

# Stewardship Bulletin Inserts for February & March 2008

February 3, 2008 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Blessed are they who are what they are and do what they do *for the sake of the kingdom!* The Gospel today assures good stewards that their suffering and their service on behalf of the Kingdom *will* be rewarded!

February 17, 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God,” St. Paul tells Timothy in today’s second reading. What sacrifice is asked of me for the sake of the Gospel? How willing am I to bear my share?

March 2, 2008 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to His message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

March 16, 2008 (Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

“Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!” shout the crowds in today’s Gospel. May we be always ready to share our blessings when we are sent in His name!

March 30, 2008 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus meets the need of each disciple. To the fearful in the upper room, He speaks words of peace. To doubting Thomas, He provides the tangible proof of His resurrection. What do I need to become His disciple? What do I have to share that might meet someone else’s need?

February 10, 2008 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

February 24, 2008 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

March 9, 2008 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, “This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God’s glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified.” Every aspect of our lives – our gifts as well as our sufferings – can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for ourselves and others.

March 23, 2008 (Easter Sunday)  
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Very early in the morning after the Sabbath, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb to anoint Jesus’ body with precious oils. The reward of this good conscientious steward was to be the first to know that Jesus had been raised from the dead! Alleluia!

# Tech-Info Day

March 12, 2008

8:15 am – 5:00 pm

Youngstown State University  
Chestnut Room

The Diocese of Youngstown Information System Services department will host a one-day conference addressing the use of computers. The topics will cover using technology as a tool, management and protection of computers and the information entrusted to you.

Our keynote speaker is **Mr. Mike Hayes**.

Mike's presentation will examine **Technology and Faith Formation: Reaching Today's Young Adults**.

How has the fast paced technological advances of today contributed to informing and influencing the religious practices of young adults? How have other world events also solidified those practices? This workshop will provide those answers and also teach you how to create a simple blog, podcast and will make suggestions to improve the Parish website. **Bring your laptop to work along with Mike.**

The growing generational divide between Generation X and the Millennial Generation will be covered with a view to technology as well.

Several other topics that day will cover Data Security, virus attacks are not the only threat to protect against. It's better to know how to protect the information you have gathered than to send letters apologizing for losing it. Also on the agenda will be information in what to examine in setting up or renewing your website.

## Mr. Mike Hayes

Mike co-founded BustedHalo.com with Fr. Brett Hoover, CSP, in December 2001. In addition to his work at BustedHalo, Mike serves as the President of the board of directors for the National Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association.



A frequent speaker on ministering to young adults, Mike is the author of *Googling God: The Religious Landscape of People in their 20s and 30s* with Paulist Press. In 2002, Mike received a Catholic Press Association Award for his article "Transformation and the 20's and 30's Crowd" that appeared in *Share the Word* magazine.

Before working in ministry, Mike produced radio talk show shows at WFAN and WOR in New York and also covered major league baseball for NPR and WOR.

Mike and his wife, Marion, are residents of Queens, New York.

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Pastors, Associates, Secretaries, Bookkeepers, Business Managers, Principals, Directors of Religious Education, anyone using and responsible for computers and the information stored on them.

## PRESENTATIONS

**Symantec** will discuss some of the attacks that now threaten computers. Web usage and e-mail offer many benefits, but they also pose areas of risk such as: potential loss of data and a risk to an organization's reputation. New threats like phishing and spyware need more than traditional anti-virus protection to keep your computer safe. This presentation will highlight some of the measures you can put in place to protect your computer and the information stored on the hard drive.

**Software Spectrum** and **Insight** will inform you of the various companies that offer discounts to Non-profit organizations. In the past the affiliation of Insight and Software Spectrum with the Diocesan Information Systems Conference has enabled dioceses, parishes, diocesan organizations and schools to realize savings in their computer related purchases.

**Microsoft** will review some of enhancements to their new version of Windows, Vista and also highlight many of the improvements and additions that they have put into the new version of Office 2007.

**Internet Data Management** will offer tips and information about creating or maintaining your website.

**Interlogic Outsourcing Inc.**, an Employer services company will be on hand to acquaint you with ways they have been able to help other parishes in many dioceses across the country to save money.

**Great Lakes Computer Corp.** provides an economical way to maintain networks remotely. They can diagnose network problems, determine a solution via the internet – saving time in making your network operable or making sure your backup worked as intended. Great Lakes Computer also offers service on nearly all brands of printers. You would no longer have a need to purchase expensive extended warranties for your printers.

There will be a great deal of expertise offered by the representatives of technology companies this day. This information is yours for the taking.

