



Happy Birthday!

December 23..... Joanne McDaniel



IN OUR PARISH

December 22 6:45 p.m..... ROSARY
December 26 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 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

I have had several of the elders of St. Benignus ask me "What is going to be done to repair the cemetery cross lying on the ground outside the Rectory?" I am pleased to report action is now underway to restore the cross. I have contracted with professional exterior designer and landscaper Justin Russell (Dale Hidy's son-in-law) to renovate the site around the pedestal where the cross used to stand. Since the cross can no longer stand erect on the pedestal, he is creating a 45 degree embankment around the pedestal where the cross will be placed onto the ground surrounded by beautiful black stone. A white stone wall will be erected in a semicircular manner around the site. It should be quite beautiful and bring the cross back to the cemetery. I have appointed Pat Hays as my main advisor/co-coordinator in regards to all matters regarding the St. Joseph Cemetery.



1. Saint Vincent de Paul meetings: Second Sundays, 1:00 p.m.
2. Parish Council meetings: Second Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.
3. St. Benignus K of C meets on First Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.
4. Wednesday, January 6, 2010, K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m.
5. Sunday, January 10, 2010, Saint Vincent de Paul meeting, 1:00 p.m.
6. Tuesday, January 12, 2010, Parish Council meeting, 7:00 p.m.
7. Tuesday, January 19, 2010, Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 6:30 p.m.

TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO DECEMBER 20TH ... Servers for Christmas would be Stephen Iseman and John Hides. Pope John XXIII, who weighed over 300 pounds, didn't like fasting so he lifted the Christmas Eve fast and abstinence.

25 YEARS AGO DECEMBER 23rd ... Lloyd Kennedy passed to Heaven this past week in 1984. He is the father of Buddy, Susie, and Debbie Kennedy. Jeff Hadley would serve Christmas Mass. Christmas Masses were for the intention of Bernie Zoldak and Aurelia Uhl.

10 YEARS AGO DECEMBER 19th ... St. Benignus would get a new altar at Christmas Midnight Mass in 1999. It was designed and crafted by Dan Wolfer.

ONE WAY TO EXTEND CHRISTMAS PEACE FOR A LIFETIME

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning, while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hang the wash outside.

"That laundry is not very clean," she said, "she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

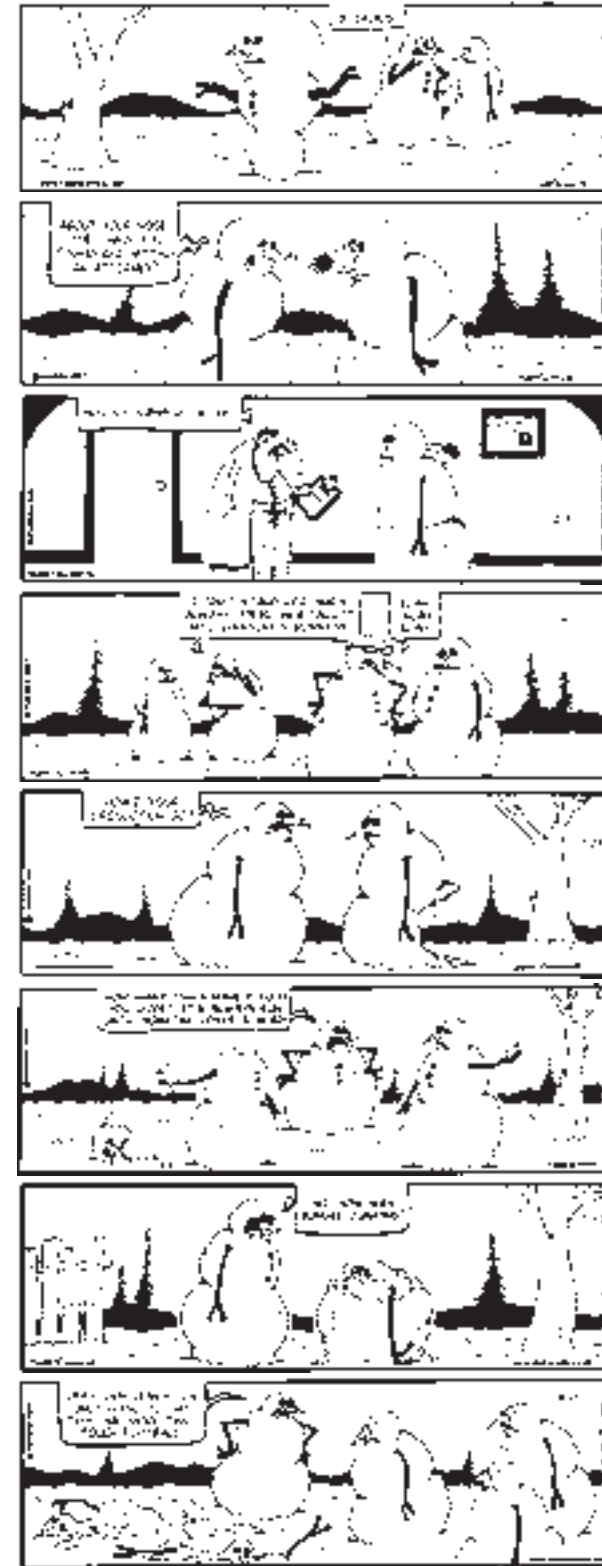
Her husband looked on, but remained silent.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same comments.

