

New Adoption Ministry

A new ministry is being formed for those who have been touched by adoption. Could a book study group that encourages sharing & broadening of important issues facing adoptive families help you? If so, please join us on Thursday, August 23 at St. Julie Billiart in North Ridgeville for this new group. Professionals will be invited to bring additional insights once the book is completed. Meeting time is 7:30pm. The first book will be "The Girls Who Went Away" by Ann Fesler. Call Jody at 440-934-7220 to get involved.

SINGLE PARENTING

Single & Parenting is a series of video seminars that teach effective parenting strategies, encouragement and insights on how to find hope as you parent alone. Meets the first Friday of each month, from 6:30–8pm, at St. Joseph Church, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136. Cost is \$25 for 13 weeks; the next session is August 3. New attendees welcome! Information...visit www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm. To register, please contact Jane at 216-334-2978.

Traveling Charismatic Mass

Catholic Renewal Ministries' Traveling Charismatic Mass for August will be held at St. Martin of Tours Parish Chapel on Friday, August 24 at 7pm. The church is located at 1800 Station Rd. in Valley City, 44280. Healing prayer teams will be available after Mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Bob Franco at 440-327-2201, CRM at 440-944-9445, or Rose Austin at St. Martin's at 330-483-3808.

PREP® Relationship Skills Workshop

PREP® (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) Skills Workshop for Engaged and Married Couples will be held Saturday, September 22, 2012 from 9am – 6:30pm (5:30 Mass) at Holy Martyrs Parish, 3100 S. Weymouth Rd., Medina, OH 44256. PREP fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement but is also an excellent program for married couples to enhance their marriage. The cost is \$95 per couple. For additional information, please call 216-334-2978. Online registration at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm.

Catholic Connection

Over 20 member organizations working together to serve people across Northeast Ohio offer programs, services and resources for individuals, groups and communities. We can connect you with services to meet your educational, financial, healthcare, and senior care needs. Call 216-377-4358 or 1-866-821-6634 today to get connected.

CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Young Adults (18-30), looking for something to do? Any parish, organization or group which can put together a team of 10-14 players including at least 3 females are invited to participate in the 2012 Young Adult Softball Tournament, to be held Sunday, August 26 at James Day Park in Parma. Team check-in begins at 10:30am. Games begin at 11:30am. \$8 donation/player. Proceeds help support Diocesan Theology on Tap. Team Registration Deadline is August 16. Information...visit <http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/vyam-cyo> contact Mark Delsander at 216-334-1261 x25, or at mxdelsander@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

Outdoor Music Festival

Light of the World Prayer Group Ministries presents their annual outdoor Praise in the Valley Music Festival at St. Martin of Tours, 1800 Station Rd., Valley City 44280 on September 1 (Labor Day weekend) starting 6pm (following 5pm Mass). Bring a non-perishable food item for the Parish Food Bank and a lawn chair or blanket. Hot dogs and refreshments will be available. Enjoy worship songs by numerous area musicians. All welcome. Event will move indoors in case of rain. Questions? Contact Rose Austin at 330-483-3808.

3rd Annual Summit for Kids is coming to town...

Saturday, August 18 from 10am-4pm at the John S. Knight Center in Downtown Akron. It will be a fun-filled day for the entire family! Featured activities and services include free dental services for children ages 3-6, free physicals, free school supplies, entertainment and demonstrations on the event stage, teen fashion show at 1pm on the event stage, Takin' It to the Streets, crafts and activities for children, educational sessions for parents, free sports bag, and much more!! There will be free admission, parking, activities, and giveaways!! For information, please visit www.summitforkids.net.

RETROUVAILLE

Retrouvaille ("hope for troubled marriages") is a weekend and six follow-up sessions for couples struggling in their marriage. The next Retrouvaille weekend will be held at the Hilton Hotel (Beachwood, OH) on September 14-16. For information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org, call 330-665-3506 or email cleveland@retrouvaille.org.

1060 AM

WILB at 1060 AM – Living Bread Radio, is available to be heard in most parts of the Diocese. Broadcasting each day from sunrise to sunset... 1060 broadcasts Catholic teaching and preaching along with the Mass and many devotions. Remember to tune in 1060 AM... WILB...

