
First Friday Club

The First Friday Club of Akron will meet on the second Friday, July 11 at Quaker Station, 135 S. Broadway, Akron, 44304, and will feature David James, Superintendent of Akron Public Schools, speaking on the topic: "A Call to Leadership." Luncheon program is \$15. Doors open at 11:15am; program begins at noon, and ends promptly at 1:00pm. Reservations can be made by sending a check to the First Friday Club of Greater Akron, 795 Russell Ave., Akron, OH 44307, by calling the office, or on the website, no later than the Monday prior to the program. For more info, call 330-535-7668 or visit www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org.

Meet-up Site for Young Adults

Please visit www.meetup.com/Northeast-Ohio-Catholic-Young-Adults to connect with Catholic young adults and find out what is going on in Northeast Ohio.

VS. Bowie Baysox

An Akron RubberDucks Fundraiser will be held at 7:05pm, July 28 at (the ball park) Canal Park 300 S. Main St., Akron to benefit Catholic Charities Community Services/Summit County. Tickets just \$9! For tickets or more info, contact Kelly Kaufman at 330-762-2961, x232 or kkaufman@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

Summer Programs

Through Catholic Charities Disability Services and Ministries, our Diocese offers many supports for persons with disabilities and their families. These supports, as well as community events and other opportunities, can be found at www.ccdocle.org/disability. Also, follow them on Facebook and Twitter for updates! Contact Dennis McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, for more information 216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@clevelandcatholiccharities.org.

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.

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 and will help you make an informed decision regarding the benefits of NFP. Held 7:00pm, Monday, July 14, at Stow Community United Church of Christ, 1567 Pilgrim Rd, Stow 44224. No registration required. Contact Leo and Toni Doty, akdoty@kent.edu, 330-689-0632 for more information.

Summer Volunteer Opportunity

"Touch our world one child at a time." Today more and more children find themselves homeless. Blessing House, a crisis care center for children in the Cleveland area, provides children a safe and loving environment until they can go home. The Sisters of Notre Dame invite single women ages 18-35 to volunteer at Blessing House from July 14-July 19, 2014. For more information, contact Sr. Kathleen Hine, SND at 216-486-5555 or khine@ndec.org. Register online at www.sndchardon.org.

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. 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. General meetings for 2014: Tuesday, September 23, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7:00pm; Tuesday, October 14, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7:00pm. For more information, please visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal or call the Tribunal (216-696-6525/800-869-6525 x4000).

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

90th Anniversary

Holy Redeemer Parish in Cleveland will be celebrating the 90th Anniversary of the parish on July 26. The dinner/dance celebration will be held from 6:30-10:30pm at the Patrician Party Center – Eastlake Ohio. Tickets are \$40 per person. There will be appetizers, a family style dinner, dessert, beer and wine. For more info, contact Joe Debartolomeo at 216-978-9457 or Angela Manno Melite at 216-382-1186 or angnmick@gmail.com.

Prayer for Peace

*Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed,
kindle in the hearts of all men
the true love of peace,
and guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who make decisions
for the nations of the earth;
that in tranquility Your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth be filled with
the knowledge of Your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=1695>

YCN

“Your Community News” is a place where residents of Township and Peninsula have shared information for over 25 years. Visit www.ycn-online.net.



community pregnancy center

Community Pregnancy Center, a Catholic Christian outreach to those experiencing an unplanned pregnancy, is gearing up for a major expansion of services and space and so we will be hosting our own version of Extreme Makeover - CPC Style! We are looking for volunteers, both skilled and non-skilled, to assist in the demolition and reconstruction process. Please consider joining forces with us for life! Please email your interest to our project volunteer coordinator, Mark Smith, at smithme2300@gmail.com, including your contact information and any specific skill sets (carpentry, general labor, even food prep!) – help us fuel the hope for brighter futures and stronger families!

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 will be held October 10 - 12 at the Clarion Inn, Hudson, OH. For more info, call Terri or Steve at 440-834-0939 or visit www.wwme.org.

Knights of the Holy Eucharist

Attention, single Catholic men 18-30 years: The Knights of the Holy Eucharist, a community of consecrated brothers faithful to Holy Mother Church and dedicated to fostering reverent devotion to Our Eucharistic Lord, invite you to discern your vocation at their House of Formation, located at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. For more information, please visit www.knights.org.

Prayer for the Protection of Religious Liberty

*O God our Creator,
from your provident hand we have received
our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
You have called us as your people and given us
the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God,
and your Son, Jesus Christ.
Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit,
you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world,
bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel
to every corner of society.*

*We ask you to bless us
in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.
Give us the strength of mind and heart
to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened;
give us courage in making our voices heard
on behalf of the rights of your Church
and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.*

*Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father,
a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters
gathered in your Church
in this decisive hour in the history of our nation,
so that, with every trial withstood
and every danger overcome—
for the sake of our children, our grandchildren,
and all who come after us—
this great land will always be "one nation, under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/fortnight-freedom-prayer-resources.cfm

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