

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee

*Lord Jesus Christ,
You have taught us to be merciful
like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees You sees Him.
Show us Your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew
from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking
happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the
words that You spoke to the Samaritan woman:
“If you knew the gift of God!”*

*You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests His power above all by
forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be Your visible face in the world, its
Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that Your ministers
would also be clothed in weakness
in order that they may feel compassion for those in
ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after,
loved, and forgiven by God.*

*Send Your Spirit and consecrate every one of us
with its anointing,
so that the Jubilee of Mercy
may be a year of grace from the Lord,
and Your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may
bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this of You, Lord Jesus,
through the intercession of Mary,
Mother of Mercy;
You who live and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.*

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Looking for a Car?

Parishioner has a 2005 Volvo V50T5 Sport Wagon for sale. It is very dependable and in fair condition. Interested? Details, call 330-401-2562.

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Oplatki

The Christmas wafers known as “Oplatki” have arrived and available near the Giving Tree. It is part of a wonderful custom where the wafer is shared as a sign of peace among those gathered for the Christmas meal. Jesus is the Bread of Life. Bethlehem means house of bread.

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.

Opportunity for Service

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 at 800-543-5046 or info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org. You can also visit www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

Prolife Rosary

“The words of Our Lady to Juan Diego in December of 1531 have echoed through the ages and inspire many in the Pro-Life movement. *Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness, anxiety or pain. Am I not your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of LIFE? Are you not in the folds of my mantel; in the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else that you need?*” (taken from the Holy Family Adoration Chapel’s stained glass window of Our Lady). The Knights of the Father Maruskin Council invite you to join us to recite a Pro-Life Rosary in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and the Unborn. The Rosary will immediately follow the regular 5pm Saturday, December 12, afternoon Mass at Holy Family/Stow beginning at approximately 5:50 in the Daily Mass Chapel. Please come and pray for an enhanced culture of life in our parish, community, nation and world.

Second Sunday of Advent Bulletin Announcements for December 6, 2015

Kindergarten Expo

Immaculate Heart of Mary School invites 4 and 5 year old children to it's "Kindergarten Expo" Wednesday, **December 9, from 5:30-7:30pm.** Parents and children will be welcomed by student ambassadors in the **McIntyre Room of the Parish Center (2859 Lillis Dr., Cuyahoga Falls).** Children will participate in Kinesthetic Activities, student-led tours will be available and a hot cocoa bar, Christmas cookies and Chick-fil-a will be provided. Come and experience all the wonder of our dynamic Kindergarten Program at IHM School! **Please call the school office at 330-923-1220 to make a reservation.**

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.

DSWC

The Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron is sponsoring a talk by **Jill Oldham.** Jill is from the Akron Canton Food Bank and will share information with our members about our local food bank and will inform us of the "hungry" in our midst and how we can get involved with feeding the hungry. Please bring a food item to be donated. Items in need are peanut butter, cereal, and canned goods. Held **Monday, December 14 at 7:30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Convent Building (1945 Portage Trail, Cuyahoga Falls).** Open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments at 7:15pm. For more info, call Sue at **330-554-5626.**

Christmas-Ever Ancient, Ever New

The Music Ministry of St. Columbkille Catholic Church presents our annual Christmas Concert, "Christmas-Ever Ancient, Ever New", Sunday December 20, 2015, at **4pm** in the church, at **6740 Broadview Rd., Parma.** Some highlights of this year's event will be The First Noel/Pachelbel Canon, The Huron Carol, Carol of the Star, Of the Father's Love Begotten, Noel! Noel! Sing Glory! Glory Hallelujah to the Newborn King, Carol of the Bells, O Holy Night, Fum, Fum, Fum and more, and will feature the eight choirs of the parish, soloists, and instrumentalists. A reception will follow the church vestibule. The Music Ministry at St. Columbkille includes an adult chorale, an adult contemporary choir, a men's chorus, a newly-formed women's chorus, a children's choir, a handbell choir, a handbell quartet, and a children's chime choir, all under the direction of Mr. Jon Thibo, Director of Music. For more information, contact **Jon Thibo, Director of Music at St. Columbkille, 216-524-1987, x27.**

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Cleveland Retrouvaille

Someone once said "marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth." Have you become so distracted by outside pressure that you neglect your spouse? The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. This program is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland. **The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held January 15-17, 2016.** A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Diane or Al Miskinis in complete confidence at 330-665-3506 or (from a 216 or 440 area code) 1-800-470-2230 or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Camp Christopher Winter Family Camp

Take a break this winter and join us at **Camp Christopher** for a fun-filled family camp weekend, **January 15-18, 2016**, where there's something for everyone! Children can enjoy activities with their parents, as well as activities designed just for them. Program options include snowshoeing, sledding, the ropes course (weather permitting), arts & crafts, and more. Alternatively, you may prefer to relax by the blazing fire with a good book! Accommodations are in heated cabins. Cabins are equipped with bunk beds and are of varying sizes. Participants are responsible for bringing their own blankets, pillows, linens, and towels. Enjoy delicious, hearty, and well balanced meals family style in the St. Francis Dining Hall. A one-of-a-kind family get-away where adventures abound and where friendships are made to last a lifetime. For more information and to register, visit: www.campchris.org or call 1-800-296-2267.

Catholic Couple Checkup

Recharge your relationship with the online Catholic Couple Checkup (visit www.ccdocle.org/mfm and click on the Couple Checkup graphic at the bottom of the page)! Discover your couple strengths, growth areas and personality profiles. Surveys are available for dating and married couples. Couples receive a personalized report and discussion guide.

Attention Young Adults

Looking for social, spiritual, and service activities geared towards young adults? Check out the Northeast Ohio Catholic Young Adults Meetup Group at www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults The group is free to join and the online interactive calendar is easy to use! If you have any questions, please contact **Jennifer Sullivan at groundsforfaith@yahoo.com or 330-217-1064 (home).**