# Evangelization Etiquette:

A How-to Guide to Confidently Share the Good News
Week Five: **Listen First, Speak Second**

Today's tip asks us to listen — not to respond, but to actually listen. Think about the last time someone was mid-sentence and you were already forming your reply. You weren't really hearing them anymore; you were waiting for your turn. Maybe that's happened to you too.

On the road to Emmaus, Jesus does the opposite. He falls in step with two grieving disciples and asks, "What are you discussing?" Then he lets them talk — their confusion, their disappointment, their shattered hope — before he says a single word back. Only once he's truly heard them does he begin to speak, and by the time they sit down to eat together, their eyes are opened and they finally recognize him.

Now remember a time when someone really listened to you — fully engaged, hanging on your every word. Chances are it changed how open you were to hear something back from them. That's the trade at the heart of evangelization: people become willing to be spoken to only after they've felt truly heard.
Stay tuned next week for another evangelization etiquette tip. For the greater glory of God, **Jean Lovell**

**Brothers and Sisters:**
**Blessings from your St Mary's Evangelization & Outreach Ministry team**

I find myself drawn to St Joesph, the foster father of Jesus, because I see so much in him that I would like to replicate in me as a Father and Husband. I start with the fact that he is the 2nd Saint in the Catholic church, not in declaration by the Church, but by his chronological relationship with Jesus. Using my approach, we all know that Mary is the first Saint, touched by the Angel Gabriel, who called her to be the mother of our Savior. St Joseph was next, first called to remain the husband of Mary and then to save Mary and Jesus by moving them to Egypt. Have you ever thought what it was like to move your family and your business 420 miles in the first year of your son's life?

Maragret and I (and our children) moved together 11 times, the longest being 1100 miles. But we had someone load our furniture into a van and unload it on the other end, put our cars on a train, etc. Joseph had to move their household goods, his carpenter tools, Mary and a newborn baby with minimal assistance. Was it by mule, or donkey or camel? In a caravan? At the rate of 10 to 20 miles per day, it would have taken Joseph, Mary and Jesus 40 days to make the journey. Can you imagine sleeping under the stars with a newborn and finding a place to live in a strange country? SUCH FAITH!

Joseph as the foster father to Jesus, was charged with raising him in concert with Mary. Look at how well Jesus matured as a human being accentuated by his God side. Jesus, as a loyal Jew, would have followed the rules and guidance of his parents. Can you imagine guiding Jesus to adulthood? Do you ever wonder if Joseph had to discipline Jesus? How did he do it? Did he need to occasionally give Him a pat on the backside as I did with our children? I know that Jesus was without sin for His entire life, but children will be children and often take risks when the opportunity presents itself! Only Joseph, Mary and Jesus know about his childhood, including learning the carpenter trade to support Mary after Joseph passed away. I have so many questions and so few answers.

That is why I pray daily to Joseph, along with Mary, for them to intercede on my behalf with their Son, Jesus Christ. I believe that Mary and Joseph are very close to Jesus in heaven and they have His ear. So, my prayers of thanks and intercession, sent through Mary and Joseph to Jesus, are hopefully amplified by their voices. So, my Lord and Savior, "please hear my prayers and keep Margaret and me on the path that provides for eternal life with You and guide me in service to You as I use the chrisms you have granted me".

**May Jesus bless you, your family and friends. Duane Wolter**

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| **Office Hours at St Mary: Erin is in the office on Tuesday 9AM-4 PM (Fr Tom leaves about 3:00) and Thursday from 9-4PM**<br>**Fr Tom's office hours are by appointment. Please call the office or the rectory to make an appointment.** |
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# ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## September 19-20, 2026

Welcome Visitors and Guests!
Bienvenido a los Visitantes y Huéspedes!
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***The deadline for Calendar submissions for the October Calendar Bulletin is 9/22/2026***

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| **Saturday, September 19** | **5:00 PM** | **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**- For the Soul of Rose Shelton |
| **Sunday, September 20** | **8:30 AM** | **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time-** Intentions: For the Soul of Jill Robey |
| **Domingo 20 Septiembre** | **6:00 PM** | **25th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**- por los fieles de la parroquia |
| Monday, September 21 | 8:00 AM | Intentions: For the Soul of Inge Cohen |
| Tuesday, September 22 | Noon | Intentions: For the Soul of Patrick Collins |
| Wednesday, September 23 | 6:00 PM | Intentions: For the Soul of Lewis Garst |
| Thursday, September 24 | 8:00 AM | Intentions: For the Soul of Felix Bello Perez |
| Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 AM – 10:00 PM | | |
| Friday, September 25 | 8:00 AM | Intentions: For the Soul of Donna Rossi |
| **Saturday, September 26** | **5:00 PM** | **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**- For the Soul of Oliver Shelton |
| **Sunday, September 27** | **8:30 AM** | **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time-** Intentions: For the Soul of Jill Robey |
| **Domingo 27 Septiembre** | **6:00 PM** | **26th Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario**- por los fieles de la parroquia |

If you have Mass intentions, please contact Fr. Tom or Erin in the office.

