



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

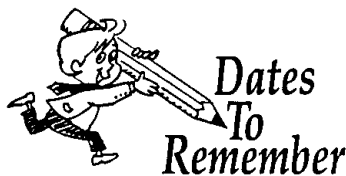
1st Thursday, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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) The Ministry Schedule for Mass is now being assembled by Kristy Bockrath. They will be in back of church this weekend or next. To contact her, call 937-361-6590 ore-mail kbockrath4088@scpwildblue.com.
- 2) Welcome to our new Parish Council members! Jim Merkwowitz is your President, Amy Baldwin is your Finance Coordinator, Karissa Rohde is your Parish Life Coordinator, and Cathy Fox will represent the Ladies Auxiliary. Please give them a big thank-you for seeing that the needs of our parish are met! Continuing on Parish Council are Kristy Bockrath – Worship Ministry, Amy Buddlemeyer – Member at Large, Dale Hidy – Buildings and Grounds, Katie Paugh – Religious Education, John Baal – Knights of Columbus, and Allen Johnson – St. Vincent de Paul. All the positions left on Council to fill are partial-term positions. Two terms run through 2011 and one term through 2012. One of these positions will fill our Christian Service Ministry. You still have time to discern God’s will for increased participation in your Parish!



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 Meetings:
First Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
4. Ladies Auxilliary Meetings:
Third Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

1. St. Benignus Parish Picnic
 Sunday, August 8, 1:30-5:00 p.m.
 Jerry Parker’s Ranch
 2093 Pricers Ridge Road
 Burgers and dogs by Knights of Columbus grill masters.
 Soft drinks provided.
 Please bring covered dish.
 Fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hay rides, games,
 children’s stick horse race, door prizes,
 fun for the entire family
 Make plans to attend.



TODAY IN HISTORY

50 YEARS AGO, AUGUST 7TH...On this day at 11:15 a.m., Paula Ellen Flynn, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Flynn, was baptized.

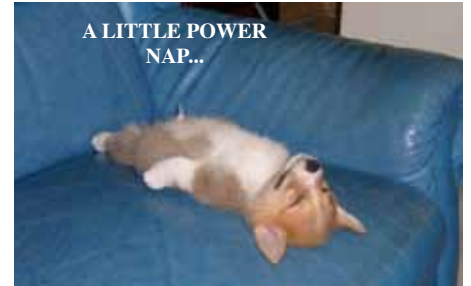
25 YEARS AGO, AUGUST 11TH...Mass would be said for Robert Meyers this day. His son, Michael Meyers, was baptized 25 years earlier on July 24, 1960.

10 YEARS AGO, AUGUST 13TH...Prayers of sympathy were offered to Ruth Georges on the death of her father, Ray Hixon. Thelma Fisher, the mother of Donald Fisher, also was remembered.

HAVE YOU SMILED TODAY?????



Help make someone else smile!!!



There's Nothing Like Having a Devoted Husband

“I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?”

Bill Abbott 1/105

THIS ONE ALWAYS MAKES ME CRY

After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, he knocked over the bird with a stick. When he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise. She could have flown to safety, but had refused to abandon her babies. Then the blaze had arrived and the heat had scorched her small body, the mother had remained steadfast...because she had been willing to die, so those under the cover of her wings would live.

"He will cover you with His feathers, and
under His wings you will find refuge." (Psalm 91:4)

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR AUGUST 7/8TH

"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."

One thing I learned at Children's Hospital is that Jesus gives signs of His presence *now*. To His suffering children of all ages, Jesus gives "glimpses" of His Presence to show us "I am here...with you." Jesus lifts the veil ever so briefly between Heaven and us, revealing His Presence through a special sign that offers hope, gives courage, and brings peace.

A 21-year-old man at Children's told me a story of one such sign from God. He has been a patient there for years, since he was a mere baby. He has a rare disease resulting in many surgeries over the years. The day before, he expressed his sadness to me when a painful surgery did not work. He said, "The doctor has to do it all over again. This will hurt more than the first one." I prayed for his well-being and protection. I told him there is great power in prayer and not to give up. Jesus will hear you.

I saw him the next day after the second surgery. He was animated and excited. He said, "You're never going to believe this!" I said, "Try me." He told me his story: "Like you said yesterday I prayed real hard last night. I prayed to my grandmother to tell Jesus to help me. My grandma was a good person who probably sees Jesus every day. My grandma always used to say, 'may the Angels of God hold you in their wings.' After praying, I finally fell asleep. When I woke up, I felt something strange in my bed

that I was laying on. There's no other way to say this... (A brief pause)... it was itching my butt. I got out of my bed to see what was under there. I was lying on a white feather! There was no feather when I went to bed. I don't know how it got there, but there it was. Grandma heard me and must have sent me an Angel from God who left me a feather from its wing. This is way too cool!" Then he asked me an awkward question, "Fr. Mike, why did the angel put it under my butt?" I blurted out the first thought that came to my mind, "Well, I guess the angel showed you he had your back covered." He laughed, "That's a good one." The surgery was successful, the pain minimal and the patient soon went home, feeling Jesus, Grandma, and the angel by his side...the back side.

Children's Hospital does not use feathers in anything because some kids are allergic to them. Angel feathers, however, are allergen free.

Blessings...Fr. Mike

