

MOS at Ozanam Center

Faith at Work at the 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 August 26, 2017, since that is our next turn. Hope to see you there at 9:00-12:00. Call Cathie or Jim at 330-467-5762 for further questions.

Furniture Bank

After September 9th, the Ozanam Center will no longer accept furniture or requests for furniture. We thank everyone who has shared furniture with us over the years. Unfortunately, the building we are using as a furniture bank is no longer adequate for our needs. **The clothing and food operations of the Ozanam Center will continue to operate as usual from 9:30AM to 12:00 on Saturdays. Thank you.**

Celebrating 130 Years

St. Mary School, Akron, Ohio is celebrating 130 years of Catholic Education in Akron and 100 years in our current building. All are welcome for mass on September 9, 2017 at 4:30 pm at St. Mary Church, 750 S. Main St. Akron OH 44311 with Celebrant Fr. Dan Reed. Following mass, join us on the courtyard for hors d’oeuvres, drinks, cakes and music. Tours of the school will be available.

Sacred Steps to Peace for Teens

This program for teens whose families have experienced a divorce, is open to anyone from the ages of 12-17. The purpose of this program is to help teens deal with the effects of divorce, as well as having time together socially. The group meets every 3rd Friday of the month from 7-8:30pm at St. Joseph Parish, (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136) in the Holy Family Center, Room 1. The facilitators are Carol Petro, MSW from the Marriage and Family Office, Deacon Bob Lester of St. Joseph Parish, and Deacon Bob Sabol of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Columbia Station. Participants are welcome to join at any time. **Contact Deacon Bob at 440-238-5555 x110 for more information.**

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

Benefit for Camp Christopher Program

Take a chance to win a 2017 KIA Soul! All proceeds benefit the Environmental Education Program at Camp Christopher. To purchase tickets, call 330-762-2961 x232 or visit www.ccdocle.org/camp-christopher/car-raffle or. The raffle will be held December 13, 2017. Sponsored by Vandevere KIA, Akron.

Catholic Couple Checkup

Why not take the online Catholic Couple Checkup to recharge your relationship?! Discover your couple strengths, growth areas and personality profiles. **Surveys are available for dating and married couples.** Couples receive a personalized report and discussion guide! Visit www.ccdocle.org/mfm and click on the Couple Checkup graphic at the bottom of the page.

Retrouvaille Weekend – September 8-10, 2017

A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help. RETROUVAILLE (rediscovery), which is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, but open to couples of all faiths, consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For information concerning the program or to register please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Engaged Encounter

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a comprehensive weekend of marriage preparation held three times a year at the St. Leonard Retreat Center, 4076 Case Road, Avon, Ohio 44011. For additional information, please call Alex and Lily Fuentes at 216-849-3769. The next weekend is September 15 - 17, 2017. You can also visit www.clevelandencounter.com for more information and to register.

Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities Community Services of Summit County is in need of volunteers to assist at our Tuesday Dinner at Visitation of Mary Parish, Akron. Volunteers assist with meal prep and in serving hot meats to those in need. Please consider volunteering today. **Complete an application at <http://ccdocle.org/volunteer> or call 330-762-2961 x209 for more information.**

Steps to Peace/Catholic Divorce Recovery

The Sacred Steps General Meeting is held on the 3rd Friday of each month from 7-8:30pm, with a focus on spiritual healing and growth through education, discussion and reflection on Scriptures and Church teachings. Optional small group weekly sessions will be guided by a team in a support group format, using prayer, exercises and a workbook as a pathway to divorce recovery. Sacred Steps General Meeting for 14 sessions. Held at St. Joseph Parish, (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136). \$25 for the series and includes a workbook. Participants welcome at any time.

Catholic Charities Help Me Grow Program

Pregnant with your first child? Is your first child currently under the age of 6 months old? Have questions or concerns about parenting and child development? Catholic Charities' Help Me Grow Home Visitation program provides free services that promote children's growth and development and supports families during the important, early years of a child's life. Call 330-762-7481 or visit www.ccdocle.org/program/help-me-grow-summit-county for more information.

Chaplain Services at the Prisons and Jails

Have a loved one incarcerated in one of the eight counties of the Diocese and would like to have a priest, deacon or one of our lay volunteer ministers visit with them? Please call the Parish Life Office at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x3500. The Diocesan Ministry to the Incarcerated has a presence in the three state prisons, the county jails and the juvenile facilities located within our diocese. We would be glad to have someone visit with them.

LEAF Ministry

Know someone who because of the incarceration of a loved one, experiences isolation, shame, guilt, and an overwhelming sense of being alone? The LEAF Ministry has been formed to be of support to families. Groups meet monthly offering an opportunity to listen and share community, network and learn from others who understand their situation, challenges, fears and emotions. All faiths are welcome! No registration necessary. It is our intention to continue to form additional groups in the various areas of the diocese. If interested in beginning a group, call Sr. Rita Mary, SND at 800-869-6525 or 216-696-6525 x2200. For more info/locations/schedules, call 216-696-6525 x3500 or visit www.leafministry.org.

Parishioner Book Signing

Mrs. Donna Marie Przybojewski is an 8th grade language arts teacher at St. Benedict Catholic School in Garfield Heights and Thoreau Society Ambassador for the Bicentennial of Thoreau's birth. She designed a year long celebration of the author for the 2016-2017 school year, with lessons crossing the curriculum throughout the year. Each month the school focused on a new Thoreau topic of a specific discipline.

Her passion for Thoreau's writing and life led her to write two books for young people, which she will bring to The Learned Owl Book Shop on Saturday, August 19th, from 1 to 3 p.m. She will be signing "Henry David Thoreau: Who Can He Be?", an ABC book about the author, "Henry David Thoreau Loved the Seasons of the Year", and two coloring books for children.

Mrs. Przybojewski is an energetic and engaging writer who is excited to share her love for and information about Henry David Thoreau. You will be glad that you stopped by, and your kids will, too!

Disability Services and Ministries

The 40th Annual Walk of Hope in Support of Persons With Disabilities is on Saturday, October 7, 2017 at St. Augustine Church, Cleveland, 2486 West 14th Street, Cleveland in the Historic Tremont neighborhood. Here is a wonderful opportunity for you to both assist in supporting the ministerial needs of persons with disabilities in our Diocese while affirming the dignity of human life. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.; the Walk is at 9:00 a.m.; a Raffle at 10:30am; and then a Special Walk around Lincoln Park at 11:00 a.m. For further information, contact Marilyn Scott at 216-334-2963 or mjscott@ccdacle.org or Dennis McNulty at 216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@ccdacle.org, please visit the website at <http://ccdacle.org/disability> or find us on Facebook. This event is for persons with or without disabilities. Let's walk together!

The Women's Board of Catholic Charities will hold our first meeting of the new year on Friday, September 8th at 9:30am at Blessed Trinity, 300 East Tallmadge Ave, Akron. Hope you can join us! For more info, call Connie at 330-899-8381.