

LAUGHTER IS GOOD

A farmer and his recently hired hand were eating an early breakfast of biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, bacon and coffee that the farmer's wife had prepared for them. Thinking of all the work they had to get done that day, the farmer told the hired man he might as well go ahead and eat his lunch too.

The hired man didn't say a word, but filled his plate a second time and proceeded to eat. After a while the farmer said, "We've got so much work to do today, you might as well eat your supper now too."

Again, the hired man didn't respond but refilled his plate a third time and continued to eat. Finally, after eating his third plate of food, the hired man pushed back his chair and began to take off his shoes.

"What are you doing?" the farmer asked.

The hired man replied, "I don't work after supper."

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

Vacation Bible School will be held on June 26, 27 and 28. The theme is A Mighty Fortress. To help with the cost if you would be interested in donating here is a list of items required:

- Pool noodles: bright colors, around 30 are needed.
- Plastic table covers: Dark purple, light purple, grey. 15 in each color
- Paper towel tubs: 30 needed
- Juice packs: 5 boxes
- Hi C fruit punch jugs gallon size: 4
- Large pieces of cardboard
- If any of these items could be donated before June 1st, we will then have an idea what more needs to be purchased. I will have a list in narthex for you to cross off an item donated. You can leave the items on the table in the narthex.

Any questions please call Michelle Salyer, 937-840-9932, ext 2. Thank you and God Bless.

Congrats to our May 21st First Communicants: Ethan Barber, Willow Becker, Antonio Brioli, Camden & Paxton Cruea, Wyatt Cummings, Riley Gallimore, Allison Gillespie, Riley Meek, Trevor Niehaus, Harley Pack, Coriane & Isaiah They

2017 Golden Anniversary Certificates will be given out to all who will be celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the year of 2017. The celebration will take place August 12, 2017, 4:30 p.m., St. Peters in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, and on August 12, 2017, 4:30 p.m., Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton.

Certificates for (25,40,60,70,75) 2017. You are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr.

All certificates can be obtained by:

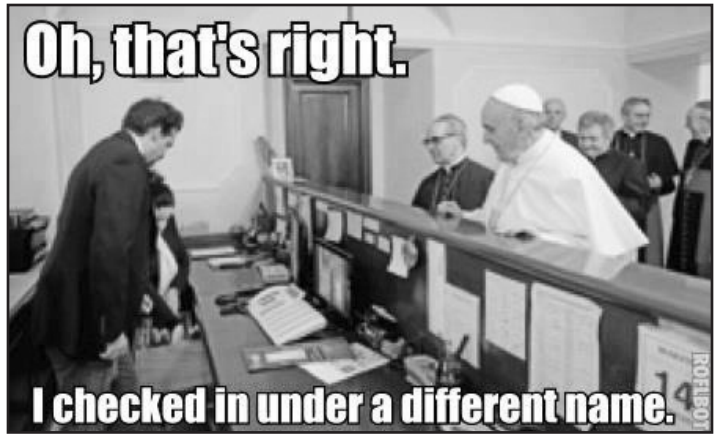
1. Visit the Archdiocesan Office of Marriage & Family Life website:
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/family-life/>
2. Call the Office of Marriage & Family Life 513-421-3131 ext 2653.

These certificates will be sent to your parish in early July for distribution to couples near the feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne (July 26th).

BRING IT ON LIFE!



Oh, that's right.



I checked in under a different name.

*"God will prepare everything for our perfect happiness in Heaven,
and if it takes my dog being there, I believe he'll be there."
-Rev Billy Graham-*



Blackie
1993 ~ 2012

**I've learned that there
is no fence to sit on
between heaven and hell.**



-Johnny Cash



**"Yeah, Saint Peter here. I locked
myself out again."**

SERMON FOR THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

The story is told about the Ascension Day celebrations at a seminary. A special Ascension Day service was held and many priests in robes and regalia gathered for the big celebration. Amidst clouds of incense, the assembly emerged from the chapel singing majestic hymns as they went to the outdoor courtyard. Unknown to the worshippers, a somewhat creative seminarian had found a near life-size hollow, plastic figure of Jesus and filled it with rocket fireworks. When the procession arrived at the courtyard, the student lit the fuse, sending the statue soaring up out of the shrubbery into the sky through a cloud of smoke and sparks. It buzzed over the scattering members of the procession, finally taking a nosedive on to the roof of the seminary, catching it on fire. The rector of the seminary was not impressed. Miraculously, the Bishop later that year ordained the seminarian, then handed him a bill for the damages.

We celebrate today that Jesus rose to Heaven and He didn't need any rocket to get Him there. Jesus goes home to receive His Reward for a job well done, doing everything His Father asked Him to do. Jesus received a hero's welcome from all those souls pouring through the Heavenly gates that Jesus opened for them. Elijah, Moses and all the Old Testament Prophets would finally get to meet the One they were preaching about. One of those souls in the crowd would be His Foster Dad, St. Joseph. Imagine Jesus hugging St. Joseph and telling him "Dad, I love you. You did a good job. You taught me well. Welcome home."

On this day I realize so clearly why I am a priest and what I must do. I am not a priest for myself. My job is to help you get to Heaven. My whole life is consumed with your salvation. I want to teach you that God did not create you for this world. Your true home is in Heaven where there are many rooms and one of those rooms has your name on it. You weren't made for hell. What grieves me the most is if I see anyone turning away from God and God's gift of Faith. What gives me the greatest joy is when I help someone find Jesus.

But I am not the only one called by Jesus. You are too. Lead others to Jesus by living your faith every day. As He ascended, Jesus commanded you to help others find Him, to follow Him, to love Him. "Go and make disciples..."

I urge all of you to strive to reach your Heavenly home and bring others with you. Be good disciples. Live the Gospel, love one another, forgive those who ask, care for the needy, be tender and gentle with your words and actions, don't do what's wrong but love the right and walk humbly with God. Heaven is real and you were made for it.

I will never forget the last words of young Robbie Blackburn at Children's Hospital who blurted out before leaving, "Mom, look at that. There's Jesus!" Robbie reached out his hand to the air and then dropped to the bed. I looked at mom and said, "Jesus took him home." When my time comes I hope to meet the people I helped get to Heaven and the souls I got out of purgatory by saying Mass. Then I want to meet the person whose prayers got me out of purgatory. Happy Ascension...