

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is sponsoring a

# BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

*For needy children in our area*

How can you help?

**1. Purchase the school supplies listed  
& drop off at Church.**



- Spiral notebooks (2)
- 1 pack wide rule filler paper
- 12" plastic ruler (inches/metric)
- #2 pencils (1 box)
- Blue or black pens (1 box)
- 4 oz. Elmer's glue stick
- Crayola crayons (16 count)
- Pre-sharpened colored pencils (12 count)
- box of 8 washable markers
- Pocket folders (3)
- pencil cap erasers (3)
- 5" blunt scissor

**Our parish collection will be on** *July 30-31 AND August 6-7*

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**2. Write a \$17.00 check to St. Vincent de Paul Society and the above supplies or other needed items for schools will be purchased for you.**

**Deadline for sending your donation is July <sup>31<sup>ST</sup></sup>~~26<sup>th</sup>~~, 2016.**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL!**

# CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity - Luke 11:1-13



BOTHER  
FORGIVE  
HEAVEN  
JOURNEY  
LOAVES  
SCORPION  
VISITOR

DISCIPLES  
FRIENDSHIP  
JESUS  
KINGDOM  
PERSISTENCE  
SPIRIT  
WICKED

FATHER  
HALLOWED  
JOHN  
KNOCK  
PRAYING  
TAUGHT

### Enrolling Now for Fall 2016

Our Lady of the Elms Preschool is a co-ed program serving children ages 2-5. We offer full and half day options. To schedule a tour or for more information, contact Sarah Hutzler-Psihountakis 330-867-0918 or [spsihountakis@theelms.org](mailto:spsihountakis@theelms.org).

### Tutors Needed!

*Seeds of Literacy, provides free basic education and GED prep to adults in the Cleveland area. Volunteer tutors help students one-on-one at a variety of skill levels and subjects. Tutor training sessions held Saturday, August 13, 9am-3pm (Seeds West), Friday, September 9, 9am-3pm (Seeds East) and Saturday, October 1, 9am-3pm (Seeds West). Contact Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 x15, [alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org](mailto:alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org) or visit [seedsofliteracy.org](http://seedsofliteracy.org). Seeds West: 3104 West 25<sup>th</sup> St., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Cleveland, OH 44109. Seeds East: 13815 Kinsman Rd. Cleveland, OH 44120.*

### Catholic Charities Summit Adult Day Services'

This group offers opportunities for education and support to caregivers in managing their own health and wellness while meeting the needs of their loved ones. Summit Adult Day Services is a community-based intervention designed to care for the aging population experiencing cognitive or functional limitations, as well as to address the needs of those at risk of social isolation. The caregiver support group is just one way the program serves both the participant and the caregiver by providing support to help manage the tasks of daily life and the associated stress of meeting these needs. Caregivers receive encouragement and guidance to bolster their own mental health and well-being which increases the likelihood for successful care for their loved one at home. Meetings are at 10am on the last Wednesday of each month at 812 Biruta St., Akron, OH 44307. For more info, call 330-762-2000. Additionally, free care provided for the older adult while caregivers attend the group meetings.

### A Program for the Young at Heart!

Camp Christopher's September Song is an excellent choice for anyone age 50+ who enjoys meeting new people, spending time outside and making new memories. Throughout the day, campers are offered a variety of activities from which to choose: daily Mass or prayer services, swimming, crafts, canoeing, hiking, riding the zipline, or simply relaxing on the beach. September Song campers can be as active or as relaxed as they choose. Held Sunday, August 14 - Friday, August 19. \$300 per person, which includes lodging, meals, and all entertainment and activities. For more info/to register, call 330-762-2961 or visit [www.ccdcle.org/program/camp-christopher-september-song](http://www.ccdcle.org/program/camp-christopher-september-song).

### Calling A Few Good Men

First & Ten men's ministry (a service of Community Pregnancy Center, Barberton) is searching for a few good men to join our ranks. Be on the front line of mentoring young fathers into strong dads! If you are interested in finding out more about this growing ministry, email [firstandten@communitypregnancycenter.org](mailto:firstandten@communitypregnancycenter.org) or call 330-825-1900 and ask for First & Ten!

### Friends of Camp Weekend

September 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> for ages 21 and over. Call up your old junior counselor group or cabin mates and make your way back to camp for a truly relaxing and memorable weekend. Whether you were a camper, staff member, or friend we welcome you to join us to reminisce about your camp memories. Register at [www.campchris.org](http://www.campchris.org). Cost based on individual cabin rental rates plus \$75 per person.

