

Making a Difference

Parishioner Anika Patrick is ill and is in need of prayers and meals. A group has been formed for meals to be brought to her family. It is set up online using Meal Train. We can help Anika and her family during this challenging time by our **prayers**, and going to www.mealtrain.com/view/?id=jU1tz3izv9k%3d.

SVDP Car Donation Program

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Car Donation Program is seeking **donations of used vehicles to benefit the poor in Northeast Ohio.** Each year, proceeds from the program are used by the Society in our diocese to help fund charitable programs and services that assist our region's needy. If you are planning to discard your **used car, truck or RV**, consider donating it instead to the SVDP Car Donation Program. Not only will you be supporting vital efforts that assist the poor in Northeast Ohio, but you **won't have to worry about the hassle of repairing and selling your car or negotiating trade-ins** with automotive dealerships. Whether or not your vehicle is still running, **SVDP Cleveland will provide free towing within 24 hours.** Your donation is **tax deductible.** Call **800-322-8284** (available 24/7) or visit www.svdpcle.org/cardonation.html.

Couples Evening Out

All married and engaged couples are invited to a **Couples Evening Out, Saturday, April 5, from 5:00-9:30pm** at **St. Vincent Parish, 164 West Market St., Akron, OH, 44303.** Guest speaker, Fr. Damian Ference, is a priest in the Cleveland Diocese and Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Borromeo Seminary. He is a dynamic speaker and accomplished writer. Discover reason to invite Christ into your relationship and how to get beyond the bills, homework, traffic and any other trying moments in your marriage. Attend Mass, renew your vows, enjoy dinner and more. **Registration deadline is March 24.** Send your name, address, phone, email, and payment addressed to Couples Evening Out, 3740 Alberta Dr., Norton, OH 44203. **\$50 per couple** with checks payable to St. Vincent Parish. (Financial assistance available). For more info, contact **Dave or Kathleen Myers at 330-526-1129** or kapmyers@hotmail.com. Sponsored by West Side Catholic Couples, a ministry of St. Sebastian, St. Vincent, St. Mary and St. Bernard Parishes in Akron.

Summaries 2013

Requests for donation summaries may be placed in the collection basket with your name, address, phone number, email, and envelope number or email your request to mospenoh@windstream.net or you may call the rectory office at 330-657-2631 with the information.

Exploring the joy of evangelization.

Radio Host and Catholic Evangelist, **Gus Lloyd**, will speak on **"The Joy of Evangelization - A day exploring the possibilities"**. Held **Saturday, March 15, 9:00am – 11:30am, lunch, 12:30pm – 3:00pm**, at **Holy Family Parish, 3179 Kent Rd., Stow, OH.** Reservation required. No registration fee. Please email name and number attending to glloydreservations@gmail.com or call **330-688-6412, x468.** Lunch provided. Free will offering.

Gather - Give - Grow

Each year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Diocese of Cleveland's nearly 1,000 volunteers feed the region's hungry, provide clothing to the poor, visit the sick in hospitals, the elderly in nursing homes and the forgotten in prisons. They supply warm blankets to the homeless, back-to-school supplies to needy children and offer families temporary, emergency financial help to prevent utility shut-offs. In an effort to thank these dedicated individuals, **SVDP will host its second annual gala, Gather Give & Grow on Saturday, March 15 from 6-11pm** at **St. Ignatius High School, 1911 W. 30th St., Cleveland.** Funds raised at the event will be used to support operations of the Society's Woodland Food Pantry, one of the largest food pantries in Cuyahoga County and the second-largest in Northeast Ohio. **Tickets are \$50 (SVDP members) and \$75 (non-members).** For more information or to order tickets, please call **216-696-6525, x3150** or visit www.eventbrite.com/e/gather-give-grow-a-benefit-for-the-society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-tickets-10456354237.

2014 First Step Programs

The Church's teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage are often misunderstood. This program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching in these areas. General meetings will be held **Tuesday, March 25, at St. Peter Parish, Lorain, at 7pm; Thursday, May 15, at St. John Vianney Parish, Mentor, at 7pm; Tuesday, September 23, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7pm; Tuesday, October 14, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7pm.** For more info, call the Tribunal at **216-696-6525/800-869-6525 x4000.** For testimonials from past participants...dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal.

Looking for a new way to bring Lent to life? There's an app for that! Free for iPhone and Android. Get daily reflections, meatless recipes, and track your Lenten sacrifices. Scan this QR code, or visit www.crsricebowl.org/app.



