

CURIOUS ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

If you, or someone you know, would like to learn more about the Catholic faith, becoming Catholic, or you want to strengthen your own faith, then R.C.I.A. is for you! **Preparation Classes for the R.C.I.A. start Tuesday, August 23, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.** 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. If you hear the Lord calling, please do not pass up this opportunity to answer Him.

If you have any questions, please call: Jim Hehl at 937-364-6556 (Home) or 937-661-4835 (Cell) or Joyce Combs at 937-764-2030 (Home) or 937-403-6708 (Cell).

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

Parish School of Religion aka PSR is in need of religion teachers. Currently, we need 3 teachers and subs to fill in. No experience is necessary. You will be given many resources and great textbooks to work with. Please call or email. Classes start September 11, 2016, they are between the Masses, 8:45 to 9:50. Contact Michelle Salyer, CRE, at 937-840-9932, ext 2, or stmarycre@cinci.rr.com.

Principal Darlene Smith announces St. Mary Catholic School begins a new school year on August 15 at 6:00 p.m., with our Open House. Please join us to see and hear about the wonderful things that are happening for our students. Students in grades Preschool 4s-grade 5 begin classes on August 17 and Preschool 3s begin on August 18. If you would like enrollment information for your child, please call the school at 840-9932.



LAUGHTER IS GOOD

Realizing at the last minute that it was his father's birthday, a teenage boy rushed to the corner store to grab a card.

He quickly found a son-to-father card but neglected to read it carefully. Later when his father opened his gifts, he nearly fainted. The card read, "Happy birthday to a wonderful Dad. Now that I'm a father too..."

The other day, Rosemary and Gino got into some petty argument.

To her credit, Rosemary finally said, "Look. I'll tell you what. I'll admit I'm wrong if you admit I was right."

"Fine," I said. She took a deep breath, looked me in the eye and said, "I'm wrong."

I grinned and replied, "You're right."

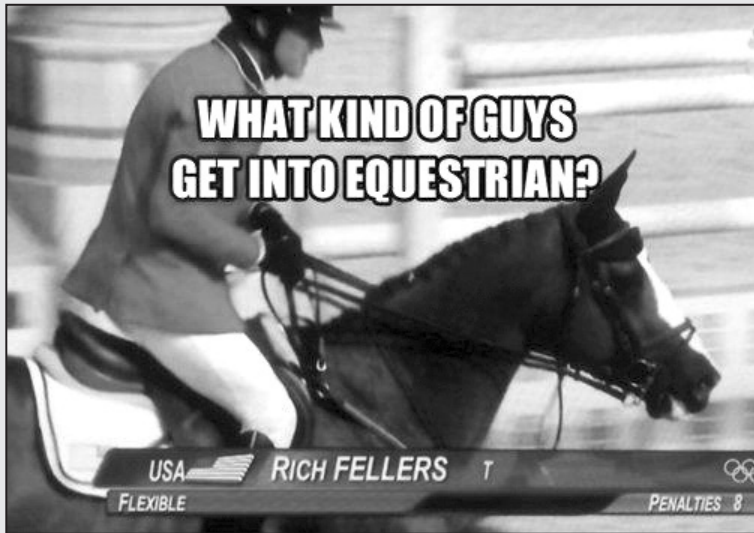


He started it



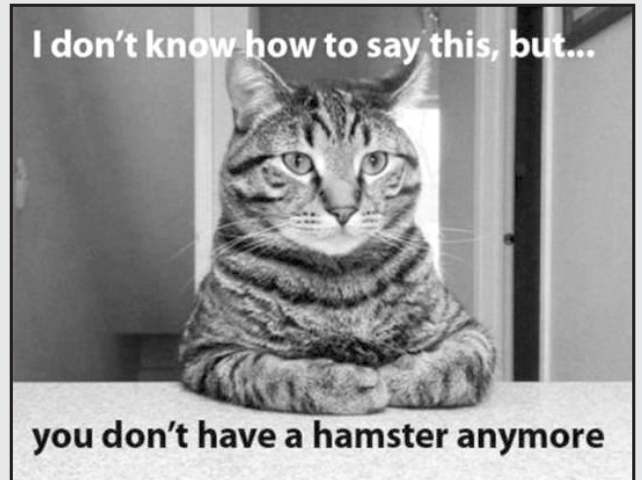
**YOU BUILD HOUSES IN MY WOODS:
I SWIM IN YOUR TINY LAKE.**

P.S. Where are the fish?



