

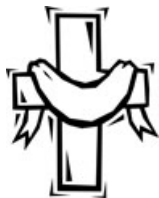
# STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

The St. Anthony & St. Mary Newsletter

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## About Forgiving Others



Lord, once when You were hurting  
Through and through -  
Cuts in Your feet, Your side, Your hands,  
Your head -  
You looked on those who did this thing to You  
And cried for them, and this is what You said:  
"Forgive them for they know not what they do."  
Oh, Jesus, sometimes people cut me too.  
Teach me to look on them with peace, with love,  
Forgiving them as You forgive above.

**Lord hear our prayer . . .** Ken Bauer, Matt Buchanan, Berni Cardwell, Joanne Cerilli, Neil Charville, Aggie Daily, Barbara Dennis, Florence Doughty, Vonnice 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.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 3/2 **Soup, Salad and Stations** at St. Anthony Dinner @ 6pm & Stations @ 7pm  
3/4 **Coffee & Donuts** at St. Anthony after the 10:30am Mass  
**Blood Pressure Screening** at St. Anthony after the 10:30am Mass

- Youth Group Mtg.** at St. Anthony's Hall @ 7pm  
3/5 **Stations of the Cross and Communion Service or Benediction** at St. Mary @ 7pm  
3/6 **Lenten Mass** at St. Anthony @ 6:30pm  
3/7 **55 Plus Club Monthly Luncheon** at Sugar Creek Restaurant @ 11:30am  
3/10 & **Aluminum Can Drive** at St. Mary Campus  
3/11 **Adult Faith Formation** - "Understanding Sin Today" presented by Sr. Deborah Giles at St. Anthony's Hall from 9:30 to 10:15am (before the 10:30am Mass) - See article  
3/12 **Stations of the Cross and Communion Service or Benediction** at St. Mary @ 7pm  
3/13 **Lenten Mass** at St. Mary @ 6:30pm  
**Studying Stewardship** in the St. Mary Rectory following the 6:30pm Lenten Mass  
3/16 - **Youth Group Retreat** at YMCA Camp Kern  
3/18 **St. Mary's Reverse Raffle** in Reynolds Hall (Call 419-663-0170 for more information.)  
3/18 **Jesus Alone in the Garden** at St. Mary @ 3pm (See article.)  
3/19 **Senior Bingo** at St. Anthony from 1:30 to 4:00pm  
**Stations of the Cross and Communion Service or Benediction** at St. Mary @ 7pm  
3/20 **Lenten Mass** at St. Anthony @ 6:30pm  
3/21 **55 Plus Club Radio Station Visit** - Details at March meeting.  
**NCS Governing Board Meeting Confirmation Retreat**  
3/24 **Blood Pressure Screening** at St. Mary after the 8:30am Mass  
3/25 **Stations of the Cross and Communion Service or Benediction** at St. Mary @ 7pm  
3/26 **Lenten Mass** at St. Mary @ 6:30pm  
3/27 **Sacrificial Giving Committee Meeting** @ 6pm  
4/1 **PALM SUNDAY**  
**Communal Penance Service** at St. Joseph, Monroeville, @ 3pm  
4/2 **Stations of the Cross and Communion Service or Benediction** at St. Mary @ 7pm  
**Individual Confessions** at St. Mary following the Stations until all are heard

- 4/3 **Lenten Mass** at St. Anthony @ 6:30pm  
**Individual Confessions** at St. Anthony following the Lenten Mass until all are heard
- 4/4 **55 Plus Club Monthly Luncheon** at Sugar Creek Restaurant @ 11:30am
- 4/5 **HOLY THURSDAY**  
**Mass of the Last Supper** at St. Mary @ 7pm
- 4/6 **GOOD FRIDAY**  
**Good Friday Services** at St. Anthony @ 1:00pm  
 St. Mary @ 7:00pm
- 4/7 **HOLY SATURDAY**  
**Blessing of Easter Food** at St. Anthony @ 1pm  
**Easter Vigil Mass** at St. Mary @ 8:30pm
- 4/8 **EASTER MASSES**  
 St. Mary @ 8:30am  
 St. Anthony @ 10:30am
- 4/18 **55 Plus Club Factory Tour** - Details at the April meeting.
- 4/21 **Anointing of the Sick** will be celebrated & 4/22 before Mass  
 St. Mary on 4/21 @ 4:00pm  
 St. Mary on 4/22 @ 8:00am  
 St. Anthony on 4/22 @ 10:00am
- 4/29 **Confirmation** at St. Mary

### JESUS ALONE IN THE GARDEN

**Jesus alone in the Garden** will be presented at St. Mary Church on Sunday, March 18 at 3:00 p.m. This annual Lenten program is an amazing display of talented vocalists and accompanists from our parish. The music and stories are inspirational and memorable. You won't want to miss this. Following the program delicious refreshments will be served.

