

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

The St. Anthony & St. Mary Newsletter

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Never let anything fill you with
pain or sorrow so as to make you
forget the joy of Christ Risen.

-- 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, Adrian Go, Dawn Good, Veronica Hemchack, Pat Herb, Paul Hinkley, Glen Hopkins, Pauline Jones, 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, Phyllis Saunders, Claranne Schick, Dorothy Schick, Dorothy Silcox, Bonnie Smith, Jan Stoneham, Chris Toney, Virginia Toney, Alvin Vartorella, Wil Vickery, Molly Vogus, Florence Young and Charlotte Zacharysz.

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

Congratulations Fr. Speier on the 32nd
Anniversary of your Ordination!

Welcome

Tabitha Webb
Linda Souslain
Welcome to the Church!

Birth

Rhonda & David Doughty
are the proud grandparents of
Adalee Blu
born February 18, 2007
daughter of Brittany Seitz & Brian Belcher
great granddaughter of
Howard & Regina Schild
& Florence Doughty

Baptism

Victoria Marie
daughter of Matthew & Sondra Shepherd
was baptized on April 15th.
May Victoria grow in the love of God's family.

Deaths

Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy
are offered to the family of Agnes Pisko who passed
away March 10th. May Agnes rest in peace.

Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy
are offered to Mary Rose Widman, wife, 6 children
and family for the death of George Widman on March
21st. May George rest in peace.

Our heartfelt prayers and sympathy
are offered to Ralph Kettel, husband, Jill Lieber,
daughter, and family for the death of Judith Kettel on
April 2nd. May Judith rest in peace.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 5/2 **55 Plus Club Monthly Luncheon** at
Sugar Creek Restaurant @ 11:30am
- 5/5 **St. Anthony's First Communion** @
11am
- 5/6 **Coffee & Donuts** at St. Anthony after
the 10:30am Mass
Blood Pressure Screening at St.
Anthony after the 10:30am Mass
St. Mary's First Communion @ 1pm
Youth Group Mtg. at St. Anthony's
Hall @ 7pm
- 5/8 **Stewardship Meeting** in St. Mary
Rectory at 7 pm
- 5/12 &
5/13 **Aluminum Can Drive** at St. Mary
- 5/13 **Mother's Day**
- 5/16 **55 Plus Club Lunch** at Ms. Molly's in
Medina (Leaving McGuan lot at 10am)
NCS Governing Board Meeting
- 5/19 **FCEDO's Spring Fling** at the
Convocation Center @ 6pm
- 5/20 **Ascension of the Lord**
Youth Group Canoe Trip (See article)
- 5/21 **Senior Bingo** at St. Anthony from 1:30
to 4:00pm
- 5/23 **55 Plus Club - A Day at Sorrowful
Mother Shrine** (Departing from
McGuan lot at 10am) See article.
- 5/27 **Pentecost**
Blood Pressure Screening at
St. Mary after the 8:30am Mass

Graduation Mass at St. Anthony
@ 10:30am followed by brunch
5/28 **Memorial Day**
5/30 **Sacrificial Giving Committee Meeting**
@ 6pm

Stewardship Thought

Through prayer, we acknowledge that we are nothing without God, and that all depends on His grace -- in fact, even the desire to pray is itself a result of His grace. Like human relationships, our closeness to God grows stronger the more time we spend with Him. The heart and soul of stewardship is prayer.
Diocese of Wichita

First Communion

Please keep the following First Communion students in your prayers. These students will be making their First Communion this weekend!

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
Chayanna Ruffing
Kaeleigh Stang
Hailey Stoll
Matthew Supeck
John Williamson
Matthew Witter

Confirmation

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last weekend! May our lives be living examples to them of the Holy Spirit and Faith in Action.

Scott Anderson
Christiana Baldwin
Alaina Berry
Christopher Bursley
Matt Doughty
Chelsea Frankboner
Eric Gilliam
Bradley Goble
Lindsey McGuckin

Rebecca Hartman
Kyle Matula
Kaylie McCarthy
Jacqueline McClune
Mackenzie McCoy
Cameron Michel
Stephanie Mollohan
Hannah Neumeye
Alyssa Ott
Danielle Rasey
Keane Riley
Clifford Roberts
Leah Sabol
Matt Stroud
Anthony Supeck
Katlynn Supeck
Jonathan Suhanic

Awards

There are several students in our parishes in elementary school, junior high school, high school and college who have received awards at school this year. Many parishioners' grandchildren have also received awards. If you would like to share the awards of your children or grandchildren with our parishes for a special bulletin insert, please email the information to cardwell1992@earthlink.net or call Berni at 419-668-7347 by May 31st. Please be sure to email your name and if the students are your children or grandchildren. Remember, future awards can always be included in monthly newsletters. Just email the information!

