



AUGUST 1/2, 2015

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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REMEMBER THE SICK: Angelica, Donna Boyle Amadio, Karen Anderson, Mary Bachu, Ryan Ball, Ed Bano, Patrick Beck, Judy Benegar, Donna Borsellino, Joey Bohanon, Millie Bowers, Cynthia Bowser, James Boyd, Evon Brown, John Carney, Bina Chandra, Marie Cherney, Hilary Cohen, Robert Colaizzi, Maureen Crean, Elia Cuomo, Gerard Cuomo, Joan Dalo, Judy DeMonaco, Paula Dunkum, Kathryn Edmonston, David Edwards, Morgan Eller, Brendan Feely, Sarah Flumerfelt, Patricia Galasso, Mike Gilley, David Green, Carol Hall, Pat Harney, Neil Hawley, Kenneth Halloway IV, Mary Gerarde Hood, Candi Hubbard, Charles Jarrett, June Jennings, Mary Ann Johansen, Cindy Johnson, Christopher Kelch, Shannon Kelch, John Kiernan, Amelia Koffman, Kathy Kohlstrand, Kathy Powers Krahling, Tina Krahling, Ann Lambert, Bill Laslo, Virginia Laurie, Mark Libaers, Tony Liene, Nancy Light, Thomas List, Logan MacArthur, Patrick McCarthy, Bunnie McClennen, Debbie Merritt, Gary Miller, Sue Niebling, Steven Oakley, Ernest Owens, Kevin Pigg, Daniel Ramsey, Irma Reagan, Betty Rehpelz, Kathy Richards, Harriet Robinson, Jean Robertson, Melissa Rozella, Theresa Sawyer and family members, Chris Schlotterbeck II, Paul Sclafani, Irene Shenasky, Sara Shenasky, Melody Smith, Pam Smith, Judy Spadaro, Barbara Stein, Jean Strangways, Tass Tucker, Maggie Tusmshi, Amy Underwood, Jacob Underwood, Patricia Flower Vermillion, Ryan Waddington, Ken Watson, Kevin Wein, Gene Wells, Oliver Wesolowski, Kevin Whelan, Larry Williams, Baxter Wilson, Mini Willis, Fran Winn, Lena Wolff, Ron Wyles, Charlie Yue, Amelia Zentz

PRAYER REQUESTS: Sandy Aichinger, Brianna Alessandro, Vickie Alley, Bruno Baggio, Lumen Barbero, Paul Berger, Jack Boyd, U.T. and Yvonne Brown, Rose Brumley, Bob C., Mark Callahan, Donna Christman, Joseph Cianci, Jack Donahue, Joe Finn, Lorraine Forrer, Steven Lee Forrer, Alivia Grace Furr, Michelle Germano, Joan Geroe, Christina Gordon, Katie Gordon, Jill Haddox, Shelly Hanna, Richard Hegg, Blanche Henry, Ursula Hinkleman, Michelle & Jordan Jackson, Shannon Jennings, Theresa Lee, Nancy Loy, Maryann Lumley, Taccarra Mack, Mary Magoon, Jim Mahoney, Clara Marini, Maria McDonald, Bruce McKenna, John Meier, Eric Menehune, Christopher Molosso, John Murphy, Robert Norbeck, Maria Oakes, Maureen Palmer, Patrick Parnell, Melissa Perkinson, Sandy Piscatelli, Irma Reagan, Brad Richards, Fr. Michael Rigley, Paul Anthony Ross, George Louis Ross, Danny Santos, Colleen Seavey, Maria Sherman, Susan Smith, Roy Starrin, Gwen Stinard, Barbara Stone, Dianna Stookey, Betty Taylor, Ron Thompson, Carole Thompson, Stephanie Thompson, Paul Valentine, Ryder Waddington, Margaret Walker, Linda Weed, Lena Wolff, Susy Wood, Lin Goodwin Yopp

PRAYERLINE REQUESTS: Please call the Parish Office at 481-5702.

