



The second gift suggested by the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is improved communication. Communication consists of two activities: talking and listening. Through improved talking and listening skills we grow in mutual respect, understanding, and love for each other.

It is the same with prayer during this baptismal-penitential season of Lent. By improving our talking and listening skills in our life of prayer we grow in our knowledge and love of God.

During Lent perhaps we all need to work on listening to God more in our prayer instead of doing all of the talking. After all, what God says to us is more important than what we have to say to Him.

DAILY LITURGIES AND INTENTIONS:				Readings for the Week of February 17, 2008	
Monday	February	18	Lenten Weekday Liturgy of the Word with Communion	Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	February	19	Lenten Weekday Father Jim - Birthday	Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	February	20	Lenten Weekday Deceased of the McLaughlin Family St. Mary Parishioners	Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	February	21	Lenten Weekday Liturgy of the Word with Communion	Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday	February	22	Lenten Weekday The Baker Family	Friday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday	February	23	Lenten Weekday Mary Ann Diewatkkoski	Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	February	24	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> Father Bill Kidwell S.J. Stacy Gabbart James & Alice Carberry St. Mary Community	Next Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42

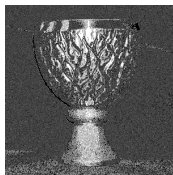
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**WELCOMED INTO THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY:**

Those who joined the Catholic Community through baptism on February 9 and 10, 2008 are:

- Noah Jackson Rinke** son of Kurt and Candace Rinke;
- Aubree Ann VonHolle** daughter of Shaina VonHolle;
- Ethan Christopher Quigley** son of James and Andrea Quigley



**THE "ELIJAH CUP"** is a chalice that is presented to a family each weekend at the end of Mass. The family takes the "Elijah Cup" home and uses it as a focal point while praying daily for an increase in religious vocations. The "Elijah Cup" is passed to a new family each week. Our Elijah cup is Fr. Jim's ordination chalice and paten. This week the Pancake family will be presented the Elijah cup at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The next scheduled families are:

- February 24, Beall family at 7:30 a.m. Mass
- March 2 Thomas family at 9:00 a.m. Mass

Call Rich Hobbs at 937-743-2485 to schedule a weekend or use the e-form at the parish website: <http://www.stmaryfranklin.org>.

**OUR GIFT IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S GENEROSITY: February 9-10**

\$16,549.50	285 envelopes	
\$13.00	6 children	
Ash Wednesday	\$2,109.04	86 envelopes
St. Vincent de Paul	\$580	4 envelopes

**Thank you,** your dedication to the continued fiscal health of the parish is greatly appreciated. Only those who use their contribution envelopes may request a yearend statement of contributions.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday	<b>Youth Night</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	<b>Jr. Hi Youth Night</b> at 6-8 pm <b>Rosary</b> at 6:30 p.m. <b>Parish Pastoral Council</b> at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday	<b>Ladies Society</b> at noon <b>RCIA</b> at 6:30 p.m.
Friday	<b>Fish Fry</b> at 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. <b>Stations of the Cross</b> at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday	<b>Youth Night</b> at 7:00 p.m.



Please pledge your support for six of our very important regional church ministries, through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. 100% of your contribution goes to Catholic Social Services, campus ministries, lay and ordained ministries education, St. Rita School for the Deaf, support of our retired priests, and chaplains for our hospitals and prisons. Help us meet our parish goal as you have in so many years past. You may visit [www.CatholicAppeal.info](http://www.CatholicAppeal.info) for more information and to make your pledge. Pledges can be made through our website [StMaryFranklin.org](http://StMaryFranklin.org), with a pledge envelope you will receive in the mail or pick one up from the radiators at the doors of the church.

**MEN! BECOME A BETTER INDIVIDUAL**, husband, father and follower of Christ. Enjoy a full day with other men from our parish at **The Catholic Men's Conference** on Saturday, March 1 at Music Hall, Cincinnati. It is a rare opportunity to join in prayer with other Catholic men of all ages, hear spiritual messages from top motivational speakers and take part in a moving celebration of the Mass that you will never forget. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. (doors open at 7:30 a.m.) and ends about 4:00 p.m. Ticket price is \$40 including lunch (if you can't afford it, contribute what you can.). St. Mary is obtaining a block of tickets. For information and tickets call Scott at 937-748-2163 or the parish office at 937-746-5404.



**TO THE PARENTS OF STUDENTS PREPARING FOR CONFIRMATION:** Application forms for Confirmation, baptismal certificates (if not baptized at St. Mary's), and service commitments were due February 10. **If you have not already done so, please turn this information into the parish office as soon as possible!**

**OPERATION RICE BOWL: A JOURNEY IN SOLIDARITY:** Operation Rice Bowl is a journey of prayer, fasting, learning and giving, all with an international flavor. To be a Catholic means to be linked not just to our local communities, but also to our global community. Last year, the \$8 million offered by participants in Operation Rice Bowl made a huge difference to people all around the world. Your family's participation during this Lenten season will challenge you to expand your own horizons. You will be provoked to alleviate suffering and combat injustice. You can help induce tremendous change: "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."

