



Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28b-36

"How good it is for us to be here," says Peter on the mountain of the Transfiguration. It is good for us to be here, and yet, though we are often in the presence of the risen Lord - in the Eucharist, in the scriptures, in the assembly of two or more in his name – we do not always abbey the voice from the cloud and "Listen to him." One of the most truly annoying things that can occur is to be with someone who is not with you. The realization that one has been speaking for some time to someone whose thoughts are elsewhere can be terribly frustrating. Have we been a potential source of frustration to the Lord? One of the blessings of stewardship is that it focuses our attention. If we are concerned about making the best use of time, talent and treasure to please the Lord we are likely to be listening. Our stewardship transfigures our discipleship.

Prayer Request Hotline

The Prayer Request Hotline is in service. The number is 533-5500 ext. 5770. For anyone who is in need of prayer, or if you know someone who is in need of prayer, call and leave your prayer request on the message system. Questions, or if you would like to be a prayer partner, please call Marlene Berning (321-7911).

Not a lector but interested in something for Lent and beyond for Scripture study? Extra lector workbooks are now available for a \$10 donation, in the sacristy or the parish office.

-Remember St. Mary Parish in your will-

masses

Tuesday, February 26

7:30 a.m. Sp. Int. Koslovsky Family

Wednesday, February 27

9:00 a.m. James McDermott-Joe & Christine Conte

Thursday, February 28

7:30 a.m. Maria Schenk

Friday, March 1

9:00 a.m. Sp. Int. Julie Schoettinger Chimenti

Saturday, March 2

9:00 p.m. Mary Sweeney-Hamilton Family 4:00 p.m. Anne Eberle-Tom & Rosemary Bosco

Sunday, March 3

8:00a.m. Fr. Ray Aichele-Don & Jane Gardner 9:30a.m. Henrietta Basler-Helen & Stan Vollman 11:30a.m. For the People of the Parish

servers

Saturday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Alexandra & Nicholas Czepukaitis 4:00 p.m. Maggie Galemmo, Riley Dugan, Samantha Schuermann

Sunday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Claire Schneider, Matthew Proietti, Caroline Farrell

9:30 a.m. Katie Frey, Liza Semona, Grace Yearout 11:30 a.m. Olivia Fitzgerald, Charlie Schenk, Catherine Bell

readings

For Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday of Lent Exodus 17:3-7
Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
John 4:5-42

Collection, Sunday, February 17......14,747.15
Projected weekly Collection23,988.42
Collection under budget, Feb. 17.....9,241.27

Want to write fewer checks? Sign up for *Electronic Fund Transfer*. To enroll pick up the gold enrollment form found in the vestibule or go to our website www.smchp.com and click on "Giving" found at the top of the main page. Any questions? **Call Angie Pfaller (321-1207 ext 5502).**

weekly collection

From the desk of Fr. Ken

Today's Gospel is The Transfiguration. Jesus took Peter, James and John up on the Mount and was transfigured in from of their eyes by showing them this radiant glory. Peter wanted to stay up there, Jesus said otherwise, for He had to come back down from this Mount in order to climb another Mount. The Mount of Calvary. The Crown of Glory could not happen without the cross. No cross, no crown. Jesus couldn't have the latter without the former. By the way, neither can we.





2013 Catholic Ministries Appeal

This weekend we will be listening to an audio message from Archbishop Schnurr explaining how our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal is part of our commitment to our faith, and asking every Catholic household to make a pledge. Thanks to all from St. Mary, Hyde Park who contributed to the 2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please know that your participation is vital to reaching our parish goal.

Worship 101

"Why do we have Reconciliation Services during Lent?"

During Lent most parishes offer extra times when the Sacrament of Reconciliation can be celebrated. Many parishes include in that schedule a communal reconciliation service which includes individual celebration of the sacrament. Part of the intent of the communal celebration is to acknowledge the communal effect of sin, and our need to be reconciled with one another.

