



Happy Birthday!

October 21 Tom Dean
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IN OUR PARISH

October 20 6:45 p.m. ROSARY
 October 22 6:00 p.m. CHOIR PRACTICE
 6:45 p.m. ROSARY
 October 23 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 to 7:30 p.m.

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

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

1. The Parish Fest held at Jerry Parker's Farm was a "hoot." Jerry took a bunch of us on a hayride and he drove the wagon so close to edge of the lake I thought Ann Marie Gunderman and myself were going in for an unscheduled swim...well...sinking...probably to the bottom. I can just hear this on TV: "Local Priest and his lovely Secretary drown arm to arm in nearby pond...*breaking news at 11:00!*" Kristy Bockrath won first prize for the Fishing Contest. Her fish came in at a whopping 7 inches. Her new nickname is Kristy "Moby Dick" Bockrath. Jerry gave a tour, to the 25 parishioners in attendance, of his barn where he trains horses to ride. One of the horses in his barn fell in love with Patty Hays. Jerry has a big fury llama living on his farm. Her name is Dahli (lama). We had so much fun that we're planning to do this again in the spring.

2. Thursday, November 5, is Knights of Columbus Night at WCH Dakota's Roadhouse. When you and your family dine at the Dakota's, fifteen percent of your bill will be returned to the local Knights Scholarship Fund. Get a certificate after Mass from any Knight.

3. **The Knights will be serving pancakes before Mass, beginning at 10:30 a.m., on Sunday, November 1.**



1. **SVdP Meetings: October 18 and November 8, Second Sundays, 1:00 p.m.**
2. **Parish Council meetings: November 10 and December 8, Second Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.**
3. **Ladies Auxiliary Meetings: October 20 and November 17, after Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Communion Service**
4. **St. Benignus K of C meets November 4 and December 2, First Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.**
5. **St. Benignus K of C Pancake Breakfast: November 1st, Sunday**

TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO, OCTOBER 18th...Fr. Lawler said that if you recite this prayer "*Oh Lord, grant to Your Church saintly priests and fervent religious, Amen,*" you will get 500 days out of Purgatory. If this prayer actually makes your Pastor saintly, then you're going straight up because you just worked a miracle!

25 YEARS AGO, OCTOBER 21st...Bingo workers for October 23rd were William Weeks, Joanne McMullen, Phyllis Miller, and Gwen Stanton. Fr. Minic set up a Religious Education Program in which Karen Lucas would run the High School Religious Program at St. Benignus beginning on Sunday, October 28, 1984. The Dean, Fr. William Kennedy, installed Fr. Minic as your Pastor on Wednesday, October 24, 1984. Fr. Minic was a great Pastor who was filled with a whole lot of spirit.

10 YEARS AGO, OCTOBER 17th...The Ladies Auxiliary would meet on Thursday night. All are encouraged to come dressed as your favorite saint. St. Camillus de Lellis was a compulsive gambler who during one card session lost even all his clothes. He had to walk home wearing nothing but a wooden barrel. (Now that would have been an interesting costume to wear.)

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4- to 8-year-olds, "What does love mean?" The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis, too. That's love."
 Rebecca – age 8

"During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore."
 Cindy – age 8

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."
 Billy – age 4

"My mommy loves me more than anybody. You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night."
 Clare – age 6

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."
 Karl – age 5

"Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken."
 Elaine – age 5

"Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs."
 Chrissy – age 6

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford."
 Chris – age 7

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired."
 Terri – age 4

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day."
 Mary Ann – age 4

"Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK."
 Danny – age 7

"I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones."
 Lauren – age 4

"Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mommy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss."
 Emily – age 8

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you."
 (what an image) Karen – age 7

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."
 Bobby – age 7 (Wow!)

"Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross."
 Mark – age 6

"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate."
 Nikka – age 6
 (We need a few million more Nikka's on this planet.)

"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."
 Jessica – age 8

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day."
 Noelle – age 7

And the final one – Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four-year-old child whose next-door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."
 Tommy – age 6