

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

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Stewardship Thought

How does one give time to God? Prayer is one of the best ways.

Colleen Smith
Catholic Stewardship: Sharing God's Gifts

Lord hear our prayer . . . Ken Bauer, Berni Cardwell, Joanne Cerilli, Neil Charville, Aggie Daily, Barbara Dennis, Florence Doughty, Vonnie Fannin, Matt Fisher, Rose 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, Bridgette (Riley) Musso, 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.

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.

Welcome!

Barb Widman has accepted the position of newsletter editor starting this September. What a great way to share the stewardship of talent! Thanks, Barb! News can be emailed to Barb at widmanb@neo.rr.com.

Happy Birthday!

Kathy Wilkins - May 5th
Cindy Smith - May 25th

Baptisms

Jacob Charles
son of Pam & Erick Bursley,
brother to Sara, Christopher, Brian & Benjamin
was baptized in May.

Ingrid Luisa
daughter of Bethany & Fritz Berckmuller
sister of August & Otto
will be baptized June 17.

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

Marriages

Travis & Alicia (Cannon) Bogard
were married on April 28, 2007.

Scott & Tabitha (Webb) Bleile
were married on May 19, 2007.

Congratulations!

Happy Anniversary!

Tom & Cindy Smith celebrated their
21st Anniversary on May 17th.

Brian & Colly Colahan will celebrate their
40th Anniversary on June 10th.

Brandon & Melissa Hahn will celebrate their
8th Anniversary on June 16th.

Congratulations!

Do you have births, awards, marriages, etc. of children or grandchildren to share? What about parishioner birthdays and anniversaries? Do you have a loved one to add to the newsletter prayer chain? Please email this information to widmanb@neo.rr.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 6/9 & 6/10 **Aluminum Can Drive** at St. Mary
- 6/12 **Festival Meeting** in St. Mary
Rectory at 6:30pm
Stewardship Meeting in St. Mary
Rectory at 7pm
- 6/16 & 6/17 **Father's Day Blessing** at all weekend
Masses
- 6/17 **Coffee & Donuts** at St. Anthony after
10:30am Mass
- 6/18 - 6/22 **Vacation Bible Schools**
St. Anthony's VBS - "Taking the Plunge"
St. Mary/St. Paul VBS - "Son Harvest
Country Fair"
- 6/20 **55 Plus Club Trip** - Day in Vermilion
Maritime Museum docent tour
Lunch at the International Cafe
Leaving McGuan at 10:15am

- 6/27 **Sacrificial Giving Committee Meeting**
@ 6pm
- 6/24 **Refreshment Social** at St. Mary
following the 8:30am Mass sponsored
by Ron & Jeri Miller's Small Faith Group
- 7/7 **Parish Picnic** at Edison Park beginning
with 4:30pm Mass followed by a
potluck. Watch bulletin for details.
- 7/10 **Stewardship Meeting** in St. Mary
Rectory at 7pm
- 7/11 **55 Plus Club Monthly Luncheon** at
Sugar Creek Restaurant @ 11:30m
(note: not 4th of July)
- 7/14 &
7/15 **Aluminum Can Drive** at St. Mary
- 7/25 **55 Plus Club Trip** - Huron Yacht Club
for dinner at 6pm and Huron Playhouse
for the 8pm show "Annie"
(Note: 35 tickets are on reserve for us)
- Sacrificial Giving Committee Meeting**
@ 6pm
- 8/1 **55 Plus Club Monthly Luncheon** at
Sugar Creek Restaurant @ 11:30m
- 8/11 &
& 8/12 **Aluminum Can Drive** at St. Mary
- 8/14 &
8/15 **Assumption of Mary Masses**
St. Mary on 8/14 @ 7pm
St. Anthony on 8/15 @ 7pm
- 8/14 **Stewardship Meeting** in St. Mary
Rectory at 7pm
- 8/22 **55 Plus Club Trip** - Lake Erie Islands
Boat Trip. Details at the August
luncheon. (**Rain date: 8/29)
- Sacrificial Giving Committee Meeting**
@ 6pm

Mass Schedule Changes

On the weekend of July 7-8 our Mass schedule will be changing. As of that weekend, Masses at St. Anthony will be 4:30pm Saturday and 8:30am Sunday. At St. Mary, Mass will be held Sunday at 10:30am.