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to the following moms who put on the Easter Egg Hunt: Stephanie Takacs, Tammy Smith, Pam Caizzo and Sarah Anderson. The children had a lot of fun!

**"Rejoice always, pray
constantly and give thanks
in all circumstances."
(1 Thes. 5:16-17)**

Community Corner Lucal Update

Volunteers broke ground on March 30th to add two bedrooms and a bathroom to the Lucal house to meet Nathan and Matthew Lucals' special needs. The exterior of the addition is now in good shape, and volunteers are focusing on the interior - electrical, plumbing, dry walling, etc.

The recent Pancake Breakfast raised \$2,000 for this project. Some materials have been donated as well as monetary donations. Thank you!

Volunteers from the community are helping including our own Tom Smith - head contractor, Cindy Smith, Sr. Mary Agnes, Kathy Wilkins and Mona Hauler. Thanks to all of the volunteers!

Anyone can lend a hand whether skilled or not. Just come to 20 Katherine Way on Saturdays from 8am to 3pm. There is a lunch break with food prepared by the lunch volunteers.

Isn't it amazing what volunteers can accomplish through God's guiding hand?!

Stewardship Testimonial

As a parent, I want to develop a relationship with my children that encourages open communication. It is vital that we are able to tell each other about our concerns, hopes and other emotions that contribute to our awareness of each other. Alas, we are only human and struggle with this goal, often falling short of expectations. But, the importance of communication in our parent-child relationship makes us keep trying.

I often wonder if God, my Father, feels a struggle with His efforts to communicate to me, His child. I know I don't always talk to Him about my thankfulness of the hour, my mountain of the day, my delight of the week, my fear of the month. And He's aware I'm not consistent with my bible reading. I struggle with developing my time with God, but the importance I place on it encourages me to continue.

Communication with God is a method for stewardship of time. Developing my stewardship of time, especially prayer and biblical reading, is necessary for me to grow in my Christian walk. The closer I feel to God, the easier it is for me to know that I am living within His will - and that is an awesome feeling.

I have experienced the blessed fruits of stewardship of time, yet I still struggle to make it a priority - other activities get in the way; I don't always know what to say when I pray; understanding biblical readings isn't always clear. But, I know God loves me and forgives my shortcomings. He is always home and eagerly waits for me to spend time with Him. He always listens to me, and if I am quiet enough, I can listen back.

-- Theresa Riley

STEWARDSHIP BY SMALL STEPS

Pray while waiting for the next piece of equipment at the fitness center - pray in thanks for your own health, and pray for everyone in the center.

MINISTRY NEWS

Newsletter

The Newsletter has become an important means of communication for our parishes - keeping our family tied together. Our Newsletter began at St. Mary in March, 2003, as a result of a parishioner's suggestion at a Stewardship Dinner hosted by the Stewardship Committee. The Committee thought this was a great idea and the Newsletter was "born". St. Anthony joined the Newsletter last year in February, 2006.

This September, I will be too busy to continue the Newsletter. I am going to devote my time to Adult Faith Formation and take courses in our Faith.

So, a parishioner needs to step in and take over the Newsletter. There could just be the editor who collects the information, puts it in the right format and gets the Newsletter together. Or it would be really helpful and not a big commitment if different people are in charge of different areas like "Parishioner News", "Calendar of Events", "Seasonal Prayers, Poems, Stories", "Stewardship Testimonials, Scripture and Thoughts", "Ministry News", etc. and even submitting digital pictures or looking into newsletter software. These people could collect the information, get it in the right format and email it to the editor to put it all together.

Our Newsletter needs your help. Please call Berni at 419-668-7347 or Lynn at St. Mary's Rectory at 419-668-2005 to volunteer. Thanks for your consideration in being involved in the Newsletter.

