

ST. GABRIEL

CATHOLIC RADIO
AM 820



MESSENGER



Conversion
of heart

Winter 2014

FLIPPING THE RADIO DIAL BROUGHT ME BACK TO THE FAITH.

Our Lord is a gentleman; He never imposes Himself on us even as He pursues our hearts throughout life. Sue Reichard of Sts. Simon and Jude parish in Plain City, a gentle woman herself, would agree with this. Over the years, as she wandered away from the Church, Jesus has called her gently, yet persistently. That is, until He swept Sue off her feet through the programming on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio.

I was just flipping stations and found AM 820.

It was a year ago that Sue accidentally stumbled onto AM 820 while driving and she hasn't stopped listening since. "I was driving, just flipping stations," she says. "I really started learning about our Faith on AM 820. It didn't take long for me to program the channel into my car radio."

At the time Sue found St. Gabriel Catholic Radio, she was attending Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United Methodist churches with her husband. Yet in today's world, it's no surprise that Sue was born into a Catholic family! She explains, "I was baptized Catholic and introduced to the Catholic Church as a child. My parents and extended family were practicing Catholics."

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An Aunt's prayer life makes a deep impression.

One of Sue's fondest memories is her Aunt Cele's devotion to the Holy Rosary. "I watched my Aunt pray the Rosary and was drawn into this devotion myself. She and my Grandmother Beau also practiced the Corporal Works of Mercy. They would prepare "care packages" and deliver them to the homes of people who had no visitors and to nursing homes. That made a deep impression on me.

"But for some reason, in the seventh or eighth grade of school," continues Sue, "I began to check out other churches. As a young woman, I got married outside of the Church, to a Presbyterian." That decision took Sue even farther away from practicing Catholicism.

Just what IS Catholicism?

Sue's serendipitous discovery of the teachings of the Catholic Faith on AM 820 led her to ask, "Just what is Catholicism?" The answers that she heard on the radio led her to enroll in an RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation) program at Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic parish in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Sue is already baptized, so at Easter this year, she'll receive Confirmation.

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TESTIMONY

"Catholic Radio Station available locally,
what's not to like!"
- Brad, faithful listener in Mansfield.

JOIN THE SPRING SPIRIT DRIVE AS A VOLUNTEER

Participate as a phone or food volunteer
March 12, 13, and 14. Sign up online at
St.GabrielRadio.com or call (614) 459-4820.

Let's take the Spring Spirit Drive food and phone
brigades to a whole new level!

NEW! FAMILY SANCTUARY MONDAYS AT 12:30



Join local hosts Mary
Ann Jepsen and Peggy
Hartshorn for a show
that inspires living
the Gospel message -
in word and in deed
within our families.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH



John Paul Amland

A Bishop Hartley High
School student, John Paul
interned at AM 820 over
the Christmas break. His
work enlisting advertisers
was so successful that he
came back for more on
President's Day! Thank
you, John Paul!

NEW! BUMPER MAGNET MEMBER TAGS



AM 820 Sustaining Members and advertisers can
now display a special MEMBER TAG right next to
car bumper magnets. If you haven't received your
Member tags for all of your cars' bumper magnets,
send an email request to Info@StGabrielRadio.com
or give us a call (614) 459-4820.



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"Growing up, I couldn't connect with the catechism that was being taught in religion classes. As a young adult, I never understood why being Catholic was different from being United Methodist, Presbyterian, or any other Christian denomination. Through St. Gabriel Radio and RCIA, I started learning the Truth about the Eucharist and the beauty of the Faith. I realized that the Catholic Church is where I need to be! I didn't understand the Catholic catechism as a child. Now, as an adult, I'm doing this because I desire this understanding. RCIA for me is an invitation. God is inviting me to embrace Him!"

RCIA is filled with AM 820 listeners.

Sue smiles as she points out that four or five of her fellow RCIA candidates at Sts. Simon and Jude also are avid AM 820 listeners. In class, they compare notes about what they've heard on AM 820 programs. "All of the programs are very educational and have pointed me back to the Church," Sue affirms. "Father Riccardo offers helpful insight into daily living. I love listening to Mother Angelica."

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My son the atheist

Sue's experience is a wonderful example of how a parent's response to the call to Faith affects the whole family, even children who reject the Catholic Church. She describes her family's reaction to her faith journey as, "watchful and even supportive."

In Sue's family, neither of her two sons was raised Catholic. One son is a self-proclaimed atheist. Yet, it was this son who invited Sue to attend Christmas Eve Mass together! Sue feels that her sons are watching with interest as her journey unfolds. "My son, the atheist, was raised in various Christian denominations but today he is really interested in Catholic Saints! He talks a lot about the Catholic Faith. And his girlfriend is Catholic!"

In fact, both sons have chosen Catholic girlfriends. "My second son's girlfriend gave me a beautiful Rosary for Christmas because she knows my devotion to praying the Rosary. My son asks me about it. He clearly sees that I feel called to pray, especially the Rosary. I try to start every day with prayer," relates Sue.