Refreshment Socials

In July, a Refreshment Social will be sponsored by the 55 Plus Club, and in August, Pastoral Council will sponsor this social. Both will be at St. Mary after the 10:30am Mass. Watch the bulletin for dates.

St. Anthony Booth at the Milan Melon Festival

St. Anthony Parish will once again have a booth at the Milan Melon Festival and would appreciate your support. A television will be the number one prize and second prize as of this writing will be a surprise. Tickets are on sale at the parish office beginning in August and also at our booth at the festival.

2007 Graduates

Congratulations to all of our
St. Anthony and St. Mary graduates!

Nathan Borgeson
Kelly Brown
Jake Burns
Ashley Burras
Tyler Camella
Kevin Corso
Josh Dow
Katie Feltman
Cassie Field
Carolyn Hemenway
Leann Hipp
Casey Keller
Jonathon Kijowski
Kurtis Kuhl
Heather Lenhart
Matthew Lieber
Rhiannon Light
McKenzie McIlrath
Mitch McIlrath
Alison Meek
Rachel Mohr
Marc Moyer
Nikita Platte
Zachery Rospert
Karra Sabol
Carrie Shover
Andrew Schaeffer
Cara Smith
Gabe Smith
Teresa Smith
Katyri Stamper
Kevin Stoll
Jessica Storer
Dustin Stower
Steven Stutsman
Matt Welfle

From the Desk of Father Speier

Dear Parishioners:

I would like to begin by offering congratulations and gratitude to Mrs. Berni Cardwell who has been the editor of our newsletter for the last few years. Berni has decided to give up this task so that she can concentrate on her continuing education. The newsletter has been a source of important information for our parishioners. This is an important ministry. I am happy to announce that we have a new editor. Mrs. Barb Widman has graciously volunteered to accept this position. I

would like to thank Barb for taking on this responsibility.

One of the questions that we will be talking about in the next few months is the future of the Century House at St. Mary. The Century House is the building that stands between the church and the school. I would like to give you a brief history of this structure.

The Century House was built in 1907 for \$15,000. The house is made of brick and limestone and has approximately 2,200 square feet on two floors. The house was built as the pastor's residence until 1964 when the current rectory was built. The house was renovated in 1965 and was used for the parish convent. A hot water baseboard heating system was installed in 1974. The sisters vacated the home in 1989. Since 1989 the building was used for meetings and a dressing area for brides until it was again renovated for use as the parish pre-school. The house was used as a pre-school for fourteen years. It has been vacant since the merging of the St. Mary's and St. Paul's school into the Norwalk Catholic School last June.

The question now is; "What should we do with the house?" We have started to address this question by bringing together the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and the Maintenance Committee of our parish to begin discussions. We have had a second meeting with a larger group of parishioners to further our discussions.

Our discussions have resulted in five different options. I would like to list them for you now:

Leave as is. Only do maintenance necessary.

Refurbish the entire building and use for parish needs.

Demolish the building and either plant grass or pave for parking.

Demolish the building and create plans for an activity center that would be used solely for parish activities.

Sell the building so that it can be moved to a different location.

These are just some ideas that have surfaced in the past few months due to the change of our school situation. Since the building belongs to the parish, it will be the responsibility of the parish to decide the future use of this facility. Good stewardship means that we do not

wait until the last minute to decide what we would like to do. At the present time, no decision has been made concerning any of these options. We want to get as much feedback from you, our parishioners, as to the future of this facility.