**Bulletin Quotes**  
**February 2008**  
**USCCB Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities**

**February 3rd**

Rates of three reported STDs rose again in 2006, part of an estimated 19 million new STD infections that occur each year, almost half of which are contracted by people under 24 years of age. Gary L. Rose, MD, president of the Medical Institute for Sexual Health, attributes the continuing rise in STDs to the failure of contraception-focused education to fully teach young people about the risks of disease.

*Cheryl Wetzstein, "STD Rates Rising for Nation's Young," Washington Times, Nov. 14, 2007, A9*

**February 10th**

Induced abortion increased the early preterm birth rate [from 24 weeks' to 31 weeks and 6 days' gestation] by 31.5%. Almost 23,000 children in the U.S. are born before 32 weeks as a result of the mother's prior induced abortion. Annually, over 4,000 of these infants will die and 1,000 will have or develop cerebral palsy.

*Calhoun, B. et al., "Cost Consequences of Induced Abortion as an Attributable Risk for Preterm Birth and Impact on Informed Consent," Journal of Reproductive Medicine, Oct. 2007, 929-937.*

**February 17th**

When all candidates hold a position in favor of an intrinsic evil, the conscientious voter faces a dilemma. The voter may decide to take the extraordinary step of not voting for any candidate or, after careful deliberation, may decide to vote for the candidate deemed less likely to advance such a morally flawed position and more likely to pursue other authentic human goods.

In making these decisions, it is essential for Catholics to be guided by a well-formed conscience that recognizes that all issues do not carry the same moral weight and that the moral obligation to oppose intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions.

*"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," (nos. 36-37), USCCB, Nov. 14, 2007*

**February 24th**

As Catholics we are not single-issue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support. Yet a candidate's position on a single issue that involves an intrinsic evil, such as support for legal abortion or the promotion of racism, may legitimately lead a voter to disqualify a candidate from receiving support.

*"Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship," (no. 42), USCCB, Nov. 14, 2007*

**NFP Bulletin Briefs**  
**Diocese of Youngstown**  
**Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family**

**February 3rd**

To appreciate this gift of fertility can transform a marriage. The man no longer says to his wife, "I love you, but not totally. In fact there is one thing about you I do not like at all: your ability to become a mother and make me a father. Here, take this pill and we can forget about that disagreeable aspect of who you are." But if they are using natural methods, they will never suppress the gift of fertility, but rather will constantly recognize it.

*Fr. Phil Bloo*

**February 10th**

There has been a gradual but major change in oral contraception. The drive to reduce metabolic assault and unwanted side-effects has resulted in a trend toward formulations which are less contraceptive and more likely to be abortifacient. This has a broad range of moral consequences.

*Nicholas Tonti-Filippini, BA, MA*

**February 17th**

NFP by its very nature demands communication and cooperation between the spouses. It turns the attention outward toward one's spouse ... while contraception by its very nature turns attention inward toward self ... a contraceptive act is not an expression of a total self-gift.

*George Sim Johnston*

**February 24th**

In destroying the power of giving life, through contraception, a husband or wife is doing something to self. This turns the attention to self and so it destroys the gift of love in him or her. In loving, the husband and wife must turn the attention to each other as happens in natural family planning, and not to self, as happens in contraception. Once that living love is destroyed by contraception, abortion follows very easily.

*Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*

**All Catholics in their Twenties and Thirties  
are invited the Diocese of Youngstown's first**

# **DioceSan Young Adult**

## **Mass & Social**

**with Bishop George V. Murry, SJ**

**Wednesday,  
February 27, 2008  
7:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

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**St. Charles Parish**

(7345 Westview Drive, Boardman OH 44512,  
Located on Rt. 224, just west of Rt. 7  
and the Southern Park Mall.)

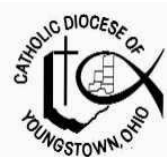
**Bring your spouse, a friend,  
a sibling, a roommate,  
or just come meet new friends!**

**For more information, please email  
[ccase@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:ccase@youngstowndiocese.org)**



