

Because You Care

Parishioner Anika Patrick is ill and is in need of prayers and meals. A group has been formed for meals to be brought to her family. It is set up online using Meal Train. We can help Anika and her family during this challenging time by our **prayers**, and going to www.mealtrain.com/view/?id=jU1tz3izv9k%3d.

SVDP Car Donation Program

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Car Donation Program is seeking donations of used vehicles to benefit the poor in Northeast Ohio. Proceeds from the program are used to help fund charitable programs and services that assist our region's needy. If you are planning to discard your **used car, truck or RV**, consider donating it instead to the SVDP Car Donation Program. Not only will you be helping the poor in Northeast Ohio, but you **won't have to worry about the hassle of repairing and selling your car or negotiating trade-ins** with automotive dealerships. Whether or not your vehicle is still running, **SVDP Cleveland will provide free towing within 24 hours.** Your donation is **tax deductible.** **800-322-8284** (available 24/7) or www.svdpcle.org/cardonation.html.

Pilgrimage

Join Father Dan Schlegel, pastor of Holy Angels in Bainbridge Township, Ohio for a **pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey** in the footsteps of St. Paul from **October 14 - 26.** We'll visit Istanbul, Troy, Ephesus and spend five days on a cruise to the Greek islands of Rhodes, Patmos, Santorini and Corinth. **For more information, please call Fr. Dan at father@holyangelschurch.com or visit www.holyangelschurch.com for a brochure.**

Summer Programs

Did you know that our Diocese offers summer programs for children and adults with disabilities? There are many options! The summer programs offer respite and provide life-enhancing activities for children and adults in a Catholic setting. They are a great way to meet new friends, learn new things and just have fun! If you **have a family member with a developmental disability or know someone who does**, call Dennis McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, for more information at **216-334-2962** or dmcnulty@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

Looking for a new way to bring Lent to life? There's an app for that! Free for iPhone and Android. Get daily reflections, meatless recipes, and track your Lenten sacrifices. **Scan this QR code, or visit www.crsricebowl.org/app.**



First Step Programs

The Church's teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage are often misunderstood. This program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching in these areas. General meetings will be held **Thursday, May 15, at St. John Vianney Parish, Mentor, at 7pm; Tuesday, September 23, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7pm; Tuesday, October 14, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7pm.** For more info, call the Tribunal at **216-696-6525/800-869-6525 x4000.** For testimonials from past participants...dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal.

NFP

All are invited to the next **"Why Natural Family Planning?"** session. During this 45 minute session you will learn the latest 2014 data regarding the health risks of hormonal contraception, benefits and myths of NFP (this is not the rhythm method), the results of a contraceptive mentality since the 1960's, and a brief overview of a NFP class: a safe, healthy, effective means of family planning which strengthens marriages. The most common reaction mentioned after this session is "Why have we never heard this before?" This class is open to anyone, young and not so young, and will help you make an informed decision regarding the benefits of NFP. **Held Monday, April 28 at 7:00pm, at Holy Family, Stow, Lower Church Hall Room 3.** No registration required. **Contact Leo and Toni Doty at akdoty@kent.edu 330-689-0632.**

Drivers Needed

The Ursuline Sisters living at Regina Health Center are in need of volunteer drivers! Volunteers transport sisters to doctor appointments typically in the Mayfield Heights area. **The time required is about 3 hours per assignment. Volunteers help at least 1x/month.** Volunteers sign up as they are available. **Use your car or save on expenses by using ours.** Requirements: Background check, motor vehicle records check and TB test. (All free to volunteers; TB test done at Regina Health Center on day convenient for volunteer.) **To learn more or sign up contact Maggie Gibson: 440-449-1200 x409 or mgibson@ursulinesisters.org.**

Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for **51st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Good Shepherd Sunday, May 11, 2014.** This year's theme is **Vocations, Witness to the Truth.** To read a message from Pope Francis on this event, visit www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/vocations/documents/papa-francesco_20140115_51-messaggio-giornata-mondiale-vocazioni_en.html.

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

First Friday Club

The First Friday Club of Akron will meet on the second Friday, April 11 at Quaker Square Grand Ballroom, 135 South Broadway, Akron, 44304, and will feature Fr. Clarence Williams, CPPS, Ph.D., founder of the Institute for the Recovery from Racism, speaking on the topic: "Relational Dysfunction: Getting Rid of 'Stinking Thinking'." The cost of the luncheon program is \$15. Doors open at 11:15am; the program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00pm. Prepaid reservations can be made by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307 no later than the Monday prior to the program. For more information, call 330-535-7668 or visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org.

