

Saint Vincent de Paul Announcements

The monthly statistics for the Fr. Hilkert Ozanam Center for the month of July 2017:

1. Food Pantry

Total number of people served was 1107.
Total number of households served was 392.
Total number of children served was 383.
Total number of seniors served was 150.

2. Clothing Bank

Total number of families served was 261.
Articles of clothing given away: 2818

3. Furniture Bank

Total number of clients served was 29.
Couches given away: 6
Armchairs given away: 10
Mattresses/box springs: 11
Dressers given away: 9
Misc. given away: 52
New cribs given away: 1

We were open all five Saturdays in July, since Independence Day fell on a Tuesday. This past Saturday was the busiest day of the month without any slow periods in the morning, but our volunteers kept the food, clothing and furniture moving. Thank you for all of your support.

Jim and Cathie Perusek

Furniture Bank Closing

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.**

St. Vincent de Paul Parish in West Akron is seeking a Director of Development and Donor Engagement. This person will be responsible for all fund raising aspects of the Parish Community with specific responsibilities for a major capital project and planned giving. This position works 32 hours a week and is healthcare benefits eligible. The salary is commensurate with experience. If interested, please forward your resume to Connie Pacanovsky at Connie@StVincentChurch.com or call Ted Walter at (330) 814-4289 for additional information.

Remembrance Day August 12, 2017

MOS is participating in Remembrance Day in Peninsula on August 12th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Tours of historic buildings will be given by village residents wearing Civil War Era outfits.

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.

Camp Christopher September Song Weekend

Miss your childhood days at summer camp? Never get the chance to go? August 13-18, adults ages 50+ can return to their youth and enjoy canoe rides, swimming, hiking, hay rides, and campfires while making new friends. Campers are offered daily worship services or they can simply enjoy the solitude of the natural surroundings. For more information or to register, visit www.ccdocle.org/program/camp-christopher-september-song.

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.

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.

The FEST is Sunday!

Young and old, families, are invited to join in The Fest on Sunday, August 6th from noon to 10:00 p.m., at the Center for Pastoral Leadership (CPL) at 28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe OH 44092, 440-943-7662 or visit the website for more details, www.thefest.us. The FEST is family friendly, faith filled, fun for all and FREE!

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.

Marriage & Family Ministry

Visit www.ForYourMarriage.org for the latest news, Catholic teaching and practical helps. **Perfect for engaged couples, married couples, parents and young adults.** Also, find and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/clevelandmarriageandfamily.

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.

Sacred 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 and visit www.leafministry.org.**

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.**

Traveling or Vacationing

God watches over us always and everywhere. 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 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.