If you have not yet picked up a rice bowl and home calendar, they are available in the usher's room in the back of church.

**RCIA CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELECT!** Last Sunday at the Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion, three of our catechumens and candidates began the final stage of their preparation to enter the Church. They along with hundreds of others in the archdiocese were recognized for their progress and strengthened for the journey ahead. Please keep Delmar Jessee, Alex Klaber, and Jan Donihoo in your prayers as they continue on the road to the Easter sacraments.

**WHAT PART DOES FAITH PLAY IN OUR LIVES?** Faith is meant to be lived out in our everyday lives, not just something we profess on Sunday morning. For a perspective on living in the light of faith, come to the next RCIA session on **Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center.** The RCIA is for everyone in the parish – those new to the faith and old timers alike!

**DID YOU KNOW?** "Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. Then we shall see God face to face, as he is. So faith is already the beginning of eternal life." *Catechism of the Catholic Church, # 163.*

**TUITION ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE** for St. Mary parishioners who are sending or want to send their children to a Catholic school (K-12) for the coming school year 2008-2009. For information call the parish Business Manager Karen Kohl at 937-746-5404.

**ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. MARY:** We are planning a trip to La Comedia Dinner Theatre on Thursday, May 8 for their matinee performance of *West Side Story*. We need 20 participants to receive the discount rate of \$34.00 for the best seats in the house. If you are interested please contact Marge Borosic, 513-423-9332.



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS:** Come pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet** as part of your Lenten prayer. We will pray the chaplet at 6:30 p.m. before Wednesday evening Masses during Lent, including Ash Wednesday.



**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ARE SPONSORING ST. MARY LENTEN FISH FRYS! NEW THIS YEAR the chef from The Pub at the Greene is preparing the fish for the All-You-Can-Eat Fish Buffet complete with drinks and desserts (donated by Kroger) served every Friday in Lent, except Good Friday, from 5-8 p.m. with carryout available. Choice of baked or fried fish and multiple sides. All proceeds will benefit K of C charities and St. Vincent de Paul Society. Cost is adult \$10.00, seniors (60+) \$ 7.00, children (11 and younger) \$ 5.00, take-out \$7.00, family eat-in maximum \$30.00. If you can help, call Rocky at 937-743-0226.**

## Q Why is the narrative of Jesus' Transfiguration proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Lent?

Every Lectionary cycle narrates the temptations of Jesus on the first Sunday of Lent, while the second Sunday proclaims the Transfiguration narrative. Each liturgical year, these two Sundays form their own cluster, focusing on the difficulties of the Lenten journey, along with the ultimate goal of that journey, namely transformation in and through the risen Christ. The two Sundays act as an overture to the entire Lent/Easter season, the great 90 days.

Biblical scholars understand the Transfiguration to be a post-resurrection event that was projected into Jesus' ministry to communicate hope to his followers. In the midst of the difficult path leading to passion and death, this narrative ultimately assured victory for Jesus and his followers.

Yet, the Transfiguration narrative itself is suffused with references to passion and death. The disciples are told not to say anything to anyone, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. The evangelist's message is clear. The disciples will not understand what just happened until they experience the risen Christ in their midst. Also, transfiguration comes about only through the path leading to the tomb, to suffering and death. There is no path to transfiguration other than the tomb.

While Jesus' followers are being offered hope of ultimate victory, they must understand that it will cost dearly. Are they ready for the journey to Jerusalem?

This Lent, how ready are you for the inevitable journey to Jerusalem which is an integral part of following Jesus?

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**LADIES!** St. Mary Ladies' Society will meet **THIS THURSDAY**, February 21, at **NOON** in the meeting room behind the kitchen in the Parish Center. Don't forget to bring a bag lunch. Beverage and yummy dessert will be provided. With the **ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION** being held so early this year (March 9th), we have lots to discuss. Check out the display in the Parish Center showing the amazing **SEWING MACHINE** for the **SILENT AUCTION** and the beautiful **AFGHAN** to be raffled. In Pili's temporary absence, Anne Boyea is in charge of "Sunshine", so if you know of anyone who needs a card, please let her know. Remember, **ALL** the ladies of St. Mary Parish are members of the Ladies' Society. So come along and enjoy good food, lots of smiles, and warm friendship! If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Pantry basket.



### ATTENTION PARENTS OF 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS:

Would you like to know what is available for your kids above and beyond PSR? The Youth Ministry program presents a once a month meeting just for Junior High to provide team building, faith sharing and fun. This is an opportunity to meet new friends and become a part of something special at St. Mary's. Don't miss our meeting this Wednesday February 20 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Parish Center! We will also be discussing great summer opportunities!

