casa, a una llave de agua a la cual nosotros habíamos cerrado. Billy abrió toda la llave y un pequeño chorrito de agua comenzó a salir sigilosamente. Él se arrodilló allí, dejando que cada gota de agua llenara despacio la taza “hecha en sus manitas” mientras el sol azotaba su espalda. Justamente la semana pasada él fue castigado por jugar con la manguera de agua, y recibió un regaño severo sobre la importancia de no malgastar el agua. Estoy seguro que fué por eso que él no me pidió ayuda.

Esto tomó casi veinte minutos para que las gotas de agua llenarán sus manos. Cuando él se levantó y comenzó el viaje de vuelta, yo estaba allí delante de él. Sus pequeños ojos llenos de miedo. “ No malgasto, “ fué todo que él dijo. A medida que él comenzó a caminar, me uní ... con un pequeño pote del agua de la cocina. Le dejé atender al pequeño ciervo. Me mantuve un poco alejada ... esto era su trabajo. Estuve de pie al borde de los bosques mirando el corazón más hermoso que yo alguna vez había visto trabajando con tanta fuerza para salvar una vida.

Jesús envió a los doce para poner sus manos de curación sobre los enfermos, salvar vidas del mal, y traer el favor de Dios a aquellos sedientos de ello. Como un seguidor de Jesús, Él te envía también a ti...a buscar a los sedientos de Dios. La palabra Misa “quiere decir” (ser enviado)”. Dios ha elegido llenarte con cada bendición espiritual del Cielo. Él ahora te envía a ti para que otros puedan beber el amor de Dios en la copa de la buena voluntad de tu corazón.