

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal Statistics

As of October 31, 2015 the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal has raised \$10,901,547 in dollars pledged, or 96.47%, of our \$11,300,000 goal! The generosity of 49,088 donors from parishes across the diocese has allowed 113 parishes to meet their individual parish goals and we are just under \$400,000 from the overall Annual Appeal goal! Mother of Sorrows Statistics as of October 31, 2015 are as follows: Number of Households: 581, Number of Donors: 68, Percent Participation: 16%, Amount Pledged: \$15,701, Amount Paid: \$14,210, Percent Fulfillment: 91%, Goal: \$21,065, Percent to Goal: 74.54%, Difference between \$ Pledged and Goal: \$5,364, Average Gift Amount: \$231, Number of Average Gifts Needed to Reach Goal: 23. If you would still like to donate, please complete an envelope and drop it in the collection basket at Mass, call 800-869-6525 x1049, or donate at www.catholiccommunity.org/2015Appeal. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

Thanksgiving Prayer

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have betowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year.

*This we ask in the Name of Jesus,
Your Son and our Brother.*

Amen.

www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=492



All are invited to join the Catholic Community Foundation on Praying Tuesday as we pray in thanksgiving for our donors at Mass on December 1, 2015, at 12pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist (1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114). Bishop Lennon will be the celebrant. Mass will be followed by cathedral tours. Please join us!

Christ Child Society Evening of Reflection

There will be an Evening of Reflection Monday, November 30 at 7pm at St. Sebastian Parish (476 Mull Ave., Akron, OH 44313). Music will be provided by Peace Together Choir. Please take the time for some reflection for the Christmas season. All are welcome!

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

This Weekend!

Mother of Sorrows Parish, Peninsula, will host the annual Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 22, 2015 at 5pm in the church. A light dinner will be served in the church hall following the service. Please do come to pray, meet some neighbors near and far, perhaps bring a desert to share! Free will offerings including non-perishables, paper products, will be accepted at the service for SVDP Ozaman Center in Akron. Ozaman Center assists residents of Summit County in need.

In Your Charity

Please remember in your prayers, Robert Johns, brother of The Reverend Thomas W. Johns, Pastor of St. John Vianney Parish in Mentor. May Robert live forever in the joy of the Resurrection and may his family and friends be granted consolation. Amen.

St. Monica Christmas Craft Fair

Join us November 28, (always the Saturday after Thanksgiving!) from 9am-3pm at the St. Monica Christmas Craft Fair at St. Benedict's School in Garfield Heights. Browse 100+ tables of unique hand-crafted items, plus your favorite business vendors. Win at our 50/50 and Craft Raffles. Enjoy delicious food in our Cafe. A limited number of tables are still available. Please call Regina at 216-661-6616.

Car Donation

Wondering what to do with that old car? Help a neighbor in need by donating 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 will be free from the troubles of insuring, licensing, repairing and selling your vehicle. We will even provide free towing within 24 hours. It's quick and easy to donate! Just call 800-322-8284 today or donate online at www.svdpusa.com.

K of C Christmas Luncheon

Knights of Columbus #3410 Wives Auxiliary will celebrate their Christmas Luncheon, Wednesday, December 9 at 11:30am at Prime 93 Restaurant, 4315 Manchester Rd. All ladies are invited to attend and K of C Wives are encouraged to bring a friend. Menu: Scrod \$17, Swiss Steak \$17, Chicken Caesar Salad \$15 (includes salad, dessert, drink, tax and tip). For reservations, call Sally Casenhiser 330-773-2085 or send a check payable to Sally Casenhiser, 418 Selden Ave., Akron, OH 44301. Please consider attending this friendly event. It is a great way to start off the Christmas season.

Help The Needy in Northeast Ohio

The Cleveland Furniture Bank provides basic home furnishings to people in need who are trying to rebuild their lives. They are in need of couches, chairs, kitchen tables and dressers to provide to over 3000 people referred to them each year. **If you are downsizing, remodeling, redecorating or just have furniture items you no longer need, call 216-459-2265 x101 or visit www.clevelandfurniturebank.org/donate to schedule a pickup of your furniture.** If you have other items such as clothing, household goods, pots and pans, dishes, etc. they will pick those up at the same time. **Mention Mother of Sorrows Parish and they will waive the pickup fee.**

Hoban Happenings

Archbishop Hoban High School (1 Holy Cross Blvd., Akron, OH 44306) will administer a Placement test to 8th grade students on Saturday, December 12. Testing will begin at 8:30am. Students may pre-register by calling the admissions office at 330-849-2149 or register at www.hoban.org. There is a \$20 test fee.

