

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

- **St. Vincent De Paul Rummage Sale.** Time to clean out your closets and basements for the annual rummage sale, Friday, May 1st – 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 2nd – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in Fr. Luehrmann Hall. Drop-off is Wednesday, April 29 and Thursday, April 30 after school till 6:00 p.m. Setup crew needed for Wednesday, April 29. Arrive at 3:30 p.m. Teardown crew on Saturday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m.
- **The Catholic Relief Services Collection this weekend.** Through supporting today's collection, you help Jesus in disguise in the hungry, the abused, and the persecuted. Please be generous. It's not too late to turn in your Rice Bowls. You can place them on the communion rail in the church or window sills.
- **Funeral Lunch Committee** is always looking for people willing to help in this very special ministry. The committee provides a lunch for the families after the Funeral Mass. We need people willing to help with setup or cleanup, or willing to bring a hot dish the day of. If interested, please call the school office for more information at 937-840-9932.

Charles Kessinger Benefit

Charles lost everything in a house fire which killed his 35-year-old son. A benefit to raise needed funds will be held at Clay HS in Lynchburg on Tuesday, April 21st from 4:00-7:00 p.m.; soup, hot dogs and dessert for a small donation.

St. Mary K of C Announcement

If you are a male age 18 or older and have a desire to help those in need, serve our parish, grow in faith and/or obtain exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then joining St. Mary Council 10149 of the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Council 10149 will conduct a membership drive on May 3, 2015. For more information, contact Jim Hehl at Jimhehl@gmail.com or call 937-364-6556. There will also be representatives of Council 10149 available after each Mass during the next two weekends.





AND SUDDENLY
everybody is happy at work!



How to Sleep While Working



WHOMEVER MANAGED THIS
Will never be able to explain it to his boss.



SURVIVAL

When you are in deep trouble,
say nothing, and try to look like
you know what you're doing.

**HOW I LOOK WHEN I LEAVE
WORK**



**KNOWING I DID NOTHING THE WHOLE
DAY**

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER SERMON

Sometimes I get discouraged. I wonder if I'm doing enough or doing too much, or doing it right, or shouldn't be doing it at all. Jesus has never failed me during these moments. He usually gives me a sign to either encourage me or guide me. I had been working at Children's Hospital for around 17 years when I had a crisis. I doubted if I was making a difference. Do they really care about my visits? This weighed heavily on my heart, but I kept this doubt to myself. I even considered leaving. Then one day, out of the blue, a nurse in the cancer ward stopped me and said, "Fr. Mike, you will never know how important you are to these families who need the prayers you offer. Don't you ever leave." God snapped me off of that pity pot right quick. I would stay at Cincinnati Children's for another 10 years.

I recently had another "doubt attack" involving the radio ministry WLRU. After all this work and all this money spent, is the station making a difference for the better? Is anyone listening besides our own Church family? God gave me another sign. I was parking at Kroger when a lady pulled up beside me. I could hear her radio tuned in to WLRU playing Gospel music. I knew it was the church station because I also was listening. I approached her and asked, "I heard you listening to the new Hillsboro radio station. Do you like it?" She said, "Well, I enjoy the music and sometimes I tune in for the religious stuff. There's even a funny guy who plays polkas on Saturday night. Can you believe that?" With a shocked look I said, "Really?" She said, "Yeah. My grandkids dance to the music. Do you know who that guy is? I would like to thank him." I was tempted to pull a "Jesus moment" and say something like, "I am the one speaking to you now." Instead I feigned ignorance and said, "Sometimes I see him around town. I'll let him know." Thank you, Jesus, for the sign I needed. Now I'm going to make LaRue, the engineer, work even harder!

The Apostles were so discouraged. They lost everything, maybe even their lives. But God gave them the best sign of all that everything will work out OK – His Risen Son. Of course the Apostles doubted. They were startled and terrified. Jesus had to reassure them that He was not a ghost by eating. But what He ate was the most important sign of all. The Bible says Jesus ate a piece of fish. Why did Luke think it was so important to say Jesus ate *fish*? Because in the Bible the devil was always depicted as a sea monster – a big ugly fish, not a red colored guy with horns and a pitchfork Jesus eating a fish is a spiritual sign from God to show Jesus won the victory over the devil. He destroyed Satan so convincingly that He eats him. Jesus leaves no doubt that He vanquishes all evil.

Don't be afraid to ask for a sign from God. Sometimes God gives you a sign even when you don't ask. God gives you a sign to bring you Peace – the peace of knowing Jesus has conquered your doubts, your fears, your worries. Jesus ate the ugly fish monster, so that it can never devour you.