

# Connections

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## GREETINGS!

Hello everybody! We are the student ambassadors of McDonell Area Catholic Schools. We do community service in our schools, parishes and around town. We assist with Welcome Back Days at school. We help at our school fundraiser, the Spaghetti Spectacular, where there are raffles to win baskets of prizes. This month, we will be doing a diaper drive to donate to local agencies who support new moms and dads in need.

October is a very busy month. While we tend to think of fall and Halloween when we think about October, there are also some interesting other commemorations during this month. October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month. October 1st is National Hair Day. October 4th is National Cinnamon Roll Day - yummy! October 15th is National Cheese Curd Day. To keep things interesting for your reading, we try to find topics are out of the ordinary. We hope you enjoy reading this monthly newsletter. We enjoy doing it for you.

*-Written by Elliana Eddy, Notre Dame 7th grader*



## St. Roche and His Dog

October is Adopt a Shelter Dog Month, and there is one saint who loved dogs and used them to make amazing miracles happen. St. Roche was born in 1295, and after he was born his parents noticed that he had a very dark red birthmark on his neck in the shape of a cross. Roche was born into a very wealthy family but by the age of twenty both of his parents had died. Roche lived in many places including Italy, Spain, and France. He started to devote his life to helping the poor and the sick. Roche traveled to many different people caring for the ones who needed him. Soon a deadly illness called the bubonic plague had hit. Many people that he encountered to help had this plague. This sickness did not stop Roche from helping people though. He kept working hard and praying for and over people that he met. Roche did this until he contracted the plague himself. He was sent to the woods to prepare himself to die. While he was out laying in the woods, a hunting dog found him. This dog licked Roche wounds and brought him bread to eat everyday. This went on until Roche was all the way healed. Roche decided to bring the dog home with him, but when he got home, France was under attack because the Civil War had started. Roche and the dog made a team helping the injured and healing others. Roche and his dog were put in prison but still continued to help others in the prison. He prayed with all of the prisoners and shared the Word of God. In 1327, Roche died but was still doing good works for his Father in Heaven. He is credited with many miracles with dogs. One time when an owner prayed to have God heal her dog, the dog later was back to normal. This shows how God can make amazing things happen in ways we would never even think of.

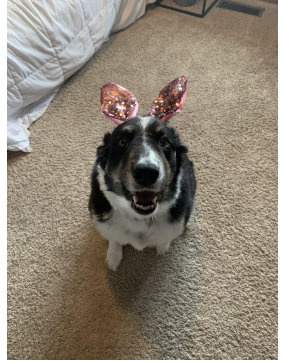
*-Provided By Delaney Smiskey, Notre Dame 8th grade student*

# DOG TALES

## **My Dog Frankie** -*Violet McIlquham (7th Grade)*

When I was seven years old we were ready to get another dog. I rode along with my mom and great aunt to Cornell, WI the next day to check out a litter of Pomeranians. I remember about twenty Pomeranians running around the tiny house. Some were old, some were brand new, and some were sick. The house was messy and smelled bad. I got to hold a new litter that the man said weren't ready to leave their mom yet. There were three puppies that were ready, though. A gray one, a black and white one, and a tan one. We took them outside to run around the yard and play. One almost ran out onto the street because there was no fence.

Since I was seven, I really didn't understand that as we drove away, we were actually rescuing that puppy, who we named Frankie. We still paid \$75 for him, and would have paid more. I wish we could have taken them all home with us. Today, Frankie has lots of problems. His bag legs face outwards and he can barely make it around the block because he gets too tired. His hair doesn't grow back like normal so we keep him snuggly in little sweaters. His trachea is collapsing and he needs special medication. Frankie is only 6 years old and we're not sure how much longer we get to keep him around, but we sure are glad we found him that day. I think he's pretty happy too! Rescuing dogs can be such a blessing and I would do it again in a heartbeat.



