

ST. GABRIEL

CATHOLIC RADIO
AM 820



MESSENGER

Summer 2013

MEET ALEX BOGGS - AT 20, HE LOVES SPORTS, HOLY MARY, AND AM 820.

Twenty-year-old Alexander Boggs of Columbus is into football, enjoys talking with his friends, and has a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and her defense. He also loves St. Gabriel Catholic Radio. Alex discovered AM 820 two years ago while he was driving in Columbus. "I saw an AM 820 bumper sticker on the car ahead of me," Alex recalls. "Hmm, Catholic radio sounds good. I'm excited! It took me five seconds to switch the radio to AM 820 (AM 1580 at the time). I've kept the radio on AM 820 ever since." Enthusiastically, Alex describes St. Gabriel Radio as not just Catholic, but *Devout Catholic!*

"I saw an AM 820 bumper sticker," Alex says, "and then I discovered that St. Gabriel Radio is not just Catholic, but Devout Catholic!"

Alex answers the "call" from the Blessed Mother.

Two years ago at the end of his senior year in high school, Alex experienced a reawakening of faith. "I was in a hotel room in Indiana prior to the Notre Dame spring football game. I remember thinking about the Blessed Mother before I fell asleep. She just popped into my head! I recalled how, as a child, I used to pray the Hail Mary. I had lost touch with her in high school. In that hotel room, I felt her calling me to her devotion."

A couple of days after the Notre Dame game and the "call" from the Blessed Mother, Alex saw that AM 820 bumper sticker.

In high school, religiosity took a back seat to school activities. "My faith became a Sunday thing. I went to Mass every Sunday, but religious devotion was suspended during the week to make space for school, football, friends, and other things. Outside of Sunday, I never prayed -- but I never lost my identity as Catholic, either."

Soon after Alex heard the call of the Holy Virgin Mother, a group of friends from different Christian walks came together on Facebook to help each other daily. Alex joined these Facebook faith conversations. The Protestants in the group challenged his Catholic beliefs and especially his love of the Blessed Mother. "I realized that a few of these non-Catholic friends wanted to draw me away from Catholicism and to have me forget or dismiss anything related to Mary. This challenge actually drew me closer to Mary. I found that I didn't want to abandon my devotion to Our Mother. It was a wonderful way to Jesus. She was bringing me back to the Church and her Son."

Facebook faith group becomes forum for apologetics.

One question posed in the Facebook group was, "If Mary was sinless, why did she need a Savior?" Patrick Madrid's program on AM 820 gave Alex the answer that convinced his friends. Explains Alex, "Imagine mankind walking through the woods and falling into a pit of mud. Through the

- CONTINUED NEXT PAGE



Conversion
of heart

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



David Bethel, a youth leader at St. Paul's Outreach on the OSU campus, has lent his upbeat voice to AM 820 for station announcements over the summer. Thank you, David!

St. Paul's Outreach creates vibrant, faith-filled environments that challenge college students to deepen their relationships with Christ in the fullness of the Catholic Church.

FREE EVANGELIZATION CARDS

Be prepared with a faith-based message of hope the next time you meet someone in need of a spiritual hug. Put a couple of AM 820's business-sized prayer cards in your wallet or purse. Order your free evangelization cards at Info@StGabrielRadio.com

NEW! @GRACECLIPS



Starting in September, go to Twitter for inspirational audio clips from St. Gabriel Radio programs. Login to your Twitter account and search on @GraceClips.

LISTENER TESTIMONY

"Listening to St. Gabriel Radio humbles me, a cradle Catholic, because I'm amazed what little I know about my Catholic Faith. On your fine radio station, I can listen to you at work, online, and at home."
-Faithful Listener

ST. GABRIEL, AT YOUR SIDE EVERYWHERE!

Get the Catholic perspective on St. Gabriel Radio on your smart phone. It's easy and free with the TuneIn.com smart phone app. "Tune In" today and listen to AM 820 as you cruise around town or travel the globe.

FATIMA PARDON PRAYER

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love Thee. Amen.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL STARTS 8/30/2013 ON AM 820.



Thank you, Mount Carmel Foundation! AM 820 Catholic high school football sponsor since 2010.

MEET ALEX BOGGS. - CONTINUED

sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, He reaches into the pit and pulls mankind out of the pit, making Him our Savior. Mary was also walking in the woods, but Jesus stopped her before she fell into the pit. He saved her, yes indeed, but she was saved uniquely before she fell into the pit of sin."