This is an opportunity to affirm our interdependence as we prepare for Easter. Such services help facilitate the Church's requirement for the sacrament of reconciliation: that "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." Additionally, anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion until having gone to confession.

Thomas, Caroline. Ministry Resource Update.

Do you have a question you want answered? Send your questions to connieerdmann555@hotmail.com or call the parish office (321-1207). You may even drop them in the collection basket. We look forward to hearing them.

Parish Lenten Penance Service

Thursday, March 7, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

Lenten Evening Prayer

Tuesday, March 19th at 7 p.m. in Church



sms school news

FROM OUR SCHOOL OFFICE

SMS Students have been traveling abroad and hosting international students over the past few weeks. Eight students and a teacher chaperone returned from Mexico City on Feb. 16 and we immediately

welcomed eight students and teacher chaperone from the same school visited, Instituto Educativo Olinca. An assembly will take place this Thursday, Feb. 28 for us to formally bid our guests a fond farewell and provide them an opportunity to share their culture through song and dance.

Two groups of 8th grade students and their chaperones have passed in the airport coming and going for their study at Morgan's Educational Lodge on the Osa Peninsula of Costa Rica. The Osa Peninsula is home to the largest Pacific rain forest and the most important biological preserve in the Americas.

Please visit us at www.smshp.com to learn more, view pictures of the life at SMS, and also to follow a blog of our 8th grade Costa Rica travelers!

A few Kindergarten openings are still available for the 2013-2014 school year...we would be delighted to give you a personal tour of the school...please call the school office at (321-0703).

Tuition Reminder

- In order for students to receive their 2nd trimester report cards all tuition must be up to date. To be up to date, tuition payments are to have been made for July through February.
- If you are delinquent for any amount, your child's report card will be held (unless prior arrangements have been made).
- Final tuition payments are due in April. If tuition is not paid in full by April 20, a late fee of \$100 per child will be assessed (unless prior arrangements have been made). Questions, please call Angie Pfaller, Business Manager, 321-1207 ext 5502.

SMS Treasures Drop-off

The SMS Treasures Committee will be accepting donations every Monday from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Rectory basement! Last Monday to drop-off is March 18th! After that date, please hold on to your items until March 23rd when you can drop-ff donations at the gym. REMEMBER, the sale is March 24th from noon till 5 p.m. The proceeds of the sale benefit the many projects that the PTO Sponsors for the Teachers and Students of St. Mary School!

Donations can include new or gently used clothing, household items, books, small appliances and furniture. If you need help transporting your donations or have a question, please call Beth Murray (265-1298). Thanks!!

A Prayer to Avoid Entitlement

by Richard Rohr

The Jewish people have a beautiful prayer form, a kind of litany to which the response is always "Dayenu!" (It would have been enough!).

They list, one by one, the mirabilia Dei, the wonderful works of God for their people and themselves, and after each one, shout out DAYENU! As if to say, "How much is it going to take for us to know that God is with us?!" It builds satisfaction instead of feeding dissatisfaction.

If we begin our day with any notion of scarcity, notenoughness, victimhood, or "I deserve," I promise you the day will not be good--for you or for those around you. Nor will God be glorified.

Maybe we all should begin our days with a litany of satisfaction, abundance, and enoughness. God, you have given me another day of totally gratuitous life: my health, my eyes, my ears, my mind, my taste, my family, my freedom, my education, clean water, more than enough food, a roof over my head, a warm bed and blanket, friends, sunshine, a beating heart, and your eternal love and guidance.

To any one of these we must say, "And this is more than

enough!"

(Adapted from a post to Fr. Richard's blog, Unpacking Paradoxes, on January 30, 2012)

Pastoral Care of the Sick

This workshop is designed for Extraordinary Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick. The workshop will assist participants in understanding the emotional and spiritual needs of the sick and elderly and how best to serve their needs. The workshop will be taking place on March 12 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Liberty Twp., March 12 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at St. Vivian Church, Cincinnati, March 13 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, Botkins, and March 13 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Centerville. The presenters are Karen Kane and Candi Rinderle. For more information and registration, please go to http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/ministries-offices/worship/ and scroll down to the upcoming events.

