

OLV YOUTH & TEEN CHOIR RETURNS FOR CHRISTMAS:

This year we invite youth Grades 1-12 (High School) to add their voices to our praise of Jesus at the 4:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. *Practice will begin October 18*, and continue weekly on Tuesday nights from 6-6:45 pm in church until Christmas Eve. If your student would like to participate, please call Anna Rickert at 633-1939.



NEXT WEEKEND WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin American and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve some of the poorest of the poor. Please be generous in your envelope, which you will find in your envelope packet/Faith Direct for next weekend. Thank you.

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO BE INVOLVED in the corporal work of mercy, to bury the dead. We are currently building a fourth team for the Funeral Meals Ministry. We are in need of individuals to set up, cook and feed the families, and help clean up. We are also in need of individuals to greet the family and friends of the deceased prior to the funeral Mass. For both of these ministries, it is on a rotating basis. If you are interested in being on the funeral meal team, or a greeter, or assisting in other ways for funerals, or have any questions, please contact Linda Herold at the Office.

OLV PARISH ROSARY – As part of Respect Life Month, a special rosary will be said at 4:30PM on Saturday, October 22nd. Members of the Right to Life Team will lead the rosary which will be dedicated to the protection of human life from conception to natural death.



Our need for God’s divine mercy is critical to change the hearts and minds of mothers with unplanned or crisis pregnancies. You, your family and friends are all welcome to join the ongoing effort to help build a permanent Culture of Life. Attendees of the 5pm Mass are encouraged to come a bit earlier and actively participate in this dedicated rosary. **As Pope Francis has reminded us, “Each of Us is a Masterpiece of God’s creation.”**

BAPTISMAL WORKSHOP COMING UP: The next Workshop will be held at Our Lady of Victory on *Sunday, Oct 23, at 1pm*. If you are expecting your first child soon and are preparing for a Baptism, it is required that you attend a Baptismal Workshop.

It is important that you call the OLV Parish Office at 633-3637 to let us know you are planning to attend.

SPONSI DINNER will host our famous Octoberfest *Tuesday, Oct 25 at 6:00 pm* in Finnerty Hall. Entertainment will be the Children Dancers from the German-American Club! Come and join us for a fun-filled night – good food and entertainment for \$8.00/person (cash only please). All are welcome! To let us know you’re coming, or for more information, call Anne Frey 630-2306, Bill & Polly Bailey 630-1869, Bob & Jean Bryer 633-2908 or 310-2266, Bev Lampers 633-2836, Lou Wells 633-2429, Netta Carlson 633-4460. Hope to see you there!

THE OLV WOMEN’S GUILD CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held on *Nov 12th from 10am – 4pm* in Finnerty Hall. It’s a

great way to participate in a church activity, while getting into the Christmas spirit. Your help and talents would be greatly appreciated. We need crafts to sell at the Women’s Guild table, as well as Raffle Prizes. We also need workers the day of the Bazaar. If you would like to help in any way, please return your sign-up form from the insert in the Sept 25th bulletin, or contact at Mary Gorman at 633-5719. Raffle tickets will be on sale at the Women’s Guild Fall Social on **Tuesday, Oct 18**, as well as after the weekend Masses of **Oct 22/23, 29/30, Nov 5/6 (Nov 6, 9:00 Mass only)**. **No tickets are permitted to be mailed, per the IRS.**



THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Many thanks to our OLV Family for your faithful giving to the Poor Envelope or through Faith Direct, which enables us to help in many different areas locally: Battered Women’s Shelter (\$500), St Bernard Hunger Program (\$500), Freedom House for Veterans (\$750), and Collaborative to End Human Trafficking (\$1,000), just to name a few. They are so appreciative!

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. Notes

ATTENTION ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO WORK WITH OUR CHILDREN OR YOUTH! The Diocese has issued a 2016 revised edition of both the Policy for the Safety of Children in Matters of Sexual Abuse, and the Standards of Conduct for Ministry. It is the expectation that every person trained through the Virtus program attend an orientation session to acquaint you with the new policy. Please plan on attending this orientation session on *Sunday, Oct 23 from 10:30-11:30 am* in room 101 of the Parish Center. (The Parish School of Religion is cancelled that day so the entire PSR staff may attend the training). Prior to attending the session, please go to the following links and read these two documents: <http://www.clevelandchildprotection.org/website/pdf/PolicyfortheSafetyofChildren-June2016.pdf>, and <http://www.clevelandchildprotection.org/website/pdf/StandardsofConduct-June2016.pdf>. Thank you so much for all you continue to do to keep our children and youth safe. For any questions, contact either Linda Herold or Katie Pyles at the Parish Office.

“FOR THROUGH FAITH YOU ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS” (Galatians 3:26). Join with others as we explore St Paul’s words to the Galatians and discuss their impact in our lives. We will meet from 7–8:30 pm in the Parish Center on the following *Wednesday evenings: Oct 19, 26, Nov 9 and 16*. Please join us!



HOBAN HIGH SCHOOL will administer a Scholarship/Placement test to 8th grade students on Saturday, Oct 22, and Nov 5, at 8:30 am. Pre-register by calling the admissions office at 330-849-2149, or at www.hoban.org. There is a \$20 test fee. Parent information session offered on all test dates.

