

### **Mother of Sorrows Turn at Ozanam Center**

“What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things need for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has not works, is dead.” James 2:14-17. We don’t preach to the people who need help at the Ozanam Center but we do help provide for their need of food and clothing. You can help us do that **July 18**, since that is **our next turn**. Hope to see you there at **9:30-2pm**. Call **Cathie or Jim at 330-467-5762** for more info.

### **Catholic Renewal Ministries’ Conference**

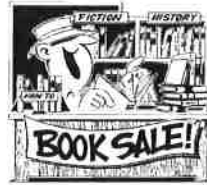
All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries’ 33rd Annual Conference** to be held **July 17 and 18** at **Magnificat High School in Rocky River**. Guest speakers will be **Lloyd and Nancy Greenhaw** and **Fr. John Gordon**, and local clergy **Bishop Roger Gries** and **Fr. Damian Ference**. This year’s theme is **“Father Make Us One”**. Conference opens Friday at **7pm**. Call Shirley or Tom Fumich at **440-327-1226** for registration info or visit [www.crmweb.org](http://www.crmweb.org). Advance registration through July 8 is \$30; \$35 at door. **Come experience the healing power and gifts of the Holy Spirit.**

### **Tired of Repairing Your Old Vehicle?**

Donate it to the **St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Your used car can become food, medicine and rent for the poor in our community. And when you donate your late model car, truck or boat to **SVDP Cleveland**, not only will you receive a **tax deduction to the fullest extent of the law**, you’ll be free from the troubles of insuring, licensing, repairing and selling your vehicle. We’ll even provide **free towing within 24 hours**. It’s quick and easy to donate! Please call **800-322-8284** today or donate at [www.svdpsusa.com](http://www.svdpsusa.com).

### **“A Final Gift”**

Come join us for **“A Final Gift” workshop and presentation**. This educational workshop/seminar focuses on what you need to know so you are not caught in a situation of being misinformed and possibly overspending and what can be done to gain peace of mind. Attendees receive a **Catholic Personal Planning Guide**. **Workshop is free (registration is appreciated)**. Light snacks and refreshments provided. Held **Saturday July 18 from 1-2pm** at **Holy Cross Cemetery (100 E. Waterloo Rd. Akron, OH)**. Visit [www.clecem.org](http://www.clecem.org) for all dates and locations. Call the Cemetery office at **330-724-1297 x7** to register.



### **ST. PAUL BOOK SALE**

**St. Paul Parish, 1580 Brown St., Akron, 44301** invites you to come in and grab a great read at a great price! Books, CD’s & DVD’s VHS tapes, and Records of all types will be for sale at the **St. Paul Book Sale** to be held **July 10 and 11 from 10am-6pm** and **July 12 from 10-2pm** in the **Parish Activity Center**. We’ll have plenty of bargains for all book, music, and movie lovers. **If you have books to donate but need help getting them here or if you are able to help with the sale for any amount of time, contact Ron McAvoy at 330-773-7389.**

### **RETRouvaille WEEKEND**

Someone once said “marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth.” Have you become so distracted by outside pressures that you have neglected your spouse? Retrouvaille can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. **The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held on September 11-13.** A registration fee of **\$150** is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, call **Diane or Al Miskinis in complete confidence at (330) 665-3506** or (from a 216 or 440 area code) **1-800-470-2230**. For more information or to register online, visit [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

### **Listening, Encouraging, & Assisting Families**

Is yours a family who, because of the incarceration of a loved one, experience isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone? The **LEAF Ministry** has been formed to be of support to you and your family. **Groups meet monthly** offering an opportunity to those who come to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All are welcome! For more info and to verify the schedules, call the Parish Life Office (**1-800-869-6525** or **216-696-6525 x3500**) or visit [www.leafministry.org](http://www.leafministry.org). No pre-registration necessary.

