

In Your Charity

Please remember in your prayers The Reverend Anthony J. Cassese, Pastor of St. Jerome Parish. May Father Cassese live forever in the joy of the Resurrection and may his family and friends be granted consolation. Amen.

Hi Everyone,

Here are the monthly statistics for the Fr. Hilkert Ozanam Center for the month of December, 2014:

Food Pantry

Total number of people served was 1348
Total number of households served was 374
Total number of children served was 563
Total number of seniors served was 118

Clothing Bank

Total number of families served was 220
Articles of clothing given away: 1698
Winter coats given away: 197

Furniture Bank

Number of clients served: 18
Couches given away: 9
Armchairs given away: 8
Mattresses/box springs: 16
Dressers given away: 4
Misc. given away: 31
Cribs given away: 1

Because of the Christmas holiday, there were only three Saturdays that we were open, but it was still a busy month. So far this season we have given away 771 winter coats, and we will continue the program through the winter, as long as the winter coat inventory lasts. As always, thank you all for the great work that you do.

Jim and Cathie Perusek

200 Club!

You are invited to join the Visitation of Mary Parish (formerly Annunciation) 200 Club for 2015 for only \$52 per person for the year! Every month for 8 months (February through September), two lucky people will win \$100 each. Plus in March and again in September, there will be an additional drawing for \$500! Drawings are on the 3rd Friday of every month at the Visitation of Mary rectory. The first drawing will be February 20, 2015. Location for the special \$500 drawings will be announced. Hurry! Numbers are starting to sell! For more information or to sign up, call Jerry at 330-376-9227 or 330-535-4141 x12. Maybe you will be a lucky winner!

Second Collection Next Weekend

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Next week, the National Collection for The Catholic University of America will be taken. More than 4,000 students directly receive scholarship aid from this Collection, including many from our diocese. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support!

Touch a life... Become a Hospice Volunteer.

Hospice is a philosophy of care, not a place. We care for our patients wherever they call home. As a vital part of our team volunteers come from all walks of life, and have a variety of skills, talents and abilities. Opportunities to serve are diverse. Volunteer education is held frequently throughout northern Ohio. Teen and most volunteers not having contact with patients take 4 hours of training while patient care volunteers have 16 hours. For additional information, please call 800-707-8922 x6881 or visit www.hospice.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities.

Education Program

For over 25 years, the CAEP has provided educational and social skill building for adults with developmental disabilities. Participants enhance their skills in math, reading and history. They also work on the computer, make arts and crafts and have fun making friends, watching movies and having holiday parties! Participants also learn about their local community by going on field trips. Classes meet at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St., Cleveland, OH). Students provide their own transportation. Tuition is \$88/month with an additional one time material fee of \$60; Medicaid Waivers are accepted and financial assistance may be available. Contact Marilyn Scott at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org to set up an appointment to see if it is the right fit for you!

NFP

All are invited to the next "Why Natural Family Planning?" session. The most common reaction mentioned after this session is "Why have we never heard this before?" This introductory class is open to anyone and will help you make an informed decision regarding the benefits of NFP. Held Monday, January 26 at 7pm, at Holy Family Parish, Stow in the Lower Church Hall Room 1. No registration required. Contact Leo and Toni Doty, akdoty@kent.edu, 330-689-0632.

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