



*We Welcome.
We Serve. We Support.*

The **2013 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal** is underway with an in-pew commitment process taking place this weekend. All who have not received the mailing, or have not had a chance to respond, are asked to consider making a generous pledge to support all that is provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond to it. There is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that you have responded by mail. This is not a "special collection." Rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal is the one time during the year that all Catholics are asked to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities in order to serve the needy, the vulnerable, and the marginalized. Over 300,000 people from every suburb and city in Northeast Ohio benefit from their programs and services each year. **For stories of inspiration and more information...www.catholiccommunity.org/2013Appeal.**

Pre-Cana Program for Engaged Couples

St. Rita Parish will be holding a **Pre-Cana Day** on **Saturday, March 9**. This is a one-day marriage preparation program. Attending this program satisfies Diocesan requirements. **Prior registration required; Cost is \$70 per couple.** For more info or to register, contact **Yvette** or **Paul Bell** at stripaprecana@gmail.com or **330-405-6445**. Call early to guarantee a place.

Touch a Life...Become a Hospice Volunteer

Volunteer opportunities at **Hospice of Western Reserve** are diverse. **Our next series of volunteer classes will be on Saturdays, March 2 (8:30am-12:30pm) and March 9 and 16 (8:30am-4:30pm) at Hospice of Western Reserve, 150 Springside Drive, A-100, Fairlawn, OH 44333.** Teen and nonclinical volunteers require attendance at the first class and 4 hours of self study, while clinical volunteers must attend all the classes and 4 hours of self study. Pre-registration is required. **For additional information or to register, please call Mary McGowan at 800-707-8922 ext. 6881.**

Young Adults in the City

Come and volunteer with other **young adults (ages 20 - 30)** on **Saturday, February 23rd**. We'll meet at **Ozanam Center at St Philomena Church in East Cleveland**. They'll be distributing clothing and/or emergency food supplies to the area residents, and could use your help from **10:00am - 1:00pm**. **To register, please call Laura at 216-228-9516 or email to 2006yaic@gmail.com.** Sponsored by the Catholic Charities Youth and Young Adult Ministry and CYO Office in the Diocese of Cleveland.

It's Our Turn!!!

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." The **Ozanam Center in Akron** does that and more but **we need your help**. **Mother of Sorrows** agreed to be responsible for sending volunteers to the Center approximately every 6 weeks. We have been doing that for 5 years but now we find ourselves in need of some more volunteers. If you could help **for just a few hours on a Saturday** we think you would enjoy it and come back again. Please pray about this and if you are able, call **Cathie** or **Jim Perusek** at **330-467-5762**. Our next date is **Saturday, February 16**.

Learning the Faith

Faith and Religion Sessions is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our Catholic religious heritage and deepen your relationship with our Lord. Make **Thursday at 7:30pm** the special time you set aside to learn about what Catholic Christians truly believe. Perhaps it will help your faith in ways that you never thought possible. It may finally answer those questions that seemed to not have a response. All are welcome! You may also see **Father John after Mass**, call the rectory at **330-657-2631**, or mospenhoh@windtream.net.

40 Days for Life

For 40 years abortion has robbed our country of its future, child by precious child. If we do not stand up against this holocaust who will? **Join us in the 40 Days for Life spring campaign by praying, fasting, and witnessing from February 13 - March 24** to the sanctity of human life. **Prayerfully consider spending at least one hour witnessing in front of an abortuary.** Please call **Judith** at **330-762-2785** for more information.

Bringing America Back to Life

The 2013 "**Bringing America Back to Life Symposium & Exhibition**" will be held **March 8-9** at the **Embassy Suites in Rockside Independence, OH!** The event is from **8:00am to 9:00pm (7:00am registration) on both days!** Tickets begin at only **\$25 per day; discounts for groups available!** Don't miss this opportunity! **For more information or to register, please call 440-281-1502 or visit www.BringingAmericaBackToLife.org.** Some of the many speakers will include **Star Parker** (founder and president of CURE), **Kristan Hawkins** (president of Students for Life), **Tony Zarrella** (local media celebrity) and, **Shari Rigby** (actress from "October Baby")!

PREP® Relationship Skills Workshop

PREP® (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program) for Engaged and Married Couples on **Saturday, February 24, 8:30am-4:30pm (includes Mass)** at **Sacred Heart Parish, 272 Broad St., Wadsworth, 44281**. Fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement. Information or register...**216-334-2978** or go to www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm.

See the Church vestibule for information on upcoming events, job openings, registration forms, prayer cards, & more...