**CALENDAR****SUNDAY, AUGUST 2****MONDAY, AUGUST 3****TUESDAY, AUGUST 4**

Holy Family Catholic Book Club 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

Diocesan Leadership Round Table 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

J.O.Y. Club 11:00 a.m.

Boy Scout Troop #587 6:00 p.m.

Family Addiction Support Group 6:30 p.m.

Rosary 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

K of C Rosary 7:00 p.m.

K of C Business Meeting 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:45 a.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

Reconciliation 4:30 p.m.

Bar-be-que Dinner 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

(sponsored by the Knights of Columbus)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

Potluck Picnic for Holy Family Social Ministries 5:00 p.m.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE: Our Summer Mass Schedule has begun, changing the 11:00 a.m. Mass to 10:30 a.m. This schedule will run through Labor Day Weekend.

NURSERY: The Nursery will not be staffed with volunteers for the month of August. As always, you are welcome to stay with your child in the Nursery and participate in Mass by watching on the video feed. We will resume staffing the nursery in September. Please contact hfevangelization@gmail.com with any questions and/or if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

**CHURCH****PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Monday, August 3:** Morning Prayer**Tuesday, August 4:** Bob Kerr by The Sinns**Wednesday, August 5:** Joe Kelly by Mary Sorrentino**Thursday, August 6:** Helen Wills by Maureen Aylward**Friday, August 7:** Intention for the Conversion of Our Country
by a Parishioner**Saturday, August 8:** Katherine Weed (Birthday)
by Peter and Linda Weed**Sunday, August 9:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners;
10:30 a.m.: Col. Robert L. "Bob" Gleason
by Ben McConnell**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS****Sunday, August 2:** *The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:*Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Ps 78:3-4, 23-25, 54; Eph 4:17, 20-24;
Jn 6:24-35**Monday, August 3:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21**Tuesday, August 4:** *Saint John Vianney, priest:*

Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:1, 3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday, August 5: *The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major:* Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106: 6-7b, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28**Thursday, August 6:** *The Transfiguration of the Lord:*

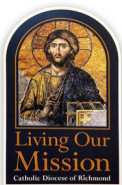
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Friday, August 7: *Saint Sixtus II, pope, and companions, martyrs; Saint Cajetan, priest:* Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21;
Mt 16:24-28**Saturday, August 8:** *Saint Dominic, priest:*

Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, August 9: *The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:*

1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Rick Paradiso, Chair;
Greg Brown, Co-Chair; Laurie Steentofte,
Secretary; Brian Alexander; Joe Kelly; Julianna
Luecke (Youth Representative); Richard Serpe;
Todd Solomon; Kathy Staskin; Gwen Stinard;
Fr. Gaudy.**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Andy Ward, Chairperson; Joy Bixler,
Vice-Chairperson; Jean MacLeay, Secretary; Steve Ambrose,
Andy McClaskey, Terry McElroy, Fr. Gaudy.**NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET):** Mike
McCormick and Kathy Staskin, Co-Chairpersons; Mike DeJaeger,
Shannan LePage, Elizabeth Panchik, Tom Rumely, Dean
Schleicher, Steve Winter, Fr. Gaudy.**"LIVING OUR MISSION" CAMPAIGN****UPDATE:** For current updates, listen to the
announcements at Mass, check our website, and see
the thermometer posters in the Commons. If you
have not turned in your pledge card, please do so as
soon as possible.**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**Budget 2015/2016 is \$1,077,484.00. This includes
Schools Parish Sharing Assessment of \$84,719.00.

Our total offertory to date is 7% – \$71,589.10.

For July 25/26, the weekly offertory total was \$13,528.46.

