

### **Gather - Give - Grow**

Each year, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Diocese of Cleveland's nearly 1,000 volunteers feed the region's hungry, provide clothing to the poor, visit the sick in hospitals, the elderly in nursing homes and the forgotten in prisons. They supply warm blankets to the homeless, back-to-school supplies to needy children and offer families temporary, emergency financial help to prevent utility shut-offs. In an effort to thank these dedicated individuals, **SVDP will host its second annual gala, Gather Give & Grow on Saturday, March 15 from 6:00-11:00pm at St. Ignatius High School, 1911 West 30th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.** Funds raised at the event will be used to support operations of the Society's Woodland Food Pantry, one of the largest food pantries in Cuyahoga County and the second-largest in Northeast Ohio. **Tickets are \$50 (SVDP members) and \$75 (non-members).** For more information or to order tickets, please call 216-696-6525, x3150 or visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/gather-give-grow-a-benefit-for-the-society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-tickets-10456354237](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/gather-give-grow-a-benefit-for-the-society-of-st-vincent-de-paul-tickets-10456354237).

### **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. Each year, proceeds from the program are used by the Society in our diocese 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 supporting vital efforts that assist 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.** Call **800-322-8284** (available 24/7) or visit [www.svdpcle.org/cardonation.html](http://www.svdpcle.org/cardonation.html).

### **Son of God**

The movie "Son of God" is open at several cinemas across the Diocese of Cleveland. With the endorsement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), this film is seen as a way to deepen one's faith. Cardinal Donald Wuerl of Washington D.C. calls the film "engaging and compelling" and Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles says it is "extraordinary." "Son of God" follows the life of Christ from the Nativity to his Ascension. The film is offered at these theaters: **Lakeshore-7 in Euclid, Eastgate-10 in Mayfield Heights, Great Lake Mall-16 in Mentor, Diamond Center-16 near Mentor-Painesville, and Midway Mall-8 in Elyria.** For more info... [atlasclimemas.net](http://atlasclimemas.net) or [sharesonofgod.com](http://sharesonofgod.com).

### **Supporting our Parishioner**

"Songs for Anika, An Acoustic Concert of Hope" will be held **Sunday, March 9** at the **G.A.R. Hall (1785 Main St. Peninsula, Ohio 44264)** at **2:00pm** to help support our parishioner, **Anika Patrick.** **Doors open at 1:15pm.** **Refreshments will be available. Reverse raffle after the show. Suggested donation is \$20 but anything donated from the heart is acceptable.** Many top acoustic acts will be performing. Surprises throughout the show! Performers include: John Weniger, Steve Mehal, Alex Bevan, Jim Gill, Jeff Varga, Pete Vallejo, Robin Stratton, Jon Mosey, Jim Gill, Tim Wallace, Jim Ballard, and Jim Schafer. Special emcee is nationally known comedian and musician: **Charlie Wiener!** **Please come out and support Anika and Jeff and their family in this time of need. Remember to pray for all in need of healing and to show your support!**

### **Making a Difference**

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](http://www.mealtrain.com/view/?id=jU1tz3izv9k%3d).

### **St. Barnabas Preschool**

**St. Barnabas School** is now accepting registration for our **3 and 4 year olds preschool class.** Your child must be **3 or 4 years old by September 30** to be eligible for the classes. Please call the school office at **330-467-7921** if you are interested in registering. The deadline for registration is **Monday, March 10.**

### **Inside OLE**

**Our Lady of the Elms High School** will host **7th Grade Visitation Day**, on **Friday April 4** from **9:00am until 1:00pm.** This is a day for **7th grade girls and their parents to experience what high school at the Elms is all about.** Students participate in mini courses, attend fun filled assemblies, meet other 7th grade girls, and win exciting prizes. **Advanced registration is required. Call Shari Kavlick Benz at 330-867-0918 to reserve a spot!**

### **Akron First Friday Club**

The First Friday Club will feature representatives of four area Catholic High Schools reflecting on the topic "**Encountering God**" **March 14** at **Quaker Station, (135 South Broadway, Akron, 44304).** Luncheon program is **\$15. Doors open at 11:15am; begins 12pm and ends promptly at 1pm.** 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 info, **330-535-7668** or [www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreaterakron.org).

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

### **Answer the Call**

**Men! Plan to attend the Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference "Answer the Call" at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School in Cleveland on Saturday, March 22.** Keynote speakers include Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers and Catholic evangelist Francisco (Paco) Gavrillides. Remember to bring a friend, son, or grandson (high school or college age) and be among the hundreds of Catholic men that will experience a dynamic day. Special prices available for students. All priest, deacons, and seminarians are admitted free. **Conference begins with a light breakfast at 8am and concludes with 4pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard Lennon.** Registration includes breakfast, lunch, and all conference programs. **For more info/to register, visit [www.cmfneo.com](http://www.cmfneo.com).**

### **Couples Evening Out**

**All married and engaged couples** are invited to a **Couples Evening Out, Saturday, April 5, from 5:00-9:30pm** at **St. Vincent Parish, 164 West Market St., Akron, OH, 44303.** Guest speaker, Fr. Damian Ference, is a priest in the Cleveland Diocese and Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Borromeo Seminary. He is a dynamic speaker and accomplished writer. Discover reason to invite Christ into your relationship and how to get beyond the bills, homework, traffic and any other trying moments in your marriage. Attend Mass, renew your vows, enjoy dinner and more. **Registration deadline is March 24.** Send your name, address, phone, email, and payment addressed to Couples Evening Out, 3740 Alberta Dr., Norton, OH 44203. **\$50 per couple** with checks payable to St. Vincent Parish. (Financial assistance available). For more info, contact **Dave or Kathleen Myers at 330-526-1129 or [kapmyers@hotmail.com](mailto:kapmyers@hotmail.com).** Sponsored by West Side Catholic Couples, a ministry of St. Sebastian, St. Vincent, St. Mary and St. Bernard Parishes in Akron.

### **2014 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 **Tuesday, March 25, at St. Peter Parish, Lorain, at 7pm; 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](http://dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal).

### **PREP®**

**PREP® (Prevention & Relationship Enhancement Program)** for Engaged and Married Couples. Fulfills Pre-Cana requirement. **Sunday, April 6 from 8:30am-4:30pm** at **Sacred Heart Parish, 272 Broad St., Wadsworth, OH 44281 (11:30 Mass).** **\$95 per couple.** For more info...216-334-2978. Registration forms can be found at [www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm](http://www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm/PREP.htm).

### **Fish Frys**

**Annunciation Church/Visitation of Mary Parish** presents Annunciation's Famous Fish Frys **every Friday during Lent (EXCEPT Good Friday), beginning Friday, March 7 from 4:30 to 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, cole slaw, 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 frys! **Questions? Please call 330-535-4141.**

**Holy Angels Church (18205 Chillicothe Rd.)** will be having a **Fish Fry on the Fridays of Lent from 5:00pm-7:30pm (except for Good Friday).** The dinners will take place in the Community Room of the Church. Dinners include fried and baked fish, shrimp, macaroni and cheese, clam chowder, pizza and will feature weekly specials such potato pancakes, and piergoi. The Church is handicapped accessible. For more info or to place a takeout order, call **440-708-0000** or visit [www.holyangelschurch.com](http://www.holyangelschurch.com).

**The Knights of Columbus Stow-Hudson Council 10936** are holding their **Lenten Fish Frys each Friday during Lent: March 7 through April 11** at **Holy Family Parish in the lower hall (3163 Kent Rd., Stow, OH 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) Pierogies! 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.

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](http://www.crsricebowl.org/app).