55 Plus Club

On May 23, the 55 Plus Club will be spending the day at the Sorrowful Mother Shrine. The day will include Reconciliation at 10:30, Mass at 11:00, a Spiritual Talk at 1:00, Rosary at 1:30 and Benediction at 2:15. The blessing of religious articles and individual blessings with a relic of the true cross follow Benediction. Bernadette Stang arranges this special day and does a wonderful job! Everyone is welcome!

Adult Faith Formation

Since last September, the Adult Faith Formation Team, Kathy Wilkins, Connie Hipp and Berni Cardwell, has hosted monthly presentations and discussions on Sundays at 9:30am. The presentations and discussions have included such topics as "Why be Catholic?", "Helping Our Children Grow in Faith", "Advent and Lenten Preparations", "Understanding Sin" and "Jesus in the Eucharist".

We are beginning to plan for next fall. If you have a topic of Faith that you would like to have presented, even if it is similar to the ones listed above, please email your name and topic to cardwell1992@earthlink.net.

Youth Group News

The St. Anthony/St. Mary Youth Group held a Lock-In on Thursday April 5. We watched and discussed THE PASSION (on a projected screen, thanks to Alex Fries) and had Jim's Pizza for a snack. We are planning regular (7PM Sunday night at St. Anthony Hall) meetings on April 29 and May 6. Fr. Speier is planning to speak to us on May 6. The big end-of-season event will be a canoe trip on the Mohican River on May 20. Any high school or Confirmed 8th grade student is welcome to attend.

We will be participating in the St. Mary (Sandusky) and St. Peter (Huron) YES program from June 13-16th. This is an excellent opportunity to join with other area Catholic teens for fellowship and service. Sorry; only students who have completed the 9th grade can join in on this one. The event includes tickets to a baseball game and a potluck on Saturday night. We still have a slot or two open for the Steubenville Youth Conference June 22-24. This event is truly life-changing-thousands of teens from all over the world getting together in Steubenville OH to sing, praise God, and learn about our Faith.

For more information about any of these activities, contact Lynn Sparks (419/499-2953) or Linda Salmons at St. Anthony.

Vacation Bible School

There are two opportunities in our parishes for VBS. St. Anthony's VBS program "Taking the Plunge" will be June 18-22. Call Linda Salmons to register. St. Mary/St. Paul VBS program "Son Harvest Country Fair" will also be June 18 - 22 from 9am to noon at the Early Childhood Center on the St. Mary Campus. Call Debbie Rhoads at 419-668-8012 to register. Both have fun activities, craft projects and games.

Parish Websites "Online Business Cards"

Attention members of St. Anthony's or St. Mary's that own a business. If you would like to advertise (for free!) on our parishes' websites, please send an e-mail to Alex Fries, (afries52@neo.rr.com) or bring your information to either parish Rectory. Your "business card" will be placed on a page called "Member Sites". This is only for parish members who own a business, not for parish members that work at a business and do not own it. In your information, please include the name of your business, address, other contact information, your name(s), a picture or logo, web address (if available) and anything else that you would like to add. If you would like to draw business from other parishioners in the community, or get noticed around the world, this is a great opportunity!

FROG

I was told a story about a lady in the hospital who was near death when an area Chaplain came to visit her. This Chaplain was a very young female with long blond hair. She listened to the lady who was ill and left her a small gift for comfort. It was a tiny ceramic frog.

The next day one of the people from the lady's church came to visit. The lady told her friend about the beautiful young Chaplain who had come to visit her. The friend was so impressed with the way the lady had improved and felt the need to talk to the young Chaplain. In her search to find the young gal, she was repeatedly reassured that the chaplains are never very young and always men.

Upon returning to the lady in the hospital, a visiting nurse entered the room and noticed the ceramic frog. The nurse made the comment, "I see you have a guardian angel with you", as she held the little frog. We asked why she made the comment, and we were informed that the **frog** stood for: (F) Forever (R) Rely (O) On (G) God.

-- Author Unknown

Newsletter Thank You

Thank you to all of the following people who submitted articles: Theresa Riley, Lynn Sparks and Alex Fries.

Do you want to share something in the newsletter?

Please email it to cardwell1992@earthlink.net by Wednesday, May 23, 2007.

St. Anthony's Website
www.stanthonymilan.org

St. Mary's Website
www.stmarynorwalk.com