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Sue's husband is watching too. At arm's length, he's supportive.

Make more time to pray.

Sue's growing faith and prayer life also have an impact on her work in mortgage bank loan origination. As an Assistant Vice President, her workdays can be very demanding, complicated, and fulfilling.

"I love to help people find homes. On this faith journey into the Church with AM 820, I've learned that when I make more time to pray, I feel less stressed during the day. That calmness helps me relate in Charity to the people who depend on me in the stress of home buying."

During the fall of last year, Sue experienced a startling, sudden onset of a medical problem that landed her in the hospital for several weeks. More weeks of convalescence followed with a full recovery, by the grace of God. Her growing prayer life and faith were close companions on this odyssey. She highlights the comfort and grace she received in the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

Thy will be done!

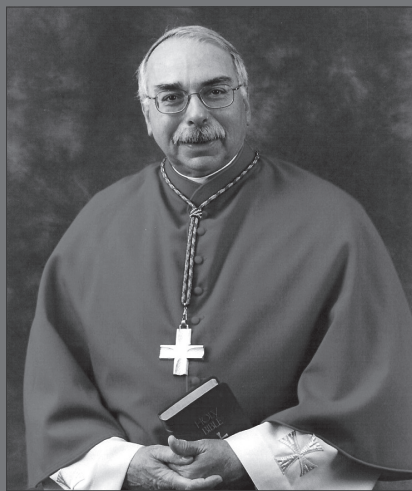
Looking ahead to better health and full participation in her Catholic Faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation, Sue comments on her aspirations. "Where I'm going is in God's hands. He leads me back to prayer and that prayer is, 'Thy will be done.'"

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Sue also has advice and a challenge for all the members of the St. Gabriel Catholic Radio family of listeners. "AM 820 is listener supported. Somebody's got to pay the bills! I'm a firm believer that whatever we give, God gives back. You can never out give God! So, prayerfully consider giving to the support of AM 820."

BISHOP FREDERICK CAMPBELL

TUESDAYS AT 5 P.M.



2014 is Bishop Campbell's 6th season on AM 820 shepherding his flock.

- From the Chair, weekly reflections
- Special forums
- Interaction with seminarians
- On-air Q & A

Thank you, Bishop Campbell!

LET US PRAY

Lord God, we ask that you bless the St. Gabriel radio family - listeners, donors, advocates and volunteers. Guide those who are lost, comfort those who are sick, speak to those seeking truth, And lead us all to everlasting Life with You. Amen

SPRING SPIRIT DRIVE NEEDS YOUR CHALLENGE DONATION

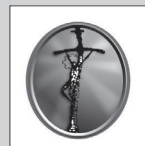
The Spring Spirit Drive takes place March 12, 13, and 14. Help take listener-supported AM 820's fundraising to a whole new level. Pre-Spirit Drive gifts help maximize donations and encourage others to give.

Make your pre-Spirit Drive gift today online at StGabrielRadio.com or call (614) 459-4820.

2014 CATHOLIC CONFERENCES AT THE VOINOVICH BUILDING



**Columbus Catholic
Women's Conference**
February 22
ColumbusCatholicWomen.com



**Columbus Catholic
Men's Conference**
March 1
ColumbusCatholicMen.com

NEW! ST. GABRIEL'S TRUMPET MONDAYS AT NOON



St. Gabriel's Trumpet with Chip Stalter offers weekly, local Catholic news to keep you informed about happenings in our listening area. Archives of these locally produced programs are available at StGabrielRadio.com.

NEW! TREASURES OF OUR FAITH FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS AT NOON



Reflections from priests in our listening area on topics of their choosing, a new program produced by St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820.

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

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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.

SPRING SPIRIT DRIVE MARCH 12, 13, & 14

Please pray for the success of this Spirit Drive fundraiser.

Listener-supported St. Gabriel Catholic Radio relies on donations to keep the doors open, the lights on, and the airwaves alive with the Word of God and the Love of Christ.

SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT FLASH DRIVE V.2

Back by popular demand! New Sustaining Members and advertisers who join the AM 820 radio family during the Spring Spirit Drive will receive over 20 hours of "best of" audio.

- Talks from Bishop Frederick Campbell
- Fr. John Riccardo's 10-part *RCIA for Catholics* series
- Fr. Mike Gentry's four-part series on prayer
- Vocation stories from *Answering the Call*

NEW PROGRAM SCHEDULE

LOCAL PROGRAMS

	12:00 PM	12:30 PM
MONDAY	St. Gabriel's Trumpet with Chip Stalter	Family Sanctuary with Mary Ann Jepsen And Peggy Hartshorn
TUESDAY	The Seminarians	Answering The Call with Elizabeth Ficocelli
WEDNESDAY	The Catholic Doctors with Drs. Parker and Turek	Bishop Frederick Campbell
THURSDAY	Msgr. Eugene Morris	Raising Saints with Katy Wyatt
FRIDAY	Treasures Of Our Faith with Local Priests	Foundations In Faith with Msgr. Frank Lane

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