

March 2017

CLANCY'S CLICHES

The season of Lent is a time for woof-flection and prayer. Spiritual reading is encouraged and this special "authority" provides some interesting perspectives I penned awhile back regarding Noah and his aardvark ... oops, I mean Ark. In PAWndering them, may it help your Lenten journey be a bit more meaningful and fulfilling.

- * Don't forget that we're all in the same boat.
(God created us ALL!)
- * Don't miss the boat. (Especially if you're running on what we call "Schutte" time around the parish.)
- * Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark. Prepare your heart.
- * Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big. (That's only 85 years in dog years.)
- * Don't listen to critics, just get on with the Good Work that you're called to do.
- * Build your future on high ground. (The sofa is 2' high—I can jump that high.)
- * For safety's sake, travel in pairs. (Where's Jake? Where's the leash?)
- * Two heads are better than one. (Except when Jake is chewing on my ear.)
- * Speed isn't always an advantage; the snails were on board with the cheetahs. (Me vs. Jake analogy?)
- * When the doo-doo gets really deep, don't sit there and complain--shovel! (Glad I have Rick here at the parish to help me with that one. He's the BEST!)
- * When you're stressed, float awhile. (A root beer float from Putz's is especially helpful and therapeutic.)
- * Remember that the ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic was built by professionals. (Amateurs do work at "glacial" speed like me to get it done, right?)
- * Remember that woodpeckers inside are a larger threat than the storm outside. (Get the "point"?)
- * Stay below deck during the storm. (Or under my master's desk.)
- * No matter how bleak it looks, there's always a rainbow on the other side. (Isn't it March? Where's the leprechaun with the pot of gold?)
- * Take care of your animals as if they were the last ones on earth. (As I said earlier—God created us ALL!)
- * If you have to start over, have a friend by your side. (St. Leo's has a wonderful pack of fantastic friends, neighbors, partners, and people who are willing to ride the waves—high ones and low ones - with you. Surf's up!)

Love and Licks to All, Clancy



CLANCY'S CACKLES

Knock, knock. Who's there? Irish. Irish who? Irish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day!