

Helping Hands

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." The Ozanam Center in Akron does that and more but we need your help. Can you commit to helping for just a few hours on a Saturday? We think you would find the special joy there is in serving Jesus in those in need and come back again. Please pray about this and if you would like to help, **call Cathie or Jim Perusek at 330-467-5762**. Mother of Sorrows Parish volunteers are scheduled to help on **Saturday, March 8**.

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.

Son of God

On **Friday, February 28** the movie "Son of God" will **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 and build community and fellowship. 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. **Beginning February 28, the film will be 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 information, visit www.atlascinemas.net or www.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!**

Meeting Jesus

Wednesday, March 12, all of the Churches in the Diocese will again offer **"An Evening of Confession"** from **5:00pm until 8:00pm**. **Priests at all 186 parishes will be present for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**. As Pope Francis says, "God never tires of forgiving us; but we sometimes tire of asking Him to forgive us." Bring your family and invite friends who may have been away from the Church. Be as Jesus and bring them to Jesus who never turns away from us. Sometimes we forget this or worry too much about ourselves. The heart of Jesus longs for peace in our hearts. **For more info, visit www.welcomecatholics.com**.

Annual Memorial Mass

Hosted by THE STVM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:30pm

**St. Vincent-St. Mary High School
STVM Learning Resource Center (LRC)**

Reception to immediately follow

All are welcome ... Please join us

Please RSVP by February 25 to help us best prepare

Contact The STVM Alumni Office via email:

kholaday@stvm.com or call 330-253-9113 x120.

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!

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

Answer the Call

Saturday, March 22, Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio is holding their annual "Answer the Call" conference at **Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School in Cleveland**. Key speakers include **Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers**, a well known national speaker from Seattle, and Catholic Evangelist **Francisco (Paco) Gavrilides** from the Diocese of Detroit. This year we will, again offer special break-out sessions for high school and college students. We urge grandfathers and fathers to attend with their grandsons and sons. Discounted prices available through advance registration for students. **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...www.cmfnco.com**.

Celtic Celebration

The Women's Board of Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County invites you to their **Annual Luncheon, Style Show, Silent Auction, and Raffle**. Held **Thursday, March 6 at 11am, at Guy's Party Centre, 500 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron**. **\$20 per person**. Make checks payable to Women's Board of CCCS/SC. **Pre-paid reservations should be sent by February 27 to Mikey Stewart, 45 Bermont Ave., Munroe Falls, OH 44262**. Include your **name, address, and phone number**. Please indicate if you have a seating preference. Proceeds will benefit the programs of CCCS/SC.

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**.

Remarriage & Stepfamily Prep

The Cana II Process addresses the unique issues of remarriage and stepfamilies. Preparation includes a Saturday, and three additional evening sessions for stepparents of children under 18. **Held Saturday, March 8 at St. Basil the Great Parish, 8700 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141 from 8:30am-6pm. Active Parenting for Stepfamilies, Thursday, March 13, 20, and 27 from 6:30-9pm at St. Joseph Parish, Strongsville. \$95 Cana II/\$125 (with Active Parenting)**. For more info, call 216-334-2975. **To register, call 216-334-2978 or www.clevelandcatholiccharities.org/mfm**.

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**. Sponsored by West Side Catholic Couples, a ministry of St. Sebastian, St. Vincent, St. Mary and St. Bernard Parishes in Akron.

Marriage Preparation Program

A **PreCana Day at St. Rita Parish** will be held **Saturday, March 8**. Satisfies Diocesan requirements. Prior registration required. **\$70 per couple**. For more info or to register...**216-406-1878** or **StRitaPrecana@gmail.com**. **Please call early to guarantee a place.**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

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. Held **March 7-9, June 27-29, and October 10-12** located at **Clarion Inn, Hudson, Ohio**. **For more info...Terri or Steve (440-834-0939) or www.wwme.org**.

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, February 25, at St. Therese Parish, Garfield Heights, at 7pm; 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**.

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