**WHAT KIND OF GUYS
GET INTO EQUESTRIAN?**

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I don't know how to say this, but...

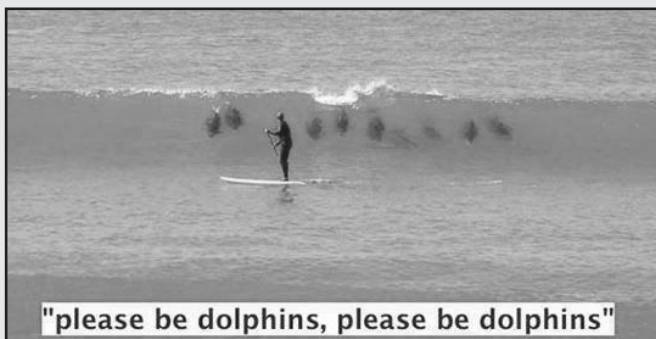
you don't have a hamster anymore



Hear no evil.

See no evil.

Evil.



"please be dolphins, please be dolphins"



**That moment
in an epic movie**

FR. MIKE'S SERMON FOR THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY

When Jesus says, "I have come to set the earth on fire," what does He mean? Jesus doesn't literally mean setting the earth on fire. Jesus is saying He wants to get people "fired-up," a phrase that means to "get enthused or excited." Jesus wants to get people spiritually excited to want God in their life. Jesus wants your heart to be a blazing fire of love for God. Jesus came into this world to get people to fall in love with God. Isn't it exciting to fall in love? I hope everyone has this experience sometime in their life because you will never forget it. How many songs, TV shows, books and movies center on falling in love? Remember when you fell in love? Here are some of the signs you are under love's spell:

- You get a feeling of extreme joy, sort of like a "runner's high." You smile for no reason. Others think you're crazy.
- From the moment you wake up in the morning to the moment you go to sleep at night, the person you love occupies at least some part of your mind.
- You are happy, even excited, to go out of your way in making that extra effort to please your beloved and show him or her how much you care.
- You do things out of your comfort zone, like a woman watching hours of football on a Sunday afternoon with her man or a man getting a pedicure with his woman.
- You'll do anything and make any sacrifice for your beloved.

Jesus loved His Father so much, He was in anguish until He completely fulfilled His Father's desire. He would do anything His Father asked. Jesus would make any sacrifice for His Father. Jesus was willing to give up the ultimate comfort zone – He would give up His life on the Cross. That was His baptism. But why would the Father will this for His Son? Why would Jesus desire this so much He felt pain until it was accomplished? Because the Father and Jesus are in love with you. They don't want to be separated from you even for a moment. The joy that lovers feel when they are together is the same joy God feels when He is with you. Jesus died to make sure we would never be separated again. God thinks about you all the time. Whatever is important to you is uppermost important to Him.

Now Jesus invites you to fall in love with God. Jesus wants you to get fired-up, excited about this. But how can I get excited about loving someone I don't see, can't touch, or even just sit next to me and chat? Last Sunday, I went to visit Cody and his two boys, where they stay at a hotel until their apartment is ready. Cameron is almost four and shy. He rarely talks. I never heard him put two words together. He covers his face like a burka and peeks out with his eyes. I won Cameron over with a little chocolate pie I bought for him. Then we started to play with his toys. The blanky fell to the ground as he felt safer. Soon, he was jumping all around me, climbing on my shoulders and playing to his heart's content. I was exhausted. I can see why God made young people to have kids. When it was time to leave, Cameron startled me. He stood close in front of me and spoke two words, "Gimme hug." He opened his arms, fully extending them like Jesus did on the Cross. I hugged him. As I walked out the door, I thought to myself, "I think I just hugged Jesus." When you show love to someone who needs it, you will see God, you will touch God, you will love God....