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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- February 4 Zachary Humphries, Jennifer Link
- February 5 Kay Neugebauer, Nancy Witt
- February 6 Lauren Gunderman, Eric Hapner,
Tina Hopper, Mary Hunt, Mary Strain
- February 7 Colby Barber, Joslyn Rockey,
Cailin Wehrung, Haylee Wehrung
- February 8 David Howell

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

1. **Round table discussion with Father Mike following the Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass on February 8, 2014 in Fr. Luehrmann Hall.** Bring a healthy snack to share, such as cheese cake, Boston cream pie, a three-layer chocolate cake, or fried peanut butter and banana sandwiches. Healthy Diet Pop and insulin will be provided.
2. **Reminder: Mother Frances Soup Kitchen is open Saturday, February 8th at 11:00 a.m. All parishioners are invited to attend this meal. There is always plenty of food and fellowship.**

WHY DO DOGS DO THAT?



1. Drinking Out of the Toilet

As people who keep the lid open already know, Fido seems to enjoy drinking out of the toilet so much more than the perfectly good water in his bowl. To him, it's not a temporary receptacle of human waste; it's an eternal fountain of a never-ending supply of clean, cool water. The constant flushing keeps the water fresh and maximizes its oxygenation.

2. Rolling Around in Smelly Stuff

What smells repulsive to humans is like perfume to a dog. Pooches enjoy the odor so much that they can't resist covering themselves in it, essentially making it a part of them. Although indescribably gross, instinct and evolution guide this action going back to dogs' hunting days. In order to make the kill, he had to stealthily stalk his prey and needed to smell as much *unlike* a dog as possible to remain undercover.

3. Chasing Cats

Dogs like to hunt. They see the cat as an object of prey like a squirrel or rabbit. Once the cat gives Fido an attitude adjustment by clawing his nose, then Fido knows his place.

4. Pumping His Leg While His "Sweet Spot" is Scratched

This could indicate his enjoyment, but more likely is an ingrained response to keeping pests off of him. No matter how hard he tries, he is unable to stifle this automatic reflex reaction. Despite being fully aware that your fingernails aren't fleas, he can't resist the hardwiring that makes him bring his leg up to scratch them off. Both scratching and insect bites will produce the same response.

5. Licking You, Other Humans, Even Other Animals

Many dog owners consider this a form of "kissing," although that is far from the truth. Puppies lick their mother's face to tell her they're hungry and it's time to regurgitate some food for them to eat. When the pups grow up, licking shows submission to alpha boss, whether that's you or other dogs in the pack.

6. Walking in a Circle Before Lying Down

Before the days of dog beds and rugs, pups in the wild had to create their own comfy sleeping quarters. Similar to people who smack down their pillows before laying their heads on them, pooches had to smack down their bedding of tall grass to make it more comfortable. Since "smacking down" is not as easy for dogs, instead they walk around in circles to flatten the flora. This also served to make a sort of foxhole to protect canines from the view of predators, with a high fence of grass all around them, and ensure more peaceful and secure sleep.



GO FETCH THEY SAID



IT WILL BE FUN THEY SAID

***FUNNY
PICTURES***

Bring A horse they said...



It will be Faster they said.

**A corgi leading a conga line of pugs
on an adventure...**



MOVE TO CANADA THEY SAID



ITS BETTER THEY SAID

SORRY KIDS



NO MORE SNOW DAYS

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

On March 22, 1994, I missed death when God or Mary or my sainted grandmother left a garbled message on my voice beeper that caused me to leave the north wing of old St. Mary Seminary to find a phone just eight minutes before the building collapsed. This incident was documented in two books and landed me on the Oprah Winfrey Show four years later. But something happened soon after this incident that is affecting my life today...in a good way.

The old seminary is now the Holy Spirit Center. People claiming to have prophetic powers were drawn to that place. I went back to visit the Center soon after my near death experience. There, a prophetess approached me with a "message." I never met her before and never forgot her message. She said, "Father, Satan tried to wipe you out but God protected you. However, Satan is not finished with you. He will destroy your health little by little." She concluded by saying that I would have a major stroke in my late sixties and never be able to minister again unless I changed.

I laughed the whole thing off. I was 43 and feeling great. Just another crazy, I thought. I put what she said out of my mind. But her words came back with a vengeance.

In 2013 my Blood Sugar and Blood Pressure numbers were horrific. Three hundred on the sugar and 192 on the Systolic. Then I remembered the prophecy. Satan was getting me to stroke out little by little. Eat a little more. Drink a little more. I got angry. I told Satan, "Screw you. You're toast!" With God's help I gave up toast and all bread, pasta, red meat, desserts, and booze. It's amazing how good vegetables, fruits, fish, and chicken taste. Without the booze, I remember the endings on all my TV shows I watch. In just three months my Blood Sugar dropped 190 points to 110 and the Blood Pressure dropped over 60 points to around 130. Now I have a chance to make it to 77 when the St. Mary mortgage is paid off and we can have a mortgage burning party. BYOB.

The stories of Simeon and Anna remind us that Jesus still speaks today. Sometimes He says words of Love. Sometimes Jesus prophesizes words of warning about Satan that are a wake-up call like the rooster crowing three times for Peter after his denial. Before His Crucifixion, Jesus warned Peter and the other Apostles that "Satan has asked to sift you as wheat." This means Satan wanted to crush and scatter the Apostles like wheat. From the Apostles, through the centuries, and to this very day Satan remains our adversary.

But did you notice sifting wheat is a long process that crushes the wheat grains little by little. It's not the big sins that do us in but the little ones. It's the smaller sins we do over and over. Overworking. Overworrying. Overspending. Overeating. Overdrinking. Overindulgence. Overhearing. Overexaggerating. Overimpatience. Overresentment. Overjudgment. It's these small sins that diminish the joy in our lives and weaken our spirits.

How do we overcome these sins? One thing to avoid is wallowing in sorrow. Avoid the feelings of "I'm so bad," "I'm no good" or "I can't do it." You can't do it but God can. Jesus told Peter before he failed that "I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail." Jesus is always praying to the Father on your behalf as you battle Satan. The prayers of Jesus for Peter changed him from a coward to a crusader. The prayers of Jesus for me changed me from ill health to new health. The prayers of Jesus can change you from sinner to saint...little by little.

Blessings...Fr. Mike