





## IN OUR PARISH

- November 24 6:45 p.m. .... ROSARY  
 November 25 6:00 p.m. .... CHOIR PRACTICE  
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 November 26 9:00 a.m. .... THANKSGIVING  
 MASS for Charles  
 Spangler



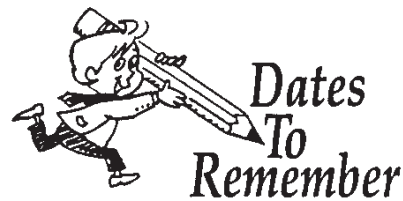
St. Vincent de Paul Society is open for business at these times:  
 1st Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  
 3rd Thursday from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.  
 If an emergency, call Fr. Mike at 937-403-2510.

### NEWS AROUND THE PARISH



- The Knights of Columbus will be serving pancakes and bacon before Mass on Sunday, December 6. We will begin serving at 10:30 a.m. Please note new time.
- We are still hoping to worship in our newly redecorated church on the weekend of November 28/29. The carpet arrived at Tissots store on November 15th. The vinyl is not expected till November 18th. It will take one week to lay the floor. Chad Gose promises to work as fast as he can to get us back in the church, while maintaining his exacting quality standards. The main painting is finished and what a beauty to behold!

3. I am asking the Church to donate a love offering to reupholster the pews. This was not budgeted in the redecoration project. It is painfully obvious the pews are in bad shape and no longer match the church decor. Interior decorator Mary Wright promises **not** to use purple. Both she and I thought you might like to express your school spirit for McClain. Even our youth at Mass who were wearing purple and gold McClain shirts rejected the idea. I guess school spirit only goes so far. Mary agrees with the parishioners to use a shade of green. She will get some samples for our approval. We will need around \$1,500.00 for this project. It will take some time to get the material. I will have the present pews cleaned so at least they will be presentable for Christmas.



- SVdP Meetings: Second Sundays, 1:00 p.m.
- Parish Council Meetings: December 8, Second Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m.
- Ladies Auxiliary Meetings: after Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Communion Service
- St. Benignus K of C meets December 2, First Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO, NOVEMBER 22ND...Fr. Lawler noted there was not much money in the St. Joseph Cemetery Fund. He requested parishioners to leave a bequest in their will for the cemetery. As far as I can tell, the Cemetery Fund is holding its own in 2009. However, we need some additional funds for improvements.

25 YEARS AGO, NOVEMBER 25TH...These parishioners were nominated for the very first St. Benignus Parish Council. Six to be elected: Jim Block, JoAnne McMullen, Charles M. Uhl, Ed Detwiller, Anita O'Connor, Gene White, Vicki Everhart, Cathy Snider, Marti Wilson, Ron Hagerty, Jackie Soards, and Mitzi Wilson.

10 YEARS AGO, NOVEMBER 21ST...On Wednesday Thanksgiving Eve, St. Benignus would host a Greenfield Communal Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. Pies followed.



## Thanksgiving Count Your Blessings

I have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving! I've had two bypass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knees, and fought prostate cancer. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to blackouts, have bouts with dementia, have poor circulation, can't remember if I'm 85 or 92, have lost all my friends. But, thank God, I still have my driver's license!



### HAS THIS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU DURING THANKSGIVING SHOPPING?

I was in the Kroger express lane at the store quietly fuming. Completely ignoring the sign, the woman ahead of me had slipped into the "15 items" checkout line pushing a cart piled high with groceries. Imagine my delight when the cashier beckoned the woman to come forward, looked into the cart and asked sweetly, "So which fifteen items would you like to buy?" Wouldn't it be great if that happened more often?

### The Importance of Walking After Your Thanksgiving Meal

*Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$7,000.00 per month.*

*My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we don't know where he is.*

*I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.*

*I have to walk early in the morning, before my brain figures out what I'm doing.*

*I joined a health club to lose some extra holiday pounds, spent about 400 bucks. I haven't lost a pound. Apparently, you have to go there.*

*Every time I hear the dirty word "exercise," I wash my mouth out with stuffing and pumpkin pie.*

*I do have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them. The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, "Well, she looks good, doesn't she."*

*If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.*

*We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.*

**AND**

*Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.*

**Four Worms and a Lesson:** A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars. The first worm was put into a container of alcohol. The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke. The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup. The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil. At the conclusion of the sermon, the Minister reported the following results: The first worm in alcohol – Dead. The second worm in cigarette smoke – Dead. Third worm in chocolate syrup – Dead. Fourth worm in good clean soil – Alive. So the Minister asked the congregation – What could you learn from this demonstration? Maxine, sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!" That pretty much ended the service.