## **Remi the Golden Doodle** by *Josie Witkowski (McDonell junior)*

Remi is our eight month old golden doodle. She was born January 4th, 2020, along with ten other golden doodle puppies. I have wanted a dog for as long as I can remember, and the timing was perfect for her to be born two days before my birthday! Remi is a ball of energy. Her favorite things to do are go on walks, play fetch, play tug of war, go swimming in the summer, and cuddle. She has some super speed that would amaze you when you watch her go and fetch a ball. She also loves to cuddle up next to you and sleep. She thinks she is a lap dog, when in reality, she is just over 50 lbs. I don't know what I would do without her, greeting me in the morning, or when I come home from school, or even when she curls up next to me on my bed while I do homework.

## **Bandit the Border Collie**

by *Evie Willi (McDonell junior)*

My dog's name is Bandit and he is a seven year old, lazy border collie. Bandit loves to cuddle, play around with a ball, or with his annoying, squeaker toys. My family and I adopted Bandit from the Chippewa Falls Humane Association after his family previously gave him up. We have had Bandit for around four years, and ever since the day we adopted him, he seems as happy as can be, smiling, and also somehow always barking at something in the house.

## **Olde English Bulldogs** by *Freshmen Tessa Roach*

My name is Tessa Roach and I have two Olde English Bulldogs. Just this last summer my dog Mali, who is three, had her first litter of puppies. In her litter she had seven boys and one girl. We named the puppies after the Greek gods. We have had two other litters with my dog Gurdy but she only had 3 puppies in each of her litters. So it was very challenging to have more than double the amount of puppies we have ever had. As the puppies got older and were more self-sufficient I was so ready for the puppies to go to their new homes, but now that they are gone I am really sad because I got so attached to them. It is also sad because some of them moved to different states. A few of them live in Minnesota and the rest live in Wisconsin. It is sad but we will be having another litter of puppies next spring.

# October

## October Trivia

*provided by Miranda Johnson, 7th grade student*



**1. When was the first Halloween?**

- A. 10-12 century
- B. 4-5 century
- C. 7-8 century
- D. 1-2 century

**2. Where did the jack-o-lantern originate?**

- A. Ireland
- B. Germany
- C. USA
- D. England

**3. Why did people start wearing costumes on Halloween?**

- A. They want to be someone else
- B. To scare off ghosts
- C. They want to scare people
- D. They did it as a joke

**4. What is the biggest dog breed?**

- A. Irish Wolfhound
- B. Newfoundland
- C. The English Mastiff
- D. Dobermann

**5. What is the smallest dog breed?**

- A. Yorkshire terrier
- B. Pomeranian
- C. Chihuahua
- D. Chow Chow



### **Prayer of the Month**

**Dear Lord, please grant us lasting and abiding peace this month, in all that we do and all that we are. Help us to stay healthy, not only physically, but also mentally and spiritually. Finally, Lord, grant us the ability to focus on You above all and help us not to stray too far from Your path in the month to come.**

*provided by Elyse Bushman, 8th grade student*

### **DOG RIDDLES**

*provided by Angelo Enderes, 8th grade student*

What could be more incredible than a talking dog?

*A spelling bee.*

How many hairs are in a dog's tail?

*None! They're all on the outside*

Why did the Dachshund want to sit in the shade?

*Because it was a hot dog.*

What is a pug's favorite fall beverage?

*Pug-kin spice lattes.*

What do dogs usually like to eat at the movie theaters?

*Pupcorn*

Where do dogs park their car?

*In the barking lot.*

Why did the officer issue a ticket to the dog who gave birth on the side of the road?

*Because she was littering.*

What could be worse than raining cats and dogs?

*Hailing taxis*

# FUN AND GAMES



## Cheese Word Search

*Provided by Lauren Buescher*

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CurdsColby ColbyJack CottageCheese CreamCheese Feta Gorgonzola Gouda

Gruyere Havarti Limburger Mascarpone MontereyJack Mozzarella

Parmesan PepperJack Provolone Ricotta Romano Swiss

### ANSWERS TO TRIVIA ON PAGE 3

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2. A
3. B
4. C
5. C

