

ST. GABRIEL

CATHOLIC RADIO
AM 820



MESSENGER

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JOHN 6 MADE ME DO IT!

David Morris took his role in the Church of Christ seriously. In fact, David and his wife Chris of Centerburg, Ohio, devoted many years of their married life to living their Christian faith.

About seven years ago, David was cruising in his car. While driving around, he picked up a Christian radio channel that launched him on a whole, new spiritual quest. The radio station was St. Gabriel Catholic Radio. Today, St. Gabriel Catholic Radio's signal is AM 820 and has a super-strong signal that airs out of Columbus and reaches 40 Ohio counties thanks to the generosity of AM 820 supporters. But when David connected with St. Gabriel, the programs aired out of Marysville, Ohio with a very limited signal.

"I had never heard my faith explained the way it was on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio," says David. He wanted to find out more, but couldn't get the St. Gabriel signal in his home in Centerburg. So, he started driving to a nearby town regularly where he would get a cup of coffee and then sit in the parking lot and listen to Catholic radio.

The Eucharist moved David's heart

The strong, faithful, Catholic teachings that David heard on St. Gabriel Radio led him to start asking for clarification from his pastor at the Church of Christ.

The passages of John 6 on the Eucharist moved David's heart. When David asked his minister and friends at the Church of Christ about passages like John 6:35, he couldn't get answers.

"It's amazing how we talked a lot about the miracle of the loaves and fishes but for some reason, just skipped over John 6:53. Communion in my former Protestant church is a symbol, or as the Church of Christ says, an *emblem*. But the Gospel according to John tells us that we need to eat His flesh and drink His blood... After all the years, I read John 6 and was just amazed," declares David.

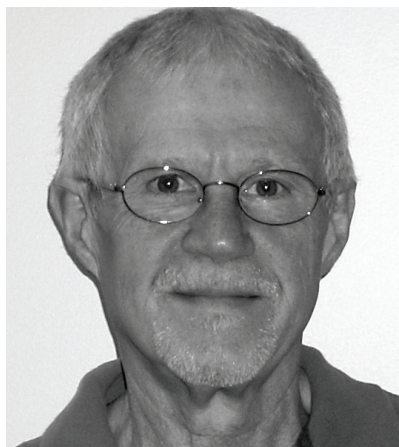
What amazed David was that Catholics believe that God – Jesus – is actually present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

David concludes, "When I heard it explained on Catholic radio, the answer to John 6 and other passages of the Bible became very clear."

The cup-of-coffee-in-the-parking-lot sessions to listen to Catholic radio continued.

John 6:53

*Then Jesus said to them:
Amen, amen I say unto you:
Except you eat the flesh of the
Son of man, and drink his
blood, you shall not
have life in you
(Douay-Rheims).*



Conversion
of heart



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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT SUSAN BAKER



Susan Baker, St. Gabriel Catholic Radio volunteer, puts joy into her diligent work for AM 820. She and her family moved to town from the great State of Washington.

Susan marvels at the beauty of God's creation and has spent a lot of time backpacking and hiking. Thank you, Susan, for bringing your special joy to our radio family. May God and bless you, Susan!

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Welcome to casual-luxury dining.

A glass of unforgettable Merlot and a Tuscan Long Bone Rib Eye, in a pair of jeans – that's Bel Lago."

— Rich Rores,
Managing Partner

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JOHN 6 MADE ME DO IT! - CONTINUED *Catholic? NO WAY!*

At one point, David and Chris put together a mission trip to Arizona. On the way to Arizona, David read *The Wisdom of John Paul II* and was inspired. The Holy Spirit was leading David to desire a deeper relationship with God. But David, a devout Protestant, was very troubled about the idea of converting to Catholicism.

"NO WAY could I become a Catholic," he thought. David began thinking about becoming an Episcopalian. But the Catholic teachings he heard on AM 820 were irresistible. Then David read *Rome Sweet Home* by Dr. Scott Hahn and he made up his mind that the Catholic Faith was the only way for him to go.

Chris cried tears of shock and confusion when David shared his discovery with her. This was a decision that went to the very core of who David and Chris were. But Chris agreed to learn more about this faith walk with David. David contacted Sister Jean Welling at St. Vincent de Paul parish about the Right of Christian Initiation (RCIA).

Is I is or is I ain't?

Chris first said "Yes," to RCIA, then she said "No" -- until the Holy Spirit started working on her heart, too. The more Chris heard about the teachings of the Catholic Church, the more sense it made to her. In fact, she began to like what she heard!

David kept a journal of this faith walk and wrote, among the many entries, "Our journey started about six months ago. I asked, 'What is truth?' and ended up on the path to Catholicism. We went to RCIA class every Wednesday and Mass every Sunday. Yesterday we became members of the Roman Catholic Church."