### RCIA

Tabitha Webb, Scott Bleile's fiancée, will be joining the Church at the Easter Vigil at St. Mary. We welcome her! Please keep Tabitha in your prayers.

### Stewardship Thought

**"Once one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, stewardship is not an option."**

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops  
 Stewardship: A Disciple's Response

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

Thank You Participants for using the talents God has blessed you with to give Him glory!

Kevin Cannon  
 Lauren Cannon  
 Sara Cannon  
 Emily Cardwell  
 Luke Cardwell  
 Matt Doughty  
 Nick Doughty  
 Sarah Doughty  
 Matt Fox  
 Sam Fox  
 Adrian Go  
 Ben Jenkins  
 Christopher Stang  
 Kaeleigh Stang

2nd Grade Class from St. Anthony & St. Mary



Thank You Volunteers, too!

Father Speier  
 Father Camarda  
 Tim Cardwell  
 Barb Doughty  
 Mike & Michelle Doughty  
 Alex Fries  
 Carol Fries  
 Kim Go  
 Sister Mary Agnes  
 Andy Smith  
 Penny Stang  
 Parents  
 Parishioners

Pictures of the Talent Show for God are displayed in both parishes. Take a look! We will have the Talent Show for God again next year!

### Parish Mission 2007

"Breath in Jesus, breath out love", "Take Lord receive all I have and possess", "Give to God first". These were just a few of the messages Fr. Ron Camarda gave at the parish mission. A *Tear in the Dessert* was Fr. Ron's story of being stationed in Fallujah, Iraq, as a chaplain for 10,000 troops fighting there. Through his stories, we could feel the pain, suffering, and love that

were part of his days ministering to these brave men and women.

Throughout the mission, Fr. Ron challenged us to look at our lives and how we are serving God. As he shared his story, one could have heard a pin drop. Each story moved those present in a different way. There were tears of sorrow and tears of joy, laughter and deep thought.

Several times throughout the mission, Fr. Ron referred us to the stained glass window of Mary holding the baby Jesus. He told us that just as Mary holds Jesus, so she holds us in the same way. When someone hurts us, we should think of them as a baby. Hopefully, we can then begin to forgive them, because, after all, who doesn't like a baby. Mary, our mother, will be there for us, to hold us and love us, just as she did with Jesus.

Fr. Ron also showed us God's love by using oranges. He started by saying that God gives us 110% of what we need, and only expects 10% of that back. Each orange represented one of God's gifts, whether big or small. After ten oranges were placed on the table, he talked about how much we give back to God. God only asks for 10% of everything we have, and is willing to let us have the other 100%. Fr. Ron then put on an apron, and opened the last orange, a blood orange. This orange represented our excuses for not giving back to God. The excuses were again big and small, yet ate into what we give to God. For each excuse, he pulled out a hunk of the orange. The excuses ranged from not enough time this week to paying bills to taking a vacation and so many more things that pull us away from God. When he was done, the orange was an empty hull, with just some pulp left. Too often, this pulp is what we give back to God, the leftovers. It was a powerful example of how we need to give God our first fruits, not the leftovers.

The mission concluded with the Anointing of the Sick. It was a powerful way to look at the pain, hurts, disappointments, and so many other things that take us away from God and his love for us. It gave us the opportunity to receive God's healing touch, and know his love for us.

Thank you Fr. Ron for a truly awe inspiring and awesome mission! May God bless you in all you do!

### **STEWARDSHIP BY SMALL STEPS**

Attend the Stations of the Cross  
during the Season of Lent.

## **MINISTRY NEWS**

### **Food Donations**

Even though Thanksgiving and Christmas have passed, folks are still in need of food. As Father Frank said on Ash Wednesday, we should think about "doing" things for those less fortunate than we are. This is something that can be continued all year long. There is someone who will take donations to the Food Bank, so please consider this as one of your new Lenten (and beyond) acts of kindness by bringing food donations to the church.