Holy Family Operating Fund: \$185,424.14

Social Ministry: \$19,523.78

Haiti Fund: \$77,539.96

Capital Reserve: \$152,403.64

DIOCESAN 2014 ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE:301 families pledged \$64,010.00 for \$143.88% of our goal of
\$44,490.00. \$61,630.50 has been paid to date, leaving a balance
of \$2,379.50.With three rounds of funding, the Diocese has returned \$1.2
million to the parishes, which is the highest in the history of the
Appeal. In 2013, Holy Family received \$13,155.38 and in 2014,
Holy Family has received to date \$17,663.99.**COLUMBARIUM:** There are Columbarium niches available.
The cost is \$2,000.00 for a double niche. Contact Terry McElroy
at 481-5702.**BULLETIN:** The deadline for bulletin notices is Mondays at
9:30 a.m. Please submit to Carla, the Parish Secretary. Any inserts
will need to be digital as everything is emailed to the publishing
company.ENCOUNTER THE JOY
OF THE GOSPEL
SET THE WORLD ABLAZE**The New Evangelization – Ministry Follow-up**We had over 500 persons sign up for ministries. Thank
you! If you signed up, you should have heard from your
ministry leader by now. If you have not, please contact us at
hfevangelization@gmail.com.Haven't signed up for a ministry, but now interested? You can
always sign up for a ministry online at the Church of the Holy
Family web site. Click on Ministries, then click on Ministry
Descriptions.



Freedom: A well-rounded school gives students freedom to recognize their capabilities and individual potentials. Something as simple as putting toys away or helping set placements for snack time can build good character that will last a lifetime. At the Day School, we foster an atmosphere where thinking, questioning, and imagining are encouraged while enhancing understanding, empathy, and communication skills. Preschool is your students' introduction into the education system; while it is fun and engaging for the children it is an important responsibility for both parents and teachers. Holy Family Day School accepts students age 2 1/2 (toilet trained) through Kindergarten. With Freedom comes knowledge, and with knowledge comes understanding. We will work to engage your children in a warm, caring, structured environment to help them understand how important they are in the world. Currently, we have openings for 2 1/2-Young 3's classes and our older 3 Year Tuesday/Thursday! If you have any questions or would like to take a tour of our school, please call 481-1180. Helpful information can be found on our website at www.holyfamilydayschool.org.

Do You Know What Your Elementary School Student is Doing After School? Holy Family Day School has a great program limited to 20 students for after school care. Students attending John B. Dey, Trantwood, or Alanton Elementary school may ride a VBCPS bus to Holy Family. The program is structured to include playground time, snack time, homework time, centers, and other activities.

Box Tops For Education: Box Top collection is a year-round program and we are so pleased with the excellent response to this fund raiser for the school. The box outside the Chapel is the place to drop off your collection.

THE DVDS ARE HERE!

We are excited to announce that we now have DVD copies of the three presentations given by Fr. Mike Renninger at the "Holy Homes – Holy Hearts" Retreat in January. There are 15 copies available for purchase. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested. All proceeds will go to our parish outreach of financial assistance to those in need. The church also has several copies that are available for loan. Please contact Alfie at pal@hollyfamilyvb.org to purchase a DVD or borrow one.

HOLY FAMILY BOOK CLUB: Please join us on Tuesday, August 4, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis. In the classic *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis, one of the most important writers of the 20th century, explores the common ground upon which all of those of Christian faith stand together. *Mere Christianity* provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear this powerful apologetic for the Christian faith. Please contact Mike McCormick at sixmcc89@gmail.com or 419-0145 for more information.



GOLDEN SENIORS NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 17, at 10:00 a.m.

(Everyone is invited)

Local author and Holy Family parishioner

Jim Healy will speak on:

"The Old FBI – Chasing Spies and Fugitives"

First Thursdays:

(Point of Contact: Tom Johnson at 496-8783)

August 6 - Maritime Museum in Newport News—near Christopher Newport University at the south end of J. Clyde Morris, 11:00 a.m. – an hour's drive from the church; group admission is \$10.00 per person – lunch at Harpoon Larry's at a locally popular seafood restaurant at 621 J. Clyde Morris Boulevard, about two miles from the Museum.

No monthly membership meetings in August. Mark your calendars for the September 17 General Meeting at 10:00 a.m.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON SEPTEMBER 17

Need a ride to the meeting? Call Barbara Morris at 496-2696.

