

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bulletin Announcements for August 2, 2015
Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious lay ecclesial ministers, or personnel associated with the Church, *please contact the Diocesan Response Service office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org*. You are also asked to *immediately inform local authorities* about inappropriate behavior.

Faith & Values Appeal For Catholic Education

As summer comes to an end another school year is ready to begin in Catholic schools across the diocese. On the weekend of August 15-16, a special parish appeal, the Faith and Values Appeal for Education, will be held to raise funds to help provide tuition support for needy students and their families right here in our diocese. Please be generous in your support of Catholic school students. Envelopes for this special appeal are included with your parish envelopes.

Catholic Divorce Recovery

The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry is featuring a Catholic Divorce Recovery Program entitled Sacred Steps to Peace. The Sacred Steps General Meeting is held on the third Friday of each month from 6:30pm - 8:30pm, with a focus on spiritual healing and growth through education, discussion and reflection on Scriptures and Church teachings. A "Working on the Steps" group meets the first and third Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm, and is guided by a team in a support group format, using prayer, exercises and a workbook as a pathway to divorce recovery. The fall program begins Friday, September 18, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, at St. Joseph Church, 12700 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136. To register or for additional information, please call 216-334-2978.

Mugsy the Cat

My name is Mugsy and I am a cat. I am looking for a lovely forever home. There I can make someone less lonely and happier because they are caring for one of God's creatures. My previous owner was very elderly and could no longer care for me properly. She agreed to surrender me to the Ghent Hill Veterinary Clinic while they find me a new home. Will you give me a home? I am supper nice, cuddly and playful. I am an excellent house member, very neat, no messes. I have all my shots. I like most dogs, calm children but do not tolerate other feline. I must be the only cat at your home! To give Mugsy a home or for more about this very amazing feline call 330-665-1400 or 330-657-2631.

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

Tutors Needed

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in basic adult education and GED prep, has a need for more tutors. Tutor training sessions will be held Saturdays, August 8, September 19, October 17, and November 21 from 9am-2pm at Seeds of Literacy West (3104 West 25th St., Cleveland, OH 44109) and Friday, September 25 from 9:30am to 2:20pm at Seeds of Literacy East (13815 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120). Both sites feature secure parking and building security. To register or for more info, contact Alexandria Marshall (216-661-7950 or alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org), visit seedsofliteracy.org or [facebook.com/seedsofliteracy](https://www.facebook.com/seedsofliteracy).

School Bus Drivers for Benedictine High School

- Part-time experienced
- ODE Certified
- Class B with P & S endorsements
- Send letter of interest, resume and wage requirement to "Benedictine High School, 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Cleveland, OH 44104; ATTN: Business Office"

Call 216-421-2080 x358 for more information!

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. Volunteer education is held frequently throughout northern Ohio. Teen and volunteers not having patient contact attend only four hours of training while most other volunteers attend all 16 hours. **Pre-registration is required. For more info or to register, please call 800-707-8922 x6881.**

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 7:00-9:00pm).

Gesu Parish, University Heights (Eastside)

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

For additional information about these outreach groups, please call the Diocesan Parish Life Office at 216-696-6525 or 1-800-869-6525, x3500.

Visit www.worldmeeting2015.org for the latest news on the World Meeting of Families September 22-27, 2015 in Philadelphia, PA. The theme: Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive! The August theme is Choosing Life - God made us for a reason. His love is our life mission. This mission enables us to find our true identity. If we choose to embrace this mission, we will have a new perspective on many issues, not just the family. To live the mission of the domestic church means that Catholic families will sometimes live as minorities, with different values than their surrounding culture. Our mission of love will require courage and fortitude. **Jesus is calling, and we can respond, choosing lives of faith, hope, charity, joy, service, and mission.**

CANA II Remarriage Preparation

CANA II is a marriage preparation series for couples in which one or both have been married before, or one or both will become a stepparent. Includes Active Parenting for Stepfamilies series on subsequent evenings. **Cana II session held at St. Joseph Parish, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136 on Saturday, October 3, 2015, 8:30am- 5:30pm. Active Parenting Series held Thursdays, October 8, 15, and 22, 2015 from 6:30pm – 9:00pm also at St. Joseph in Strongsville. Cost is \$95 per couple Saturday only; \$125 for Cana II plus Active Step-Parenting series. Already married stepparents are also welcome to register for Active Step-parenting for only \$30. Please register by September 25. Register at <http://ccdacle.org/program/cana-ii>.**

God Needs You

Please consider joining the Women's Board of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County (CCCS/SC). We invite adult women of all ages and parishes to join our group. Find out how you can help support the work of Catholic Charities here in Summit County. Make new friends and help others at the same time. The first membership meeting for the next club year will be held on **Friday, September 11, 2015 at 9:30am in Akron at Catholic Charities offices at 812 Biruta Street.** For more info, contact **Anne MacWherter at 330-342-9030.** We hope to see you on September 11.

Tired of Repairing Your Old Vehicle?

Donate it to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Your used car can become food, medicine and rent for the poor in our community. And when you donate your late model car, truck or boat to SVDP Cleveland, not only will you receive a tax deduction to the fullest extent of the law, you'll be free from the troubles of insuring, licensing, repairing and selling your vehicle. We'll even provide free towing within 24 hours. For more info or to donate, please call 800-322-8284 or visit www.svdpusa.com.

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Our Lady of the Cedars church

Lebanese Food Fair

2 Days AUG. 7th - 8th

FRI. AUG. 7th 11^{am} - 9^{pm}

SAT. AUG. 8th 11^{am} - 9^{pm}

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2015 First Step Programs

The Church's teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage are often misunderstood. The First Step 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.

Everyone is welcome to:

- Deepen their 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...
- Discover a path to healing after divorce.

The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure, of which the annulment process is an important aspect.

2015 General Meeting Schedule

**Tuesday, September 15,
at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish,
Cuyahoga Falls, at 7pm**

**Tuesday, October 13, at St. Ambrose Parish,
Brunswick, at 7pm**

Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For more info and testimonials about the program from past participants, call the Tribunal at 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000 or visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal.