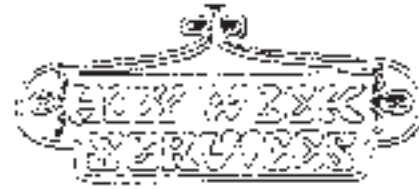




Happy Birthday!

March 25 Roman Diekan
 March 26 Christine Deland, Carissa Rohde
 March 27 Debby Neu



Holy Thursday: 7:30 p.m.
 Good Friday: 3:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.
 Holy Saturday: 11:00 p.m.
 Easter Sunday: 12:00 noon



IN OUR PARISH

March 23 6:45 p.m. ROSARY
 March 25 6:45 p.m. ROSARY
 March 27 9:00 a.m. ROSARY



St. Vincent de Paul Society is open for business at these times:

1st Thursday from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
 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. PARISH FISH FRY EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. THIS CULINARY EVENT IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE FINE FOLKS OF THE ST. BENIGNUS LADIES AUXILIARY, THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, THE ST. BENIGNUS K OF C.
2. Everyone please look throughout your house and see if there is anything you can donate to the Ladies Auxiliary Rummage Sale soon to be held. Please bring your items to the Religious Ed Building.



1. St. Vincent de Paul Meetings: Second Sundays at 1:00 p.m.
2. Parish Council Meetings: Second Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.
3. St. Benignus K of C meets at First Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
4. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting, 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO MARCH 20th ... Fr. Lawler asked the people to do special acts of penance for the success of Vatican II. He said to "avoid movies, parties, dances, alcoholic beverages, and worldly amusements." Also, practice greater charity.

25 YEARS AGO March 24th ... Fr. Minic congratulated our parishioners on the McClain Basketball Team: Coach Rick VanMatre, Tony Jackson, Travis O'Connor, and Sam Page.

10 YEARS AGO MARCH 19th ... The new St. Benignus electronic bells from the Verdin Company would be rung for the first time on Holy Thursday night. The Ladies Auxiliary gave \$5,000.00 towards this project. Jerry Uhl put up new screens and cleaned out the tower.



Last April, on a Sunday, we took one of our "nowhere" drives, my husband was quietly driving a back road. I was occupied in the front passenger seat watching the scenery.

I noticed out of the corner of my eye that my husband was straining to look out my window. This startled me, since his eyes should be on the road in front of him. I asked him what he was looking at out the windows, and he quietly replied, "Nothing." His eyes went back to the road in front of him.

After a few minutes, I looked over at my husband and noticed a tear running down his cheek. I asked him what was wrong. This time he told me, "I was just thinking about Pop and a story he had once told me." Of course, because it had to do with his Pop I wanted to know the story, so I asked him to share it with me.

He said, "When I was about 8 years old, Pop and I were out fishing and that's when he told me that the Pine trees know when it is Easter."

I had no idea what he meant by that, so I pressed him for more information.

He continued on... "The Pine trees start their new growth in the weeks before Easter – if you look at the tops of the Pine trees two weeks before, you will see the yellow shoots. As the days get closer to Easter Sunday, the tallest shoot will branch off and form a cross. By the time Easter Sunday comes around, you will see that most of the Pine trees will have small yellow crosses on all of the tallest shoots."

I turned to look out the window and I couldn't believe my eyes. It was a week before Easter, and you could see all of the trees with the tall yellow shoots stretching to Heaven.

The tallest ones shone in the sunlight like rows of tiny golden crosses.

~ Author Unknown~