David and Chris received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on Easter Sunday, 2007.

Fortunately, the Morris family has been supportive of David and Chris's spiritual quest even though neither of their two daughters has followed their parents into the Catholic Church at this time. For now, David and Chris are the only Catholics in the Morris family. David and Chris are still working to introduce their grandchildren to the beauty of the Catholic Church.

"Some members of the Church of Christ were a different story. They were very concerned that we'd lose our salvation. Other members of our congregation had been raised Catholic and refrained from criticism," recalls David.

St. Gabriel delivers a stronger signal.

David really likes the Fr. Mitch Pacwa and "Catholic Answers" programs. "Early on, I also listened to an ex-police officer program on St. Gabriel Radio. I'm also a big fan of the 'Women of Grace' program." David laughs and explains, "Yes, the women's program! It gives me great insight into Catholic culture."

David continued to make his regular visits for coffee-in-the-parking-lot radio sessions in a nearby town until last year when the St. Gabriel Radio AM 820 signal brought Catholic radio right into his home.

"I asked, 'What is truth?' and ended up on the path to Catholicism," David wrote in the journal that he kept to chronicle their faith walk to Catholicism.

"This is a wonderful blessing, to be able to listen to St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820 right in our own home – whenever we want!"

The Catholic Faith has transformed David and Chris's life.

"As a Protestant, I learned about God. As a Catholic, I commune with God," says David. "I like the quiet time for personal prayer. It brings me closer to Jesus. Eucharistic adoration especially has brought me closer to Christ."

David and Chris's faith journey into the Church has also brought them closer to each other. "We have opened up to each other in a new way in our marriage," comments David. "Our RCIA studies together prompted us to start discussing faith and we even began helping one another prepare for the Sacrament of Confession. "

During their RCIA course, Chris and David talked about so many aspects of living the *faith* – refraining from meat, Lent, fasting – and these conversations continue strengthening their marriage even today.

"During the Lenten RCIA experience, as you're preparing to enter the Church, you're so close to receiving Holy Communion and then you realize that you've really been fasting an entire lifetime from this union with Christ."

David now serves as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in his Catholic parish and takes Holy Communion to elderly members of his parish.

Inspire others with your story. Call AM 820's Witness Line, toll free: 855-5WITNESS. Do you have a story of conversion of faith, or conversion of heart? Please share with others who are on the quest for deeper faith.

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

Beginning on St. Andrew the Apostle's feast day, November 30, the following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

Christmas Anticipation Prayer

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, *[here mention your request]* through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.



Mr. David Morris

Mrs. Chris Morris

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ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC RADIO FAMILY OF FAITH

At this time of thanks giving, we give thanks for you, each and every member of our radio family, as we enter Advent together and prepare for the coming of Our Savior.

— Bill Messerly, Executive Director

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WEEKDAY PROGRAMMING

WITH LOCAL CATHOLIC NEWS THROUGHOUT THE DAY

6-8 A.M.	SON RISE MORNING SHOW	WITH BRYAN PATRICK
7:55 A.M.	FAITH AT WORK	WITH KEVIN LOWRY
8-9 A.M.	CHRIST IS THE ANSWER	WITH FR. JOHN RICCARDO
9-10 A.M.	CATHOLIC CONNECTION	WITH TERESA TOMEO
10-11 A.M.	MORNINGS WITH MOTHER	WITH MOTHER ANGELICA
11-12 P.M.	WOMEN OF GRACE	WITH JOHNETTE BENKOVIC
12-1 P.M.	FAITHALIVE!	VARIED, TOP CATHOLIC SPEAKERS TO INSPIRE YOU
1-2 P.M.	THE DOCTOR IS IN	WITH DR. RAY GUARENDI & DR. COLLEEN MAST
2-3 P.M.	AT HOME WITH JIM AND JOY, REGISTER RADIO	WITH JIM & JOY PINTO
2:55 P.M.	A MOTHER'S MOMENT / DIVING MERCY CHAPLET	WITH EMILY JAMINET
3-4 P.M.	OPEN LINE	WITH MARTIGNONI, MCGUIGAN, PACWA & DONOVAN
4-5 P.M.	RIGHT HERE, RIGHT NOW	WITH PATRICK MADRID
4:55 P.M.	PURE WITNESS	WITH BRENDA LOMBARDI
5-6 P.M.	KRESTA IN THE AFTERNOON/FROM THE CHAIR	WITH AL KRESTA/BISHOP CAMPBELL (TUES)
5-8 P.M.	CATHOLIC ANSWERS LIVE	WITH PATRICK COFFIN
8-9 P.M.	DAILY MASS	FROM EWTN'S OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS CHAPEL