

Important MOS-CC update

Year-to-date, Mother of Sorrows Parish has seen a 28% decrease in donors and 20% decrease in dollars raised through the February in-pew appeal in 2015 as compared to 2014. An overall 58.79% has been raised towards our \$21,065 goal, you can see the impact these deficits have had in the progress towards our overall parish goal. All realize how much the snow and the cold of this year's harsh winter harmed Mass attendance and therefore participation of donors in the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Our parish is generous to those in need and so there is reason to have hope in the continued success by our parish to meet the goal of this year's appeal. I am sure this information will inspire those who have not yet made a gift to reach out to their brothers and sisters in need with generosity and joy by making a gift to the 2015 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. In an email received regarding this year's appeal it was said "If every parish is able to inspire just twenty-one new donors to pledge to this 2nd in-pew appeal, we will be ahead in donors and on track to meet our 2015 goal." May God ever bless your goodness to the neediest among us!

Hoban Summer Enrichment Camps

Archbishop Hoban High School will be offering **summer enrichment camps for students entering 7th and 8th grades**. One-week camps will be available in Photography, Steel Drum, Choral, Robotics, Rocket Science and Forensics. Visit www.hoban.org or call 330-849-2149 for more info or to register.

Hoban Summer Athletic Camps

Archbishop Hoban High School will be offering **summer athletic camps for students**. Camps will be available in baseball, basketball, bowling, cheerleading, football, lacrosse, soccer, tennis, volleyball and wrestling. Visit www.hoban.org or call 330-773-9107 for more information or to register for a camp.

In Your Charity

Please remember in your prayers, **Barbara Belsito**, wife of Deacon Vincent Belsito. May Barbara and all our beloved deceased live for ever in the joy of the Resurrection and may their families and friends be granted consolation. Amen.

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

St. Paul says we should "put on" virtue; we should wear compassion, kindness, patience, gentleness--colorful and obvious as our outfits. Paul wants us to wear our allegiance to Christ--"on our sleeves" if you will--not as a boast like a Gucci or Prada logo, but as a simple, humble sign that this woman, this man, this youngster belongs to Christ, and you'll know it because you can see that she or he is dressed in love.

– Take Five for Faith: Daily Renewal for Busy Catholics

Catholic Couple Checkup

Take the online Catholic Couple Checkup to recharge your relationship! Discover your couple strengths, growth areas and personality profiles. Surveys are available for dating and married couples. Couples receive a personalized report and discussion guide. Visit www.ccdocle.org/mfm and click on the Couple Checkup graphic at the bottom of the page.

Visit www.ForYourMarriage.org for the latest news, Catholic teaching and practical helps. Perfect for engaged couples, married couples, parents and young adults. Also, find and like us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/clevelandmarriageandfamily.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The annual **50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration** will be held **Sunday, July 26, 2015** at the Cathedral of **St. John the Evangelist**. Mass will be celebrated at **2:30pm** and **Bishop Richard Lennon** will be the principal celebrant. Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1965). Couples who are celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Seating is limited in the Cathedral. The number of guests will be determined by the seating capacity and total number registered. **To register, please fill out a registration form found in the Church vestibule and place it in the collection basket at a weekend Mass or call the Church Office at 330-657-2631.**

WorldWide Marriage Encounter

*Spring is a time of renewal; why not renew your marriage? The person you have chosen to love for a lifetime deserves the very best. Say "I love you" by taking time for the two of you at a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. The next weekend will be held **June 26-28** at the **Clarion Hotel in Hudson**. For more info or to register, call **330-305-9963**, email LGrieshammer@gmail.com or visit www.WWME.org.*

Outreach Groups

The following outreach groups exist to provide a place of support, affirmation and spiritual guidance to gay and lesbian Catholics...

Blessed Trinity, Cleveland (Westside)

Facilitator: Rev. Douglas Koesel (216-671-5890)
(usually meets monthly
on the second Tuesday from 7-9pm).

Gesu Parish, University Heights (Eastside)

Facilitator: Rev. Lorn Snow, S.J. (216-932-0617).

For more info, call the Diocesan Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525 or 1-800-869-6525, x3500.

Summer Programs

Did you know that our Diocese offers summer programs for children and adults with disabilities? 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, contact Dennis McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, for more info at 216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@ccdoacle.org**

Listening, Encouraging, & Assisting Families

Is yours a family who, because of the incarceration of a loved one, experience isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone? The LEAF Ministry has been formed to be of support to you and your family. **Groups meet monthly offering an opportunity to those who come to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All are welcome to participate irrespective of faith affiliation.** For more info and to verify the schedules, call the Parish Life Office (1-800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x3500) or visit www.leafministry.org. No pre-registration necessary.

5K & Family Fun Run

Lace up your sneakers and get your heart pumping ... the **Our Lady of the Elms 5K & Family Fun Run** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 13, at 8am, at 1290 West Market St. in Akron.** For more information or to register online, please visit www.theelms.org/5k-family-fun-run.

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

First Friday Club of Akron

The **First Friday Club of Akron** will meet **Friday, June 5 at Quaker Station, 135 S. Broadway, Akron, 44304,** and will feature **Susan McGurgan, DMin** speaking on the topic **“Fostering Hope When the World Feels Hopeless.”** Dr. Susan McGurgan is the Director of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program and an Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in Cincinnati. 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 at www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org no later than the Monday, June 1.**

Samaritan Ministry: Addiction Awareness Workshop

The Samaritan Ministry of St. Malachi Parish will offer a free one-day workshop on Addiction Awareness in St. Malachi Center (behind the church), West 25th & Detroit, Cleveland, OH 44113, on Saturday, June 13, 2015, from 9am to 4pm. PB&J sandwiches, snacks and beverages will be provided. Donations welcome. Relevant topics will include: addiction/alcoholism as a brain disease; effects of drinking/using on others; treatment options; 12-Step programs of recovery; resources in the community. For more information or to register, contact Judy Stowe at 440-250-9959 or judydstone@gmail.com or St. Malachi Rectory 216-861-5343. To view the brochure, visit www.stmalachi.org.

Golf Outing

Please join us and help support aging religious! Regina Health Center’s **Holy-In-One Golf Outing** will take place **June 15, 2015** at the legendary **Firestone Country Club in Akron.** This popular outing draws golfers from all areas of Northeast Ohio and beyond. Proceeds benefit the mission of Regina Health Center which is to provide compassionate and holistic health care services primarily for members of religious communities, clergy and other persons needing supportive services in a God-centered environment. You can also purchase raffle tickets for a Pebble Beach vacation for two. Visit www.holyinone.com or call Nancy Ilg at 330-659-5142 for more info.

Theology on Tap

Did you know that Theology on Tap gathers 60-100 young adults each month? T-O-T nights include thought-provoking speakers, lively discussions and friendly socializing. Check out the upcoming T-O-T schedule at www.cyacleveland.org.