

OZANAM CENTER

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." The Ozanam Center in Akron does that and more but we need your help. Our Parish has been sending volunteers to the Center approximately every 6 weeks for 5 years. Can you commit to helping for just a few hours on a Saturday? We think you would find the special joy there is in serving Jesus in those in need and come back again. Please pray about this and if you would like to help, **call Cathie or Jim Perusek at 330-467-5762**. Mother of Sorrows Parish volunteers are scheduled to help on **Saturday, January 18, 2014**.

Migrants and Refugees

The Diocese of Cleveland has been blessed since it's founding with the presence and the gifts of people coming from all over the world to make their homes in our parishes. **Bishop Lennon invites all those who have come to our Diocesan community as immigrants to join him for Mass and a joy-filled reception joining us to Pope Francis' International Celebration on Sunday, January 19, 2014 at St. Colman Church.** We will unite our prayer for all those who have left home seeking a better future and a better world. **For more info, call the Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525 or 800-869-6525 x3500 or visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/immigration.** You can also read the Holy Father's letter, Migrants and Refugees: Towards a Better World, on this site.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The business of the holidays is over and it is the time for married couples to take time for themselves. A great way to do that is to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Celebrate the gift of love God has given you in one another and learn more communication techniques of a **Christ-centered marriage** filled with romance and intimacy. Held **February 14 – 16 in Green, OH, or March 7 – 9 in Hudson, OH.** For more information or to register, please call **330-305-9963**, email **WorldwideME@sssne.com**, or visit **www.WWME.org**.

NFP

The next "Why Natural Family Planning?" session will be held at **7:00pm, Monday, February 3, at Holy Family, Stow, in the Lower Church Hall Rm 1.** You will learn the latest 2013 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?" It will help you make an informed decision regarding the benefits of NFP. No registration required. **For more info... akdoty@kent.edu or 330-689-0632.**

RETRouvaille

Retrouvaille (hope for troubled marriages) is a weekend and six follow-up sessions for couples struggling in their marriage. Held at the **Doubletree in Beachwood, OH January 10-12.** More info/registration...**330-665-3506**, **helpourmarriage.org**, or **cleveland@retrouvaille.org**.

Marriage and Divorce

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is complex and demanding. One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Catholic Church. 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. Come deepen your knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage, learn about the Church's ministry to the divorced/separated in the Diocese, hear the true facts about the annulment process and how to submit a case, and discover a path to healing after divorce. You can visit **www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal** for testimonials about the program from past participants. The 2014 schedule is: **Tuesday, February 25, at St. Therese Parish, Garfield Hts., at 7:00pm, Tuesday, March 25, at St. Peter Parish, Lorain, at 7:00pm, Thursday, May 15, at St. John Vianney Parish, Mentor, at 7:00pm, Tuesday, September 23, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7:00pm, and Tuesday, October 14, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7:00pm.** For more info, visit **www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal** or call the Tribunal at **216-696-6525 or 800-869-6525, x4000.**

A NEW YEAR MESSAGE

*As the rush of the season for some winds down, for all it affords time to look to the future while reflecting on the happenings, personal or shared, of the months, weeks and days that are now but memories. What lessons were learned? What could have been but was not? What resolutions were made at the beginning of the year then new but now old? What will the new resolutions be for this year about to be named 2014? What was good? What could have been better? What should not have been? What needs to change? What can be changed? It is a time for reasoned resolutions. A caution is offered: better to resolve to renew a resolution undone before the year is days, weeks or months old. What will make 2014 a better year than 2013? Besides making and keeping reasoned resolutions: learn from yesterday, live today so that tomorrow will regard the todays as lessons well learned and life well lived.**

**December YCN, 2013, see www.ycn-online.net for other local news items and articles.*

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