Announcement to the B.V. Mary & Thanksgiving

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

*Weekend Masses: Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 30 minutes before Mass]
  Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. [Rosary & Litany start 30 minutes before Mass]
*Weekday Masses: Tuesday through Friday at 12:05 p.m. [Rosary & Litany start 30 minutes before Mass]
*Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament: First Saturday of the month at 3:30 p.m.
  First Sunday of the month after 10:30 a.m. Mass
*Confession: Saturday: 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. or any other time by appointment
*Baptism: Please phone the Pastor as soon as the baby is born; at least one Godparent must be Catholic
*Weddings: Please make arrangements at least six months in advance before any other plans are made
*Sick Calls & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the Pastor at 304-233-1688
*Parish Council: Lou Khourey, Carol Dougherty, Tom George, Mike Linton, Rita Strawn, P.J. Lenz, Mary Stees
*Choir Members: Allison & Earl Duffy, George Thomas, Ted Olinski, Lou Khourey, Robert Harris, Shelly Hancher
*Bulletin Coordinator: Thomasina Geimer
*Altar Server: Mike Linton
*Cedar Club: Linda Duffy, President 304-242-6853
*Women’s Society: Sandra Dusick, President 304-232-7395

*Bulletin Announcements: Submit all Bulletin Information by Noon on Tuesday every week
*New Parishioners: We welcome you with great joy and invite you to be officially listed as one of our parishioners
*Cedar Hall Rental Fees: Call the Church Office at 304-233-1688 or 304-639-1372
*Parking: Saturday & Sunday, parishioners may park in both lots; Monday-Friday, park ONLY in the 3 ALLEY spaces
*Remember the Church in your Last Will & Testament – Her prayers will accompany you to heaven
*Please patronize Benefactors & Advertisers of Our Lady of Lebanon Church to show them you appreciate their support.
*If you support the Church and need a Weekly Bulletin mailed to you, please call the church office.
Gospel Reflection: Announcement to Mary

Readings: Gal 3:15-22 and Lk 1:26-38

“Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word. Luke 1:31)

In all her Gospel appearances, Mary, the virgin mother of God, models for us the perfect stance of the disciple of Christ.

Chosen to be in an exalted position as mother of the Messiah, Mary sees herself as the servant of the Lord. Her sole desire is that his will be done on earth as in heaven, that all be completely and perfectly according to the Divine Will. Heroic is not too strong a word to use here, for this holy and innocent young woman faced not only the confused agony of her beloved Joseph, but possible disgrace or even the penalty of horrible death at the hands of an angry mob. Mary did not waver. If she questioned the angel, it was only to know just how the Divine Will was to be accomplished and what was expected of her.

However, Mary didn’t suddenly leap to this level of heroic self—giving love; it was the fruit of a lifelong fidelity to prayer, to meeting the Lord in the Scriptures, to fulfilling each day’s humble task with faithfulness. Advent invites each one of us to enter into this school of the Lord’s service. Thus, we will be ready, as Mary was at the Annunciation, to receive our Lord when he comes to enter our lives in a new and more powerful way in the grace of Christmas, no matter what that grace may demand of us.

Prayer: The “Hail Mary” in Seven languages

English
Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee;
Blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Latin
Ave Maria, gratci plena, Dominus tecum,
benedicta fu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui Iesus.
Sancta Maria mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc, et in hora mortis nostrae. Amen.

Italian
Ave Maria, piena di grazia, il Signore e con te.
Tu sei benedetta fra le donne
e benedetto è il frutto del tuo seno, Gesu.
Santa Maria, Madre di Dio, prega per noi peccatori,
adesso e nell’ora della nostra morte. Amen

Spanish
Dios te salve, Maria, llena eres de gracia, el Senor es contigo.
Bendita tu eres entre todas las mujeres,
y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre, Jesus.
Santa Maria, Madre de Dios, ruega por nosotros, pecadores,
ahora y en la hora de nuestra muerte. Amen

French
Je vous salue, Marie, pleine de grace. Le Seigneur est avec vous.
Vous etes bénie entre toutes les femmes,
et Jesus, le fruit de vos entrailles, est béni.
Sainte Marie, Mere de Dieu, Priez pour nous, pauvres pécheurs,
Maintenant et a l’heure de notre mort. Amen.
**Lebanese**
Salam Alayke ya Mariam, Ya mumtaliat Nehmat Arraboo Maakee
Mobarakat antee fin-nisa
Wa mobarakon thamrat batneke saydna Yassoo almaseeh.
Ya qaddisa Mariam ya waledat Allah sallee le ajlina nahno Albashar
Alaan wafe saat maotena. Amen.

