



## MY STORY OF DISCIPLESHIP

by Carol Jones, Saint James Parishioner

Remember the Catholic tradition of the rice bowl - put it in the middle of your table, have one meager meal a week and donate the savings to charity at the end of Lent? I thought I could use my talent of entertaining and cooking (cooking? - well, that's debatable!); my time to plan, prepare, and host the event; and my treasures to pay for the meal and take this concept to a bigger level than just a family meal. I coordinated with St. Vincent DePaul to donate the proceeds to them and the first year hosted around 60 guest at three dinners of bean soup and cornbread and raised over \$2000 for St. Vincent - I was amazed! .



Last year I contacted the Community Foundation of Central Kentucky and the United Way of Central Kentucky for help in expanding this idea. They designed the "Frugal Meal" logo and helped last Lenten season to spread the word of this new initiative. Seventeen families hosted frugal meals for 13 local non-profit agencies that serve the needy in our community and raised over \$20,000. Many of St. James parishioners hosted meals that benefited St. Vincent DePaul, Warm Blessings, and Panther Place.



Coming Together For a Common Cause

I am currently working with CKCF and UWCK to expand the "Frugal Meal Initiative" for this Lenten season and am very thankful that I am able to help these charitable organizations by using my time and talents. Even more, I am thankful to the many kind people who have stepped forward to help! Please call 270-737-6293 if you are so moved!

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This is my discipleship story. What is your story? We would love for you to share your stories with the parish. Please submit your discipleship stories to Jennifer Moran in the parish office. You may either email them to [jmoran@stjames-etown.org](mailto:jmoran@stjames-etown.org) or drop off in the office. By sharing your story, you are allowing us to share it broadly with our parish community. Thank you in advance for providing us all the inspiration we need to be better disciples each and every day.



## OUR STORY OF DISCIPLESHIP

by Patrick and Debbie Meredith, Saint James Parishioners

*“INSPIRED”*

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Saint James Catholic Church,

I was asked to write a few words of what inspires me to serve God and his People. I'm not sure a few words will be sufficient, but will try.

Here is only one of many times the Lord has blessed, intervened, and protected me and also my wife. Several years ago, but still very alive in our minds, my wife Debbie and I were headed home. We were on Pear Orchard road heading towards the intersection of North Miles and French street. The light was green for us and for anyone on French.

We were going straight through to French street from Pear Orchard and another car was approaching from French street. The car approaching was turning left onto North Miles. In all correctness, the car was to wait for us to get through the intersection before turning. The oncoming car did not stop, turned left while we were in the intersection. What happened next is the miracle that God performed for my wife and me. He sent the oncoming car straight through our car without anyone being injured or killed. Once Debbie and I crossed the intersection onto French street, we looked at one another and asked, “What just happened?” Of course, we knew at that moment what had happened and what God had just done for us. Even though this occurred several years ago, we think of that night often.



This was just one of many instances of why I am inspired to serve God and his people as a prior Choir Member, Cantor, Eucharistic Minister, Lector, and Sacristan. We owe God so, so much for what he has done and is still doing in all of our lives.

Your Brother and Sister in Christ,  
*Patrick and Debbie Meredith*