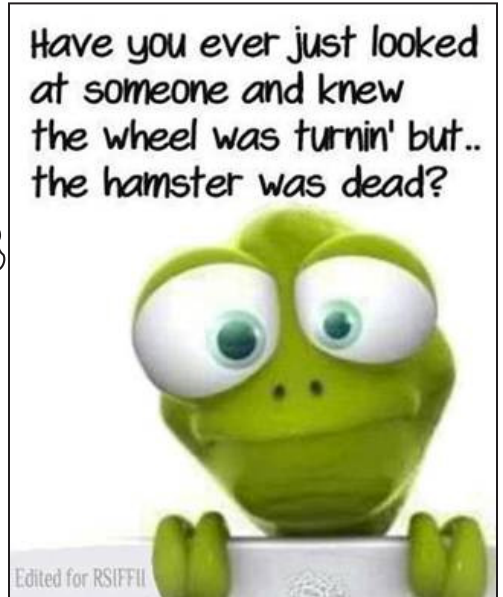
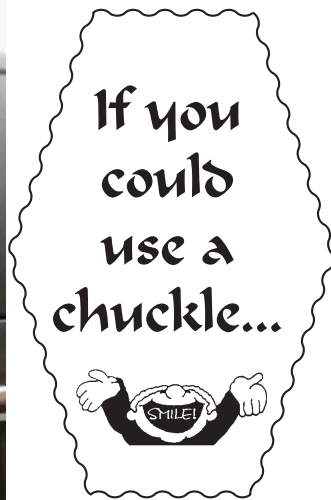


THERE IS A NEW ALPHA CAT IN TOWN

With great sorrow, I sent my beloved Paley to Heaven after 6½ years of being my faithful companion, at the same moment Pope Francis was selected on March 13th. On April 23rd, I brought to the Rectory my new Kitty, Frances Paley I, weighing in at 6 months and two pounds. This cat has no fear. When 16-year-old Micah hissed at her, Francis gave her this look, like "What's your problem?" and stood her ground. Francis even eats Micah's treats right in front of her face. Micah looks at me as if to say, "From what part of hell did you get this cat?" Really, Frances is very gentle and loving. She just is not afraid of anything. She sits in my lap and purrs for hours with delight. Bobo has made peace with Frances. Bela keeps a healthy distance and my 12-pound cat, Mac Mac, runs away in terror from this two-pound hellion on grey and white paws. Sounds like any other dysfunctional family :->

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

1. **St. Mary School is taking enrollment applications for the coming year.** Preschool classes will be 3 years, early 4, and Pre-K 4. We will have grades K-4. Scholarship money will be available to those who qualify in grades K-4. If you have any questions, please call the school.
2. Vacation Bible School, "Cowboy Roundup," is set for June 10th to the 14th. We need adults and teens to welcome our cowboys and cowgirls to a fun-filled week of Jesus, fun, crafts and food. If interested, please call Mrs. Salyer at 937-840-9932, ext. 2, to get on the list.
3. Graduating seniors from High School and College are invited, along with their families, to the Senior breakfast on June 2nd after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Father Mike will give a special blessing during the Mass. Please contact the Religious Office to RSVP at 840-9932, ext. 2.
4. **Wednesday, May 15th, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., a special unit out of Cincinnati will be in the Fr. Luehrmann Hall to fingerprint adults who volunteer or work with our parish students.**

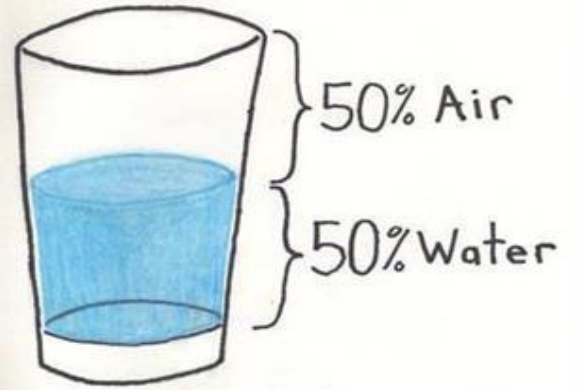


Never Stop Laughing.

Its ironic that Moms ask if we think they are made of money...
isnt that what mom stands for?

M - Made
O - Of
M - Money.





Technically,
The Glass is Completely Full.

I'M NOT OLD

I woke up,
I lifted my arms,
I moved my knees,
I turned my neck....
Everything made the same noise:
'Crrrrrrrrrrrrraaaaaaaaaaaaaaacccck!'



....I came to a conclusion:
I am not old,
I am crispy!

PUT THE
POLITICIANS ON
MINIMUM WAGE
AND WATCH HOW
FAST THINGS
CHANGE





That moment when you
Realize your childhood is over



MONDAYS

You're telling me they will happen every week?

EMOTIVATINGPOSTERS.COM

I have finally discovered
what's wrong with my brain:
On the left side,
there is nothing right, and
on the right side,
there is nothing left.



If you can't afford a doctor, go to an airport - you'll get a free x-ray and breast exam, and; if you mention Al Qaeda, you'll get a free colonoscopy.

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

God wants us to have peace. What is peace? Peace is freedom from worry, anxiety or fear. If you want more peace in your life, picture a seesaw. On one end of the seesaw is EXPECTATION. Expectation is how *I* want life to be. On the other end of the seesaw is ACCEPTANCE. Acceptance is how life really *is*. If you have high expectations and low acceptance, this produces disappointment, anger and anxiety. If you expect your spouse or children to be perfect and can accept no less, you better store up on Prozac. These people see the glass as half empty. If on the other hand, you have low expectations and high acceptance, then you can find peace by accepting life on life's terms with all its limitations and quirks. These people don't see the glass as half full, they see the glass as already broken. They expect things to go wrong, expect things to be different than hoped or planned for. They expect the unexpected to happen, which is referred to in the saying "Stuff Happens" (but some use another word other than "stuff"). And they accept it.

What I have just explained to you is called the law of "Inverse Proportion": High E and low A equal anxiety. High A and low E equals peace. When I came to St. Mary and St. Benignus, I used this law to keep me peaceful in a really difficult situation. Both parishes were grieving a beloved pastor. Both parishes had no money. Both places were either leaking or falling apart or both. Both churches experienced discord, just like the churches in Antioch, Cilicia, and Syria, who fought about what to do with all these new Gentile converts. But we worked together, prayed together, and planned together with some of the most gifted people in the parishes. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we worked through our problems and rebuilt our churches into communities of love and peace that continue to build the Kingdom to the honor and glory of God! (Here I will ask for an "Amen" like the Baptists do.)

Peace is more than an absence of anxiety, worry or fear. Peace is a GIFT. God gives the gift of Peace to anyone who is His friend, to anyone who puts God at the center of their hearts. Sometimes, we think we can find peace from owning a lot of "stuff," but stuff either breaks, gets lost, is stolen, or we get bored with it. And we don't own it any ways – the bank does. I have more radios that I can count or listen to, but I can't take them with me. St. Mary and St. Benignus get them all and you will have the unenviable task of eBay – selling and shipping them all. My stuff is just something nice to look at, but that's all. When God looks at me and I invite Him in, then I truly have all – all that I need, the Peace only God can bring.

God cannot give us Peace apart from Himself, because it is not there. There is no such thing. C. S. Lewis