Chick Flick Movie Night

Our Lady of the Elms will be hosting a free Chick Flick Movie Night Friday, December 4 from 7-9pm in the high school theater for girls grades 6-8. Come watch "Inside Out" with your friends and enjoy popcorn and snacks. Contact Sarah Hutzler-Psihountakis at 330-867-0918 or spsihountakis@theelms.org with any questions.

Gifts for Children in Need

The Peter Maurin Center of Akron (PMC) 5th Annual event, through the generosity of OPEN M will once again be held at their facility (941 Princeton St., Akron, OH 44311) Saturday, December 19 from 1-4pm with dinner beginning at 2:15pm. Featuring a certified Santa, Choir, Games, Face Painting, Balloons, Crafts, and Christmas Caroling. Anyone providing gifts up to \$25 value will help us to once again make this a memorable celebration of Christ's Birthday! Gifts will be offered for attendees from 6 months and up to 14 years of age. Attendees may register by Friday, December 4 at The Peter Maurin Center (PMC) 1090 S. Main St. on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays from noon-2:30pm. Last year, we served 340 children and this year we anticipate 400 children in need of gifts! Please note that we do not accept/nor want any Government subsidies and rely solely on individuals, Churches, and organizations for our efforts. Gifts and donations to purchase much needed gifts may be made by stopping into PMC on above days/times or by calling Ken at 330-907-6710 by December 14! You may also donate at www.petermaurincenter.org on the secured PayPal page or by mailing to PO Box 1105, Hudson, OH 44236.

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RESPONSE 2016

Response 2016, the most comprehensive guide of faith-based service opportunities is now available. Volunteers serve full-time for periods of one week to one year or more across the United States and in more than 100 countries worldwide. Summer and school break opportunities are also available. **Our volunteers are from all walks of life. Contact Catholic Volunteer Network to receive your free copy/copies of Response 2016 toll-free at 800-543-5046 or email info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org. You can also visit www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.**

Christmas Concert

St. Rita Catholic Church (32820 Baldwin Ave., Solon OH 44139) Proudly Presents: The Singer's Club of Cleveland's 123rd Season Concert "Pop Goes Christmas!" Enjoy sounds of the season with both traditional and innovative holiday repertoire and then join in for the audience sing-along! **Held Sunday, December 6, 2015, at 3pm.** There will be two 45 minute halves with a 10 minute intermission and reception immediately following. Concert and reception are free.

Helen D. Schubert Concert

The Daughters of St. Paul Choir under the direction of Sr. Bridget Ellis FSP, known for their fresh arrangements of time-honored classics, presents well-loved carols and holiday favorites combining a heartwarming collection of both lively and moving songs that celebrates the glory, wonder and joy of the Christmas season. Concert held at 7pm on Friday, December 4 at the Cathedral of St John the Evangelist (1007 Superior Ave. at E. 9th St., Cleveland OH 44114). Concert is free, (no tickets, no reservations). Free secure parking at the Cathedral garage on Rockwell Ave. at E. 9th St.

It's Not Too Early To Think About Christmas

The Women's Board of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County (CCCS/SC) is planning it's annual Christmas "Bags of Love" collection for the agency's families in need. The Women's Board is accepting donations of household and personal items such as: laundry detergent, soap, dish detergent, toothpaste/brushes/floss, shampoo/conditioner, paper products, and diapers. **If you prefer to give a monetary donation, please make checks payable to: Women's Board of CCCS/SC with "Bags of Love" on the memo line.** Donations for the Bags of Love may be dropped off at, or checks mailed to: Women's Board of CCCS/SC, 812 Biruta St., Akron, OH 44307. **Deadline is December 4.** For more info, call Maribeth Hutchins-Saxer at Catholic Charities, 330-762-2961 x248. The Women's Board of CCCS/SC thanks you for your help.