

LITURGICAL APPOINTMENTS FOR TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
AUGUST 15/16, 2009



(Follow this schedule only)

	Ministers of the Word	Ministers of Holy Communion
3:30 p.m.	Kristy Bruckner	Debbie Kennedy
		Jackie Soards
12:00 p.m.	Pam Rudisill	Debbie Neu
		Katie Paugh
		Mark Paugh
2:00 p.m.	Hispanic Mass	

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR AUGUST 9TH
(do not read before Mass)

Recently, for the first time in five years, I simply went out back, put my cane down and started walking. I made it 42 yards.

Today, I walked 5 miles.

My medical team had said this would be impossible. My brain could no longer send the signals for walking because those nerves in my spinal cord had been destroyed. Though certainly unintentional, my doctors did take something very important away from me: hope.

A while back, a psychologist pal of mine urged me to try to help myself. I was angry. I said, "They're four of Boston's leading neurologists. They all said I'd never get any better."

"They could have all been wrong."

"They said there's nothing I can do! No rehabilitation. No physical therapy. I'm not putting any effort into trying to walk and then be miserable when I fail."

"Trying is never failure."

What made me finally try? The answer is simpler than I'd have ever imagined. That day I tried walking on my own, I had simply said to myself, "Why not?"

When I walk I have a Frankenstein-style gait. I get embarrassed, so I explain it away. I met a gal who said, "Stop excusing yourself. Walk proud!"

Christopher Reeve said, "When we have hope, we discover powers within ourselves we may have never known. Once we choose hope, everything is possible."

Poor Elijah lost all hope. He just wanted to lie down under a broom tree and die. He was on the ultimate pity-pot. Have you ever felt like that? "I can't do this anymore... I give up... I just can't go on." Like Elijah, we fall into despair. Yet, it is at our lowest moment that God works the best. As a Christian, we don't have the luxury or the option to just lie down and die. When the journey of life is too hard and long to travel by yourself, that's when God says, "Get up and eat! You got some walkin' to do!" We continue the journey strengthened by God, but I have found God's strength not in hearth cakes and jugs of water, but in the loving hearts of friends sent by God to help me along the way. Jesus even gives Himself as our Friend made real in the Eucharist. These "angels from God" give me the food of hope I need to "keep on keeping on." They assure me I don't fight my battles alone. When "Superman" star Christopher Reeve became paralyzed from the neck down, it was his loving wife who gave him the courage to literally get up every day and keep trying – all the while she was battling cancer.

Blessings...Fr. Mike



- Sunday, August 9**
12:00 noon Ben Anfone, Sr. & Ann Flynn Corwin (Mary Lou Schluep)
2:00 p.m. Hispanic Mass
- Monday, August 10**
8:00 a.m. Louise Galyon & Family
- Tuesday, August 11**
7:00 p.m. Communion Service
- Wednesday, August 12**
12:00 noon Jane Lepore & Family
- Thursday, August 13**
7:00 p.m. Communion Service
- Friday, August 14**
8:00 a.m. Kathy & Deanna
- Saturday, August 15**
3:30 p.m. Vic Rohde (Ann Marie Gunderman)
- Sunday, August 16**
12:00 noon Charles Uhl, Jr. (Ann Marie Gunderman)
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 August 2nd
Envelopes and Loose\$ 1,144.00
Variance-\$ 956.00
(10☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹☹) It's the end of the month and nobody has any money left.

YTD NEED\$10,500.00
YTD OFFERINGS (starting July 5, 2009).....\$ 9,937.96
VARIANCE.....-\$ 562.04
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Happy Birthday

August 9 Dave Stanton
Allen Johnson

August 15 Brenna Rudisill



IN OUR PARISH

August 11

6:00 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE
6:45 p.m. ROSARY

August 12

6:00 p.m. SPANISH CLASS

August 13

6:45 p.m. ROSARY

August 14

9:00 a.m. ROSARY



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 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



1. **St. Benignus Ladies Auxiliary will be having a Rummage Sale the weekend of September 4th.** Please bring your used or new clothing or household items to the Religious Education Building, preferably before or after one of the Masses. Thank You!



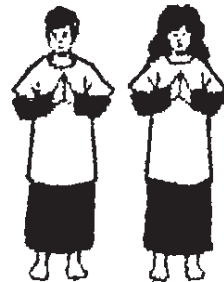
2. At the Prayer of the Faithful last Sunday, Nancy Bennett prayed for the future success of the RCIA Program. Her prayer was answered. **I have chosen Nancy Bennett and Allen Johnson to teach the RCIA Program for this year.** If anyone is interested in becoming Catholic or there are Catholics who want to learn more about their faith, please call the Church Office at 981-2785 or Fr. Mike's cell at 403-2510.

TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO – AUGUST 9th... The Ladies Auxiliary donated \$105.00 to pay for a new washing machine for Fr. Lawler. As I am hoping to move into the Rectory very shortly, I hope the Ladies Auxiliary will buy me some Venetian blinds for the windows. Consider this a safety issue for the people of Greenfield. Anyone accidentally looking through the Rectory window and seeing the Catholic priest "in the buff" would cause instant blindness or cardiac arrest from sheer fright.



25 YEARS AGO – AUGUST 5th...The Lectors for this Sunday were Kathy Flynn and Jane Miller. Servers were Bill and Pat Spray and Travis and Dean O'Connor.



10 YEARS AGO – AUGUST 8th...Servers were Vince Smith and Brad Hays. Distributors were Don Flynn, Sue Iseman and Vickie Everhart.



Wooden Leg Insurance

A man and his wife moved back home to West Virginia, from Ohio. The husband had a wooden leg and to insure it back in Ohio cost them \$2,000.00 per year!

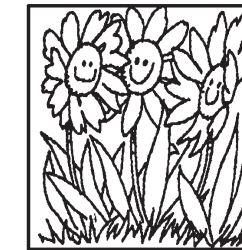
When they arrived in West Virginia, they went to an insurance agency to see how much it would cost to insure his wooden leg.

The agent looked it up on the computer and said: "\$39.00."

The husband was shocked and asked why it was so cheap here in West Virginia to insure it, because it cost him \$2,000.00 in Ohio!

The insurance agent turned his computer screen to the couple and said, "Well, here it is on the screen, it says: Any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system above it, is \$39.00...You just have to know how to describe it!"

(Those West Virginia folk know how "to git 'er done," don't they George Hersey?)



An Old Farmer's Advice:

- * Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong. *
- * Keep skunks and bankers at a distance. *
- * Life is simpler when you plow around the stump. *
- * A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor. *
- * Words that soak into your ears are whispered...not yelled. *
- * Meanness don't jes' happen overnight. *
- * Forgive your enemies. It messes up their heads. *
- * Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you. *
- * It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge. *
- * You cannot unsay a cruel word. *
- * Every path has a few puddles. *
- * When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty. *
- * The best sermons are lived, not preached. *
- * Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway. *
- * Don't judge folks by their relatives. *
- * Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer. *
- * Live a good, honorable life...Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time. *
- * Don't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none. *
- * Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance. *
- * If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'. *
- * Sometimes you get and sometimes you get got. *
- * The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you from the mirror every mornin'. *
- * Always drink upstream from the herd. *
- * Good judgment comes from experience and a lotta that comes from bad judgment. *
- * Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in. *
- * If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around. *
- * Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you. *
- * Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God. *