**Polish**
Zdrowas Maryjo, laski pelna, Pan z Toba,
blogoslawonas Ty miedzy niewiastami
I blogoslawiony owoc zywota Twojego Jezus.
Swieta Maryjo Matko Boza, modl sie za nami grzesznymi
teraz i w godzine smierci noszej. Amen.

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**The Thanksgiving Turkey**

Of all the Thanksgiving symbols the Turkey has become the most well known. The wild turkey is native to northern Mexico and the eastern United States. The turkey has brown features with buff-colored feathers on the tips of the wing and on the tail. The male turkey is called a Tom and, as with most birds, is bigger and has brighter and more colorful plumage. The female is called a Hen and is generally smaller and drab in color. The Tom turkey has a long wattle (a fleshy, wrinkled, brightly colored fold of skin hanging from the neck or throat at the base of its bill and additional wattles on the neck, as well as a prominent tuft of bristles resembling a beard projecting downward from its chest.

The turkey was originally domesticated in Mexico, and was brought into Europe early in the 16th century. Since that time, turkeys have been extensively raised because of the excellent quality of their meat and eggs. Some of the common breeds of turkey in the United States are the Bronze, Narragansett, White Holland, and Bourbon Red.

Though there is no real evidence that turkey was served at the Pilgrim's first thanksgiving, in a book written by the Pilgrim's Governor Bradford he mentions wild turkeys. In a letter sent to England, another Pilgrim describes how the governor sent "four men out fowling" returning with turkeys, ducks and geese.

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**Thanksgiving Prayer**

Lord, we come to You with hearts filled with gratitude.
How wonderful You are to take care of all our needs.
You calm our fears, fill us with hope, and bless us with Your abiding love.
We are humbled to think how very much You care for us.
Accept our thanks and know that our hearts are filled with love for You.
Please keep us always mindful of Your bountiful provision.
Help us to be more like You, so that we too can live in gracious obedience to Your Will.
We ask You, Lord, to watch over us and bless our loved ones who could not be with us this Thanksgiving Day.
Bless them and keep them, now and forevermore. Amen.

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**2014 Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule & Weekend Novena**

A way to prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of Jesus is to share in the Christmas Novena. We will replace the Rosary and Litany on all Saturdays and Sundays of the Christmas Season starting Saturday and Sunday, the weekend of the Announcement to Mary, November 22nd and 23rd. Please plan to come a half hour earlier to the weekend Masses and sing Christmas songs with us at the Christmas Novena.

**Wednesday, December 24: Christmas Eve**
4:00 p.m.: Christmas Eve Mass (Choir will sing)
10:00 p.m.: Christmas Midnight Mass (Choir will sing)
Thursday, December 25th: Christmas Day (Day of Obligation)
10:30 a.m.: Christmas Day Morning Mass (No Choir)

Wednesday, December 31st: New Year’s Eve
4:00 p.m.: New Year’s Eve Mass (No Midnight Mass)

Thursday, January 1st, 2015: New Year’s Day (Day of Obligation)
10:30 a.m.: New Year’s Day Morning Mass

Divine Liturgy Schedule

This Weekend, November 22-23: Announcement to the Virgin Mary

Saturday, November 22 at 4:00 p.m.: Christmas Novena starts at 3:30 p.m.
[href] Jerry Saseen by Bob & Fran Saseen
[href] Elias Frenn by Steve & Mike Linton

Sunday, November 23 at 10:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena starts at 10:00 a.m.
[href] Harry Seabright, Ernie Truelove & Edwin Sinila by Mary Lish & Family
[href] Tom & Anna Jalad by Kevin & Maureen DiDomenico

Weekdays Masses
þ Daily Special Intentions of the Fielding, Law & Lenz Families

Monday, November 24: No Mass. Pastor’s day off

Tuesday, November 25 at 12:05 p.m.:
þ Karem & Amelia Azar
þ Paul Walters by George & Jean Weisner

Wednesday, November 26 at 5:30 p.m.: Thanksgiving Eve Mass
þ Nicholas & Nimnoon Ghaphery by Ibrahim Ghafari & his family, Elias Ghafari & Rania Ghafari

