



Happy Birthday!

February 11 Tony Wood



IN OUR PARISH

February 9th6:45 p.m. ROSARY
February 11th6:45 p.m. ROSARY
February 13th9:00 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.



- SVdP meetings: Second Sundays, 1:00 p.m.**
- Parish Council meetings:
Second Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m.**
- St. Benignus K of C meets at
First Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.**
- Ladies Auxiliary meetings, Third Tuesdays,
6:30 p.m.**

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

- The Funeral Mass was celebrated for Virginia Finnegan this past Wednesday at 12:00 noon. She passed to Heaven at 92. She prayed so hard to the Lord that she would be spared the agony of not being able to breathe. The Lord heard her prayer. She took just two breaths after which her soul quickly left for Heaven. I was honored to give Virginia the Last Rites and Holy Viaticum to send her safely on her way.

- By now Chad Gose Painting has completed the painting of the main hall in the Religious Education Building. Pat Hays, Brandy Campbell, Fr. Mike, Chad Gose, and Mary Lou Schlupe chose a color called "Queen's Blue" (aka "Quinch" Blue). This is the only color we could agree on. Yellow and Tan were thrown out quicker than a cat's fur ball. (I liked Yellow). Please stop by and see the newly repainted chapel in the Religious Education Building as well.



- Mark your calendars for Saturday evening, February 13th for the St. Benignus Valentine's Day Dance. Details included in a special bulletin insert which I do not have at present.



- Jane Curran was so kind to give me a tour of "Castle Curran" last Sunday. The beautiful stone house was built by Eugene Gore Miller in 1899. The house includes a beautiful long, wide staircase accented with two huge windows. The sun shines through an exquisite stained glass window which caps the two windows. I can just see TV star Loretta Young sauntering down the staircase in a chiffon dress. I even got to ride in the elevator. The gears were groaning somewhat, but I got down safely.



- The Greenfield Police still have our St. Benignus laptop computer which will be part of the court case in the embezzlement trial. Therefore, Pat Hays cannot yet get out the tax statements of your individual giving. He is working hard to correct this situation. Stay tuned.

TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO, FEBRUARY 7th...Since Friday, February 12th was Lincoln's Birthday, Catholics were allowed to eat all the meat they wanted. Brian Uhl and Stephen Iseman were servers for this week in 1960. St. Benignus had 78 families in 1960. The priest made \$1,200.00 a year, but the housekeeper was paid \$1,406.00 per year. This proves who was more valued. St. Benignus ended 1959 with \$3,857.14 in the bank.

25 YEARS, AGO FEBRUARY 10th...Bingo workers for February 12, 1985, were Kay Flynn, Don Flynn, Kathy Flynn, and Agnes Crowe. I noticed there were a lot of Masses being said around this time for Rex Todhunter, Aurelia Uhl, Teresa Uhl, John Nestor, John L. Mertz, Hamilton McMullen, the Silas Wolfe Family, and Mrs. A. J. Zoldak.

10 YEARS AGO, FEBRUARY 6th... (Fr.) Ron advertised that St. Mary School was having their preregistration for their new school on February 17, 19, and 22. Today St. Mary has just celebrated their 10th Anniversary. I want the people of St. Benignus to know that St. Mary School is there not just to serve Catholics in Hillsboro, but all Catholics in the entire Highland County—including St. Benignus. The school also opens its doors to *all* faith denominations. St. Benignus should consider the school as *our school for quality Catholic Christian education*. Because the school is 1/2 hour away from Greenfield, the state would offer free transportation. The school offers preschool thru 3rd grade and may expand to 4th next year. Though the school is called "St. Mary," the name was never intended to define our clientele.

ISN'T MARRIAGE GREAT?

One year, a husband decided to buy his mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift. The next year, he didn't buy her a gift. When she asked him why, he replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started...

My wife walked into the den & asked "What's on the TV?" I replied "Dust." And that's how the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 200 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a scale. And that's how the fight started...

I asked my wife, "Where do you want to go for our anniversary?" It warmed my heart to see her face melt in sweet appreciation. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" she said. So I suggested, "How about the kitchen?" And that's when the fight started...

When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive. So, I took her to a gas station. And that's when the fight started...

I tried to talk my wife into buying a case of Miller Light for \$14.95. Instead, she bought a jar of cold cream for \$7.95. I told her the beer would make her look better at night than the cold cream. And that's when the fight started...

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table. My wife asked, "Do you know her?" "Yes," I sighed, "She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since." "My God!" says my wife. "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?" And that's when the fight started...

I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the strip steak, medium rare, please." The waiter said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, she can order for herself." And that's how the fight started...