

Because You Care

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. Proceeds from the program are used 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 helping 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. 800-322-8284 (available 24/7) or www.svdpcle.org/cardonation.html.

Inside OLE

Our Lady of the Elms High School will host 7th Grade Visitation Day, on Friday April 4 from 9am until 1pm. 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!

Pilgrimage

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.

Retreat Day

Archbishop Timothy Broglio, Archdiocese of Military Services - USA, will be the Lenten Retreat Master at Our Lady of Peace Church (12601 Shaker Blvd., Cleveland) on Saturday, April 5. The retreat day begins with continental breakfast from 8-9am, includes lunch, shared prayer, discussion, reconciliation, and talks by the Archbishop. The retreat concludes with Mass at 4pm. Pre-registration is required. Cost is \$10. For more info, call Kim Hoover at Our Lady of Peace: 216-421-4211.

Come and See

The Daughters of St. Dominic from Steubenville, Ohio are inviting young women who feel they have a calling to enter religious life to "Come & See" how their community lives their day. The date is Saturday, March 29 from 10am-2pm with lunch provided. Contact Sr. Evelyn or Sr. Mary Michael at 740-282-2685 to make a reservation. You can visit their website at www.daughtersofstdominic.org or email them at daughtersofstdominic@yahoo.com.

Summer Programs

Did you know that our Diocese offers summer programs for children and adults with disabilities? There are many options! The summer programs offer respite and provide life-enhancing activities for children and adults in a Catholic setting. They are a great way to meet new friends, learn new things and just have fun! If you have a family member with a developmental disability or know someone who does, call Dennis McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, for more information at 216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

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.

NFP

All are invited to the next "Why Natural Family Planning?" session. During this 45 minute session you will learn the latest 2014 data regarding the health risks of hormonal contraception, benefits and myths of NFP (this is not the rhythm method), the results of a contraceptive mentality since the 1960's, and a brief overview of a NFP class: a safe, healthy, effective means of family planning which strengthens marriages. The most common reaction mentioned after this session is "Why have we never heard this before?" This class is open to anyone, young and not so young, and will help you make an informed decision regarding the benefits of NFP. Held Monday, April 28 at 7:00pm, at Holy Family, Stow, Lower Church Hall Room 3. No registration required. Contact Leo and Toni Doty at akdoty@kent.edu 330-689-0632.

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

For Lent

There is a Holy Hour on Thursday Nights from 7:15 to 8:15pm. Jesus asked His disciples to watch and pray with Him (cf. Matthew 26:36-40). Come and spend some time with Our Lord present in the Holy Eucharist. Even if you can only spend a few minutes, it will mean so much to you and Our Lord. The Holy Hour concludes with Benediction. Stations of the Cross are on Fridays at 7:15pm. Will you walk with Jesus on the road to Calvary this Lent so that you may better experience the meaning of His Life, Death, and Resurrection?

PREP®

PREP® (Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program) for Engaged and Married Couples. Fulfills Pre-Cana requirement. Sunday, April 6 from 8:30am-4:30pm at Sacred Heart Parish, 272 Broad St., Wadsworth, OH 44281 (11:30 Mass). \$95 per couple. For more info...216-334-2978. Registration forms can be found at www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm.

Drivers Needed

The Ursuline Sisters living at Regina Health Center are in need of volunteer drivers! Volunteers transport sisters to doctor appointments typically in the Mayfield Heights area. **The time required is about 3 hours per assignment. Volunteers help at least 1x/month.** Volunteers sign up as they are available. **Use your car or save on expenses by using ours.** Requirements: Background check, motor vehicle records check and TB test. (All free to volunteers; TB test done at Regina Health Center on day convenient for volunteer.) **To learn more or sign up contact Maggie Gibson: 440-449-1200 x409 or mgibson@ursulinesisters.org.**

Helping the Disadvantaged

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland is seeking volunteers from all occupations to donate some of their time and God-given talents to help the poor. Whether you're a nurse, accountant, engineer, production manager, purchasing agent or webmaster currently employed or retired, we need your expertise to make a difference in the lives of our needy brothers and sisters in Christ. **Combine your vocation with your avocation to serve by contacting SVDP Cleveland at volunteers@svdpcle.org, or by calling 800-696-6525 x3150.**

Help Getting to Church

Homebound parishioners of our Parish are in need of a ride to weekend Mass. Can you help? Please call the rectory at 330-657-2631 or email mospenh@windstream.net.

Fish Fries

Annunciation Church/Visitation of Mary Parish presents Annunciation's Famous Fish Fries every Friday during Lent (EXCEPT Good Friday), 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, coleslaw, 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 fries! Questions? Please call 330-535-4141.

The Knights of Columbus Stow-Hudson Council 10936 are holding their Lenten Fish Fries each Friday during Lent 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) Pirogues! 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.**

5k and 1 Mile

Immaculate Heart of Mary School will host it's 2nd 5k/1 mile at 9:00am on April 12. Come attend this family friendly event while promoting a healthy life style. Whether you walk or run the 5k/1 mile, it is great exercise! The proceeds support phase 2 of technology lab upgrades for the school. Early registration through April is \$25 and can be done at www.ihm5k.org.

Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for **51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Good Shepherd Sunday, May 11, 2014.** This year's theme is **Vocations, Witness to the Truth.** To read a message from Pope Francis on this event, visit www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20140115_51-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni_en.html.