### STORYTELLERS: YOUTH MINISTRY THROUGH DRAMA

is a group of area high school youth committed to spreading the Christian message using theatre arts. After successful productions in years past including *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Godspell*, the young people are proud to present the musical *No Greater Love*. This musical will take you on a whirlwind journey through the Old Testament and onward towards a powerful reflection of the Passion of Jesus Christ. In this Lenten season of preparation, spend an evening remembering God's message of love and hope through quality entertainment. Performances will be at 8:00 p.m. on February 29 at St. Brigid Church in Xenia and March 1 at St. Christopher Church in Vandalia. Performances are free with donations accepted at the doors. For more information, contact Janet Huelsman at 937-746-8709.

### FUN IN FEBRUARY:

- ♥ February 17 – High School Youth Night 7:15
- ♥ February 20 – Junior High Youth Night 6 – 8 pm
- ♥ February 24 – High School Youth Night 7:15
- ♥ February 27 – Mission Trip Meeting 7:00

**PROBLEMS NEED TO BE SHARED:** help is available for our parishioners through the Pastoral Counseling of Miami Valley Hospital. They provide counseling based on both the wisdom of religious teaching and the knowledge and skills of professional training. Their services are available to parishioners at a 50% reduction in price. In addition, most insurance plans are accepted. Use of this service is available to parishioners of all ages. The Pastoral Counseling Center is located at 409 E. Monument Ave., Dayton. Call 937-208-6606 for information or to make an appointment.



**Don't forget the St. Patrick Ham Dinner coming Sunday, March 9!!**



# BEYOND THE PARISH

**TRAVELING MONSTRANCE:** To foster adoration before the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for vocations, Pope John Pall II blessed six monstrances to travel to six continents. St. Rita Parish, 5401 N. Main St., Dayton will celebrate Eucharistic adoration using the monstrance Sunday, February 17 beginning at 1:00 p.m. A special Holy Hour for Vocations will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. At 7:00 p.m. a simple soup Lenten meal will be served. Donations will be accepted to support.

**YOUNG ADULTS! HOW ARE YOU CELEBRATING LENT?** A small group of young adults is meeting in Centerville at 7 p.m. Mondays during Lent for dinner, prayer, and conversation on the topic of simplicity as it relates to our faith. If transportation is difficult or you just want to save gas, we can carpool. Call Marv Nieport at 937-570-7243 if you are interested or you just have questions.

**THE DAYTON SEPARATED, WIDOWED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP** meets the First and Third Sunday's of each month at Incarnation's Parish Center located behind the church. All are welcome. Doors open at 7:00 pm). The program begins at 7:30. For more information call Roger Bardsley at 937-291-2040. .

**PROVIDENCE JOURNEY:** A "Come and See" event with the Sisters of Divine Providence for women exploring God's call. Begins at 7 p.m. on February 22 and ends at 8 p.m. on February 23. There will be prayer, sharing, time for questions and interactions with sisters and women who are discerning their life call. Held at Moye Spiritual Life Center/St. Anne Convent in Melbourne, Kentucky. Contact Sr. Fidelis Tracy at 859-441-0700 ext. 324 or [vocation@cdpkentucky.org](mailto:vocation@cdpkentucky.org)

**LENT LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**  
**Regular weekday and Sunday Mass, Liturgy and confession Schedules**  
**Mass every Wednesday of February and Wednesday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, March 5 First Reconciliation 7:00 p.m.**  
**Wednesday, March 12 Parish Communal Penance Service 7:00 p.m.**  
**Way of the Cross every Friday of Lent 7:00 p.m.**

**NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY SCHEDULES:**

February 23-24	4:00 p.m. Sat.	7:30 a.m. Sun.	9:00 a.m. Sun.	10:30 Sun.	6:30 p.m.
<b>Servers</b>	Arizona Craycraft Brian Fry	Allison Moore	Sean Pfeifer Katie Pfeifer	Genevieve Nenninger Claire Nenninger	Marissa Werling Matthew Werling
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Pat Bosway Jeff Calton Lynne Calton Joe Borosic	Kristine Brown Linda Brownfield Tim Cable Mark Dietsch	Walter Mauck Wilse Nickerson Dave Potts Doug Schaaf	M Whiteley Walt Beatty Judy Beatty Marge Braun	K Fish D Fish Andrea Dapkus Greg Mahle
<b>Lectors</b>	Chuck Dallavo	Mike Hutchinson	Mike Pfeifer	Joe Couture	Tim Werling
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	De Graaf	Williams	Williams		Duckett

**Thought for today**

This Lent Jesus invites us to go up on a mountain, to spend extra time in prayer. Don't be afraid of what you might experience. Trust that God is leading you to greater understanding.  
 (Matthew 17:1-9)

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**OUR DOORS ARE OPEN:** No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image; you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. Mary Parish.