



IN OUR PARISH

- April 276:45 p.m. Rosary
- April 286:45 p.m. Rosary
- May 19:00 a.m. Rosary

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

1. On May 1st at the 3:30 p.m. Mass, St. Benignus Ladies Auxiliary will sponsor a May Crowning of Mary. All members are encouraged to attend.



2. **RUMMAGE SALE:** will take place Friday, June 4th, and Saturday, June 5th, at 9:00 a.m. If you still have items to drop off and need to get into the Religious Ed Building, call Barb Hidy (937-546-0511).
3. His Excellency, Archbishop Daniel Pilarczyk, will celebrate Confirmation at St. Benignus Church on Sunday, April 25th, at 3:00 p.m. We have nine youth who will receive this Sacrament at Mass. We welcome the Archbishop with gratitude for his visit. One Archbishop's visit deserves another....
4. His Excellency, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will be celebrating Mass for all parishioners of St. Mary Hillsboro and St. Benignus Greenfield on Saturday, June 12th, at 4:30 p.m. at the Richard Blankenship Farm, 9460 SR 124 in Hillsboro. Richard is a new member of St. Benignus Church. I really want a large crowd there to greet the Archbishop of Cincinnati as he visits his flock in Highland County for the very first time. **HERE IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND A SIDE DISH OF EITHER A DESSERT OR CASSEROLE OR VEGETABLE.** Meat and Drinks will be provided. This is the first time an Archbishop has ever said a Farm Mass for Highland County's two greatest Catholic Churches. This is historic and truly a media event. Don't miss it!
5. The celebration last Sunday (April 18th) for the 1st Anniversary of the passing of Fr. Frank to Heaven was a huge success. Over 100 people joined the festivities. Celebrations like these really bring the parish closer together and I certainly plan to have more of them. Parishioners who eat together get fat together....a most worthwhile spiritual exercise practiced to perfection by your Pastor.



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.



1. **SVdP meetings: Second Sundays, 1:00 p.m.**
2. **Parish Council meetings: Third Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m.**
3. **St. Benignus K of C meets at First Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.**
4. **Ladies Auxiliary meeting, 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO APRIL 24th....Fr. Lawler was very concerned about what movies the parishioners were seeing so each week he published the latest Catholic ratings for each new movie that came into Greenfield. This week the Church listed "A Hole in the Head" as A-11 which is "morally unobjectionable" for adults but children should NOT see this movie. It starred Frank Sinatra, Edward G. Robinson, and Carolyn Jones (Morticia from the Addams Family). I wonder how Fr. Lawler would feel about the junk on TV today.

25 YEARS AGO, APRIL 21ST....Fr. Minic described how Archbishop Pilarczyk has such an "awesome" job of trying to fund all the charitable works of the Archdiocese. He asked the people of St. Benignus to generously give to the "Archbishop's Fund Drive." The parishioners responded to his call. They gave 112% over the goal.

10 YEARS AGO, APRIL 23RD...St. Benignus would have a potluck supper and conduct the "Shower of Gifts That Say We Care" to help Tony and Amy Jackson who lost everything when their house burned down. Their two children, Ryleigh and Spenser, needed a lot of clothing. The parish responded generously.



GENTLE THOUGHTS FOR THE MIND

Birds of a feather flock together...
and then poop on your car.

A penny saved is a government oversight.

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

He who hesitates is probably right.

Did you ever notice:
The Roman Numerals for
forty (40) are XL.

If you think there is good in everybody,
you haven't met everybody.

If you can smile when things go wrong,
you have someone in mind to blame.

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble.

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it.

For example, I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

Did you ever notice:
When you put the 2 words
"The" and "IRS" together it spells "Theirs...??"

Aging: Eventually, you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

The older we get,
the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Some people try to turn back their odometers.
Not me, I want people to know "why" I look this way.
I've traveled a long way and
some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of Algebra.

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

NO PARENT LEFT BEHIND...

I promise you cannot read these and not laugh out loud. These are real notes written by parents in the Memphis school district.

Spellings have been left intact.

