

# STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

The St. Anthony & St. Mary Newsletter

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## Stewardship Thought

Prayer makes your heart bigger,  
until it is capable of containing  
the gift of God Himself.  
Mother Teresa

**Lord hear our prayer . . .** Ken Bauer, Matt Buchanan, Berni Cardwell, Joanne Cerilli, Neil Charville, Aggie Daily, Barbara Dennis, Florence Doughty, Vonnie Fannin, Matt Fisher, Julie Fritz Puckett, Norb Gates, Adrian Go, Dawn Good, Veronica Hemchack, Pat Herb, Paul Hinckley, Glen Hopkins, Pauline Jones, Judy & Norm Kettle, Marge Kromer, Ed Latrany, Kristen Lieber, Mary Lou Linkous, Matthew Lucal, Nathan Lucal, Alexander Maxis, Lanny McLaughlin, Steve Moffing, Herschell Newhouse, Pauline O'Donnell, Mr. & Mrs. Richard O'Donnell, Jon Ott, Gerald Riedy, Anthony Ringholz, Patty Ringholz, Alicia Rospert-Hoffman, Chase Sammut, Claranne Schick, Dorothy Schick, Dorothy Silcox, Bonnie Smith, Patty Smith, Jake Stoll, Jan Stoneham, Chris Thayer, Chris Toney, Virginia Toney, Wil Vickery, Molly Vogus, Mary White, Florence Young and Charlotte Zacharysz.

**Lord hear our prayer . . .** for all the people in the armed services.

Be assured that our Parish Family prays for each and every one of you for the extra crosses, sicknesses and deaths that you bear in your lives.

## *New Parishioners*

Please welcome

Brandon & Melissa Hahn

Gene Miller

David & Marianne Luna &  
daughters Elisa, Nicole &- Jaclyn

We are glad you joined our parish family!

## *Happy Birthday!*

Tim Cardwell turned 40 on January 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Fr. Speier's birthday is February 26<sup>th</sup>.

## *Baptisms*

Matthew Loveday Goodrich  
son of Steven & Nichole Goodrich  
was Baptized on January 6, 2007.

Brooklynn Ann & Elizabeth Marie Ours  
daughters of Stephen & Melissa Ours  
were Baptized on January 14, 2007

Haley Elyssa Boes  
daughter of Aaron & Carrie Boes  
was Baptized on January 21, 2007

May they grow in the love of God's family.

## *Deaths*

### *Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy*

are offered to the Pam and Jay Caizzo and family for the death of Pam's mother, Connie Hammersmith. May Connie rest in peace.

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are offered to the Sylvia Leos and family for the death of her son, Michael Mortenson. May Michael rest in peace.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 2/2 **Presentation of our Lord**  
2/3 & **Blessing of St. Blasé** at all Masses  
2/4  
2/4 **Coffee & Donuts** at St. Anthony after the 10:30am Mass  
**Blood Pressure Screening** at St. Anthony after the 10:30am Mass  
**Talent Show Auditions** at St. Mary @ 1pm  
**Youth Group Mtg.** at St. Anthony's Hall @ 7pm  
2/7 **55 Plus Club Monthly Luncheon** at Sugar Creek Restaurant @ 11:30am  
**NCS Governing Board Meeting**  
2/10 & **Aluminum Can Drive** at St. Mary Campus  
2/11  
2/11 **Adult Faith Formation** - "Lent . . . a Time of Preparation" presented by Linda Salmons at St. Anthony's Hall from 9:30 to 10:15am (before the 10:30am Mass) - See article