Membership information? Call Cathy Haley at 463-0525.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION: Are you still undecided about which ministry to join? Do you like working with children? Would you like to share the richness of the Catholic faith with the children of our parish? Then catechetical ministry is the ministry for you! Please consider joining the K-5 Catechist team! We need catechists for grades 1, 3, 4, and 5. We are looking for energetic and dedicated adults to teach the youth of our parish. VIRTUS and background check, Pathways training, and occasional meetings are required. Supplies, support, and materials are provided. Contact Tiffany in the parish office if you are interested. DRE@hollyfamilyvb.org

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that endures for eternal life." Are you being chosen to help feed and give life to the people of God as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Call Father Michael Boehling at 804-359-5661 or e-mail at mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

FALL CALENDAR INPUTS DUE: We are now planning for the Church's Fall Calendar that will cover from Labor Day, September 7, through the First Sunday of Advent, November 29. If you or your group desire to use church spaces during this period, and have not already done so, please be sure to submit your needs to Carla, our Parish Secretary, by Monday, August 17. This applies to everyone who meets in our building. Thank you.

MUSIC NOTES

Join our Music Ministry! Call Sylvia Chapa (office: 481-5702, ext. 116) or email music@holyfamilyvb.org. Read about the musical opportunities online at <http://holyfamilyvb.org/music-ministry>.

Singing at Mass in August: SUMMER SCHOLA on August 2 and 9 at 10:30 a.m., and August 8 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Keep your eyes on this column: Each week in August, you'll read about another way to sing, ring, or play music for the Lord at Holy Family! Starting with grades 1-5 this weekend.

Holy Family Children's Choir completed the summer season by singing at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on July 26, and then having a fabulous family dinner at Hilltop. A great time was had by children, siblings, parents, and grandparents in the Burton's Grill party room. HFCC is taking a break during August. Rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 10 at 6:15 p.m. **Children in grades 1-5 can sign up anytime by submitting a ministry form.** Get out your smartphone and find it online here: <http://holyfamilyvb.org/ministry-form>.

Mark "Children's Choir" under Worship/Music or in the comments box at the end of the form.

Put yourself in the picture!



**FR. ROBERT BARRON COMING TO
HAMPTON ROADS**

The **Bishop Keane Institute** brings the leading voices in Catholic thought, ministry and education to Hampton, Virginia, as a way of engaging our local community in the ongoing and wider mission of Christ's Church.



Fr. Robert Barron

AUGUST 14, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M.

**HELD AT BETHEL CHURCH: 1705 TODDS LANE,
HAMPTON, VA 23666**

**DOORS OPEN FRIDAY, AUGUST 14,
AT 6:30 P.M.**

For those of you who purchased tickets for the Bishop Keane Institute – Fr. Barron event on August 14, tickets will be available for pick-up in early August at the reception desk during parish office hours. If you did not purchase a ticket to this event, please contact Immaculate Conception directly or order online through the Bishop Keane Institute.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We served our neighbors last weekend and now our Food Pantry shelves are bare. Please help us restock by bringing any of the following: **Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti, Coffee, Tea, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat (including Stew and Chili), Canned Soup, Boxed Potatoes, Rice Mixes, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal, Pancake Syrup, and Pancake Mix.**



**Potluck Picnic
for Holy Family
Social Ministries**

Sunday, August 9, at 5:00 p.m.

If you participate in any of these Social Ministries: JCOC, Haiti Ministries, Financial Outreach, Food Pantry, Giving Tree, Holiday Food Baskets, Migrant Ministry, Red Cross Blood Drive, Meals on Wheels, Winter Watch, Environmental Committee, and The Chosen, you are invited to a Potluck Picnic. You may bring whatever sides you wish to share. Holy Family will provide the hot dogs, burgers, and drinks. We will have outdoor games for the kids and adults to enjoy!

Thank you for all you do for the least of
Our brothers and sisters in Christ.

RSVP to pal@holyfamilyvb.org.