See the church's vestibule for items posted on the bulletin board, registration forms, prayer cards, and more...

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Faced with the responsibility of caring for an aging loved one? Overwhelmed or scared? You can find support and caring friendship at the Summit Adult Day Services Caregivers Support Group. The group is free, open to anyone, and will provide care for your loved one at no charge during the time of the meeting. Meetings are on the **last Wednesday of each month from 10am to 11:30am at Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County, (812 Biruta Street, Akron, Ohio).** For additional information or to schedule a tour of our day program, please call 330-762-2000.

Furniture Needed

If you have unwanted furniture, the **Cleveland Furniture Bank** will **pick it up**, give you a **tax deductible receipt**, and **provide the furniture to a needy family** in Northeast Ohio. **If you have furniture to donate, they will also pick up clothing, household goods, kitchenware, small and large appliances, and more at the same time. To arrange a home pick up, just call 216-459-2265, ext. 101 or go to www.clevelandfurniturebank.org.**



Next Sunday is The FEST!

The Catholic Family Festival, “The FEST,” is next Sunday, August 5th from 12pm until 10 pm at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (28700 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe).

Join 35,000 teens, young adults, and families for a day of inspiration — for free! This year will feature musicians Switchfoot, Peter Furler, and Mandisa, along with other local Christian artists. The day is filled with great activities, displays, BMX thrills, and the CAVS, Monsters and Gladiators. Even the Johnsonville World’s Largest Grill is coming to The FEST! There is something for everyone! The highlight of this great family day is the outdoor **Mass celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries at 8pm**, followed by an incredible fireworks display. Experience for yourself the JOY and blessing of thousands of people coming together to celebrate our faith and the love of God in our lives. “The FEST” is free and open to all. For additional information, please call 440-943-7662 or visit the FEST website at www.theFEST.us.

Weekly Prayer for Occupations

We pray that the daily work of those who work in printing occupation may transform our suffering world into a place of love, justice, and peace through the way they work and the products they produce.

Amen.

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Making Choices

You are invited to attend a Forum “*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: Living Our Faith, Loving Our Neighbor in an Election Year*” on the following dates and locations from 7:00pm – 9:00.

Thursday, September 6

Nativity of the Lord Parish, 2425 Myersville Rd., Akron

Thursday, September 13

St. Mary Parish, Hudson 340 N. Main St., Hudson

Monday, September 17

St. Sebastian Parish, 476 Mull Ave., Akron

Panelists

Reverend Joseph Koopman, STD, (Assistant Professor of Moral Theology, St. Mary Seminary)

Brother Patrick T. Shea, O.F.M., J.C.D., (General Counsel, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland)

Karen P. Leith, PhD, (Director, Catholic Commission of Summit County).

Questions and comments will be welcome throughout the program.

For additional information, or to register, please email Karen Leith at kpleith@clevelandcatholiccharities.org or call 330-535-2787. Please register at least 3 days before the event so that enough materials will be available. the Diocesan Social Action Office of the Diocese of Cleveland is the sponsor.

FUNFest at Queen of Heaven Church

Queen of Heaven Church, for the 11th year, will provide families and the area communities an opportunity for summer fun at the annual FUNFest being held August 16-19 (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings from 6pm to 10pm and Sunday from 4pm to 8pm). There will be good food, dinner specials, live bands, entertainment, rides, casino and beer garden, midway games for all ages including a KIDSCorner with games for children six and under. There will be a Car Show on Sunday, from 4pm to 6pm, and Kids Pedal Tractor Pull on Sunday at 5pm. Grandprize in raffle is a 2012 Chevy Sonic! Second prize is \$500 cash. Raffle tickets are \$10 each. Free admission. The FUNFest is held on the church grounds, 1800 Steese Road Uniontown, Ohio 44685, (located in the City of Green) with events scheduled outdoors and indoors in the Parish Life Center (PLC). For more information, call 330-896-2345 or visit www.queenofheavenparish.org.