- Pancake & Sausage Breakfast with Silent Auction** at NCS St. Paul cafeteria from 8:30am to 12:30pm for the NCS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Washington DC  
**First Reconciliation** for St. Anthony & St. Mary students at St. Mary Church @ 6pm
- 2/13 **Studying Stewardship** in the St. Mary Rectory at 7pm followed by the business meeting
- 2/17 **Talent Show for God** at St. Mary @ 7pm All are invited! (See Article)
- 2/18 **Parish Mission with Fr. Ron Camarda** at St. Mary @ 7pm (See Article)
- 2/19 **Morning Session Parish Mission with Fr. Ron Camarda** at St. Mary from 10:00 to 11:30am (See Article)  
**Senior Bingo** at St. Anthony from 1:30 to 4:00pm  
**Parish Mission with Fr. Ron Camarda** at St. Mary @ 7pm (See Article)
- 2/20 **St. Anthony Altar Rosary Annual Spaghetti Dinner** at St. Anthony Hall
- 2/21 **Ash Wednesday**  
 Mass at St. Mary @ noon  
 Mass at St. Anthony @ 7pm
- 2/24 **Eucharistic Minister Meeting** at St. Mary from 10am to noon (See Article for other dates and times)  
**Blood Pressure Screening** at St. Mary after the 4:30pm Mass
- 2/25 **Adult Faith Formation** - "Jesus in the Eucharist" discussion at St. Anthony's Hall from 9:30 to 10:15am (before the 10:30am Mass) - See article  
**Youth Group Pancake Breakfast** at St. Anthony's Hall  
**Rite of Election**
- 2/26 **Stations of the Cross and Communion Service or Benediction** at St. Mary @ 7pm
- 2/28 **55 Plus Club Lenten Program** - Chalk Artist, combining art with spirituality, at Sheri's Coffee House @ 1pm - All are welcome!  
**Sacrificial Giving Committee Mtg.** @ 6pm

### **Congratulations!**

Ben Jenkins won the NCS 6<sup>th</sup> Gr. Vocabulary Bee and  
 Emily Cardwell won the NCS Geography Bee!  
 Congratulations to Kevin Cannon, Luke Cardwell Shannon Hainline and Keane Riley for participating in the NCS Geography Bee!

## **Mission News**

**Marc Smith** son of Roger and Diane Smith will be leaving in late February for a three month mission trip to Papua New Guinea. Please keep Marc in your prayers.

**The Early Childhood Center Children** collected \$516.72 for the Missions!

### **First Reconciliation**

This is an exciting time for our second graders! The following children from St. Anthony and St. Mary are enrolled for First Holy Communion. They will also be making Blessing cups on Saturday, February 3 @ St. Anthony's and their First Reconciliation on Sunday, February 11 at 6pm at St. Mary's Church. Please keep them in your prayers.

Kayla Appeman  
 Olivia Blatnik  
 Dalton Burns  
 Anessa Berry  
 Nathan Fischer  
 Craig Hartman  
 Lillia Hite  
 Lauryn Jenkins  
 Colleen Miller  
 Bridgit Mowrey  
 Madison Moyer  
 Bryce Ostheimer  
 Anna Pullen  
 Corrinne Riley  
 Sam Roth  
 Kaeleigh Stang  
 Hailey Stoll  
 Matthew Supeck  
 John Williamson  
 Matthew Witter

### **PARISH MISSION**

**with**

#### **Fr. Ron Camarda**

This theme of this year's St. Mary/St. Anthony parish mission will be '*A Tear in the Desert*', presented by Fr. Ron Camarda. The mission will be Sunday and Monday, February 18-19, and will be held in St. Mary Church. The mission will run from 7:00-9:00 pm each night, and refreshments will be provided.

Fr. Ron is a dynamic speaker and presented the mission in 2003. He is a nationally known speaker on stewardship, and uses stories, humor and music in his presentations. He will be speaking at the masses in both parishes on February 17-18.

There will also be two morning sessions. The first will be on Saturday, February 17, for all parish committee chairs from both parishes. This will be an informal session of reflection and prayer for the success of the mission, followed by a light lunch. This session will be from 10:00-11:30 am at St. Anthony Hall. Please RSVP for this session to Mary Ann Hohman at 419-668-3063 or Linda Salmons at 419-588-2601 by February 14 so that lunch can be planned.