Mass Ministers: Please try to arrive at least 10 minutes prior to the start of Mass.
When/if you are unable to fulfill your scheduled Mass Ministry, please find a replacement Thank You, Fr. Tom

Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement (270) 586-7425 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-KYSAFE1).
The Diocese of Owensboro seeks to help all who have been sexually abused and especially those abused by a person working for the Church, paid or unpaid, either past or present. To report such abuse, please call the diocesan Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (270-852-8380). The revised sexual abuse policy, which explains fully the diocese's efforts to address sexual abuse in the Church, can be found in the back of the church on the parish bulletin board and on the diocesan web site (https://owensborodiocese.org/safe).

If you are sick, or know someone who is ill, we want to include them in our prayers.
Please contact Erin in the parish office on 270-586-4515 or by email so our parish can pray for you and your caregivers.
Please Remember in Your Prayers the Following Parishioners, Family and Friends: David Kelly, The Cozzy Family, Cindy & John Janicek, Harry & Mae King, Sandra Bracy, Richard Hearns, Judy Cates, Helen, Ed, and Ben Berry, Tom, Margaret, Roger, and Sherrie Berry, Gail Hall, DeWayne, Susie, Kassidie, Katie, and Kennedie Kirkham, Mary, and Bill Sloan

Please keep our deceased family and friends in your daily prayers: Harry King, Regina Cozzy, Lewis Garst, Calvin Oshefsky, Patrick Collins, Gracie Scott, Carol Sue Durbin, Charles Andrew Yanov, Jason W. Bracy, Mary Barnes, Conner Sheahan, Marie Watson, Debbie Head, Crystal Becker, Andrew & Michael Garrett, Angela Berry Maynard, Sarah Drake, Basil Trouten Sr., Hilda Trouten, Dorthy O'Bryan, Joseph Hagan, Susie Wyatt, Miriam Harbin, Roger Farley, Dr A.V. Wilwayco, Frank & Marie Farmer, Keith Obriskie, Gail Briley, Helen Garst, Lois Oshefsky, Andy Herrmann, John Herrmann, Sharon Henderson, Sr Maretta Murphy IHM, Dr John Kelly, Ellie Mirgaux, Mike Glodoski, Rhonda Barrow and Rose Vogt
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The challenge in today's Gospel, is to forget how others have behaved toward us and to look to God's way of loving and forgiving. Our focus must be on God. When you place your donation in the jar for the coin shake next weekend, please also ask yourself, **"Is there a neighbor or friend of yours who is in temporary need because of a loss of a job or an illness? Please ask them to visit Society of St. Vincent de Paul this Tuesday…we want to help!"**

***Be sure to mark your calendars for the Fall Taster's Luncheon on October 21! It's never too early to invite all your friends and coworkers***

St. Mary's St. Vincent de Paul Conference annual Mass of Celebration, commemorating the founding of the Society by St. Vincent de Paul is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th at noon. All parishioners, members of our Conference, are invited to join in the celebration. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food to be brought forward with the bread and wine.

**The Parish Mission will be held on October 26-28 presented by the Fathers of Mercy. Please save the date.**

**To My Brothers and Sisters in Christ of St Mary**

**Happy Fall season from your Acts 2:42 St Mary's small group team who are meeting each month. We are so grateful to the Lord for making our small groups an important part of our parish community and spiritual life! We pray you are moved by the Holy Spirit to attend one of our monthly small group meetings. The meetings scheduled for September are Thursday, October 8th at 1:30 PM in the large classroom**
**Monday, October 12th at 6:30PM in the Parish Center**

**Come and enjoy the beauty and warmth found within our brothers and sisters in Christ. Join us and share the joy of fellowship over prayers, readings, discussions and refreshments. See you there and may God Bless you! Questions? Call or text Duane Wolter at 954-591-1400**

Are you interested in faith, fellowship, and serving our parish? Join us for the initial meeting of the Knights of Columbus Round Table on Sunday, September 20,2026, at 7:00PM in the Parish Hall. The meeting will begin immediately following the 6:00PM Mass. All men of the parish are welcome to attend and learn more. Grand Knight Garcia from the Knights of Columbus Christ the King Council 16232 will talk about the Round Table discussion and answer all questions.