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look! She has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this."

The husband says, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life: What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look. Before we give any criticism, it might be a good idea to check our state of mind and ask ourselves if we are ready to see the good rather than to be looking for something in the person we are about to judge.



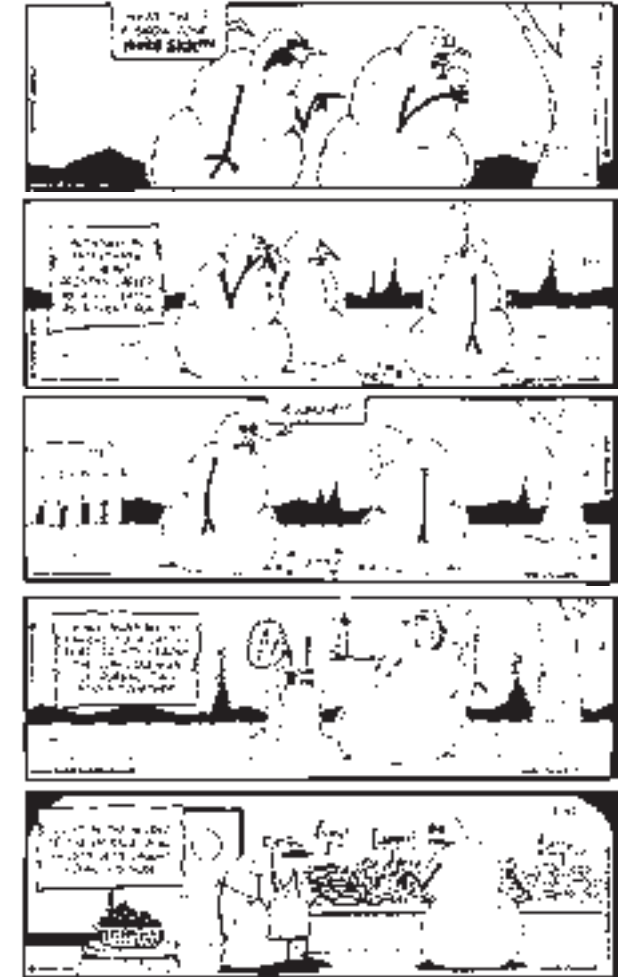
FIVE FINGER DISCOUNT?

It was just before Christmas and the magistrate was in a happy mood. He asked the prisoner who was in the dock, "What are you charged with?"

The prisoner replied, "Doing my Christmas shopping too early."

"That's no crime," said the magistrate. "Just how early were you doing this shopping?"

"Before the shop opened," answered the prisoner.



DON'T TRY THIS WITH THE CHRISTMAS TURKEY

One year at Christmas, my mom went to my sister's house for our traditional feast. Knowing how gullible my sister is, my mom decided to play a trick. She told my sister that she needed something from the store. When my sister left, my mom took the turkey out of the oven, removed the stuffing, stuffed a Cornish hen, and inserted it into the turkey, and re-stuffed the turkey. She then placed the bird(s) back in the oven.

When it was time for dinner, my sister pulled the turkey out of the oven and proceeded to remove the stuffing. When her serving spoon hit something, she reached in and pulled out the little bird.

With a look of total shock on her face, my mother exclaimed, "Patricia, you've cooked a pregnant bird!" At the reality of this horrifying news, my sister started to cry. It took the family two hours to convince her that turkeys lay eggs!