Son of God

The movie "Son of God" is open at several cinemas across the Diocese of Cleveland. With the endorsement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), this film is seen as a way to deepen one's faith. "Son of God" follows the life of Christ from the Nativity to his Ascension. The film is offered at these theaters: **Lakeshore-7 in Euclid, Eastgate-10 in Mayfield Heights, Great Lake Mall-16 in Mentor, Diamond Center-16 near Mentor-Painesville, and Midway Mall-8 in Elyria.** For more info... atlasclimemas.net or sharesonofgod.com.

Women's Lenten Luncheon

St. Rita Women's Prayer Group invites women to their Annual Lenten Luncheon "Create In Me a New Heart, O Lord" on **Saturday, March 22.** The guest speaker will be **Sr. Margaret Mach, SC.** Held in **St. Mark's Chapel, 32820 Baldwin Rd. (off Rt. 43), Solon, Ohio** from **11:45am to 4pm.** Cost is **\$17.** **Registration deadline is March 17.** For more info, call **440-248-1350 x144.**

Inside OLE

Our Lady of the Elms High School will host **7th Grade Visitation Day**, on **Friday April 4** from **9:00am until 1:00pm.** This is a day for **7th grade girls and their parents to experience what high school at the Elms is all about.** Students participate in mini courses, attend fun filled assemblies, meet other 7th grade girls, and win exciting prizes. **Advanced registration is required.** Call **Shari Kavlick Benz** at **330-867-0918** to reserve a spot!

Greece and Turkey

Join Father Dan Schlegel, pastor of Holy Angels in Bainbridge Township, Ohio for a **pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey** in the footsteps of St. Paul from **October 14 - 26.** We'll visit Istanbul, Troy, Ephesus and spend five days on a cruise to the Greek islands of Rhodes, Patmos, Santorini and Corinth. **For more information, please call Fr. Dan** at father@holyangelschurch.com or visit www.holyangelschurch.com for a brochure.

Your Opinion Counts

The Diocese is looking to improve its communications to you. Please complete the online survey designed to help us better communicate to the different audiences served by the Diocese. The anonymous, one page survey will take less than ten minutes. Please go directly to: www.surveymonkey.com/s/DioCC or to the Diocesan web site at: www.dioceseofcleveland.org and click on "Communications Survey." Your input will provide an opportunity to make better decisions to improve and enhance Diocesan Communications. Thank you for taking the time.

Fish Frys

Annunciation Church/Visitation of Mary Parish presents Annunciation's Famous Fish Frys **every Friday during Lent (EXCEPT Good Friday), beginning Friday, March 7 from 4:30 to 7:00pm.** All are invited to the **school cafeteria, 88 Kent St. in East Akron.** Baked or fried fish, scalloped potatoes or French Fries, macaroni and cheese, vegetables, cole slaw, Massoli's bread, coffee, tea, or lemonade, desserts and soft drinks available! **\$9 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors, and \$4 for children (12 years and under).** Don't miss out on these fantastic, fabulous fish frys! **Questions? Please call 330-535-4141.**

Holy Angels Church (18205 Chillicothe Rd.) will be having a **Fish Fry on the Fridays of Lent from 5:00pm-7:30pm (except for Good Friday).** The dinners will take place in the Community Room of the Church. Dinners include fried and baked fish, shrimp, macaroni and cheese, clam chowder, pizza and will feature weekly specials such potato pancakes, and piergoi. The Church is handicapped accessible. For more info or to place a takeout order, call **440-708-0000** or visit www.holyangelschurch.com.

The Knights of Columbus Stow-Hudson Council 10936 are holding their **Lenten Fish Frys each Friday during Lent: March 7 through April 11** at **Holy Family Parish in the lower hall (3163 Kent Road, Stow, Ohio 44224).** Menu items include entrees of Baked Tilapia, Fried Beer Battered Cod, Jumbo Shrimp, Mac & Cheese or Cheese Pizza. A choice of any two side dishes is included: French Fries, Hush Puppies, Seasoned Rice, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Cole Slaw, Soup, and (new this year) Pierogies! Coffee & Punch are provided along with a Roll and Butter. Also available are bottled water, soft drinks and assorted dessert items at a nominal charge. **Dinners served from 4:30pm till 7:00pm. \$8 - Adults; \$4 - Children 12 and under.** Come enjoy a delicious meal.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The **40 Days for Life** campaign began **March 5** and continues to **April 13.** Join other Christians in **40 days of prayer and fasting** for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a **40-day vigil** in the public right-of-way outside one of the **40 Days** sights. Help spread the word about this important community outreach. For more information, or would like to help, call: **John Noall** at **216-245-9744.** Visit www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland to sign up for the latest national updates and the daily devotional.

Please check the vestibule for more information on upcoming events, registration forms, prayer cards, and notices.