2015-2016

BAPTISM CLASSES AND DATES

Class: Thursday, August 13, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Baptism Date: Sunday, August 30 – 10:30 a.m. Mass

Class: Thursday, October 15, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Baptism Date: Saturday, October 24 – 5:30 p.m. Mass

Class: Thursday, January 21, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Baptism Date: Sunday, January 31 – 11:00 a.m. Mass

Class: Thursday, April 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Baptism Date: Saturday, April 30 – 5:30 p.m. Mass



Representing the Virginia Catholic Bishops and their
Dioceses in Public Policy Matters

Are you curious to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Are you an adult contemplating Baptism? Have you been baptized in another Christian faith but now find yourself being led to the Catholic Church? Are you looking to complete your Sacraments of Initiation by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as a baptized Catholic adult? Then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) is the place for you! Come with your questions to one of our Inquiry Sessions where you can meet team members and find out how we can accompany you on your faith journey. Classes begin in October and are held on Sunday mornings between the Masses.

Inquiry Dates

- **Saturday, August 22 (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)**
- **Sunday, August 23 (between the Masses 9:30 a.m.)**
- **Saturday, September 12 (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)**
- **Sunday, September 13 (between the Masses 9:30 a.m.)**

*We welcome you to our "Family"
and look forward to you becoming part of
"Church of the Holy Family"*

For more information, contact
Tiffany Watson DRE@holysfamilyvb.org.

BAR-BE-QUE DINNERS:

Get ready to enjoy BBQ next weekend. On Saturday, August 8, the Knights of Columbus will be selling BBQ dinners and individual sandwiches from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Church of the Holy Family to our parishioners and the general public. The Dinner, at \$8.00, will include coleslaw and baked beans, potato salad and corn on the cob. The individual Sandwich, with the slaw, will be selling at \$5.00. Soda and bottled water will also be available at \$1.00 per can or bottle. All can be eaten inside or taken home with you. We are hosting this event to raise funds to support Vets' House, Special Olympics, Citizens' Committee to Protect the Elderly, and our Seminarians, Marton Lonart and Miguel Melendez.



THE ROSARY:

*"If I had an army to say the Rosary, I could
conquer the world."*

(Blessed Pope Pius IX)

Please join us in the **Rosary every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m.** in the Chapel. The Rosary is also recited **every morning after daily Mass**. On Friday mornings, the Patriotic Rosary is recited and we pray for all the men and women in the military.

The Rosary is on EWTN at 7:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. It is also available in audio form at <http://www.scripturalrosary.org/BeginningPrayers.html>.

Join Bishop DiLorenzo and experts in Norfolk to talk about "Laudato Si," Pope Francis' encyclical on ecology, and how it applies to environmental issues facing the Tidewater area on Tuesday, August 25, at 7:00 p.m., at Sacred Heart Parish, Norfolk. "Praised Be: How Pope Francis' Encyclical Speaks to Tidewater's Looming Environmental Crisis – A Symposium of Church, Military, Scientific, and Community Leaders" is co-sponsored by the [Virginia Catholic Conference](#), the [Diocese of Richmond's](#) Office of Social Ministry and [Catholic Climate Covenant](#). Register at vacatholic.org.



"CARE FOR OUR EARTH:"

We may be quite diligent in engaging in practices which contribute to our Earth's well-being while at the same time unknowingly promoting the abuse She endures. Our efforts to preserve our Earth could be neutralized by what we do with our money. Whether we have a little money or a lot, where we bank and how we invest does impact our Earth. By moving our money into the RIGHT savings and investing vehicles we can ensure that it works for a greener planet. This strategy is called SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE INVESTING (SRI). Where we put our money can bolster forward-thinking companies working on sustainable solutions, help to lift up low-income communities and reduce carbon and water footprints. On the other hand, the funds we invest and bank (like mega-banks) could be supporting those corporations and industries whose practices abuse our Earth. Some strategies included in socially responsible investing would be: educate ourselves as to what our bank and investment company does with our money; place our money in a community development bank, a credit union or mutual funds whose mission is to help low-income communities and the greening of our Earth; swap our mega-bank credit card for a responsible credit card with a credit union; invest in stocks and SRI mutual funds which direct their monies to corporations and industries that care about our Earth.