Thursday, November 27 at 9:00 a.m.: Thanksgiving Day Mass
þ Helen Fielding by her husband Don Fielding (FL) & his special intentions
þ John & Virginia Springfield by their daughter Pam Lantz

Friday, November 28 at 12:05 p.m.:
þ Jerry Saseen by Mary Margaret Blum
þ Elias Frenn by Dr. Noble & Family

Next Weekend, November 29-30: Mary visits Elizabeth

Saturday, November 29 at 4:00 p.m.: Christmas Novena starts at 3:30 p.m.
þ Holly Bine by his wife Shirley Bine
þ Rosella Saseen, parents Nancepe & Helen, grandparents Shikrey & Helen Saseen by her Will

Sunday, November 30 at 10:30 a.m.: Christmas Novena starts at 10:00 a.m.
þ Rose Fadoul (Birthday) by Susie & Millet Fadoul
þ Elias Frenn by Mary Lish & Family

Calendar of Parish Events at a Glimpse

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Help Decorate the Church & Cedar Hall (Wed., December 3, starting at 9 a.m.)

Come to help prepare the church of the Blessed Mother for the Christmas Season and to help decorate the Cedar Hall for the Parish Christmas Dinner and Party. **We need many helpers to make the tasks go quickly** and everyone is welcome. May those who help be blessed for giving of their talents.

Parish Christmas Dinner Party (Sun., December 7; Doors open @ 5:00; Dinner at 5:30)

Do not miss out on our church’s Annual Christmas Dinner Party. Mark your calendar now and reserve Sunday, December 7, from 5:30-9:00 p.m. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m and our altar boy, Shaun Hancher and his friends from John Marshal High School will play to entertain you as you enter the Cedar Hall. *(Shaun Hancher-violin; Haley Sessums-bass; Sarah Gorder-cello; Emily Clark-violin; Marissa Tordelo-violin; Josee Robertson-violin; Luke Garrison-viola.)*

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. and the ever popular and talented George Suhon will then provide entertainment until 8:30 p.m. for your listening and dancing pleasure.

All parishioners, guests, and friends of Our Lady of Lebanon are welcome to attend and enjoy the evening of food, fun, prizes and entertainment. Invite someone new this year; more people will mean more fun! Look for information coming soon in your mail or pick up an envelope of information at the church entrance. Tickets will be available late October for this delicious buffet **catered by Ye Olde Alpha.**

--Dinner includes: *Roast Beef & Grilled Chicken, Roasted Red Potatoes & Seasoned Green Beans, Mixed Garden Greens Salad or Cranberry Salad, Bread & Butter. Dessert & Coffee are also included*  

When you arrive you will receive **two complimentary coupons that may be exchanged for your choice of pop, beer or wine.** *(Only eat-in meals will be available.)*

--Cost: **$20.00 each** *(This evening of food, fun, prizes and entertainment is valued at over $40.00)*

--Deadline to purchase Tickets: **Sunday, November 30th.**

--Door Prizes will be drawn throughout the evening.

--Raffle Tickets for a **Gift Basket** which includes: *a variety of chocolates & a “Portable Pub” complete with bar tools and 3 bar favorites: a bottle of Jack Daniels, a bottle of Jose Cuervo Tequila, a bottle of Baccardi Rum. Also included: a package of Gevalia coffee; a large Starbucks mug with a package of coffee, tea, and cookies; 1 pound of Ben Heggy’s candy; a box of Vermont Maple Sugar candy; a box of Russell Stover Creamy Mix; 2 packages of cocktail napkins; a package of Rusel Stovers Triple Chocolate Mousse; a box of Sanders Pecan Torties; a bag of Russell Stover assorted chocolates.” Also Tickets for a **50/50 Raffle** will be available: Cost for the raffle tickets is $1.00 each; $5.00 for 6; $10.00 for 18.

--Donations to sponsor a dinner for the needy of our parish or to cover expenses will be welcomed.

--Please Note: Anyone wishing to donate a wrapped Door Prize for the event *(valued at about $10)* is asked to bring it to the Church office as soon as possible. The more prizes we have -- the merrier the event!  

--Thanks to … John & Dee Shiben for a donation to sponsor some of our beverages; and to all those who have already brought your wrapped Door Prizes to the church.

--This event is sponsored by Our Lady of Lebanon Women’s Society.