Another question posed by the Facebook group was, "Mary must have had other children based on a reading of Matthew 1:25," continues Alex. "I've been able to change these friends' hearts on Our Lady's virginity, too." Alex attributes his convincing arguments to an explanation that Tim Staples gave on AM 820. "If the use of the word *until* in Matthew 1:25 'proves' that Mary had other children as you insist," replied Alex, "then it also proves that Anna the prophetess ceased to be a widow when she turned 84 years old, as Luke 2:37 states that she was a widow *until* she was 84." Jimmy Akin also taught Alex that if we must understand the use of the word *until* to mean that Mary had other children, perhaps we should understand that Michal, the daughter of Saul, bore multiple children on the day of her death, as 1 Samuel 6:23 states she didn't bear any children *until* the day of her death!

Today, Alex realizes how uninformed he had been about the teachings of the Catholic Faith and how much he has grown through the quality, Catholic programs on AM 820. "For the past two years, I've been listening to Patrick Madrid, Catholic Answers, and Fr. John Riccardo on AM 820! These programs have answered all of my own questions and helped me answer the questions raised by my friends!



Photo: Alex Boggs, Defensive Back and Wide Receiver for Upper Arlington High School Varsity Football Team

AM 820 answers Alex's Faith questions.

Alex believes that AM 820 programs have helped answer all of his faith questions. "I feel much better equipped to answer my friends' questions completely and convincingly! Now I'm learning not only what to believe, but why. I can respond to others with appealing truths that help them reconsider their faith. I want to bring as many souls to God as possible.

"AM 820 actually has given me the tools to defend the Faith and in particular, the glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of our Dear Savior, Jesus Christ," affirms Alex about his ability to defend the honor of Our Lady. Alex has come to believe that revealed Truths about God lead us to unavoidable conclusions about Our Lady.

"By grace over these past two years, the Lord has allowed me to answer so many challenges raised about Our Lady. I thank my father for taking me to Mass every Sunday

"For the past two years, I've been listening to Patrick Madrid, Catholic Answers, and Fr. John Riccardo on AM 820! These programs have answered all of my own questions and helped me answer the questions raised by my friends!"

"I was never catechized in the deeper meaning of faith or the Church's teachings. In public high school, I had been exposed to partying, different faith beliefs, and religious hostility. I always felt a deeper desire to grasp certain philosophical questions. In addition, those questions always led me back to Catholic teaching."

and introducing me to the love of Mary as a small child through the form of the 'Hail Mary'. Thanks to reading The Bible, Church Fathers, lives of the saints, and listening to St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, I've been able to build on that foundation."

Pray and never lose heart.

Alex's advice to parents: "To bring your children back to the Faith, you as parents must become closer to God. You must become more informed about your own faith before you can convince them of the Truth. You must pray. Never be discouraged. Remember Saint Monica, she never gave up; she prayed for over twenty years for her wayward son, Augustine, never losing heart during those rough years. He became one of the greatest teachers of the Faith to ever walk the Earth. Remember Christ's words, 'Keep asking in my name and my Father will not refuse you.'"

Alex's advice to young people: "You need to ask yourself, 'What do I want to do with my life? How and why am I here in the first place, and what I am I supposed to accomplish? Are there deeper questions that I need to answer? What is my life really worth?' Give Catholicism a chance and plumb the depths of the Faith. Listening to AM 820 is a great way to start."

What is God asking of me?

A retreat with the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor in Columbus is a recent highlight of Alex's faith walk. "I'm trying to discern what God is asking of me. Will I have a family or will I lead a celibate life? The priesthood? A religious order?" The ancient traditions of the Catholic Church fascinate Alex. He recently discovered the Byzantine Catholic Church and attended Mass there.

In wrapping up the interview, Alex reflects, "I decided that the Catholic Faith is the answer to our philosophical longings. Since then, I thirst for Truth. I can quench that thirst in rediscovering the faith. St. Gabriel Radio helps me in this regard. Alex concludes with a favorite quote from an awesome Church Father: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee, O Lord!" — from the great Saint Augustine.

*Alex's advice to parents:
"To bring your children back to the Faith, you as parents must become closer to God. You must become more informed about your own Faith before you can convince them of the Truth."*

NEW ON WWW.STGABRIELRADIO.COM

This fall, St. Gabriel Catholic Radio's website will feature a "Listen & Learn" page!

The Listen & Learn page provides short, best-of audio clips and discussion questions to help our youth and RCIA candidates grow in faith.