### **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**Did you know that our Diocese offers summer programs for children and adults with disabilities?** These programs are ministries to families who have children with disabilities. 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, contact Dennis McNulty, Director of Catholic Charities Disability Services, at 216-334-2962 or [dmcnulty@ccdoacle.org](mailto:dmcnulty@ccdoacle.org).**

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



## SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2015

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Spirit of power

Ezekiel today uses the expression “the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet,” a rather graphic description of the Spirit’s power, important because “spirit” can seem abstract, airy, and forgettable. But God’s spirit is power. It “sets us on our feet,” it catapults us into action as it once *drove* Jesus into the desert to be tempted. It gives us the words we need to stand against evil and to act righteously. Yesterday, we expressed our patriotic spirit using many of these same images of ideals, strength, power, and action. Do you treasure the very Spirit of God at work in you as much as you value your country?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6 (101)*. “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.”

## MONDAY, JULY 6

FEAST OF MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN, MARTYR

### Pardon, please

“What is the joy of God? It is to forgive!” Pope Francis says. Saint Maria Goretti understood this at the age of 11 when she forgave her murderer on her deathbed. Her mercy led her attacker to ask for forgiveness from Goretti’s mother, who, following her daughter’s wishes, gave it. Choose love over hate. That is the simple message of our faith.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383)*. “Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you.”

## TUESDAY, JULY 7

### Prepare yourself for battle

The devil you know is better than the one you don’t. Get to know the evil temptations in your life, such as looking for a scapegoat for your troubles, finding the easy way out, indulging in your desires to an excess, or dismissing the humanity of another. Anyone who has studied the Holocaust, slavery and human trafficking, or right-to-life issues knows that evil actions start with little moral concessions that build into great crimes against humanity. Saint Paul urges Christians to put on the “full armor of God” in the fight against evil.” The sole element of that armor is love.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384)*. “A demoniac who could not speak was brought to Jesus, and when the demon was driven out the mute man spoke.”



*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.*

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## WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

### Go to Joseph

“Go to Joseph” is a phrase often associated with Saint Joseph. The actual origin of the phrase, however, stems from Joseph in the book of Genesis. Joseph stored up what was good in times of abundance and distributed it to those in need when famine hit. The invitation to “Go to Joseph” is a reminder that when times are good and spiritual consolation abounds, you should take heed. Take note: The grains of truth gathered today will sustain you when you are hungry. For in times of dryness, these reminders of God’s goodness will carry you through.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385)*. “As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’”

## THURSDAY, JULY 9

### Knowing the one within

“The more you learn to love God,” Henri Nouwen once wrote, “the more you learn to know and to cherish yourself.” Coming to realize this simple fact is the journey of a lifetime. The more you come to know yourself, the more you can see the handiwork of God in your life and your being. This self-knowledge is a gift not only to you but to the world. The more you know, the more you can share. Be yourself, be God’s, and be ready to discover a world richer than you ever could have imagined.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386)*. “Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”

## FRIDAY, JULY 10

### Who will speak?

It is oddly comforting to know that the Lord promised us that if we follow him, we will not have an easy time of it. He warned his first disciples that trials, disagreements, and even persecutions would be part of life. And so they are. It is often difficult to find one’s way in the midst of dissension. Yet faith calls us to open our hearts and to allow the promised Spirit to guide us when what we are to do seems less than clear. The Spirit will answer if we but ask. In Catholic tradition, prayers to the Holy Spirit are less common than those to the Father and the Son, but no less effective. Take time today to pray: “Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful. Fill my heart.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387)*. “When the hour comes, you will be given what you are to say.”

## SATURDAY, JULY 11 FEAST OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

### A truly golden Rule

When Benedict wrote a book of precepts for monks living in community back in the early 500s, he could not have imagined the influence they would have over time. The Rule of Saint Benedict ended up being one of the most important influences on medieval Europe. During a time of barbarian invasions, violent conflict, and wide illiteracy, the Rule embodied the ideals of a constitution, the rule of law, democratic principles, and the dignity of manual labor. Give thanks today for the vision that inspired the Rule and for the monastics who preserved it for posterity during some pretty dark days.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388)*. “No disciple is above his teacher.”