Our Lady of the Cedars Church

# Lebanese Food Fair

2 Days **AUG. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

**FRI. & SAT. 11<sup>am</sup>-9<sup>pm</sup>**

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



## SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2016 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Come to my assistance

"If at first you don't succeed . . ." As you read these words, you likely have already completed the proverb in your mind with the words, "try, try again." And there are others: "Don't give up the ship." "Never, ever give up." We know that persistence is usually the better way. Parents and teachers, coaches and mentors have encouraged and reminded us that simply giving up rarely solves a problem. That seems to be God's opinion as well. No matter the difficulty, the hopelessness, the apparent silence, never stop talking to God and never stop asking for God's help.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13 (111)*. "He will give him whatever he needs because of his persistence."

## MONDAY, JULY 25 FEAST OF JAMES, APOSTLE Front and center

The scallop shell is the emblem of Saint James because, with grooves that radiate out to the edges, the shell symbolizes the journey of faith. James was with Jesus through thick and thin: He was one of the first disciples to be called at the Sea of Galilee and one of the few to witness the Transfiguration. His mission eventually took him to the ends of the earth, and he was the first of the apostles to be martyred. But remember, just as the grooves of the scallop shell lead out, they also point back to the center. On your own journey, like James, center yourself in Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (605)*. "The one who raised the Lord Jesus, will raise us also with Jesus."

## TUESDAY, JULY 26

### FEAST OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS Mary's good upbringing is apparent

Mary is so important in the life of Jesus and in our own lives that we naturally are curious to know who her parents were and what they were like. Trouble is, there is no mention of Mary's parents in the New Testament. In the second century, however, a document known as the *Gospel of James* describes Anne and Joachim as an older couple whose longing for a child was fulfilled in the birth of their daughter, Mary. What we *do* know is that Mary's parents raised a faithful daughter who was filled with courage and grace. Mary said yes to the unknown. She trusted God's word. Have you said yes to the sacred unknown in your own life?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43 (402)*. "Through God's covenant . . . their faith endures."

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

### Experiment with holiness

Frederick Banting was a Canadian medical scientist who, along with his colleagues, isolated insulin in a lab at the University of Toronto on this day in 1921. He then became the first person to use insulin on human beings. Banting shared the Nobel Prize at age 32 for this discovery and is the youngest Nobel laureate in the area of physiology and medicine. What drives a scientist is similar to what can drive everyone to holiness. Want to make the world a better place? How hard are you working on it?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46 (403)*. "The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls."

## THURSDAY, JULY 28

### Earn your wings

Angels are represented in scripture as superior spiritual beings who act as intermediaries between heaven and earth. Even though they "appear" in biblical stories, they don't have physical bodies, as Pope John Paul II pointed out in a 1986 address: "[T]he angels have no 'body' even if, in particular circumstances, they reveal themselves under visible forms because of their mission for the good of people." In art, however, angels have often been depicted in bodily form, with wings. That doesn't mean they are busy flying around us. As Saint John Chrysostom explained, wings represent the sublime nature of the angelic mission, to serve as a messenger of the divine. You, too, can participate in this mission by bringing God's love and care to others. Now be an angel, will you?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53 (404)*. "The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous."

## FRIDAY, JULY 29 FEAST OF MARTHA

### Remarkable Martha

Martha, sister of Lazarus and Mary, is mainly remembered because she wanted Mary to help her prepare and serve a meal for their guest, Jesus. But scripture also describes Martha as a strong woman who repeatedly speaks her mind: She tells the Lord he should have come earlier to prevent the death of Lazarus; she tries to tell Jesus what to do when he summons Lazarus from the tomb; and, perhaps most amazingly, she is a woman who admits to the Lord that she knows he is the Messiah. She could be the patron of women and men who yearn to speak the truth that is borne of faith and to trust in God's power to do all things.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 26:1-9 (405); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607)*. "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

## SATURDAY, JULY 30 FEAST OF SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

### Helpful homilies

You have to be a pretty great homilist to earn a name that means "golden-tongued." Such was Saint Peter Chrysologus, a fifth-century bishop in the north of what is now present-day Italy, who was renowned for his reflections and declared a Doctor of the church by Pope Benedict XIII in 1729. Catholics today are fortunate to have another great homilist for enrichment: Pope Francis. He is oft-quoted and his news bites are gems, but you can dig deeper into his words by reading his homilies daily at [Vatican Radio](#).

