

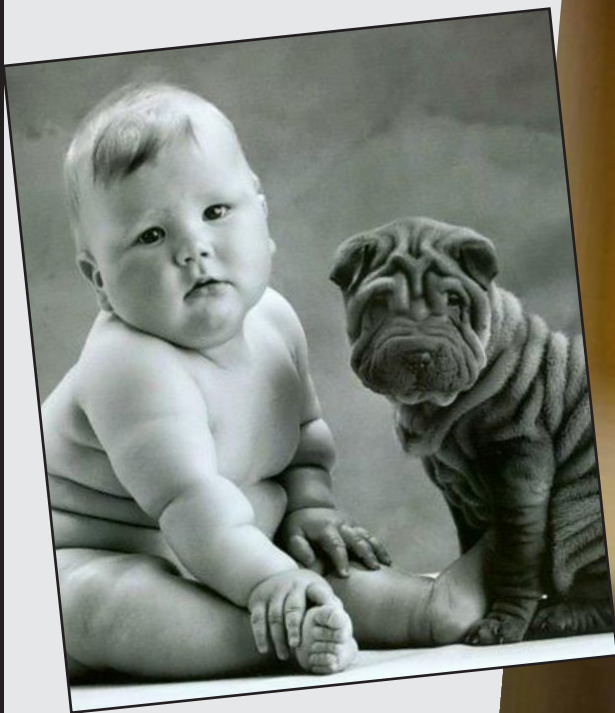


**WELCOME**

We welcome our newest members to St. Mary Catholic Church who joined us at the Easter Vigil – Samantha Bullock, Megan Davis, James McKown, Scarlett Thomas, Shawn Priest, and Caroline Siemers. Amanda Hamilton and Kayla Brinkman will join the Church at the 5:30 Saturday Mass on April 11th. Praise God who led them to us.

**ST. MARY SCHOOL NEWS**

- We had a very successful Quarter Auction in March. We cleared \$3,380.00! Thank you to all who donated items and supported this fund raiser for the school. The next auction will be in the Fall.
- It is time to re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program from April 1 through April 30. The website is [cincinnaticommunityrewards@kroger.com](mailto:cincinnaticommunityrewards@kroger.com). We get quarterly checks from Kroger for \$300.00-\$400.00. So please sign up or re-enroll. Thank you.
- Registration for Preschool and Grades K-5 is taking place now. EdChoice Expansion Scholarships are available to students entering Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Please contact the school if you are interested. St. Mary's is the best kept secret, so let's get the word out about our terrific school! Spread the word.



**I FLUSHED YOUR KEYS AWAY**

**BUT I LOVE YOU**

**Anger management:**  
When angry with someone,  
it helps to sit down and  
think about the problem...



**AND THEN THEY SAID**

**"DON'T MAKE A MESS!"**





**Kid: What's a man?**  
**Dad: A man is who loves unconditionally , cares about you and protects you.**  
**Kid: When i grow up, I'll be a man like mom.**

**My name is "I"**  
**My Problem Is "love"**  
**AND**  
**My Solution Is "U"**



**I might be able to fit you in on Monday..**



You're home late! Where you been? Where's my dinner? I demands explanations!

**MOM TOLD ME NOT TO TOUCH IT!**



## EASTER SUNDAY SERMON FOR APRIL 12TH



Bryce Corns is my church buddy. He is a spunky 4-year-old whose cherubic face, coal black eyes and toothy smile just melts your heart like a stick of butter in a frying pan. I first met Bryce when I was processing in for Sunday Mass. He looked at me with this drawn face and down turned lips. He simply said, "Home" in such a way as to tell me that I better keep this Mass short so he can go home to play, eat and take a nap. At the sign of peace, I walked down the aisle to shake Bryce's little hand. With an expectant look, he would ask, "Home?" wondering if this is now the end of Mass, hoping I would walk out the door and bring his suffering to an end. I would assure him, "Hang in there, Bryce. It's almost done." I would pass Bryce for third time when

I processed out at the end of Mass. Bryce knew Mass was over. His eyes lit up and his smile returned as he blurted out "Home!" Peace returned to him as he no longer had to suffer through celebrating Mass which is a long time for a little boy. He can go home, happy again.

The Apostles also wanted to go home, to a place free from fear, free from harm. Just days earlier, Jesus was nailed to a cross. They feared suffering the same fate of crucifixion. But they had nowhere to go, no home to feel safe. When all seemed lost, in this place of agonizing despair, Jesus appears, proclaiming "Peace!" Then Jesus reveals His opened side. He's telling the Apostles, "My heart is open to you. Make your home in Me. In Me, you will find safety. In Me, you will find comfort. In Me, you will find Peace." I believe Jesus comes to anyone who suffers with His peace. I have felt His peace when everything in my life was going crazy, nothing made sense and I didn't see the way out. I know that peace came from Jesus. Jesus gives a peace that will enwrap you all over like a warm blanket. As I told Bryce, so Jesus told me, "Hang in there, Mike. It's almost done." My peace comes from knowing that God is smart enough to have a plan just for me and cares enough to make it work. Unlike Thomas, I don't need to see Jesus with my eyes nor touch him with my hands. I believe Jesus sees me with His eyes and touches me with His hands and leads me by His Grace. And when life is dumping problems on me, I can find refuge in the open wound of His heart. The more I believe, the more peace I have. Try it. It works.

Bryce gave us a scare several weeks ago. He had a seizure that lasted for one and a half hours. Possibly the side effects of a stroke he suffered before birth. But mom Jamie and his many fans know that Jesus is holding him through it all. Jesus hung on a cross so we can "hang in there" through ours.