The second morning session will be open to all parishioners of both parishes, and will be held on Monday, February 19 from 10:00-11:30 am in St. Mary Church.

Won't you join us for one of these sessions? What a great way to prepare for Lent, which starts later that week!

## ***From the Desk of Father Speier***

Dear Parishioners:

Since the dawn of the Second Vatican Council in the late 1960's and early 1970's, the Church has experienced many dramatic changes. The most evident of the changes occurred in our celebration of the mass and sacraments. Even though the changes brought the church into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, they also drove many away.

The most dramatic change happened with the way the mass is celebrated. The language of the mass was now celebrated in the language of the people. The altar was turned around, and the priest faced the people. The faithful were encouraged to take an active part in the celebration of the mass and the church.

Lay men and women are encouraged to take an active part in the celebration of the mass as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Lectors are tasked with the ministry of proclaiming the Sacred Scriptures during the celebration of the mass and other liturgical celebrations. Preparations for this ministry are not just reading over and preparing the scripture readings but living the message each day of their lives. This ministry is most important not only to the celebration of the mass but also with the ministry of evangelization. I know that our lectors take their ministry very seriously. This ministry is a call of the Lord. I would like to thank you for your most important ministry.

The other ministry is that of the Eucharistic Minister. This ministry not only entails the distribution of Holy Communion at mass but also leading Communion Services when a priest or deacon is not present and taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins of our parishes. This is a very important ministry. Our Eucharistic Ministers are asked to not only fulfill

their assignments but also to live the spirit of the Eucharist each and every day of their lives.

The Bishops of the Church also see the importance of these two ministries. This is so important that Eucharistic Ministers are commissioned every two years by our bishop. Each local pastor is asked to submit names to our bishop for those who are to be installed as Eucharistic Ministers. Along with this submission, we have to include the hours of education and preparation we provide for them. To provide this time of updating and spiritual growth, we are planning sessions for all of our ministers to attend. The first session will be held on February 24, 2007 from 10:00am until 12:00pm. This session will be held at St. Mary's in the church. The second session will be held on March 7, 2007 from 7:00pm until 9:00pm. This session will be held at St. Anthony's in the church. You have your choice of which session you would like to attend.

If you wish to continue to be a Eucharistic Minister, you need to attend one of these sessions. If anyone wishes to become a Eucharistic Minister, please give me a call. I sincerely appreciate all the services our ministers have provided to our parish communities.

One of the most important roles of the Eucharistic Minister is taking communion to the sick and shut-in of the parishes. You will never know how important and powerful this ministry truly is. For many of our shut-ins, the visit of the Eucharistic Ministers is the only contact they have with their parish.

I have the opportunity to visit many of our shut-ins on a monthly basis. One of the subjects that we talk about each month is the visit they have had with a minister from our parishes. What you are doing is being Christ to these individuals. It is not just the task of bringing Holy Communion to them but sharing your time and being Christ to them. This ministry is most vital to being Christ to others. I would like to thank all of you for what you do for our parishes. God bless.

- Father Speier

### **STEWARDSHIP BY SMALL STEPS**

Take your watch off when entering church for Mass - symbolizes this is God's time, the Mass a doorway to eternity.

## **MINISTRY NEWS**

### **Newsletter**

Do you have new ideas for the newsletter? Can you organize the Calendar of Events and Ministry News? Can you revise and edit the Newsletter? I have taken on more responsibilities and can no longer do the

Newsletter by myself. If you can help in any way, please call Berni at 419-668-7347. Thanks.

### Adult Faith Formation

Last Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, ten people gathered for a discussion on "Good Reasons to Be Catholic." There are many good reasons to be Catholic, but one reason in particular that we discussed is the Church has survived for over 2,000 years! Did you know? - The Church consists of the Western Catholics and the Eastern Catholics, both of which are in communion with the Pope. Also, the Church follows Sacred Tradition as well as Sacred Scripture, which originated in the Church.

