

ST. GABRIEL

CATHOLIC RADIO
AM 820



MESSENGER

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COUPLE ENTRUSTED COURTSHIP TO GOD'S HANDS

"God is first in my life. If He's not first in yours, this relationship will begin and end in friendship," Amy and David Tague seemed to say in unison when they first started dating almost five years ago. Today, they are more convinced than ever that they are blessed to have God at the center of their lives and marriage.

"I've been with St. Gabriel Radio since I stumbled on it in 2011," says David. "I was a sports and talk-radio fan. I first learned about St. Gabriel Radio in passing by a booth at a Columbus Catholic Men's Conference. It seemed the right thing to do to put a bumper magnet on my car but I thought that I would rarely, if ever, listen to Catholic radio." Over time, AM 820 climbed to the top of David's radio channel list.

Amy and Dave agree that AM 820 has helped them grow in their faith, their marriage, and their parenting.

David is a cradle Catholic, the son of a convert mother and cradle-Catholic father. "Growing up, the Faith was the center in our family. Then I wandered a bit in college, a place where everything is questioned." David went to Mass weekly but couldn't explain his beliefs to anyone because he didn't know the meaning of his faith. "I remember sitting in the Ohio Union at OSU," relates David. "Two guys approached me, sat down, and said 'Let's talk about Jesus Christ!' I answered, 'Umm, I'm Catholic.'" He felt that he should have been able to better explain why he was Catholic and defend the Faith in these situations, "My religious education up until then had been mostly about huggy-feely ideas."

I left my faith at the door of the church

That desire to know more led him to a Bible study group on campus. He only attended one session because it was more of a communal "hand-holding" prayer group, but what he really needed was to be catechized. "I tended to leave the Faith at the door of the church after Mass each weekend. Gradually, I became more involved in parish life and as time went on, my faith deepened. In 2008 I became a member of the Knights of Columbus. St. Gabriel Radio programs took on a new meaning for me. *Catholic Answers Live*, weekdays from 6 - 8:00 P.M., became a big attraction. Now I feel like I know all the hosts' voices!"

David says, "I listen to podcasts of AM 820 programs and I like Bishop Campbell's monthly, live call-in program on AM 820."

"St. Gabriel Radio has become a major part of my own adult catechesis program. It takes me two minutes to drive to the gym and I oftentimes end up spending ten to fifteen minutes in the parking lot to finish listening to a program. My goal is to 'always be ready to give an answer for my faith.'"

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Conversion
of heart

LISTENER TESTIMONY

"AM 820 led me back home to the Church from practicing Judaism." Eric in Kenton, OH

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Finding order, making sense out of life

Amy found AM 820 through word-of-mouth, the Columbus Catholic Women's conference, and a bumper magnet, similar to David's discovery. Unlike David, Amy grew up in a broken family where she suffered through abuse and dysfunction as a child. "My family was pseudo-Methodist. My parents divorced when I was two and remarried several times. When I was 17 years old, a friend took me to Mass at Our Lady of Peace. There, I felt that my life could have some order and make some sense. The beauty of the Mass left a deep impression on my young heart."

As happens with so many of us from conflicted families, Amy found love in the wrong places and ignored the red flags. She entered into several relationships that repeated her own family cycle of abuse. "My real conversion took place with the help of Fr. Michael Watson at St. Andrew parish, who became a father figure to me. I am so grateful to Fr. Watson for walking me through the journey from the periphery of faith into the heart of the Church. At St. Andrew's, I took on many roles. I came to know about dying to oneself and surrendering to God."

David and Amy found each other late in life through a Knights of Columbus gathering at Rooster's. "The Faith drew us together," remarks Amy. David interjects, "I met my wife through the world's largest Catholic men's organization!"

"The past has brought me to where I am – thanks to God's grace, which I wanted and asked for passionately," is how Amy explains her blessings.

Placing the relationship in God's hands

"I found AM 820 in the last three years," Amy continues. "Catholic radio has been a marvelous companion, especially on the road to the annulment of my previous marriage and courtship with David." The whole process of annulment has been a great gift for Amy and David. Amy describes it as a deep healing that forced her to evaluate where she had been and why.

Amy is especially grateful for Deacon Tom Berg, Jr., her annulment advocate who accompanied her through the process. "During the annulment process and marriage preparation, we used the best book I have ever read, *The Good News about Sex and Marriage* by Christopher West. It changed our lives. David and I have reread it several times!" Amy and David were deeply influenced by *Theology of the Body*. "In marriage preparation, we learned about NFP (natural family planning). We decided that our lives were either 100% in the Faith or 100% out. You can't pick and choose when it comes to living Church doctrine," advises Amy.

