

Hi Everyone,

The monthly statistics for the Fr. Hilkert Ozanam Center for the month of August, 2015 follow:

Food Pantry

Total number of people served was 1544
Total number of households served was 464
Total number of children served was 666
Total number of seniors served was 123

Clothing Bank

Total number of families served was 326
Articles of clothing given away: 2991

Furniture Bank

Total number of clients served was 33
Couches given away: 12
Armchairs given away: 11
Mattresses/box springs: 21
Dressers given away: 13
Misc. given away: 104

A good month overall. Food pantry numbers were about average for the month. Clothing bank and furniture bank numbers look a little high, but there were five Saturdays in the month. As always, thank you all for the good work that you do.

Jim and Cathie Perusek

Annual Knights of Columbus Golf Outing

Come join the Knights at the Annual Golf Outing, Sunday, September 20 at the Fox Den Golf Course in Stow. Format is a scramble with women playing from the red tees; men from the white tees. Cost is \$55/person or \$220/foursome which includes steaks, corn on the cob, Potato and tossed green salads, beer and soft drinks following play. \$15/person for just dinner. **Registration begins at 12:30pm with a shotgun start at 1:30pm. Reservations due by 9/16 by calling Pat Rynd at 330-922-4125.** Limited to the first twelve foursomes signing up. Prizes for the low gross Team plus many skill awards and door prizes. An optional skins will be played for \$20/Team. Pick your foursome or we will build one for you and join us in the fun & fellowship.

St. Mary Preschool Openings

St. Mary Preschool in Hudson offers a Catholic faith based preschool program for children ages 3, 4 and 5. Our students are well prepared for kindergarten and receive nurturing support from an experienced and dedicated staff. We offer both a fun filled and learning rich environment. There is availability in several of our class offerings. **More information can be found at www.st.maryhudson.cc or by contacting Linda at lsucheski@stmmaryhudson.cc or 330-653-8118 x 237.**

Parish School of Religion

It is time to register for Mother of Sorrows Parish School of Religion. Classes begin Sunday, September 27th. All parents are asked to complete a registration form for any student in the family. Please fill out a form so that we can update the parish census for all our young people, including infants and those in college, those attending Catholic schools or home schooled. Thank you!

DSWC

The Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron is sponsoring a talk by Father Kraker - "51 Years a Priest, a Perspective." A retired pastor from St. Vincent's Catholic Church, Father Kraker will reflect on the events he has experienced and the lessons he has learned. Held Monday, September 14 at 7:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. Open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments at 7:15pm. For more information, call Sue at 330-554-5626.

Retrouvaille Weekend

Have you become so distracted by outside pressures that you have neglected your spouse? Retrouvaille can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held September 11-13 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in Beachwood, OH. A registration fee of \$150 is required for your reservation. For more info or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org, or call Diane or Al Miskinis in complete confidence at 330-665-3506 or (from a 216 or 440 area code) 1-800-470-2230.

BBQ and Boutique

The Sisters of Notre Dame invite you to attend their 53rd Annual Barbecue and Boutique held Sunday, September 20 and Sunday, September 27 from 12pm to 5pm. Enjoy barbecued chicken or ribs, chips, apple pie, coleslaw or applesauce and beverages. Select Sisters' handmade items in the Boutique. Tickets available at the door: \$12/chicken, \$15 ribs. Held at Notre Dame Education Center, 13000 Auburn Rd. Chardon, OH, south of Mayfield Rd. (Rt. 322)(the Notre Dame Cathedral Latin Campus). Rain or Shine. Handicapped accessible. Take out dinners also available.

Lecture and JCU

Please join us for the beginning of The Institute of Catholic Studies Lecture Series Thursday, September 17 at 7pm to hear Margaret Swedish, The Center of New Creation, Milwaukee, WI, talk entitled "Like Grains of Wheat - the Enduring Legacy of Maura, Ita, Dorothy, and Jean". Her talk will take place at John Carroll University, D.J. Lombardo Student Center, LSC Conference Room.

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

A Final Gift

Please Join Us for “A FINAL GIFT” pre-planning workshop and presentation. A Catholic Cemetery, like a Catholic Funeral is for the living, and the dead. Cemetery/funeral costs have become the third largest expense most families will pay for in their lifetime. Important information you will need to know! Receive a Catholic Personal Planning Guide. Pre-Planning is a precious gift. Choosing Cremation? What the church teaches! **Held Wednesday, September 23 from 6-7pm at Holy Cross Cemetery office (100 E. Waterloo Rd. Akron, Ohio 44319).** This workshop is free (registration is appreciated). Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. **Please visit www.clecem.org for all dates and locations. Please call the Cemetery office for more information and to register at 330-724-1297 x7**

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 be present to explain their ministry to those who are divorced. **The next meetings are held Tuesday, September 15, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7pm and Tuesday, October 13, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7pm.** The Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process. For more information, please call the Tribunal at **216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000 or visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal.**

Fairness and Forgiveness

The Diocesan Social Action office is hosting a forum on the **fairness of how the death penalty is administrated in Ohio.** Held **October 3 from 9am-1pm at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 10205 Lorain Ave., Cleveland.** This event corresponds to **Pope Francis’ call for a Year of Mercy and Respect Life Month in October.** In the past year, many inconsistencies and lack of fairness within Ohio’s death penalty system has come to light. This forum includes two judges who will provide an overview of the recommendations from the Ohio Supreme Court Task Force on the Death Penalty. Other speakers will share their experiences of how Ohio’s system has impacted them and their families. We will also present an overview of Catholic Social Teaching on the death penalty and provide time for reflection on the information presented.

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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 6:30-8:30pm,** 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 7-8:30pm,** 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, 6:30-8:30pm, at St. Joseph Church, 12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136.** Register by calling 216-334-2978.

“September Sensation”

You are invited to attend Visitation of Mary (formerly Annunciation) Parish’s 7th Annual “September Sensation” – reverse raffle, dinner, and silent auction – Saturday, September 19 at St. George Fellowship Center (3204 Ridge Rd., Fairlawn). Beginning at **6:07pm** with complimentary hors’d oeuvres, you will enjoy an elegant evening of dining and “bonne chance” including sideboards, 50/50 Split the Pot, “Nunzi” bingo and grab bags. A delicious buffet dinner by Joe Catalano and an open bar will be enjoyed by all. Grand prize is \$2,000! Prices are \$70 for 1 ticket and 1 dinner; \$100 for 1 ticket and 2 dinners; \$130 for 2 tickets and 2 dinners. **Hurry! Tickets are beginning to sell! For tickets or more info, call 300-592-4155 or 330-535-4141 x12.**

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, September 19, October 17, and November 21 from 9am-2pm at Seeds of Literacy West (3104 W. 25th St., Cleveland, OH 44109) and Friday, September 25 from 9:30am-2:30pm 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 at 216-661-7950 or alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org, visit seedsofliteracy.org or [facebook.com/seedsofliteracy](https://www.facebook.com/seedsofliteracy).**