Our next classes will be *Lent . . . a Time of Preparation* presented by Linda Salmons on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and *Finding Jesus in the Eucharist*, a discussion, on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. These classes will meet in St. Anthony's Hall before Mass from 9:30 to 10:15am

All parishioners from both parishes are welcome! Come when you can and join us on our faith journey!

### St. Mary and St. Anthony Talent Show for God

The Talent Show for God is Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary Church at 7pm. Come see our talented youth!

**Talent Show for God Auditions** are this Sunday at 1pm in St. Mary Church. If you have not turned in your registration, please do so then. There are copies of the registration form in the bulletin racks, and copies will be available at auditions. Rehearsal and the show are both on Saturday, February 17 - rehearsal at 11am and show at 7pm.

**Artwork for the Talent Show for God** - a watercolor painting of nature, an icon of Mary and baby Jesus and a clay chalice are just some ideas. Artwork needs to be turned in on Saturday, February 10 or Sunday February 11 during mass times. Please attach a registration form along with the title of your artwork.

If you have questions, please call Berni at 419-668-7347.

### Small Faith Groups

An opportunity for learning and sharing is to join a Small Faith Group. These are small groups of parishioners that meet at homes or at church to discuss important topics to our faith development. The next study topic will take place during Lent. There are daytime, evening and weekend groups already established. If you are interested in joining a group or in hosting and/or leading a new group, please call Lynn at the Rectory at 419-668-2005. This is a chance for you to grow in your faith and to get to know your fellow parishioners better.

### Attention ALL Eucharistic Minister and anyone interested in joining this special ministry

- This is the year for recertification. We have two meetings currently scheduled for you to choose from. Saturday February 24, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at St. Mary's Church and again on Wednesday March 7, 7:00 p.m. at St. Anthony's church. Attendance is mandatory for

recertification. If you cannot attend one of our sessions, St. Paul is offering three optional dates: Sunday February 11 @ 7:00 p.m.; Monday February 12 @ 7:00 p.m. and again on Saturday February 17 @ 9:00 a.m.

### Youth Group

The High School Youth group continues to meet every other Sunday at 7pm in the Hall at St. Anthony's. Next meeting is February 4. We are planning a pancake breakfast to be held at St. Anthony's on Sunday Feb 25. We have a Retreat scheduled for the weekend of March 16-18 to be held at YMCA Camp Kern near Lebanon, OH. We are also going with St. Peter's (Huron) to the Steubenville Youth Retreat June 22-24. New members are always welcome. For questions, contact Lynn Sparks 419/499-2953 or Linda Salmons at St. Anthony's.

### RCIA NEWS

Sunday February 25 is the Rite of Election for our RCIA candidates. Our candidate this year is Tabitha Webb (fiancée of Scott Bleile). Let us pray for her and all of our candidates as they continue on their faith journey.

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Note from a recipient of a shawl:** You do so many nice things for others, not because you have to, but because you want to... and that's what makes them even more special. Thank you everyone who took part in making my lap warmer and the prayers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. So far everything is going very good. God Bless

Can you crochet or knit? Please call Jeri Miller at 419-663-1185 if you can help with this much needed ministry.

### Attention all parents of 3, 4, & 5 year olds!!

Our Sunday School Classes have begun. We gather upstairs in the hall where the teachers meet the students and take them to their classrooms. Please feel free to bring your preschooler. Classes are held during the 10:30 a.m. mass. The children hear bible stories, learn songs, make crafts, and play games. For more information please contact Linda Salmons @ 419-588-2601.

**... SERVE ONE ANOTHER  
THROUGH LOVE.**

1 Timothy 3:15

St. Anthony's Website

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St. Mary's Website

[www.stmarynorwalk.com](http://www.stmarynorwalk.com)