### **Adult Faith Formation**

Our next class will be *Understanding Sin Today* presented by Sr. Deborah Giles on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. This presentation 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!

### **Youth Group News**

The St. Anthony/St. Mary Youth Group held a pancake breakfast February 25 and raised over \$650 to be used for our upcoming retreat and other activities.

Our High School Youth wishes to thank everyone who participated in the pancake breakfast. The helpers started arriving at 8:15 despite the weather and served until 12:30. Thank you parents, parishioners and friends who came to support us in our efforts. We would also like to thank the Confirmation class for their donations of so many home made muffins, and a special thank you to our sponsors, Groff Funeral Home and Critter Croft Pet Clinic. It takes many people working together to make great things happen and all of you have been a blessing to our youth.

We continue to meet every other Sunday at 7PM in the St. Anthony Hall. Our next meeting will be Sunday March 4. There will not be a regular meeting March 18, as we will be coming home from our first retreat that night. We are taking a group to YMCA Camp Kern near Lebanon, OH for a fun and faith-filled weekend.

If you have questions about the Youth Group, please contact Lynn Sparks at 419/499-2953 or Linda Salmons at St. Anthony's.

### **Confirmation Retreat:**

Thirty of our Students will be going to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine Saturday, March 24. The Students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary.

Please keep them in prayer as they continue on their spiritual journey.

### **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

This ministry continues to bring comfort to people who just need a reminder that someone is praying for them and that the Lord is closer than they think. The ministry was started Dec. 2003 and in 2004 we gave away 137 shawls in 2005 we gave away 158 and last year we gave away 88. We noticed that the numbers were down in 2006 and can't help but wonder if we are not getting the names of the people who could use one of our gifts. There is a GREAT group of God's Angels giving yarn and making the shawls so that there is always one in stock when the need occurs. Please help us continue with this ministry by giving us names of folks that you think need a shawl, donating yarn or becoming one of the people who helps by making the shawls. (You can use any pattern that you would like. Thank you again and God bless you to all of our special helpers as you continue doing the Lord's work by bringing comfort to those who are hurting in any way. Please call Jeri Miller at 419-663-1185 with the names of people you know who would like that little extra piece of comfort to help them through their trials.

### **Parish Websites**

Since Deacon Jack has moved to Seattle, Matt Lucal and I have taken over the duty of taking care of St. Anthony's and St. Mary's websites. Right now, we are in the process of updating them and adding many new features. Some of the new features will include a very detailed history (with pictures, new and old) of each parish, photos of parish events (i/e festivals), yearly and seasonal calendars and much more.

St. Anthony's website is under construction and should be done by the end of this month. If anyone has any comments or suggestions, please feel free to e-mail me at [afries52@neo.rr.com](mailto:afries52@neo.rr.com) or Matt at [MLucal1@aol.com](mailto:MLucal1@aol.com).

### **Hands!**

Author Unknown

A basketball in my hands is worth about \$19.  
A basketball in Michael Jordan's hands is worth about \$33 million.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A baseball in my hands is worth about \$6.  
A baseball in Roger Clemens hands is worth \$4.75 million.

It depends on whose hands it's in.

A tennis racket is useless in my hands.  
A tennis racket in Andre Agassis' hands is worth millions.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A rod in my hands will keep away an angry dog.  
A rod in Moses' hands will part the mighty sea.

It depends whose hands it's in.

A slingshot in my hands is a kid's toy.  
A slingshot in David's hand is a mighty weapon.

It depends whose hands it's in.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in my hands is a couple of fish sandwiches.

Two fish and 5 loaves of bread in Jesus' hands will feed thousands.

It depends whose hands it's in.

Nails in my hands might produce a birdhouse.  
Nails in Jesus Christ's hands will produce salvation for the entire world.

It depends whose hands it's in.

As you see now, it depends whose hands it's in.  
So put your concerns, your worries, your fears,  
your hopes, your dreams,

your families and your relationships in God's hands because...

It depends whose hands it's in.

### **Newsletter Thank You**

Thank you to all of the following people who submitted articles: Sandy Hall, Mary Ann Hohman, Jeri Miller, Alex Fries, Linda Salmons, Lynn Sparks and Kathy Wilkins.

### **Do you want to share something in the newsletter?**

Please email it to [cardwell1992@earthlink.net](mailto:cardwell1992@earthlink.net) by Wednesday, April 25, 2007.

The next Newsletter will be available in May.

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