"We placed our relationship in God's hands. During our courtship, we consciously decided to be obedient to the Church's teaching on chastity," David and Amy affirm.



"You cannot second guess the outcome of the annulment petition," Amy reflects. "We entrusted our future relationship to the wisdom of the Church. We knew that the ruling might make marriage impossible. We accepted that possibility," she says. Amy feels called to help other couples who are going through the annulment process.

Two years ago, Amy and David were united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. They have formed a family with Amy's sons.

Teaching my children that they can count on me

The Doctor Is In, Dr. Ray Guarendi's program that airs weekdays at 1:00 P.M., has become a wheelhouse for Amy. "I'm relearning how to help my kids and how to be a better parent." Amy describes one of Dr. Ray's techniques, *blackout*, "What this means to me is that I must say what I mean to my sons and mean what I say. This is right and fair. The underlying concept is straight out of the Bible: 'Let your "Yes" mean "Yes," and your "No" mean "No." Anything more is from the evil one,'" (Matthew 5:37). Dr. Ray gives me specific examples of how to do this. The result is very effective," says Amy. "My sons are learning to count on me, that what I say I will do, I do. They are also learning a tool that will benefit their own parenting when they have families."

Amy has her own business as a dog trainer, so she spends a lot of time driving from client to client. While on the road, she listens to Teresa Tomeo, Patrick Coffin, and *Morning Glory*. "I love the variety, especially the question-and-answer programs. These radio programs really help people one on one," she says.

When David and Amy reflect on one of their most important roles, raising Amy's three sons, David says, "I put pebbles in the shoes of my stepsons. I care about them and try to introduce them to compelling ideas, especially when it comes to faith. I would love to see them open their hearts and minds to God." He believes that AM 820 helps him share The Good News of Christ with his stepsons and the world.

Amy concludes, "Your children are watching you as mother, father, husband, and wife and will copy your behavior. Be genuine. Genuineness is not a feeling, it is living the truth that God has revealed to us in the Ten Commandments, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and in the teachings of the Church."

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DR. RAY GUARENDI'S PARENTAL ADVICE

"If parents don't discipline their children, they will be disciplined by others: a teacher, a judge, a landlord, an employer, a sergeant. The world will crush your children. Parents need to tell children what is expected of them and give clear consequences (such as loss of privileges) and stick to the discipline." In extreme cases, Dr. Ray suggests *blackout* to control a child's behavior. This means stopping everything except food and bathroom services.

FALL SPIRIT DRIVE

September 14, 15, 16, & 17

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INSPIRATION FROM BISHOP CAMPBELL

Bishop Frederick F. Campbell reflections are available in the AM 820 on-demand audio Archives online at www.StGabrielRadio.com. This is a treasury of Catholic teaching and a great tool for PSR classes, RCIA programs, high school theology classes, Bible study groups, and people of all ages.

SACRED HEART CONGRESS



St. Matthew Church, Gahanna
October 15, 2016
6:45 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Speakers include Dr. Timothy O'Donnell, President of Christendom College on *Heart of the Redeemer* and Fr. Stash Dailey on *My Heart is Mercy*. Fr. Ted Sill will lead Benediction. www.SacredHeartCongressColumbus.org

CCL GAME-OF-THE-WEEK SCHEDULE

AM 820 Friday high school football coverage starts at 6:00 P.M.

August 26	Upper Arlington @ St. Charles
September 2	Hartley @ Central Crossing
September 9	Ready vs. Cincinnati Hills
September 16	Hartley @ DeSales
September 23	Benedictine @ Watterson
September 30	DeSales @ Watterson
October 7	Ready @ Hartley
October 14	Watterson @ Hartley
October 21	St. zz Charles @ DeSales
October 28	Northwest @ St Charles
Nov. 4 - Dec. 3	Playoffs

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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.

A black and white photograph of two men, Doug Lessells and Ryan Baker, wearing headphones and holding microphones. They are smiling and appear to be hosts for a radio show. Above them is a graphic for the "HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCOREBOARD SHOW" on AM 820, featuring a football field and stadium lights.

SCORES AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM ALL OVER CENTRAL OHIO
FRIDAY NIGHT
AFTER THE GAME ON AM 820

FRIDAY NIGHT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COVERAGE ON AM 820

6:00

Catholic High School Football Preview Show
with Doug Lessells and Ryan Baker

7:00

Catholic High School Football Game-of-the-Week
with Randy Rhinehart and Larry Wolf

AFTER THE GAME

High School Football Scoreboard Show

Scores and highlights from the Ohio Capital Conference, City League, Columbus Catholic League, Licking County League, and the Mid-State League