Ask the Catechist in your life to give it a try. The Listen & Learn page is easy to use and includes audio from Fr. John Riccardo, Fr. Larry Richards, Mother Angelica, Catholic Answer's Live, and Bishop Campbell.

DO YOU BELONG TO A FAITH-SHARING GROUP?



Then please join us as a Faith Group Day Sponsor during the Fall Spirit Drive, September 11, 12, and 13th.

For details, contact us at Info@StGabrielRadio.com or sign up online at StGabrielRadio.com.

DONATE YOUR CAR.



- It's easy to donate your vehicle and support AM 820.
- Boats, motorcycles, trucks, RVs - almost any vehicle.
 - Donations are tax deductible.
 - Free towing.

Donate online at StGabrielRadio.com or call (614) 459-4820.

WE NEED YOU!

Join us as a Sustaining Member, a Business Underwriter, or both!

Monthly Sustaining Member pledges of \$20, \$30, and \$40 keep the AM 820 doors open.

Business Underwriters enjoy the added benefit of on-air recognition for just \$50 or \$90 per month.

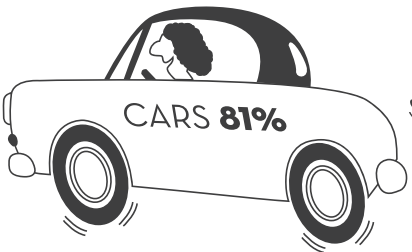
Make your pledge online at StGabrielRadio.com.

PROUD AFFILIATE OF THE ETERNAL WORLD TELEVISION NETWORK



AM 820 LISTENER SURVEY JULY 2013

HOW DO YOU LISTEN TO AM 820?
MOST PEOPLE (81%) LISTEN IN THE CAR.



HOME 13%
SEVERAL WAYS 2.7%
ONLINE 2.2%
STREAMING SMART PHONE 1.1%

St. Gabriel Radio, Inc.
4673 Winterset Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43220

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

ST. GABRIEL

CATHOLIC RADIO
AM 820



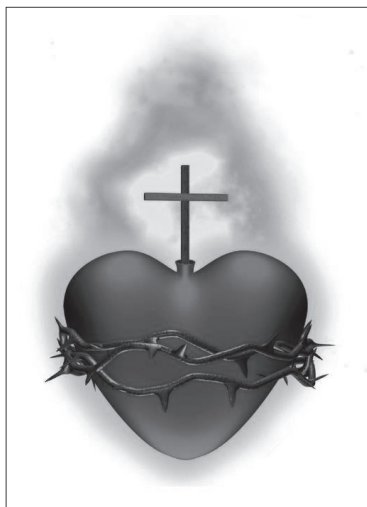
Phone (614) 459-4820
www.StGabrielRadio.com

Non-Profit Org
U.S. Postage
PAID
Columbus, OH
Permit No. 316

MISSION

St. Gabriel Catholic Radio's mission is to provide quality programming that is faithful to the teachings of the Church and presented in a way that inspires conversion of heart and a deepening faith while building up the local Body of Christ.

SACRED HEART CONGRESS 2013



Saturday, October 12
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Location: St. Andrew
Parish, Columbus

For details, visit:
SacredHeartCongressColumbus.org

FALL CCL FOOTBALL ON AM 820

CATCH ALL THE ACTION

**THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW SHOW**
WITH DOUG LESSELLS AND RYAN BAKER
6-7:15 P.M.
Doug and Ryan will speak with the coaches and players about last week's games and this week's matchup. Coverage includes the Central Catholic League schools as well as Newark Catholic, Marion Catholic, and Fisher Catholic.

**CENTRAL CATHOLIC LEAGUE GAME-OF-THE-WEEK**
WITH RANDY RHINEHART AND MIKE LANZA
7:15 P.M.




FRIDAY	AUGUST 30TH	NEWARK CATHOLIC VS READY (AT HILLIARD BRADLEY)
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 6TH	COLUMBUS ACADEMY VS READY (AT UPPER ARLINGTON)
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 13TH	DESALES AT NEW ALBANY
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 20TH	ST CHARLES AT HARTLEY
FRIDAY	SEPTEMBER 27TH	CLINTON MASSIE AT DESALES
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 4TH	HARTLEY AT WATTERSON
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 11TH	IRONTON AT ST CHARLES
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 18TH	WATTERSON AT DESALES
FRIDAY	OCTOBER 25TH	ST CHARLES AT WATTERSON
FRIDAY	NOVEMBER 1ST	HARTLEY VS READY (AT HILLIARD BRADLEY)

VISIT WWW.STGABRIELRADIO.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION

