***NFP***

***Natural Family Planning classes*** *will be held at* ***Holy Family Parish, Stow*** *beginning* ***July 12 at 7pm****. Classes give all the resources necessary to easily, simply, and successfully practice NFP in your marriage. Great for married and engaged couples seeking to bring their relationship in accord with the Church's divine teaching on contraception, as well as those seeking to lead a more natural, healthy lifestyle. NFP is perfect for all couples including those having problems getting pregnant and also for those wishing to postpone pregnancy.* ***Set these dates aside: 7/12, 7/26, 8/9, 8/30. For more info/to register, call Leo & Toni Doty 330-689-0632 or*** [***akdoty@kent.edu***](mailto:akdoty@kent.edu)***.***

***Touch a life… Become a Hospice Volunteer***

*Hospice is a philosophy of care, not a place. We care for our patients wherever they call home.* ***Our volunteers come from all walks of life, and have a variety of skills, talents and abilities.***  *Opportunities to serve are diverse:* ***visit patients and families to provide companionship, socialization, and comfort, help with legacy work, sit vigil with dying patients, provide transportation to patients being served at home, provide help with light housework, meal preparation, run errands, make phone calls, help with clerical work, attend health fairs and more****. Volunteers with specialized professional qualifications and training are also needed:* ***attorneys, licensed hair dressers, Massotherapists, pet therapy dogs and their handlers****. Volunteer education is held frequently throughout northern Ohio.* ***Teen and most volunteers not having contact with patients take 4 hours of training while patient care volunteers take 16 hours.******Please visit*** [***www.hospicewr.org/volunteer***](http://www.hospicewr.org/volunteer) ***for additional information or to fill out an application or call us at 216-255-9090.***

**Traveling or Vacationing**

**We arrange hotels, places to eat, places to visit and more…why not include holy places? When we travel or are vacationing God watches over us. Be sure to included finding somewhere to go to Mass for the Lord’s Day or for daily Mass. You could check** [**www.masstimes.org**](http://www.masstimes.org) **or call the Parish office for help. Hotels, motels, and travel services may also be of help finding out where and when Mass is being celebrated.**

**“The Euthanasia Deception:**

**We are all vulnerable.”**

**Right to Life of Northeast Ohio** will be presenting the movie on **Wednesday, June 7** at **7pm** at **their office, located at 572 W. Market St. Akron, OH 44303**. This hour-long documentary features powerful testimonies from Belgium, Canada and beyond of lives devastated by the false ideology of ‘mercy killing.’ **Register at** [**www.righttolifeofnortheastohio.com**](http://www.righttolifeofnortheastohio.com) **or 330-762-2785.**

**2017 First Step Programs**

**Marriage and Divorce in the Catholic Church**

**The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland’s First Step Program is offered to help everyone, especially those having experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage**. Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will also be present to explain the resources they offer to the divorced. Taking the “first step” is always the most difficult. The First Step Program helps individuals to navigate the path of healing and closure.

***The schedule for the general meetings in 2017 is:***

***Tuesday, May 16****, at* ***St. Mary Parish, Chardon****, at* ***7pm.***

***Tuesday, Sept. 12****, at* ***St. Paul Parish, Akron****, at* ***7pm.***

***Tues., Oct. 10****, at* ***St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick****, at* ***7pm.***

**The Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process.** For more information, please call the Tribunal at **216-696-6525/800-869-6525, x4000** or visit[**www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal**](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal)**.**

***LEAF Ministry***

***Know someone 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 families.*** *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 to participate irrespective of faith affiliation. No registration is 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 and schedules, call 216-696-6525 x3500 and visit*** [***www.leafministry.org***](http://www.leafministry.org)***.***

**Magnificat**

**Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat**, a women’s ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to a **breakfast Saturday, June 10** at **Walsh University, Barrette Center (2020 East Maple St., North Canton, OH)**. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. **Mary Tohill** will be the guest speaker. Cost is **$18**. Make checks payable to “Magnificat of Stark County” and send to Debby Bentivegna, 5575 East Blvd. NW, Canton, OH 44718. Seating is limited. Plan on getting your reservations early! Reservations cannot be accepted after June 3. Open seating. **Doors open at 8:30am with Breakfast at 9am.** There will be an **optional Mass at 8am** in **Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel at Walsh University. For more information, call Shirley DeOrio at 614-620-3169.**