

### **National Catholic Sister's Week**

This week, March 8 – 14 is National Sister's Week! This week is intended to heighten awareness of the lives and contributions of Catholic Sisters while inspiring others. Please spend some extra time to pray for our Catholic Sisters this week as well as for an increase of Religious vocations. For more information please visit [www.sisterstory.org](http://www.sisterstory.org) and [www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org](http://www.nationalcatholicsistersweek.org).

### **Prayer for Occupations**

*That the daily work of those who are vehicle and mobile equipment mechanics, installers, and repairers may transform our malfunctioning world into a place of love and justice as they work to keep our vehicles in good working order.*

### **Hungering for a Season of Hope**

The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation, Niger, where we're reminded that life's joys and challenges are often seasonal. This week we pray for people who struggle to feed their families during the hungry season, when food is in short supply, and we commit to acting for the common good.

### **First Friday Club of Akron**

The First Friday Club of Akron will meet on Friday, March 13, at Quaker Station, 135 South Broadway, Akron, OH 44304, and will feature students from four area Catholic High Schools speaking on the topic "How God has Walked with Me Through High School." Archbishop Hoban will be represented by senior Henry Stitzel, son of Ted & Rita Stitzel, and a member of Mother of Sorrows Parish, Peninsula. Mr. Stitzel attended Seton Catholic elementary school. Our Lady of The Elms will be represented by Marina Bostelman, the daughter of Dr. Mark and Mrs. Bostelman. Ms. Bostelman attended St. Barnabas elementary school. St. Vincent-St. Mary will be represented by senior Matt Carlson, son of John and Patty Carlson, and a member of Our Lady of Victory Parish. Mr. Carlson attended St. Joseph elementary school. Walsh Jesuit will be represented by junior Michael Gunther, son of Dan and Michele Gunther, and a member of St. Bernard Parish, Akron. The luncheon program is \$15. Doors open at 11am; program begins at noon and ends promptly at 1pm. Reservations can be made by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307, by calling 330-535-7668 or visiting [www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org), no later than the Monday prior to the program.

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

### **Faith at Work at the Ozanam Center**

*"What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has not works, is dead." James 2:14-17. We don't preach to the people who need help at the Ozanam Center, but we do help provide for their need of food and clothing. You can help us do that March 21, 2015, since that is our next turn. Hope to see you there at 9:30am-2pm. Please call Cathie or Jim at 330-467-5762 for more information.*

The monthly statistics for the Fr. Hilkert Ozanam Center for February, 2015 are as follows:

#### **Food Pantry**

Total number of people served was 872  
Total number of households served was 261  
Total number of children served was 349  
Total number of seniors served was 91

#### **Clothing Bank**

Total number of families served was 213  
Articles of clothing given away: 1764  
Winter coats given away: 184

#### **Furniture Bank**

Total number of clients served was 9  
Couches given away: 5  
Armchairs given away: 6  
Mattresses/box springs: 7  
Dressers given away: 5  
Misc. given away: 38  
Cribs given away: 1

Because of the brutally cold February, the number of clients receiving food, clothing and furniture was way down. Record setting low temperatures will do that. Thank you and all of our volunteers for their hard work.

**Jim and Cathie Perusek**

### **Home Visit Help Needed**

*The Ozanam Center is in need of people to make home visits to assess clients for furniture needs. These visits only take a few minutes to do when the client is available. All visits are done with a minimum of two people. Please pray about this and if you feel you can help, contact Jim or Cathie Perusek at 330-467-5762.*

## *Third Sunday of Lent Bulletin Announcements for March 8, 2015*

### **Lenten Series**

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Deepen your Lenten Experience with **Abbot Isaac Camacho, OSB**, Abbot of Saint Leo Abbey, Saint Leo, Florida. Abbot Isaac will present a Lenten Series of reflections at **Visitation of Mary Parish, 87 Broad St., Akron, OH** beginning on **Sunday, March 15 through Wednesday, March 18 at 7pm - 8:15pm in the parish church**. Each session will begin with the recitation of Vespers, the official evening prayer of the Church.

### **Lenten Mission**

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You are welcome to join us for the **Queen of Heaven Lenten Mission** on **Sunday, March 22 through Tuesday, March 24**. From 7-8pm, **Reverend Damian J. Ference, Ph.L.** will be the facilitator. A social follows Tuesday's Mission presentation. **For more information, call the Parish Office at 330-896-2345.**

### **“Answer the Call”**

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**Men!** Please plan to attend the **Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio “Answer the Call”** conference on **Saturday, March 21** at **Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School** in Cleveland. Keynote speakers will be **Fr. Norm Douglas** and **Joe McClane**, “The Catholic Hack”. Remember to bring a friend, son or grandson (high school or college age) and be among the hundreds of Catholic Men that will experience a dynamic day. The conference begins at **8am** and concludes with **4pm Mass**. Visit [www.cmfeo.com](http://www.cmfeo.com), call **877-208-5585**, or see flyers in the Church vestibule for more information or to register.

### **JCU Lecture**

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The Institute of Catholic Studies from **John Carroll University and Teaching Cleveland Digital** is hosting “**Educating Cleveland's Catholic Women 1940-Present**”, **Thursday, March 12** at **7:30pm** in the **LSC Conference Room**. **Dr. Brenda Wirkus**, Professor of Philosophy and the Director of John Carroll University Humanities will be our guest speaker. **Lecture is free and open to the public**. **For more info, call 216-397-4558.**

### **Hello, Dolly!**

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Hello, Dolly! with it's memorable music and characters, comes to the stage at **Archbishop Hoban High School (1 Holy Cross Blvd, Akron, OH)**, **March 19-21**. Visit [www.hobantroubadours.org](http://www.hobantroubadours.org) to purchase reserved seats for **\$12 plus a service fee** and general admission tickets for **\$8 plus a service fee**. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Show dates and times are **Thursday, March 19th at 7pm, Friday, March 20th at 7:30pm, and Saturday, March 21st at 7:30pm.**

### **2015 First Step Program**

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**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.** Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will also be present to explain their ministry to those who are divorced. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure, of which the annulment process is an important aspect. **For testimonials about the program from past participants and for more information, please call 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000 or visit [www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal).** General meetings at this time are held **Thursday, March 26** at **St. Peter Parish, Lorain**, at 7pm; on **Tuesday, May 12** at **St. Gabriel Parish, Concord**, at 7pm; on **Tuesday, September 15** at **Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls**, at 7pm; and on **Tuesday, October 13** at **St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick**, at 7pm.

### **Volunteers Needed**

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**Community Pregnancy Center**, a Catholic Christian outreach to those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, is continuing its Extreme Makeover! **Construction is ready to begin and we are looking for volunteers to help with some of the interior reconstruction of our new facility.** If you have construction experience, we'd love to have you join us ~ if you don't have, we need you, too! Please email your interest to our project volunteer coordinator, **Mark Smith**, at [smithme2300@gmail.com](mailto:smithme2300@gmail.com), including your contact information and any specific skill sets (carpentry, dry wall, painting, general labor) ~ help us fuel the hope for brighter futures and stronger families!

### **RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND**

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Someone once said “**marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth.**” Have you become so distracted by outside pressure that you neglect your spouse? The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. This program is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland. **The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held on April 17-19, 2015.** A registration fee of **\$150** is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call **Diane or Al Miskinis in complete confidence at 330-665-3506 or (from a 216 or 440 area code) 1-800-470-2230.** For more information or to register online, please visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

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