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12 (406)*. "This is John the Baptist; he has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him."



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

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## Mother of Sorrows Parish

**OUR TOTAL RAISED:**

**\$238,935.00**

**TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED TO DATE:**

**\$45,940.00**



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## Technology Helps Gabe Build Skills

When it comes to building with Legos, Gabe is a whiz kid! Currently, he is working with electronics and a simple motor to create a coin pusher.

***"It's quite amazing," says his mother, Amy. "He's only 9 years old, but he has always been able to maneuver a website, watch Lego building videos, and build."***

Gabe is as beautifully unique as his learning style. That is why his parents thank God for the opportunities he has at Julie Billiart School in Lyndhurst, a Catholic K-8 school for children with unique learning and social needs rooted in high functioning autism, ADD/ADHD, dyslexia, and other learning differences.

Gabe loves learning, but writing and reading comprehension do not come easily. That's where interactive technology, like Smart Boards and Chromebooks, funded in part by a grant from **Rooted in Faith – Forward in Hope**, play a huge role in education for students at Julie Billiart. "Instead of paper texts loaded in a flip chart, we have ActivTables that are intuitive, encourage collaboration, and use a microphone for verbal responses," says second grade teacher, Mr. Nate Ratkovsky. "We also use Chromebooks which can individualize the instructional level for each student."

For Gabe, a software program, *Writing A to Z*, on a Chromebook helped him to grow academically. Mr. Ratkovsky explains, "Before Writing A to Z, Gabe would get frustrated using pencil and paper to write. Now Gabe loves to write. The Chromebooks helped him express his own stories, with a plots, characters and settings. Gabe has a creative drive within him, and technology helps to bring that out."



## Thank you for your Generosity!

Thanks to the steadfast commitment of parishioners throughout our diocese who are fulfilling their pledges to the Campaign, the five case components are receiving regular distributions, allowing for building renovation, debt reduction, ministry enhancement, tuition assistance to students, and improvements to Catholic Charities' sites.

- Strengthening Our Parishes
- Strengthening Our Faith
- Catholic Education
- Those Who Serve
- Charitable Works

## OUR PARISH

***Every pledge payment you make benefits our parish!*** As you know, 30% of the funds collected up to our goal return to our parish to use for our own local projects. Our parish continues to receive quarterly distributions based upon monies collected from your pledges. Thank you to everyone who makes this success possible.

If you have not yet made a gift to the Campaign but would like to do so, or if you would like to make an additional gift, please go to [www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/newgift](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/newgift). Alternately, you may contact Angie Pavlik at the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525, ext. 1303.

**Rooted in Faith** pledge payments can be made online at [www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/pledgepayment](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/pledgepayment).

May God bless you and your loved ones for your commitment to His Church!



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*DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS COLLECTED Thru 6.30.2016*

	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
<b>CATHOLIC EDUCATION</b>		
Tuition Assistance - Endowment	\$25,000,000	\$19,845,922
Expanding Educational Landscape w/Innovation	\$15,000,000	\$11,907,558
<b>STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH</b>		
Parish Assistance Fund - Endowment	\$5,000,000	\$3,945,586
Evangelization Programs	\$4,000,000	\$3,156,469
Diocesan Media & Technology Programs	\$1,000,000	\$789,115
<b>LAY FAITH FORMATION</b>		
Youth & Young Adult Faith Formation and Development	\$2,750,000	\$2,170,068
Sacramental Preparation	\$1,250,000	\$986,396
Adult Faith Formation - Endowment	\$1,000,000	\$789,118
<b>THOSE WHO SERVE</b>		
Priest Retirement Fund - Endowment	\$15,000,000	\$11,920,108
Priestly Formation - Endowment	\$7,500,000	\$5,960,062
Continued Education of Priests - Endowment	\$2,000,000	\$1,589,347
Diaconate Formation and Education	\$500,000	\$397,331
<b>CHARITABLE WORKS</b>		
Program Expansion/Facility Renovations	\$7,500,000	\$5,864,876
<b>PARISH DISTRIBUTIONS</b>		
Parish Share Payments	\$37,500,000	\$35,355,992
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$125,000,000</b>	<b>\$104,677,948</b>