Ed Marroni (587-4887)
Holy Family Parish Environmental Committee



While I was at Steubenville I really grew closer to my faith. Throughout my catholic life I have never felt that individual relationship with God. During the first hours of Steubenville we heard the testimonies of the speakers and other peers, and some of them were talking about their experiences with God, and I hadn't felt what they were talking about. At the conference there was confession, and I told the priest how I felt and asked him to help me find that. As my penance he told me during adoration to pray for others that were feeling the same as me and that we may experience that. During adoration, after I prayed, something came over me that I can barely explain, but it helped me bring into perspective that he is there for me personally, and I felt that individual relationship with the Lord, and it was such a powerful and meaningful lesson.

-Leah

JOHN 10:10

This was the best experience I've ever had at a Steubenville Youth Conference.. The relationships made with new and old friends were strengthened. My relationship with God was strengthened. You couldn't have asked for a better time. Confession was a great thing for me to reconnect with God and make a new start.

-Joe



This is my 4th year attending a Steubenville conference. Every year I've gone, I've been able to experience and encounter Christ and his limitless love. This year was my first time at the Atlanta conference, but it definitely stood out among the other years

in that I was able to better interact with teens my age and truly learn how to share my faith within my community. I look forward to next year.

-Kelly



Last weekend in Steubenville was the first conference I'd been too and it was a very opening experience. I could really feel the Holy Spirit in other people and myself especially in adoration and in just how nice everyone was. I think it definitely changed some

things about my faith for the better.

-Audrey

Steubenville 2015 was my first Catholic youth conference that I have attended. I didn't know what to expect but I was amazed at how so many kids my age had come to one place to sing and talk about God.

Adoration was the night I fully opened myself up to

God and I was able to feel the Holy Spirit throughout the room and was able to see how it impacted kids my age. I absolutely loved the Steubenville and I hope to return again next year.

-Sarah





My experience at Steubenville was unlike anything I could have dreamed of. At first I had no idea what to expect was just hoping that I would have a fun time, but once I got there all of my expectations were blown out of the water. I definitely will never forget this weekend and am looking forward to next year.

-Camryn



Steubenville was probably one of the best experiences that I have had. The amount of people there and the amount a faith that they showed was so astounding. All the energy was overwhelmingly amazing. The fact that so many people were gathered together, from around the country, all tied together by faith was so inspiring that it made me feel so loved by everyone around

me and loved by God. I really felt that I got more in touch with my faith throughout the 3-4 days that I was there. There were so many good speakers that touched me in so many ways that it made me want to absorb as much as possible and spread it throughout my life. I stayed up another hour from getting home sharing every experience and story to my parents and even more the next day. It was truly an exciting, breath taking, unexplainable experience that

I believe everyone should encounter.

-Madelyn



Steubenville was an incredible, unique experience. There were so many key note speakers that were extremely relatable and had many interesting



perspectives on our faith. One thing that really spoke to me was when one of the speakers pretended to take on the emotions of Satan and taught us about our individual temptations. He showed us how God is with us

through it all, so we cannot be angry with him when one thing goes wrong. Adoration was also a new experience for me, and I realized how it is so different for everyone. I found it a time for peace and reflection, but others were really touched by the Holy Spirit. This Steubenville weekend was a fantastic way to grow in my faith alongside friends who share the same values as me. I greatly enjoyed the journey through my faith and hope I can bring all that I learned back to our church.

-Natalie



Steubenville was a great experience for me. Before going on the trip, my faith was not

fully there, and I wasn't feeling fully connected. But that changed completely during the conference. It was definitely one of the greatest experiences of my life and I am so thankful that my friends persuaded me to go with them. I can't wait for Steubenville next year!

-Rachel



I CAME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY. JOHN 10:10