25th/50th Wedding Anniversaries

Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 2 p.m., Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, will be the celebrant at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral for all couples celebrating their 50th/25th Wedding Anniv. during 2013. Parishioners should notify Connie at the Parish Office (321-1207) by Mar. 8, 2013.

FOCCUS Training

March 5 & 12 at Our Lady of Visitation Church, Cinti., 7-9:30 p.m. Please call Bonnie Mack (ext. 2624) or Louise Davis (ext. 2621) at (421-3131) to register. If you have questions or just considering, please give Margaret Shank at call in her office (321-1207 ext. 5521). Don't let the cost of registration stop you-the parish will provide.

calendar

Please visit www.smchp.com for the most current info. Tuesday, February 26:

Worship Commission, Seton Ctr., 7 pm Discipleship Commission, Seton Ctr., 7 pm Wednesday, February 27:

1st Discernment Session, Seton Ctr. Marian Rm., 7 pm Confession, Church, 6:30-8 pm.

Choir, Robisch Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 2:

Protecting God's Children Class, Robisch Hall 9 am.-12:30 pm

Bid n Buy Party, Pub Crawl, Robisch Hall, 5 pm Sunday, March 3

PTO Senior Bingo, Robisch Hall, 2-4 pm

Operation Rice Bowl

The US Bishops, through Catholic Relief Services, provide Operation Rice Bowl materials as a way to educate American Catholics on poverty around the world, to promote prayer for the needs of the poor, and to collect donations to end the suffering engendered by poverty. Be sure to put the cardboard bowl and the ORB calendar in a prominent place in your home and use the materials as part of your Lenten practices.

youth ministry

Registration form available at:

Everything youth ministry at: www.smchp.com, call 533-5525 or email keith: kpfaller@smshp.com

young adult ministry

Young adult ministry (20s and 30s) is meeting every 4th Tuesday at 6:30pm at different restaurants. Check out our Facebook page for more information: http://www.facebook.com/groups/stmaryya/

Little Cougars Spring Soccer 2013 begins March 20th thru April 24th. Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Open to Fall 2013 and Fall 2014 St. Mary Parish and School Kindergarteners. Parent-coaches needed.

Parishioners called to Military Service

If you know of a parishioner who is called into, or presently serving in, our country's military forces please notify the parish secretary at (321-1207). We want to keep these men and women in our prayers. In serving honorably, they contribute to the good of the nation and the preservation of peace (Catechism of the Catholic Church #2310). Please keep the following in your prayers: Craig Blessing, Tony DeFilippo, Louis Hamilton, Jr., Dom Lanzillotta, Ewan MacDougall, Ella Micheli, Johnathon Micheli, Michael O'Connor, Amy Rohs, Todd Seurkamp, Todd Smyth, Nathan Thamann.



An open invitation to any Catholic divorced.

"I have been divorced (at least) a year and have not had this marriage "annulled" by the Catholic Church. I have remarried/not remarried/considering remarriage. I want to be able to attend/return to Mass and receive Holy Communion/the Sacraments. Can someone help me?"

As part of the Catholics Come Home initiative we would like to extend an invitation to any individual divorced who wishes to explore obtaining a "declaration of nullity" (annulment) to contact Margaret Shank to discuss their situation and start the process. Margaret can be contacted at mshank@smshp.com.

Saint Augustine, a convert to the faith at age 33, once said, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

Jesus wants to invite you back into His big, warm and loving Catholic family in the Church He founded 2,000 years ago. He's calling you home, but the choice is yours...

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Please allow 10 days for processing. You are reminded that unidentified cash donations cannot be posted or tracked. Thank you for your "treasure" in 2012.

PTO Sponsored Senior Bingo

All Seniors Welcome! Sunday, March 3 from 2-4 p.m. in Robisch Hall Enjoy bingo, desserts, entertainment and fabulous door prizes!! Questions, contact Christine 321-1726.

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