1. My son is under a doctor's care and should not take PE today. Please execute him.
2. Please excuse lisa for being absent she was sick and I had her shot.
3. Dear school: please excuse john being absent on jan. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32 and also 33.
4. Please excuse gloria from jim today. She is administrating.
5. Please excuse roland from p.e. For a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.
6. John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.
7. Carlos was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.
8. Megan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.
9. Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.
10. Please excuse ray Friday from school.. He has very loose vowels.
11. Please excuse Lesli from being absent yesterday. She had diahre dyrea direathe the runs.
12. Please excuse tommy for being absent yesterday. He had diarrhea, and his boots leak.
13. Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.
14. Please excuse jimmy for being. It was his father's fault.
15. I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wear.
16. Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday. We thought it was Sunday.
17. Sally won't be in school a week from Friday We have to attend her funeral.
18. My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the marines.
19. Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.
20. Gloria was absent yesterday as she was having a gangover...
21. Please excuse Brenda. She has been sick and under the doctor.
22. Maryann was absent December 11-16, because she had a fever, sorethroat, headache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever an sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be something going around, her father even got hot last night.

Now we know why parents are screaming for better education for our kids.

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR APRIL 25TH

What will be the first thing you do when you see Jesus in heaven? St. John's vision of Heaven gives us the answer – you will cry. It will not be tears of sorrow or pain. Heaven will be so wonderful, so beautiful, so awesome that the first time we see it we will cry. No more sickness, no more pain, no more suffering, no more loneliness, no more hunger or thirst for anything. All of these will give way to tears of Heavenly Joy. Jesus will be the first to meet us. He will take the palm of His hand, gently wiping away the tears on our cheeks. "Welcome home, good and faithful servant." There is a true story of a young boy who got a glimpse of what it could be like.

Barbara was driving her nine-year-old son, Benjamin, to his piano lesson.

They were late. There was always so much to do, and Barbara, a night-duty nurse at the local hospital, had recently worked extra shifts.

She was tired. The sleet storm and icy roads added to her tension. Maybe she should turn the car around.

"Mom!" Ben cried. "Look!" Just ahead, a car had lost control on a patch of ice. The other car spun wildly, rolled over, and then crashed sideways into a telephone pole.

Barbara pulled over, skidded to a stop and threw open her door. Thank goodness she was a nurse – she might be able to help these unfortunate passengers.

Then she paused. What about Ben? She couldn't take him with her. Little boys shouldn't see scenes like the one she anticipated. But was it safe to leave him alone? What if their car were hit from behind? "Ben, honey, promise me you'll stay in the car!"

"I will, Mommy," he said as she ran, slipping and sliding toward the crash site. It was worse than she'd feared. Two girls of high school age are in the car. One, the blonde on the passenger side, was dead, killed on impact.

The driver, however, was still breathing. She was unconscious and pinned in the wreckage. Barbara quickly applied pressure to the wound in the teenager's head. If help came soon, the girl would live.

A trucker had pulled up and was calling for help on his cellular phone. Soon Barbara heard the ambulance sirens. A few moments later she surrendered her lonely post to rescue workers.

Slowly Barbara opened her car door. What should she tell Benjamin? He was staring at the crash site, his blue eyes huge. "Mom," he whispered, "did you see it?"

"See what, Honey?" she asked.

"The angel, Mom! He came down from the sky while you were running to the car. And he opened the door, and he took that girl out. "Which door, Ben?"

"The passenger side. He took the girl's hand, and they floated up to Heaven together."

Later, Barbara and Benjamin were able to meet the family of the deceased girl. They expressed their gratitude for the help she had provided. Barbara was able to give them something more – Ben's vision. The mother then broke down sobbing.

Ben calmly walked over to the grieving mother who was sitting on the sofa. He took his little fingers and brushed away the tears on her face.

Ben's mom was a little embarrassed. "Ben, honey, why are you doing that?"

"Because I saw the angel do that to her daughter when she was crying, too."

The grieving mother asked Ben, "Did she cry because was she in pain?"

"Oh, no. She was smiling!"

Happy Easter...Fr. Mike