Living Bread Radio Network Pledge Drive

Mark your calendars for 3 days of live, local riveting Catholic Radio! Tune in Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 8 - 10 to hear local and national hosts of Living Bread Radio Network. We serve NE Ohio with your local Catholic Radio, AM 1060 in Canton, Akron, Cleveland, AND 89.5 FM Youngstown, Boardman. Studio/Pledge line: toll free 888-966-2903. Join us at Mary Arc of the Covenant Chapel located at 4365 Fulton Dr., Canton for an opening Mass on Tuesday, April 8 at 11:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing you.

Helping the Disadvantaged

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland is seeking volunteers from all occupations to donate some of their time and God-given talents to help the poor. Whether you're a nurse, accountant, engineer, production manager, purchasing agent or webmaster currently employed or retired, we need your expertise to make a difference in the lives of our needy brothers and sisters in Christ. Combine your vocation with your avocation to serve by contacting SVDP Cleveland at volunteers@svdpcl.org, or by calling 800-696-6525 x3150.

Faith Service

For free copies of RESPONSE 2014, (a guide to faith-based service opportunities), call 1-800-543-5046, email info@catholicvolunteernetwork.org, or visit www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org.

Living With Benedict

The Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland invite single men ages 18-45 interested in personal spiritual growth and in seeking God's Will for their life and vocation to participate in this weekend. No cost. Held May 30-June 1. For more info...Fr. Finbar, OSB at 216-721-5300 x273 or finbar@cbhs.net or on Facebook: St. Andrew Abbey Vocations - Cleveland Ohio.

Meet-up Site for Young Adults

Northeast Ohio Catholic Young Adults www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults is a great way to connect with other young adults and find out what is going on in Northeast Ohio. For more info...330-217-1064 or groundsforfaith@yahoo.com.

Fish Fries

Annunciation Church/Visitation of Mary Parish presents Annunciation's Famous Fish Fries every Friday during Lent (Except Good Friday), from 4:30-7:00pm. All are invited to the school cafeteria, 88 Kent St. in East Akron. Baked or fried fish, scalloped potatoes or French Fries, macaroni and cheese, vegetables, coleslaw, Massoli's bread, coffee, tea, or lemonade, desserts and soft drinks available! \$9 for adults, \$8.50 for seniors, and \$4 for children (12 years and under). Don't miss out on these fantastic, fabulous fish fries! Questions? Please call 330-535-4141.

The Knights of Columbus Stow-Hudson Council 10936 are holding their Lenten Fish Fries each Friday during Lent through April 11 at Holy Family Parish in the lower hall (3163 Kent Road, Stow, Ohio 44224). Menu items include entrees of Baked Tilapia, Fried Beer Battered Cod, Jumbo Shrimp, Mac & Cheese or Cheese Pizza. A choice of any two side dishes is included: French Fries, Hush Puppies, Seasoned Rice, Mac & Cheese, Salad, Cole Slaw, Soup, and (new this year) Pirogues! Coffee & Punch are provided along with a Roll and Butter. Also available are bottled water, soft drinks and assorted dessert items at a nominal charge. Dinners served from 4:30pm till 7:00pm. \$8 - Adults; \$4 - Children 12 and under. Come enjoy a delicious meal.

5k and 1 Mile

Immaculate Heart of Mary School will host it's 2nd 5k/1 mile at 9:00am on April 12. Come attend this family friendly event while promoting a healthy life style. Whether you walk or run the 5k/1 mile, it is great exercise! The proceeds support phase 2 of technology lab upgrades for the school. Early registration through April is \$25 and can be done at www.ihm5k.org.

"Grease: School Version"

Archbishop Hoban High School will present "Grease: School Version" April 3-5. The popular musical, set in 1959, follows ten working-class teenagers as they navigate the complexities of young love. Show times are Thursday, April 3 at 7:00pm; Friday, April 4 at 7:30pm; and Saturday, April 5 at 7:30pm. Reserved seats are \$12 each and can be purchased at www.hobantroubadours.org. \$8 general admission and \$5 student tickets will be sold at the door.

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