The Church and the Jewish People

Come hear Fr. John Pawlikowski speak on the relation of Catholic Church and the Jewish People on February 28th at 7:00pm at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, (28700 Euclid Ave. Wickliffe, OH 44092). Free and open to all. For more info, call Fr. Joseph Hilinski (440-943-7475).

First Step 2013

The First Step Programs are open to anyone with no pre-registration. They are offered as a way to reach out to those whose marriage, for whatever reasons or circumstances, is not valid in the Church, and find a way to re-establish full communion in the sacramental life of the Church. Held Tuesday, April 9 at 7pm at St. Peter Parish (3655 Oberlin Ave., Lorain, OH 44053 440-282-9103). For more info...216-696-6525 ext. 4000, www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal, or see flyers.

THE SMART STEPFAMILY

Come for a multi session video guide to healthy stepfamilies for step-parents by national expert Ron Deal on Mondays, March 25, April 15, 29, and May 6 at St. Martin of Tours, 1800 Station Rd., Valley City, OH 44280 from 6:00-8:30pm. Cost is \$20 for 7 weeks and includes workbook. New attendees welcome! Call Colene Conley (330-483-3808).

DIOCESAN THEOLOGY ON TAP

On Thursday, February 21, young adults are invited to attend the next Theology on Tap with speaker, Megan Wilson-Reitz. Social begins at 6:00pm. Lecture begins at 7:00pm. Location TBA. Admission is \$5. Complimentary appetizers and cash bar--happy hour until 7:00pm. Please RSVP to Lynette (216-334-1261 x10 or theotap-cle@hotmail.com) by February 18. Walk-ins are welcome. Theology on Tap is a discussion series for Catholic young adults and their friends, married and single, in their 20s and 30s. For more information, please visit www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/yyam-cyo/theology_on_tap.htm. Sponsored by Catholic Charities Youth & Young Adult Ministry Office.

Join the Club

Visitation of Mary Parish invites you to join their 200 Club with the first drawing being February 15. For a yearly donation of \$52, you could be one of two \$100 winners every month for eight months, plus be an additional \$500 winner in March and September! Your ticket(s) must be purchased before February 15 or you will not qualify to be a winner. All tickets must be sold! Ticket sales not limited to Visitation of Mary parishioners. Call 330-376-9227 or 330-535-4141, ext. 12 (Jerry).

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Your Rice Bowl for Lent

Did you remember to take your CSR Rice Bowl? They are available in the vestibule of the church. As a parish we are participating in the Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program as a way of encountering Jesus in others, especially through most vulnerable in our world. Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season will help CSR, Catholic Relief Services, continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in the world and to end global poverty.

Tutors

Seeds of Literacy, a nonprofit Organization offering free, one-to-one tutoring in basic adult education and GED preparation, has a need for more tutors. Tutor training sessions are held Saturdays, February 23, March 23, April 20, May 18, and June 29 all from 9am to 2pm at Seeds Resource Center 3104 West 25th St. (corner of West 25th and Clark Ave.) Cleveland, OH 44109. To register/more info, contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 or alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org, or visit www.seedsofliteracy.org or Facebook.

Unwanted Books?

Need a reason to start your spring cleaning? Walsh Jesuit High School will be accepting new and gently used books for their annual book sale. We are accepting fiction, non-fiction, biographies, autobiographies, religion, children's books and cookbooks. Unfortunately, we cannot accept Readers Digest, college textbooks, dictionaries, magazines, CD's, DVD's, or VHS tapes. Collection starts February 1 and runs through March 1, 2013. Books may be dropped off at Walsh Jesuit or arrange for pick-up by calling Melissa Mondy at 330-620-4878. The book sale will take place at Walsh Jesuit on Thursday, March 7th and Friday, March 8th from 8:00am – 4:00pm and Saturday, March 9th from 9:00am – 3:00pm. Hope to see you there!

Fish Fry

Visitation of Mary parish (formerly Annunciation) will begin their weekly Lenten fish fries on Friday, February 15th and continue every Friday during Lent, EXCEPT Good Friday. All are invited to the school cafeteria, 88 Kent St., from 4:30-7:00pm. Visitation is continuing with the same famous "Annunciation Fish Fry Recipe" started by the late Dorothy Anderson. Prices include \$9.00 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors, and \$4.00 for children through 12 years. Also, Peggy Pokorosky, our "Simply Silver" jewelry lady will be on hand at the fish fries on March 1st, March 15th, and March 22nd! The parish receives 20% of the jewelry sales, so be sure to check out Peggy's lovely jewelry on those dates!