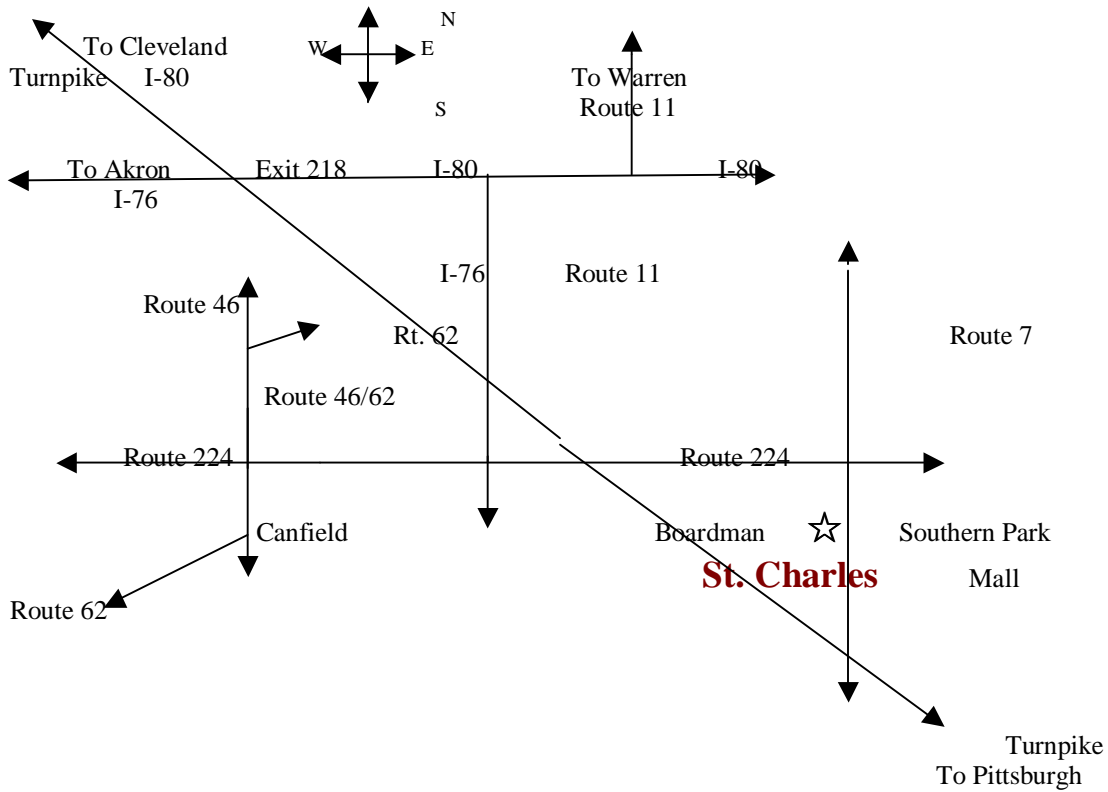
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Parish and young adult friendly organizations that would like to be involved with this event should contact Cindee Case at the Diocese at 330-744-8451, or email [ccase@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:ccase@youngstowndiocese.org)



# St. Charles Borromeo Parish

7345 Westview Drive, Boardman OH 44512  
(faces Rt. 224 just west of Rt 7)



# **Bulletin Announcements for the Diocesan Young Adult Mass**

Note: Please run announcements for more than weekend, if space allows.

**Diocesan Young Adult Mass with Bishop Murry:** All Catholics, single and married, in their 20's and 30's are invited to meet and pray with Bishop Murry and other young adults at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 7345 Westview Drive, Boardman OH 44512 (located on Rt. 224, just west of Rt. 7 and the Southern Park Mall.) A social with wine, coffee and hors d'oeuvres will follow the Mass. This free event is sponsored by the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and St. Charles Parish. For more information, contact Cindee at 330-744-8451, ext. 280, [ccase@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:ccase@youngstowndiocese.org), or <http://www.myspace.com/mvcya>.

**Are you in your 20's or 30's?** If so, then you are invited to the first **Diocesan Young Adult Mass with Bishop Murry** at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 27 at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 7345 Westview Drive, Boardman OH 44512 (located on Rt. 224, just west of Rt. 7 and the Southern Park Mall.) A social with wine, coffee and hors d'oeuvres will follow the Mass. This free event is sponsored by St. Charles Parish and the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. For more information, contact Cindee at 330-744-8451, ext. 280, [ccase@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:ccase@youngstowndiocese.org), or <http://www.myspace.com/mvcya>.

**Attention Young Adults (ages 20-40):** you are invited to the first **Diocesan Young Adult Mass with Bishop Murry** on Wednesday, February 27 at 7 p.m. at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, 7345 Westview Drive, Boardman OH 44512 (located on Rt. 224, just west of Rt. 7 and the Southern Park Mall.) A social with wine, coffee and hors d'oeuvres will follow the Mass. This free event is sponsored by the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and St. Charles Parish. For more information, contact Cindee at 330-744-8451, ext. 280, [ccase@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:ccase@youngstowndiocese.org), or <http://www.myspace.com/mvcya>.