Christmas Poinsettia in Memory of:

- William & Mary Daniel Sr. & Family by Bill & Mary Daniel Jr.
- John F. Kukula by his wife Mary Rose Kukula
- Mr. & Mrs. John T. John by Maryann Carl & children
- LaVerne Thomas & Evelyn Hall by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- Elias & Siham Frenn by Dr. Adel, Diane, Andreah & Justin Frenn
- Louise N. & Louis H. Khoury, Sr., & Gladys Howard by the Lou & Charlotte Khoury & Family
- The Shiben & McFarland Families by John & Dee Shiben
- Dr. Stephen D. Ward by Ingrid & Josh Hendrickson
- Lorena Abraham Matiasek by Adele T. Woodard
Mary K. Ferris by Denise & Tom Ferris
Suzanne Linton by husband Mike
Frances & Joseph Linton by sons Steve & Mike
The deceased of our parish by Steve & Mike Linton
A friend for a Special Intention
Sharon Totalovich by Liz & Jay Murad
Helen Fielding by her husband Donald Foelding (Florida)
The Saseen & Schlog Families by Bob & Fran Saseen
Danny & Milly Manners by Nini Miller
Nimon & Mariam Joseph Family by the Family
the Deceased Members of the Joseph John Family & Keegan Family by Marge John
Barkett & Sadie Coury & sons Louis & Charles by Lucille Coury Gibbons & Family
Infant Roy Gibbons and Larry Gibbons Jr., by Lucille Coury Gibbons & Family
The Deceased of the Habdo & Dougherty Families by Bill & Carol Dougherty
Ralph & Mary Joseph Shipley & Robby Hunter by Thomasina Geimer
the Strawn & Thomas Families by Rex & Rita Strawn

Celebrated Sunday, December 21st, following 10:30 a.m. Mass (Note: No donuts this Sunday)
The Children's Christmas Party, sponsored by the Women’s Society, will be held on Sunday, December 21, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Santa will make an appearance with a gift bag for each of the children.

Msgr. Bakhos’ 23rd Anniversary to Priesthood (Sunday, December 21st)
Msgr. Bakhos Chidiac will celebrate his 23rd Anniversary to the Priesthood on Sunday, December 21st. The Women’s Society will sponsor a cake to honor him and to celebrate this jubilant occasion. You are all invited to share with him this event in the Cedar Hall on Sunday, December 21st - during the Children’s Christmas Party. Please join us in wishing Msgr. Bakhos continued blessings in his vocation, as well as assuring him of our continued prayers and gratitude for all his years of service here at Our Lady of Lebanon.

Time to Fill the Barrel with Non-Perishable Food (Deadline: December 21)
It is now time to fill the barrel placed in our upper lobby (by the small Statue of St. Sharbel) for non-perishable food items to be donated to those who are in need this Holiday Season. Along with the food items our church will give a monetary gift from the “poor box” donations to the needy families who have children. Please be generous if you can share your blessings. If you know poor families in need this Christmas Season, please let Msgr. Bakhos know their names.

Please Pray for Those on Our Prayer List
Please Remember Those Hospitalized Recently in Your Prayers
Sue Jochum, Lois Nickerson, Darrell Thomas, Philip Hankish,
Also Please Pray for Those Who Asked Us to Pray for Them
Sandra DeMuth, Shirley George, Dottie & Bobby Kupchak, Nick Bedway, Carrie Jane Parodi (daughter of Eva Lee Powell), Zaylee Thomas (daughter of Steve & Ivy Thomas), Pearl Shutler (mother of Janet Shutler), Elizabeth Turak, Greg Thomas, Mary Margaret Blum, Tom George, Bob Sengewalt, Virginia Joseph, John Shiben, Sandra Dusick, Sylvia Long, Bob Saseen, Charles & Robert Gibbons, Jim George Sr., Gloria Sterling, Mike McCutcheon, Jim Dellget, Bill Stees, Jamie Hilligas, Julia Tappe, Barb Sobota, Mary Ryncarz.
Happy Birthday

November 24:  Mickey Kukula
November 25:  Joe Bauduin
November 26:  Mary Lish, Laura Wakim
November 28:  Richard Obyc
December 1:  Jenna Brown, Cathy Kukula Gerhart
December 3:  Joey John
December 4:  Todd Gerhart
December 7:  Christina Committee Zdilla, Lois Nickerson
December 12: Lou Khourey
December 14: Joe Betras, Donnie Musilli

Your Church Support Last Week

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What’s New?

