

Planning for 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 them the things need 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 on **September 26 and November 14 at 9:30-2pm**. Call **Cathie or Jim at 330-467-5762** for more info.

Liturgical Yoga

Did you know that yoga is not a religion? It is, however, a spiritual practice that supports religion. Yoga is adaptable. In other words, it can be presented in a secular context that has no elements of spirituality, or it can be presented as a spiritual discipline that supports the Christian faith, the Buddhist faith, or any faith for that matter. **Liturgical yoga, a faith-based Christian yoga practice is held each Wednesday at St. Mary Parish in Hudson from 9:30am-10:45am.** There will be **no class on September 23**. All levels are free to join this donation-based, drop-in class. Students must have a mat, be able to sit on the floor comfortably and to move freely on their own. Contact MOS parishioner, MaryBeth at madoniamb@gmail.com or at **330-603-2337** with any questions.

St. Theresa Novena

A Novena in honor of **St. Theresa the Little Flower of the Infant Jesus and of the Holy Face** will be prayed at **Our Lady of the Cedars of Mt. Lebanon, Maronite Catholic Church in Fairlawn, Ohio.** The Novena begins on **Tuesday, September 23 and ends on the her feast, Thursday, October 1.** The devotions will be at 7pm with the novena prayers followed by Eucharistic Devotion and conclude with the **individual blessing with the relic of St. Theresa.** On her feast day, **Thursday, October 1st, Mass will be celebrated at 6pm** followed by the Novena Devotions. All are welcome.

Listening, Encouraging, & Assisting Families

Does your family, 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 support 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!** 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.

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.

"Cheers for a Child"

Please join **Christ Child of Akron** for their **2nd Annual "Cheers for a Child"** event on **September 29 from 4:30-7:30pm** at **Thirsty Dog Brewing Company (529 Grant St., Akron, OH 44311).** **Tickets are \$25 and include Craft beer, soft drinks and buffet.** Great raffle baskets and prizes include Browns vs The Ravens Monday night tickets, Spa gift cards, 50/50 raffle and much more! **Please buy your tickets today via PayPal: www.christchildsofietyakron.org/fund-raisers/cheers-for-a-child-thirsty-dog-brewing-company or mail your check to Christ Child Society of Akron P.O. Box 13411 Akron, OH 44334.** Please mark your PayPal order or check **"Cheers for a Child"**.

What does Christ Child do? The following are just some of the services the Christ Child Society provides the Akron community:

- 1800 children with new school clothing including winter coats, hats and mittens for the cold winter months.
- 200 layettes for newborn babies born at local hospitals to mothers in need
- 545 Friendship Bags to children who were removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect
- 150 bereavement gowns to parents suffering the loss of an infant.
- Participates in the Akron Public school Annual Backpack Adventure at the Akron Zoo and First Glance Teen Mom/Young Mom program in Kenmore

Don't miss this fun evening to support a great cause! Questions? Contact Mary Jo Kormushoff at 330-351-3051 or email maryjokormushoff@gmail.com

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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) Saturday, October 3, 8:30am-5:30pm. Active Parenting Series held Thursdays, October 8, 15, and 22 from 6:30pm-9pm also at St. Joseph Parish. \$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 at <http://ccdogle.org/program/cana-ii>.**

38th Annual Walk Of Hope

*Join us at the 38th Annual Walk of Hope! It is a wonderful opportunity for you to both assist in supporting the ministerial needs of persons with disabilities while affirming the dignity of human life. Held Saturday, October 3, at OLA/St. Joseph Center (2346 W. 14th St. in Cleveland in the Historic Tremont neighborhood). Registration begins at 8:30am; the walk is at 9am; there will be a Raffle at 10:30am; and then a Special Walk around Lincoln Park at 11am. This event is for persons with or without disabilities. For more info, contact **Dennis McNulty** at 216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@ccdogle.org, visit www.ccdogle.org/disability or find us on Facebook.*

High School Students Needed

The Diocese of Cleveland CYO is seeking **high school students interested in officiating soccer, volleyball, and flag football**. Training provided. Officials are paid a fee to officiate. There will be mandatory training sessions. If interested, please contact the CYO office at **330-379-3636 x16**, email vrosato@ccdogle.org or visit dioceseofclevelandcyo.org and register for the training.

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In Honor of St. Teresa of Avila

The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites, Akron Community of the Holy Family, celebrate with great joy the **5th Centenary of the birth of St. Teresa of Avila**. All are invited to a Mass in honor of St. Teresa **Sunday, October 11 at 3pm** at **St. Paul Church, 433 Mission Dr. Akron, OH**. All are welcome! Please **RSVP to carmelocds@gmail.com**.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples - Do you know that more than 1,500,000 couples in over 92 countries have experienced a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? They found something worth passing on. The next weekend is scheduled for **October 16-18, 2015** at the **Cambria Suites, Uniontown**. For more info call **Scott or Lori at 330-305-9963** or visit www.wwme.org.

Pre Cana Day

St. Rita Parish will hold a **Pre-Cana Day Saturday, October 10**. This marriage preparation program is open to non-parishioners. Attendance at this program satisfies Diocesan requirements. **Prior registration is required. The fee is \$70 per couple**. For more info or to register, contact Heidi and Drew Samuto at **330-348-6939** or stritchprecana@gmail.com.

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 meeting is held 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.

BBQ and Boutique

The Sisters of Notre Dame invite you to attend their 53rd Annual Barbecue and Boutique held 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.