





### Happy Birthday!

- May 11 ..... Brian McManus
- May 12..... Patty Baldwin
- May 13..... Helen Fisher
- May 15..... The Eighth Pastor after the Glorious Pastorate of Very Reverend Fr. Frances B. Lay (1962-1965). My claim to fame is that Fr. Lay told me he admired my work at Children's Hospital and said I was a good priest. That's like getting an endorsement from God. Father Lay died January 20, 1995 at the age of 79. Fr. Lay's predecessor at St. Benignus, Fr. Edward Lawler (1956-1962), died 31 days later on February 21, 1995 at the age of 83. I hope to follow in the footsteps of these two very holy Pastors and make Mary Lou Zoldak proud.



### IN OUR PARISH

- May 11 ..... 6:45 p.m.    Rosary
- May 13..... 6:45 p.m.    Rosary
- May 15..... 9:00 a.m.    Rosary



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

- First Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Third 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. **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 at 937-546-0511.
2. We have not forgotten the upholstery cloth replacement for the pews. The hold up is that after a diligent search, we cannot find the necessary strips required to hold the cloth. The old strips are shot. We are now searching the Internet.



1. **SVdP Meetings:**  
Second Sunday at 1:00 p.m.
2. **Parish Council Meetings:**  
Third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
3. **St. Benignus K of C Meetings:**  
First Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
4. **Ladies Auxiliary Meeting:**  
Third Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

### TODAY IN HISTORY

**50 YEARS AGO, MAY 8TH...**Fr. Lawler took up a collection to help fund the Seminary. St. Gregory Seminary (now the location for the present Seminary) had a very costly and devastating fire in 1956. In 1960, both seminaries of St. Gregory on Beechmont Avenue and Mt. St. Mary in Norwood had 500 students. In 1960, the Archdiocese had around 450 active Diocesan priests. Today, that number is below 200 and dwindling. Of that number, only about 140 priests serve as pastors. That's why I have two parishes. Fr. Beyers has *three* churches in Brown County – Arnheim, Georgetown, and Ripley.

**25 YEARS AGO, MAY 5TH...**St. Michael Church would welcome its newest member who was baptized on April 28, 1985 – Jacob Dean Fox, son of Catherine Ann and Scot Fox.

**10 YEARS AGO, MAY 7TH...**St. Michael and St. Benignus Parishes would have a Mass together for the Planting Season on May 15th, the Feast of St. Isidore the Farmer. It would be at the Donald and Virginia Fisher Farm on Fisher Road. The First Communicants at St. Michael were Matthew Frump, Armand Girouard, and Kyle Moliter.

## Mother's Dictionary of Meanings

- Dumbwaiter:** One who asks if the kids would care to order dessert.
- Feedback:** The inevitable result when the baby doesn't appreciate the strained carrots.
- Full Name:** What you call your child when you're mad at him.
- Grandparents:** The people who think your children are wonderful even though they're sure you're not raising them right.
- Hearsay:** What toddlers do when anyone mutters a dirty word.
- Independent:** How we want our children to be for as long as they do everything we say.
- Puddle:** A small body of water that draws other small bodies wearing dry shoes into it.
- Show Off:** A child who is more talented than yours.
- Sterilize:** What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it, and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it and wiping it with saliva.
- Top Bunk:** Where you should never put a child wearing Superman jammies.
- Two-Minute Warning:** When the baby's face turns red and she begins to make those familiar-grunting noises.
- Whodunit:** None of the kids that live in your house.

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### Grandma on the Plane

For two solid hours, the lady sitting next to a man on an airplane had told him about her grandchildren. She had even produced a plastic-foldout photo album of all nine of the children.

She finally realized that she had dominated the entire conversation on her grandchildren.

"Oh, I've done all the talking, and I'm so sorry. I know you certainly have something to say. Please, tell me... what do you think of my grandchildren?"

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### We Have New Babies

For weeks, a six-year-old lad kept telling his first grade teacher about the baby brother or sister that was expected at his house.

One day, the mother allowed the boy to feel the movements of the unborn child. The six-year-old was obviously impressed, but made no comment. Furthermore, he stopped telling his teacher about the impending event.

The teacher finally sat the boy on her lap and said, "Tommy, whatever has become of that baby brother or sister you were expecting at home?"

Tommy burst into tears and confessed, "I think Mommy ate it!"

## FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR MOTHER'S DAY MAY 9TH

### Ten Things *Your* Mom Would Never Say

1. "How on earth can you see the TV sitting so far back?"
2. "Yeah, I used to skip school a lot, too!"
3. "Just leave all the lights on ... it makes the house look more cheery."
4. "Let me smell that shirt – Yeah, it's good for another week."
5. "Go ahead and keep that stray dog, honey. I'll be glad to feed and walk him every day."
6. "Well, if Timmy's mom says it's OK, that's good enough for me."
7. "The curfew is just a general time to shoot for. It's not like I'm running a prison around here."
8. "I don't have a tissue with me ... just use your sleeve."
9. "Don't bother wearing a jacket – the wind-chill is bound to improve."
10. "Honey, when you have kids be sure to tell them how easy it was and how much fun I had raising you!"

There were two warring tribes in the Andes, one that lived in the lowlands and the other high in the mountains. The mountain people invaded the lowlanders one day; and as part of their plundering of the people, they kidnapped a baby of one of the lowlander families and took the infant with them back up into the mountains.

The lowlanders didn't know how to climb the mountain. They didn't know any of the trails that the mountain people used, and they didn't know where to find the mountain people or how to track them in the steep terrain.

Even so, they sent out their best party of fighting men to climb the mountain and bring the baby home.

The men tried first one method of climbing and then another. They tried one trail and then another. After several days of effort, however, they had climbed only several hundred feet.

Feeling hopeless and helpless, the lowlander men decided that the cause was lost, and they prepared to return to their village below.

As they were packing their gear for the descent, they saw the baby's mother walking toward them. They realized that she was coming down the mountain that they hadn't figured out how to climb.

And then they saw that she had the baby strapped to her back. How could that be?

One man greeted her and said, "We couldn't climb this mountain. How did you do this when we, the strongest and most able men in the village, couldn't do it?"

She shrugged her shoulders and said, "It wasn't your baby."

Mothers and God have one thing in common when it comes to their children – nothing can stop their love.

Albert Einstein wrote, "How on earth are you ever going to explain in terms of chemistry and physics so important a biological phenomenon as a mother's love?" Einstein concluded a mother's love is what God left behind after creating the Universe to show He exists. In Motherhood, God made a window where we can peer into His very Soul. Happy Mother's Day!