2015 Offering Envelopes & Income Tax Deduction Information

Offering Envelopes for use during 2015 are now available for you to pick up from the pew at the entrance to our Church – near our Weekly Bulletins. Begin using them on January 1 to include your donation to support Our Lady of Lebanon Church throughout the 2015 year. (Please continue using your 2014 envelopes until then.)

If you do not find your Offering Envelopes on the pew at the entrance, or if you wish to support Our Lady of Lebanon Church and become a registered parishioner, please take the next box available (beginning with Number 82.) Complete the blue slip inside and return it to Fr. Bakhos or place it in the Weekly Offering basket.

Gifts you make to charities, such as Our Lady of Lebanon Church, are tax deductible. One way to lower your income tax bill for this year is to make charitable contributions, which can be deducted from your income if you are planning to itemize your deductions when you file your 2014 income tax. But in order for you to claim the deduction on your tax return for 2014, you must make the gift this year. That is important to keep in mind if you are planning on making a year-end gift. For example, if you are going to give money using a check, be sure the date on the check is on or before December 31st. Also, be sure to give the check to the church on or before that date.

If your gift to our church is $250 or more, and you plan to claim the gift as a deduction on your tax return, the IRS requires that you have a letter or receipt from the church that received the gift. By the end of January 2015 all donors—who donated $250 or more—will automatically receive a statement from Our Lady of Lebanon Church stating their names and the amount of gift received—which include checks or weekly offering envelopes—from January 1st, 2014 until December 31st, 2014. It is wise to keep the church statement with your tax records, in case the IRS questions your itemized deductions. Statements will be mailed from Our Lady of Lebanon before January 31, 2015.
2015 Offering Envelopes – Proper Use

If you did not use your 2014 Offering Envelopes on a regular basis during the past year, you will not automatically receive the 2015 Offering Envelopes. A copy of your donation record will be mailed to those who have used their 2014 Offering Envelopes for verification. Use of Offering Envelopes, electronic transfers, or checks allow the church to register your contributions and issue a statement verifying your donations which you may use for your income tax deduction after the end of the year. (Keep in mind that it doesn't mean that those without envelopes are not parishioners.) Simply, we cannot issue tax statements for those individuals who put loose cash in the collection basket without properly being identified.

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Volunteers Needed

Two Persons to help the crew vacuuming and cleaning of the church. The time only involves about one hour once a month. If interested, please call Linda at 304-242-6853.

Around Us

St. Francis Xavier Holds Sale of Holiday Baked Goods, etc.

Members of St. Francis, Xavier, Moundsville, are taking orders for homemade holiday nutbread, nut horn cookies, apple butter and pierogis (potato/cheese or sauerkraut). See Order Forms at the entrance to our church near the weekly bulletins. Call 304-845-5565 to order and be sure to leave your name and phone number or mail orders to Libby Magnone, P.O. Box 254, Moundsville, WV 26041. Check should be made payable to St. Francis Xavier Proceeds will benefit the St. Francis Xavier church renovation debt.

WVNCC Culinary Arts Luncheons & Dinners Scheduled

Plan to come and enjoy the food prepared by WVNCC students in the Culinary Arts Dining Room 215 in the Education Center. A La Carte Menu includes: hot soups, salads, sandwiches and light dinner items.

Take out is available by email: culinary@wvncc.edu or call 304-214-8934.

--The Yueltide Christmas Feast Lunch is at noon Monday, December 1
--The Yueltide Dinner is at 6 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday, December 3 & 4

Reservations are required for both of these holiday events.

Christmas Tribute to Veterans (December 6th, 15 6:00 p.m.)

Starring: The Honky Tonk Sweethearts
Where/When: Capitol Theatre, Wheeling; December 6th, at 6:00 p.m.
Tickets: $18 adults, $10 children

Reflection

Who has learned to truly love has eyes that are not blind,
and lips forever slow to say a word that is unkind,
Turns sadness into sweetness, with fingers that can blend,
A shadow into sunlight, and a song into the wind.
Who has learned to truly love keeps Summer in his heart,
Can meet with truth and counterfeit,
And tell every precious hour, worth all its weight in gold,
into a lasting arc that makes a rainbow in his soul.
Who has learned to truly love can bend and never break,
Give everything within him and never wish to take,
Can see a silver lining in every cloud above,
Blaze trails through stars to light the years
....The hearts that truly love.

