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NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

- **Curious About the Catholic Faith?**

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, about becoming Catholic, or you want to strengthen your own faith, then R.C.I.A. is for you! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) focuses on providing a comprehensive understanding of the Catholic faith.

- **Preparation Classes for the R.C.I.A. start Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.** All adults are welcome. The single Walnut Street door will be open and we will have "R.C.I.A." signs with arrows directing you to our meeting place. Come join us! If you have any questions, please call: Jim Hehl at 937-364-6556 (Home) or 937-661-4835 (Cell), or Joyce Combs at 937-403-6708 (Cell) or 937-764-2030 (Home).

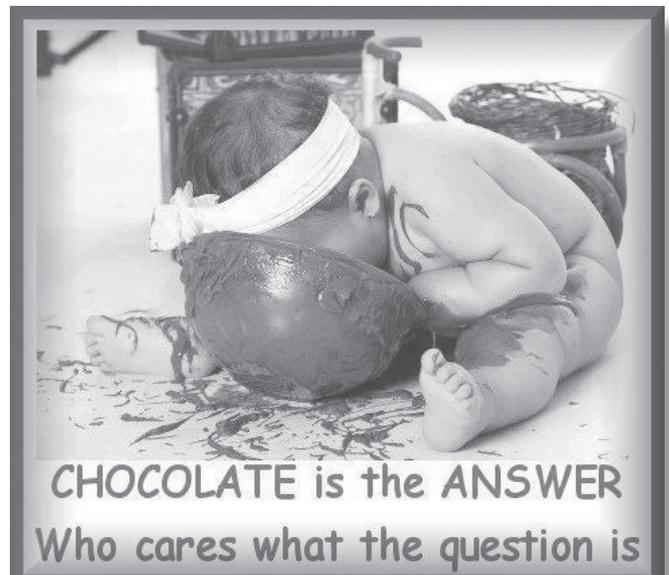
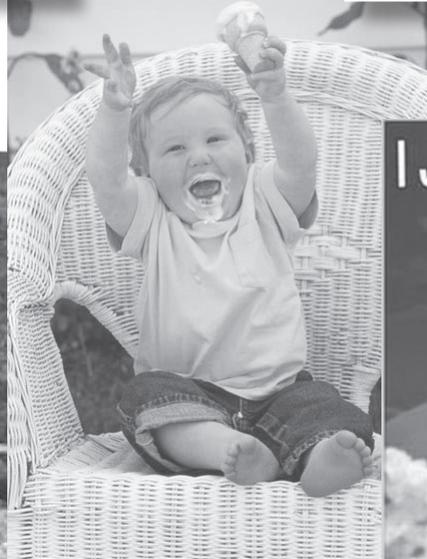
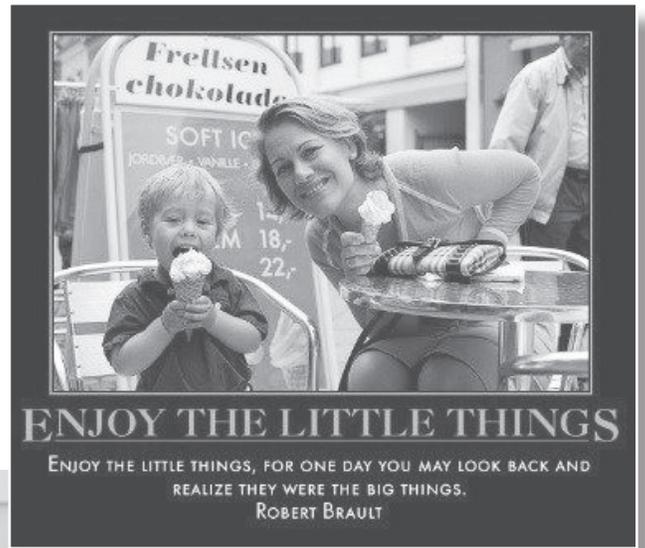
LAUGHTER IS GOOD

Once my dog ate all the Scrabble tiles. He kept leaving little messages around the house.

One Sunday, a pastor found several letters awaiting him. He opened one and found it contained the single word, "Fool."

He shared the letter with the congregation and announced:

"I have known many an instance of a person writing a letter and forgetting to sign his name, but this is the only instance I have ever known of someone signing his name and forgetting to write the letter."



SERMON FOR TWENTIETH SUNDAY

I became very sick during my freshman year at St. Fidelis Seminary in 1965. I was weak, tired, and losing a lot of weight. The seminary notified my parents of their concern and asked them to take me to the doctor. The doctor did several blood tests to rule out various diseases. He called in my anxious parents to discuss the results. The diagnosis was a simple one. I was suffering from malnutrition. (Looking at me now it's hard to believe I was once starving.) The reason for this was also simple. We seminarians sat at a long rectangle table. I sat at the end, the furthest away from where the food bowls were served by someone walking down the aisle to each table. That bowl would pass down the table where each seminarian, one by one, would take his helping. By the time it reached me, there was hardly anything left. During those rare times when we all went home for a weekend visit, my mom now understood why I ate like a hungry animal. She joked to dad, "We better get Michael a trough." Mom spent the whole weekend cooking for me. Like a chipmunk, I was storing it away until the next visit. When I went back to the seminary, the doctor recommended I change my seat to the front. Eventually the delivery system would be changed where we would bring our tray to the food counter so everybody got enough.

In this Gospel, Jesus says something very shocking, even more shocking than saying we must eat His flesh and drink His blood to have eternal life. Halfway through this Gospel, Jesus changed the word He uses for "eat." In the beginning, Jesus uses a very polite word for the word eat. He uses the word "phage," which means "to dine like at a formal dinner." The religious leaders didn't get the meaning of what Jesus was saying. So Jesus says something shocking, as if to hit the church leaders over the head with a two by four, using a stronger word for "eat."

In verse 54 through 58, Jesus changes the word "eat" from the polite "phage" to the word "trogon," which means to "munch like a hungry animal at a trough." Munching means to eat like you're starving. Did you ever hear someone say "I got the munchies," and then eat a whole bag of chips and deep fried Twinkies? Jesus said, "He who eats (trogon – munches) my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. Verse 55: For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. Verse 56: He who eats (trogon – munches) my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me, and I in him. Version 57: As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so he who feeds (trogon – munches) on me, he will also live because of me."

Jesus wants you to hunger for His Love as He hungers for your love. He wants you to spiritually devour Him at Holy Communion where He completely gives Himself to you. Like I couldn't get enough of my mom's good cooking, Jesus wants you to never get enough of Him. He always has more to give. God says in Psalm 81:10, "If you open your mouth wide, I will fill it!"

Jesus tells you to get the "spiritual munchies." Hunger for Him. He burns with desire to fill you with all His Love, all His Grace, all His Mercy. Jesus will fill the emptiness of your heart. Come hungry, eat well, be satisfied. Your very life depends on it.