I hope that many of you attended the meeting last Tuesday on June 5 in Reynolds Hall concerning the future of the Century House. Any decisions that will be made affect the entire parish. Therefore your input is most important. This is an important time for our parish. God bless.
-- Father Speier

Woman of the Year

At the Altar and Rosary Banquet, Tuesday night, June 5th, Katherine (Kay) Lillibridge was chosen Woman of the Year. She has been very active at St. Anthony's and volunteers and helps in any way she can, usually behind the scenes. She was PSR secretary back in the 80's for numerous years always bringing her daughter with her. She has also put flowers in front of the Blessed Mother for many years. Whenever we have large projects at church, she supplies the snacks or meals for the workers and has made Chilli for our Chilli suppers. Recently she cleaned the Blessed Mother's outdoor shrine by the rectory and this was at a time when she recently lost her mother.

Thank you Kay for all that you do!

Music Ministry Alive! 2007

Good news! I have been accepted back to the liturgical ministry camp called "Music Ministry Alive!", or MMA. I will be going back the last week of July. For those of you that don't know what MMA is and is about, I will have a write-up about it in the bulletin when it gets closer to July. Gob Bless!

-Alex Fries

Thank You . . .

Thank you Mike & Michelle Doughty, Kathy Wilkins and Mona Hauler for making the flower beds around St. Mary Church look beautiful! Thank you Youth Folk Group and the St. Anthony/St. Mary Youth Group for your work around the Rectory and Century House, too.

Family Nights

Jeff Cavins, a well-known Catholic speaker, has wonderful family night reflections and activities based on each Sunday's Gospel on his website. Check out the Family Night website at www.jeffcavins.com/jc/?cat=21.

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 June 15th (new date). 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.

STEWARDSHIP BY SMALL STEP
This summer, set goals not only for
stewardship of treasure but also for time
(especially in prayer) and talent.

MINISTRY NEWS

Ministry Spotlight Sacrificial Giving Committee

The St. Mary Sacrificial Giving Committee meets monthly. This Committee looks at the monthly parish offering collected and tithes 10 percent of that offering to people and organizations in need. Over the past few months, the tithe has gone to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Prayer Chains

Our parishes have three Prayer Chains that pray for our parishioners and their families, friends and acquaintances. If you or someone you know needs prayerful support or you would like to join a prayer chain, please call the contacts below.

St. Anthony's Prayer Chain - Kathy Cumston, 419-499-2106; Delphine Fox, 419-668-3081; Elly Schwable, 419-499-2408

St Mary Prayer Chain - Lyle & Suzanne Fisher, 419-668-2303; Mary Ann & Jesus Gomez, 419-668-0820; Bob & Patricia Sietz, 419-668-2190

St, Mary & St. Anthony Email Prayer Chain - jmiller41@neo.rr.com

Parish Softball

The softball schedules have been posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule at St. Mary. Come cheer our parish teams on!

Adult Faith Formation

We are beginning to plan for next fall. If you have a topic of Faith that you would like to have presented, please email your name and topic to cardwell1992@earthlink.net.

Parish Websites

Did you forget a bulletin last week? Did you miss the monthly newsletter? You can find these bulletins and newsletters on St. Anthony's and St. Mary's websites.

Check the websites out. St. Anthony's website is www.stanthonymilan.org and St. Mary's website is www.stmarynorwalk.com or www.stmarynorwalk.org.

Health Ministry

This month, we are going to focus on spiritual health. Can your life be a reflection of a "frog"? Not the amphibian type, but rather someone who can Fully Rely On God.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:6, 7

Thank God for Children Saying Grace...

Author Unknown

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads, he said, "God is good, God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby, I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice-cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job, and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said, "I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart," the man replied. Then in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life.

He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her, "Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."

Community Corner

The Salvation Army Summer Lunch Program needs your help. Call Marilyn at 419-668-4090.