

BENEDICTION EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.



LAUGHTER IS GOOD

Doctor: "Have you been drinking fluids?"

Patient: "Jeez, Doc, that's literally all I drink."

Child: "Mom, may I have a bicycle for my birthday?"

Mom: "Will it make you behave any better if I do?"

Child: "No, but I'll behave over a wider area."

I set aside a dollar every time a woman found me unattractive...

Now they are starting to find me attractive...



\$229,685.00

Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall



January 21

Abigail Gillespie, Kim Pack

January 22

Barb Ludwick, Elizabeth Tamborski

January 23

Bonnie Rusch

January 24

John Butsch, Ellie Howland, David Spicer,
Carole Terrell, Ashley Shriver

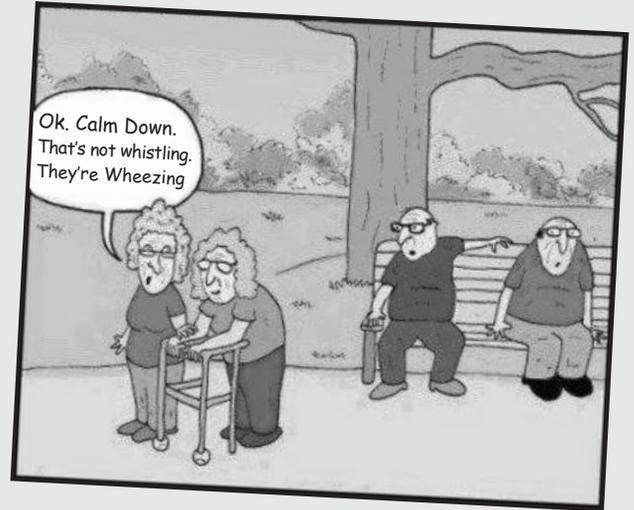
January 26

Delores Kossler, Anastazja Singleton,
Kaitlyn Strickland

January 27

Janet Hauser, Hannah Wendel

When Jesus turned water into wine, it was a miracle... but when I turn water into Sprite at Chipotle, it's stealing.



The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



In John 2 Jesus performed his first miracle turning water into wine, but Kenny could always find something to complain about.

NOW THIS IS TRUE LOVE



My grandparents 60th wedding anniversary. My grandfather had Alzheimer's. He didn't remember his children, his home or anything else, but as bad as it got, whenever he saw my grandmother he would say, "Look at my beautiful wife!"

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ITALIAN WEDDING SOUP



ITALIAN DIVORCE SOUP



Jesus was here



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The young couple was devastated when they heard the wine ran out. The groom's perfect wedding gift to his new wife was ruined. Embarrassment would be the least of groom's problems. Wine took on a religious meaning, symbolizing God's joy and blessing of this marriage. Running out of wine was like God not giving His blessing to this couple.

In this terrible situation, Mary steps in. The Wedding of Cana shows who Mary really is. From her time on Earth into the eternity of Heaven, Mary is our intercessor, continually asking Jesus for blessings to her children. When you're in trouble, take it to your Mother, who brings it to Jesus. Mary got Jesus to change the "hour" for revealing His Divinity at this wedding simply because she cared. Mary has a lot of pull. Never doubt her help.

I like how Mary had such faith in Jesus. Did you notice she never asked Jesus to do anything? She simply stated the problem. She brought it to Jesus and left it with Him. She believed Jesus would deal with this in His own way. She did not try to change Jesus or force Him to do what she wanted. She believed Jesus would do something. That is why she quietly requested the servants to "do whatever he tells you." Then she got out of the way and waited upon Her Son. Mary is the model of how we should pray.

The unsung heroes of the Cana Wedding are those servants. They were very busy serving the wedding. They had to stop what they were doing to drag 120 gallons of water from an outside well. They must have thought, "This makes no sense. We have no wine and he tells us to bring in water!" Not only that, the water was dirty, not drinkable. Jesus tells them to take the water to banquet master who might get angry with the servants for bringing him some muddy water. Jesus seemed so unreasonable. Yet they obeyed. Sometimes God doesn't make sense. Faith tells you to keep believing. God can change muddy water into a blessing.

As a child, I was alone a lot. I was clumsy, not athletic at all. Kids didn't want to hang around me. Sort of like avoiding muddy water. One day I met an elderly man named John Wojtkewicz who lived one street away. He was a big guy sporting a bald head and a cigar in his mouth. I offered to cut his grass. He gave me three dollars. But he would give me something greater. One hot day I was thirsty after cutting his grass. He invited me inside. Downstairs in his basement it was like another world. He had all types of radio transmitters where he broadcast to the world. He was a licensed amateur radio broadcaster, W3GJY. He saw my interest. He said, "Mike, let's get you on the radio." I was enthralled as I talked to people from Germany to South America. I said to John, "I wish I could get a license, but I doubt I could do it." He said, "Nonsense. You can do it." He taught me Morse code. He helped me study. I passed the test. WN3LDA was born. He gave me my first transmitter. I was on the air.

Our friendship would not last very long. John was moving away with his wife to Arizona. I was going into the seminary. John drove me to the seminary in his old green Rambler. His last words to me were "Mike, don't doubt yourself. Be confident. With God you can do it. Just believe." Though I would never see John again, he has influenced my life to this day. Maybe that's why I own 500 radios and a radio station. John's greatest influence was showing me I can believe in myself. I think Jesus used John as His servant who brought my muddy water of self-doubt to Jesus who changed it into the wine of confidence I needed to become a priest. Who knows when Jesus will use you to bring someone's muddy water to Him so He can change it into wine?