OUR LADY OF THE ELMS HIGH SCHOOL invites you to tour the campus, meet the teachers, and learn more about an all-girls education. Open Houses are Oct 19 from 5-7pm, Oct 30 from 12-2pm, Nov 6 from 12-2pm. 8th Grade Scholarship Placement Testing is Oct 26 from 6-9pm, Nov 5 from 9am-12pm. Register online at www.theelms.org or call 330-867-0918.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following 200 Club winner(s) for the weekend of *October 9, 2016*:

#19 – JIM & IRENE INGRAM - \$25.00

Question of the Week

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

Adults: Today Jesus teaches that we must be persistent in our prayer and not lose heart. How faithfully do I pray? How do I react when God does not answer my prayers when, or how, I think He should?

Children: Jesus talks about persistence in the Gospel today. What does that mean? Have you ever asked God for something in prayer?

News & Notes in our Neighborhood

FRANK KELLY HEALING SERVICE - St Joseph's Church, 1761 2nd St, Cuy Falls, *Monday, Oct 17*. Mass will be at 6:30 pm followed by Individual prayers. Light refreshments will follow in Nolan Hall and the Queen of Angels Religious Treasures gift shop will be open.

APPARITION HILL IS COMING SOON! Award-winning director, Sean Bloomfield, (*The Triumph, If Only We Had Listened*) and his team offered 7 free trips to a far-off village, the place of alleged miracles, Medjugorje. Those who went will surprise you. Discover how an unlikely group of pilgrims set out to investigate the truth behind the world's greatest paranormal mystery and what they actually found, all captured on film. This film contains intense discussion on substance abuse and other themes and is not yet rated. *Apparition Hill* may not be suitable for young audiences. Theater is Cinemax at Portage Crossings, 2925 State Rd, Cuy Falls. Movie Times are **Thursday, Oct 20 at 7pm, and Sunday, Oct 23 at 3pm**. For tickets at \$12/each please contact Lisa Joyce at 330-352-7043.

LOYOLA RETREAT HOUSE PRESENTS HALO Women of Worth Retreat – *Hope Always Lives On, Oct 21-22 from 3pm – 6pm*. Learn a powerful lesson from Rahab – her example demonstrates living faith in a forgiving and merciful God. Guest speakers are Debbie Palmer, Dr Mary Mikhael, and Leanne Embaugh. Register at www.loyolaretrethhouse.com. Loyola is located at 700 Killinger Rd, Clinton – 330-896-2315.

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY TRUNK OR TREAT! Bring the whole family for a fun afternoon of trick or treating from car to car, refreshments, and games! Come to the parking lot behind the First United Methodist Church of Akron, 263 E Mill St, Akron, on *Saturday, Oct 22, from 1-3pm*. This is a free event, but donations of teethingers, baby books, bottles, and cash will be collected to benefit the Layette Project of the Christ Child Society of Akron, helping newborns in need. For questions contact Jennifer Sullivan at 330-328-2960 or sullivanjennifer81@gmail.com.

STORIES FROM THE STREETS: GOING HOME - Before moving to Ohio in 2009, Deacon John Green of Holy Family was the founder and director of an urban ministry in Chicago for over twenty years. Deacon Green wrote about this work in his book *Streetwalking With Jesus: Reaching Out in Justice and Mercy*. Emmaus Ministries reaches out to men who have resorted to prostitution on the streets of Chicago to survive. These are men whose stories are rarely heard. *On Friday, Oct 21 at 7pm in Room 1 of the Lower Church Hall at Holy Family in Stow*, two staff from Emmaus will present "Stories from the Streets: Going Home." In walking with these men, listening to them, and seeing God's mercy and redemptive power in their lives, the staff and volunteers who reach out to them have been transformed. In hearing their stories, you will also be changed. Through music, dramatic monologue, and storytelling, "Going Home" will bring you closer to the lives of these men, and to God's heart for them. Although the stories are not told in a graphic manner, the subject matter is not appropriate for children younger than high school age. More information on the work of Emmaus can be found at streets.org.

A CANCER SPIRITUALITY GROUP for those on the cancer journey, those facing diagnosis, or who have faced diagnosis in the past, are welcome to attend meetings twice a month on the *2nd and 4th Thursdays* at St Matthew Rectory, 2603 Benton St, Akron. The next meeting will be *October 27, from 11:00 - 12:30*. This interfaith group is co-facilitated by cancer survivors Pat Flaherty and Linda Herold. For more info, please contact Pat at 628-5725 or at everhiker@sbcglobal.net.

BUILDING A VISION FOR YOUR RETIREMENT: THE NEXT CHAPTER OF LIFE – Rick Krivanka and other guest speakers will offer these presentations on relevant topics, interactive conversation, and time for deeper personal reflection for individuals looking ahead to, or already in, retirement, at the Jesuit Retreat House, 5629 State Rd, Parma. The dates are *October 28-30, Friday 6pm – Sunday 11am*. Cost is \$155.00. Includes Sunday Mass. For more information or to register, visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.

EMMAUS RETREAT: MERCY BEGINS WITH ME – The Emmaus Retreat is presented for LGBTQ Christians and their family and friends to provide an opportunity to meet in a welcoming and friendly community along with supportive and knowledgeable Religious. This retreat begins with dinner on Friday, and will explore ways to bring God's love and mercy more deeply into our lives and the life of each person we meet. The dates are *November 4-5, Friday 7pm – Saturday 8pm*. Cost is \$90.00. To register, visit www.jrh-cleveland.org.