**Spirituality**

Lovely Lady dressed in Blue, teach me how to pray.
God was just your little boy and you know the way.
Did you lift him up sometime, gently on your knee?
Did you sing to him, the way mother does to me?
Did you hold his hand at night? Did you try,
Telling stories of the world. Oh, and did he cry?
Do you think he really cares if I tell him things?
Little things that happen?
And do the angels wings make a noise?
Does he hear me when I speak low?
Does he understand me now? Tell me for you know.
Lovely Lady dressed in Blue, teach me how to pray.
God was just your little boy and YOU know the way.
Bishop Fulton Sheen

**Story**

One beautiful, sunny Father’s Day in 1992, my husband, Jim, and I decided to spend the afternoon fishing along the Missouri River with our four children. We were joined by long-time friends the Thurns and their four children.

The warmth of the sun and good company made for a relaxing afternoon of snacking, visiting, and off—shore fishing. Jonathan, the oldest Thurn boy, was especially happy to be trying out his new fishing pole. So it was with great alarm that he noticed it missing shortly after he had cast and placed it securely in a pole holder. The pole holder stood firmly planted deep into the sand, but the pole was nowhere in sight. With everyone accounted for, it was clear no one else had taken the pole.

It was a brand-new pole and this was Jonathans first time using it. In the middle of our agitation, our oldest daughter, Maja Lisa, who was then nine, confidently announced, “Mom, you always tell us to pray when we lose something. Let’s all ask Jesus to help us find it now.”

She was so confident that God would help. At that point, I was torn. Yes, it was true I always had the kids pray when we lost something at home, but this was the Missouri River!

I did not want her to be disappointed and look Foolish. I also thought I was defending God and did not want to put Him to the test. Regardless, there was no stopping Maja Lisa’s sure faith. She led the group prayer asking God to please help Jonathan find his fishing pole.

Immediately after we all prayed, Jonathan’s father, Mark, cast his line into the river. It caught on something.

“I’m sorry, Lord,” I laughed and then humbly resolved: “I wont second-guess You again or try to protect You. I realize now You can take care of yourself.”
A Time to Laugh (220)

Modernizing the Church

The elder priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "I know you were reaching out to the young people when you had bucket seats put in to replace the first four pews. It worked. We got the front of the church filled first."

The young priest nodded and the old one continued, "And, you told me a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir that packed us to the balcony."

"So," asked the young priest, "what's the problem?" "Well," said the elder priest, "I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional." "But Father," protested the young priest. "My confessions have nearly doubled since I began that!"

"I know, my son, but the flashing neon sign 'TOOT 'N TELL OR GO TO HELL' has to go."

Lebanese Arak

A Polish Mother superior was agonizing. The nuns asked her if she needs anything. She made a motion as if she needed some milk. The nuns - in order to make fun of her - quickly mixed some Lebanese drink (Arak similar to Vodka) with water (it turns white like milk) and gave it to her.

They were waiting to see her drunk or dead or acting funny... when suddenly, she ordered them all to gather around her. When they came close to her, she whispered: "Don't sell this cow."

The End is Near

One day Father Boudreaux and Pastor Thibodeaux were fishing on the side of the road in South Louisiana. They thoughtfully made a sign and showed it to each passing car. It read: "The End is Near! Turn yourself around now before it be too late!"

Well, the driver of this one car that passed didn't appreciate the sign and was shouting at them and hollering, "Leave us alone, you religious nuts!"

Then all of a sudden they hear a big splash, and they look at each other and Father Boudreaux said to Pastor Thibodeau .... "Ya think we shoulda just put a sign dat say 'Bridge Out' instead?"

Enlightenment

"Before I go out in the evening, I bet my wife ten dollars that I'll be back by midnight.” “And then?” “And then I let her win.”

Famous Quotes:

Some rules to live by:

1- If you open it — close it.
2- If you turn it on — turn it off.
3- If you unlock it — lock it.
4- If you move it — put it back.
5- If it belongs to someone else and you want it — get permission.
6- If you borrow it — return it.
7- If you don't know how to operate it — leave it alone.
8- If you use it — take care of it.
9- If you break it — repair it.
10- If you can't fix it — call someone who can.
11- If you mess it up — clean it up.
12- If it will brighten someone's day — say it.