St Mary's Ladies' guild is sponsoring a clothing bin at Isaiah House and needs girl clothing, size 5 and 6. The clothes must be new with tags. Please contact Sheila Jeffers (210-859-4381) if you are interested in helping with this mission.

The month of October is dedicated to Stewardship. Very soon each household will receive important related materials. Watch your mailbox!

| As of 0915/26 | | | | | |
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| Budget Needs 2025-26 | Weekly | $ 4,038 | Budget YTD Needs | $ | 39,615 |
| Received last week | | $ 5,962 | Received YTD | $ | 46,450 |
| Difference | | $ 1,942 | | $ | 6,835 |
| On Going Projects | Last Week | $ 50 | YTD | $ | 651 |

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 20<br>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>8:30 AM Mass<br>***Catechist Sunday***<br>6:00 PM Misa | 21<br>8:00 AM Mass | 22<br>SVDP 10:30-2<br>Noon Mass | 23<br>6:00 PM Mass<br>Religious Education | 24<br>8:00 AM Mass<br>6:00 PM OCIA | 25<br>8:00 AM Mass<br>6:00 PM Rehearsal | 26<br>12:00 Wedding Campos-Borja<br>3:30 PM Confessions<br>5:00 PM Mass |

**Mass Attendance— 09/12 5:00 PM- 82 09/13 8:30 AM-101 09/13 6:00 PM-8**

**Please pray for our military:** Jack Jeffers, Army, Ft Carson, Colorado Springs, CO.; Eric Rafferty, Air Force, England; Korbin Bray, US Navy, Japan; Capt. Ryan Berry, USMC California; Jonathan Thompson, Navy, Jacksonville, FL; Ariel Molina Jr, Marines, Pensacola, FL.
Please call the office to add a name

Prayer For Our Men and Women in Military Service: O Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity, and devotion to the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Guard our churches, our factories, our buildings, and all those within from harm and peril. Protect our land and its people from enemies within and without. Grant an early peace with victory founded in justice. Instill in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere a firm purpose to live forever in peace and good will towards all. Amen

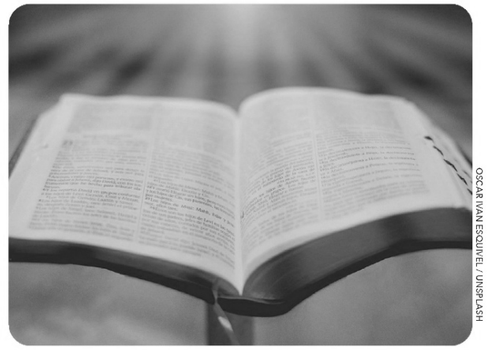
**Volunteer Appreciation Dinner September 20, 2026**

The Volunteer Appreciation Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Monday October 5 at 6:30 pm. All who volunteer in any way at St. Mary are welcome to attend as well as family members. Please sign up by October 1 to help us better prepare. Contact Fr. Tom Buckman for more information

Congratulations to parents Andrew and Ana (Perrusquia) Mantlo on the baptism of their infant daughter Allie Kate Mantlo on September 12, 2026

# Dear Padre,

***Adam and Eve had two sons and maybe others not mentioned in the Bible. How were others born without having committed incest?***



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This is a perfectly valid question, and one that I think many people have probably asked themselves at one time or another. Unfortunately, it is the wrong question, because it does not reflect the true meaning of the story.

The story about Adam and Eve is not a literal story or, in other words, a story that would be reported by CNN or FOX News. It is a teaching story, intended to encourage belief in the creative power of God at work in his creation. It is not, nor has it ever been, a literal step-by-step tutorial of the early days of the human race.

The bible includes different literary forms: narrative or history, poetry and songs, parables, letters, genealogies, and more. Knowing what form is being used, the purpose of the passage, who is writing or talking, and the intended audience is the work of Scripture scholars. The story of creation is not intended to be literal; it is inspirational. ●

***Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org***

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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

***It is a great sign of hope—especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars—to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith: it is…a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.***

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

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## Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about ***Dear Padre***.

**Monday**
September 21
*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

**Tuesday**
September 22
*Weekday*
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

**Wednesday**
September 23
*St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*
Prv 30:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

**Thursday**
September 24
*Weekday*
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

**Friday**
September 25
*Weekday*
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

**Saturday**
September 26
*Weekday*
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

**Sunday**
September 27
*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Ez 18:25–28
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5
Mt 21:28–32

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