

"The Jennings Memorial Association presents the world famous **Glenn Miller Orchestra** at Memorial Hall in Fort Jennings on Monday, March 27th. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with the performance beginning at 7:00 p.m. Admission to this unbelievable, one of a kind show is \$25 with limited seating available. Snacks and refreshments are included. To order tickets, please call Renee Neidert at (419) 286-2577 or (419) 283-2438.

CLC Council #88 is going Red for Women on February 8th at 7:00 p.m. How many of you have been personally affected by Heart Disease? Do you or someone in your family have high blood pressure or diabetes? Heart Disease is affecting our community at an alarming rate, especially our mothers, sisters, and daughters. All council members as well as non-members are invited to attend the monthly meeting which will feature a guest speaker discussing the risk factors, prevention, and treatment of Heart Disease in women. This is one you will not want to miss! You are encouraged to attend the presentation at Fort Haven in Fort Jennings. Bring your mother, your sister, or your friend and wear red in support of Heart Disease Awareness.



HELP WANTED

The **St. Mary's Cemetery Board** is in search of a part-time head maintenance worker. Duties include, but are not limited to mowing, trimming, planting grass, blowing snow, and keeping flower beds in good condition. Summer hours are generally around 10 to 15 hours per week. Help will be available to assist with duties. If interested, contact Jim Eickholt at (419) 231-1146.

There will be a **Prayer Vigil for the Abolishment of the Death Penalty in Ohio** on Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m. People of all faiths are welcome to gather at St. Paul the Apostle Church (91 East Main Street, Norwalk, Ohio) to pray for the abolition of the death penalty in the State of Ohio.

Matthew Bible Study: The King and His Kingdom is an exciting study that explores the life and mission of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel. *Matthew* demonstrates how the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ, who establishes a New Law and inaugurates the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. This liturgical year we are hearing from Mathew at Mass. This DVD study will help us understand more of what we hear. As participants we will see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who relives the life and struggles of Israel to become the faithful and victorious King. This study is set in the rich context of Jesus' Jewish culture and will help participants understand who Jesus is and what his life and teachings mean for us today. There will be two different study meeting times available for you to choose from. We will meet every Sunday for 6 weeks at 6:00 p.m. beginning Sunday February 26th and ending April 2nd. The second will be on Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. beginning March 2nd and ending April 6th. Please contact the parish office to reserve a space if you are planning to attend.

You are invited to join **St. John the Evangelist** in Delphos for the mission, "**Bringing Heaven to Earth!**" This 3 night parish mission will be held on February 13th, 14th, and 15th at 7:00 p.m. and will be presented by Father Joshua Wagner, Roman Catholic Priest of the Diocese of Columbus, Ohio. Confessions will be offered following the Mission on February 14th. The talks will be conducted at St. John's Catholic Church (331 E. Second Street, Delphos, Ohio). Three nights...three incredible topics:

- February 13th—Making Christ Present in the Family
 - February 14th—Healing our Relationships
 - February 15th—Inspiration in the Spirit; Imitating the Blessed Mother
- For more information about Father Joshua Wagner or the parish mission, please visit the website www.FatherWagner.com/delphos.

Men suffer from abortion too! If you are carrying the pain and sorrow of losing a child to abortion(s), you are not alone. Find support from other men who are suffering during the "**Entering Canaan Men's Day of Prayer and Healing**" on Saturday, February 18th. The retreat is hosted by Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo's Rachel ministry. For more information and confidential reservations, please call Project Rachel Coordinator Clarissa Lapinski at 1-888-456-HOPE or send an email to projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Come and experience the mercy of God!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates **World Marriage Day** on Sunday, February 12th. All encountered couples are invited to attend the celebration hosted by St. Nicholas and Holy Family Parishes. Mass will be held at 3:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church, New Cleveland with a dinner and dance to follow from 5-9 p.m. at the Ottawa K of C Hall. A collection will be taken at Mass to assist with Marriage Encounter events. Pre-sale tickets are \$30 per couple and may be purchased by contacting Art & Bernice Schnipke at (419) 453-3304 by February 1st. Anyone wishing to donate a door prize can bring the item the night of the celebration.

 ☆ **PRAYER AFTER AN ELECTION** ☆
 ☆ God of all nations, Father of the human family, ☆
 ☆ We give you thanks for the freedom we exercise and ☆
 ☆ the many blessings of democracy we enjoy in these ☆
 ☆ United States of America. ☆
 ☆ We ask for your protection and guidance for all who devote ☆
 ☆ themselves to the common good, working for justice and ☆
 ☆ peace at home and around the world. ☆
 ☆ We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants, ☆
 ☆ Those who will serve us as president, as legislators and ☆
 ☆ judges, those in the military and law enforcement. ☆
 ☆ Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord, with a ☆
 ☆ common purpose, dedication, and commitment to achieve ☆
 ☆ liberty and justice in the years ahead for all people, and ☆
 ☆ especially those who are most vulnerable in our midst. ☆
 ☆ Amen. ☆
 ☆ ~Cardinal Adam Maida, Archbishop of Detroit ☆
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Bulletin Announcement:

Many Thanks for Your Generous Response!

A series of deadly summer storms wreaked havoc in West Virginia, in late June, and in southern Louisiana, in mid-August. Then Hurricane Matthew, a category 4 Hurricane, hit Haiti head-on, barreling through Cuba and Jamaica, before climbing the U.S. Eastern seaboard in October.

Thousands perished. Tens of thousands homes were destroyed in Haiti alone and upwards of half a million were left homeless in the United States from the devastating flash flooding in West Virginia, Louisiana, and North Carolina and the destruction Hurricane Matthew wrought.

Within days of each natural disaster, USCCB President Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville called for emergency collections to support humanitarian relief efforts to impacted areas. With Bishop Daniel E. Thomas' encouragement and support, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo made appeals through social media and Diocesan parishes, on behalf of Catholic Charities agencies and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

"We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of support and generosity," says Rodney Schuster, Executive Director. "As of December 31, 2016, Catholic Charities has processed \$186,709 from donors and the Diocese's special collections for disaster relief. All of these funds, dollar for dollar, have been directed to Catholic Charities agencies and Catholic Relief Services."

Donations are first used for emergency assistance, helping to meet individuals and families immediate needs: providing food, water, temporary shelter, clothing, medicine and medical care, hygiene and cleaning kits, crisis counseling and transportation. Long-term recovery efforts include case management, home damage assessments, housing repair and home rebuilding in all of the affected areas.

Special Collection	# Donors	Committed
Hurricane Matthew	153	\$61,903
Louisiana Flood	440	\$98,427
CRS Haiti Relief	76	\$19,911
West Virginia Flood	48	<u>\$6,468</u>
TOTAL		\$186,709



We would like to thank everyone who helped make the Lima Symphony Orchestra's "**Mozart by Candlelight**" performance an enjoyable afternoon for all. We estimate that there was an attendance of approximately 325-350. A special thank you to The Ottoville Bank

Company for underwriting the concert and to the Knights of Columbus members for helping with the equipment loading/unloading and set up/take down. We received a donation of \$681.50 from ticket sales which will be used towards the Window Restoration Project.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE—In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life is transferred to the following Sunday in order to highlight the gift of consecrated persons for the whole church. Please pray for our Women and Men in consecrated life.