

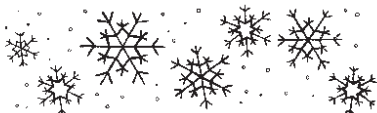
Happy Birthday



December 8	Cindy Hart
December 9	Katherine Ewing, Allison Florek, David Hopper
December 10	Nancy Bushelman, Ronnie Ludwick
December 11	John Warkala
December 13	Caryl Moenster, Dorothy Wolfer

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

1. **St. Mary Church will once again offer “Keep the Light On.”** The Church will be open on Monday evening, December 15th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. for Confessions. This was a huge hit last Lent. I want to do this again for Advent this year. The first 100 who participate will receive an 8x10” glossy photo of your Pastor, a Vegematic vegetable cutter, a set of Ginzu Knives that never need sharpening and a free bus tour of Sinking Springs, Ohio. (This is an offer you can’t resist, so come early and be one of the lucky 100!)
2. Let history record that WLRU Radio 106.9 FM, the radio ministry of the Catholic Church in Highland County, went on the air for the first time on Thanksgiving Day at 11:50 a.m. Your Host, Fr. Mike, played non-stop Christmas music for 10 straight hours. This was a test broadcast to see where our signal was reaching from our 100 watt, 100 foot high antenna. The reports were mind blowing. People heard WLRU in Wilmington, Bufford, Greenfield, down in the Seaman area, and 20 miles due west on SR 50, beyond Lynchburg. WLRU is covering a 40 mile diameter. The breath of God is blowing the signal all around Highland County and beyond. I hope WLRU will be broadcasting, by the end of December, the full 24/7 schedule of programming from the Catholic TV Network, local news, local guests such as Mark Wilson, the Mass, Live Radio Rosary from the studio and whatever else God wants.
3. Looking for young gentlemen and young ladies to serve at Mass. If you have a desire to serve God and have received your First Holy Communion, please contact Mrs. Salyer for training and to be placed on the schedule. Church office (937-840-9932, ext 2).



Funny Dog Quotes

A dog is the only thing in the world that loves you more than he loves himself.
– Josh Billings

We give dogs the time we can spare, the space we can spare and the love we can spare. In return, dogs give us their all. It is the best deal we have ever made.
– M. Acklam

Do not accept your dog’s admiration as being conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.
– Ann Landers

The reason a dog has lots of friends is that he wags his tail and not his tongue.
– Unknown

The average dog is a much nicer person than the average person.
– Andy Rooney

There is no psychiatrist to be found anywhere in the world like a puppy licking your face.
– Ben Williams

If your dog is too fat, you are not getting enough exercise.
– Unknown

Have you ever considered what your dog must think of you? I mean, you come home from the grocery store with the most amazing stuff; pork, chicken, half a cow. They must think you’re the greatest hunter on earth!
– Anne Tyler

Anyone who doesn’t know what soap tastes like has never washed a dog.
– Franklin P. Jones

If you think dogs don’t know how to count, try this: Put three dog biscuits in your pocket and give him only two of them.
– Phil Pastoret

If you pick up a dog that is starving and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. That is the principal difference between a dog and a man.
– Mark Twain

Dogs may not be our whole life, but they make our lives whole.
– Roger Caras

You can say any dumb thing to a dog and the dog will look at you as if to say, “Wow, you’re right! I never would’ve thought of that!”
– Dave Barry

My goal in life is to be as good a person as my dog thinks I am.
– Unknown



He Did It



I realize dis difficult time 4 u

we all go thru it

yu'll b housebroken soon, dont worry



I stole yer spot and yer woman



Move?

Yah...I'll get right on that.



Dumb dog. I always hide in the

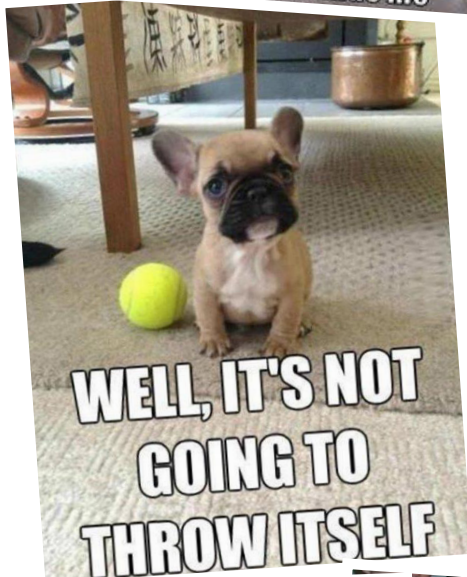
same place and he never finds me



HEROES COME IN MANY SHAPES.
Here are two of them.



"One of the oldest human needs is having someone to wonder where you are when you don't come home at night."
Margaret Mead



WELL, IT'S NOT GOING TO THROW ITSELF



Facebook pose...

I has it



Dog has a concussion?

I has no clue how it happened.



Waitin' for my little elephant buddy--

then WE GONNA FLY TOGETHER!!



Tell you what...

all I got left is the dog. Deal me in.

Fr. Mike's Sermon for Second Sunday of Advent

St. John the Baptist's only purpose in life was to proclaim to anyone who would listen, "Prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight His paths." But what is this "Way of the Lord?" What will the Lord show us when He walks down that path? What are we expected to see? Isaiah tells us what we shall see, "Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together."

I have been struggling for years trying to understand what is the Glory of God? The glory of God is so complex. It means many things. It finally hit me while writing sermon why this is so. It's hard to comprehend the Glory of God because the Glory of God is...God! The Glory of God is who He is, the "I Am Who Am". For our little minds to understand everything about God is like fitting the entire Atlantic Ocean into a Gempler Galvanized cow trough.

God knows this, so He helps our little minds understand who God is by the very Book that he wrote...The Bible. God says in 1 John 4:8, "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." God is screaming to us every day, "I am Love," but so few are listening. God even sent Jesus to show God's Love in a human body but so few ever bother to look, or worse yet, refuse to believe it.

You will know who God is and His Glory if you can understand what love is. For me, the best way to understand love is to look into God's creation. What creature made by God most reveals the Glory of God's Love? DOG. That's right...DOG. Wendy Francisco actually wrote a song about this entitled, "GoD and DoG." Here are the lyrics to this song:

*I look up and I see God, I look down and see my dog.
Simple spelling G O D, same word backwards, D O G.
They would stay with me all day. I'm the one who walks away.
But both of them just wait for me, and dance at my return with glee.
Both love me no matter what - divine God and canine mutt.
I take it hard each time I fail, but God forgives, dog wags his tail.
God thought up and made the dog, dog reflects a part of God.
I've seen love from both sides now, it's everywhere, amen, bow wow.
I look up and I see God, I look down and see my dog.
And in my human frailty...I can't match their love for me.*

If you want to see the Glory of God, just look around you...a mother feeding her baby at the breast...a father playing ball with his kids...a friend's arm around you when you're down...a teacher encouraging students to reach their dreams...caregivers putting their lives on hold for another...police, soldiers and firefighters putting their lives on the line for you... a nurse holding the hand of a dying patient...and a dog missing you when you're gone. Here is where you find the Glory of God. Here is Love. Here is God. Happy Advent.