

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 14**

John of the Cross, priest & doctor  
 7:00 Gertrude Ahern  
 9:30 All Souls

**Tuesday, December 15**

7:00 Helen Cwiklinski  
 9:30 Mary Mihalic

**Wednesday, December 16**

7:00 Gerard & Alma Faust  
 9:30 John Sondles

**Thursday, December 17**

7:00 Charlotte Lesneski  
 9:30 Tom Walsh

**Friday, December 18**

7:00 Praise & Thanks to St. Anthony  
 9:30 Mark Sullivan

**Saturday, December 19**

4:00 Mike Connell

**Sunday, December 20**

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 7:30 For the People of St. Hilary  
 9:00 John Kyle  
 11:00 Phyllis Musarra  
 5:30 John Mihalic



**REMEMBER  
 IN YOUR  
 PRAYERS**

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| Sheila Alloee       | Patrick Kennedy      |
| Fr. Aloysious       | Bob Kline            |
| Joan App            | Loretta Kling        |
| Dave Ash            | Paula Kramer         |
| Grace Babak         | Shannon Lyden        |
| Paula Beck          | Katie Lou            |
| Bob Cassella        | Brian Madia          |
| Andy Ciansaglione   | Anthony Marino       |
| Hilda Cincerelli    | Denis Mehigan        |
| Joy Cooper          | Robert Morrison      |
| Robert Copinski     | Kathi Mosher         |
| Milton Cox          | Nancy Ochsenhirt     |
| Alex Davis          | Jessica Plute        |
| Annette Denorme     | Betty Richards       |
| Norman Fresh        | Dave Scarpetti       |
| Steve Gatins        | Stephanie Schoenheit |
| Laurence Gervais    | Joseph Schmidt       |
| Brian Gibb          | Mark Scott           |
| Sue Graham          | Mary Schultz         |
| Helen Hofer-Gatsie  | Donny Simmons        |
| Patti Gonring       | Deb Smith            |
| Mary Kay Hendershot | Abigail Stdolsky     |
| Isabell Horning     | Frank Smith          |
| Mike Hanudel        | Vera Stevens         |
| Gordon Hinkle       | Andrew Stempak       |
| Geri Ilko           | Karen Coyne-Volpe    |
| Frank Jesenko       | Michelle Whitely     |



**WELCOME FR. BASA**

Come join us as we welcome Fr. Basa to our Parish on Sunday December 13 after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

**LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES**

This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is Gaudete Sunday. We have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, and are no longer able to contain our joyful longing for the coming of our Savior; we will light the rose colored candle and rejoice (Gaudete) for "the coming of the Lord is at hand". (Jas 5:8)

December 13 - Welcome to Fr. Basa  
 after 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

December 16 - Advent Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

December 24 - 4:00 Mass @ Faith Lutheran  
 4:00 Mass @ St. Hilary  
 6:30 Mass  
 10:00 Mass - Lessons & Carols at 9:30 p.m.

December 25 - 9:00 Mass  
 11:00 Mass

**UPCOMING BULLETIN DEADLINES**

December 20 Bulletin	Dec. 11 - Noon
December 27 Bulletin	Dec. 16 - Noon
January 3 Bulletin	Dec. 22 - Noon

**PARENTS' ASSOCIATION COOKIE SALE**

St. Hilary Parents Association 4th Annual Christmas Cookie sale will be held this weekend after all Masses (or till sold out). Each pound is \$6. Call Mary Beth Kalal at 330-836-4562.

Dear Parishioners,



These past 2 1/2 years have gone by too quickly! I have truly been blessed for the opportunity to do my ministry here. Please know that I will miss everyone and I will always consider St. Hilary as a place to call home. Please keep me and my new parish, Blessed Trinity, in your prayers and know that you are in ours.

In Christ's Love,  
*Fr. Joe Warner*  
 Blessed Trinity Parish  
 300 East Tallmadge Ave.  
 Akron, OH 44310  
 330-376-5144

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

Welcome to St. Hilary Parish. We want to get to know you! Let us know you're here! New parishioner registrations every other Saturday at 9:00 a.m. or by appointment. Next registration is December 19 at 9:00 a.m. Contact the parish office at [church@sthilarychurch.org](mailto:church@sthilarychurch.org) or 330-867-1055.

**HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS DRAWING**

Ardyse Mund is the WINNER of this week's drawing. Congratulations!! Your check is in the mail. Continue to look for your name each weekend in the bulletin. You may be the next lucky winner. Your donations have provided some needy person with hope for a better future.

**ST HILARY INTERNET PRAYER CHAIN**

Submit your prayer request for our internet prayer chain, or add your name to receive the prayer requests to [kking72@neo.rr.com](mailto:kking72@neo.rr.com).

**NEEDED 25 BAKERS FOR DECEMBER 16**

We need Christmas cookies for the 300 people that will be served at St. Bernard's. Please drop off 2 to 3 dozen cookies in the Spiritual Center kitchen no later than 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 13, marked *clearly* "HOT MEAL DONATION". Thank you in advance for helping Akron's working poor and homeless.

**BISHOPS PASTORAL LETTER ON MARRIAGE**

On November 17, 2009 The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved a pastoral letter on marriage at their fall meeting in Baltimore. The letter, "Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan," is written for a broad audience and presents the essential points of Catholic teaching on marriage. To view the letter visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org). Included on the web site is a video on *What other's have done for their marriage* and Marriage Tips.

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM KICKS OFF**

The St. Hilary Knights of Columbus are committed to promoting the message "Keep Christ in Christmas" throughout the coming Advent Season. We need to spread the true meaning of Christmas in as many ways as possible. We will be selling promotional items to assist you in spreading the message on your lapels, automobiles, and buildings. The durable and attractive buttons, magnets, and decals will last for years. Look for additional promotion posters throughout the church and school. For more information on the program, please contact Matthew Fresh by phone at 330-697-7862 or by email at [mcfresh1@msn.com](mailto:mcfresh1@msn.com).

**PARISH NURSES**

Blood pressures will be taken the first and third weekend of the month; Saturday after the 4:00 Mass and from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sunday.  
(held in the confession booth)

**December 19 & 20**

Nurse Office hours will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month in the Lower Level. The hours are from 10:00 a.m. until noon or by appointment. Call 330-666-2826 for an appointment.

**December 22**

(held in the lower level)

Questions - call Jeanne Hoffer at 330-666-2826, Karen Amer, 330-666-7690 or Laura Bertolini, 330-836-3091

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS****12/13 - SUNDAY-COFFEE & DONUTS**

Welcome For Fr. Basa

7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. STAR

8:55 a.m. PSR School

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. STAR

6:30 p.m. H.S. Alive Night, LL

**12/14 - MONDAY**

10:00 a.m. Family Life, Rm.2

6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus, LL

6:45 p.m. PSR, School

7:00 p.m. Faith Group, SH

**12/15- TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, LL

12:30 p.m. Bible Buddies, Rm.1 & 2

7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group, LL

7:30 p.m. Zen/Christian Meditation, Church

**12/16- WEDNESDAY**

9:00 a.m. Good Shepherd Catechism, LL

9:30 a.m. School Mass

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Adoration

6:30 p.m. Finance Council, School

7:00 p.m. Evening Prayer, Church

7:00 p.m. RCIA, LL

7:00 p.m. Light Weigh, SH

7:00 p.m. Acts Bible Study, Rm.1&2

7:30 p.m. Prodigal Son Bible Study, GA

**12/17 - THURSDAY**

6:15 p.m. Bells, Rm. Church

6:30 p.m. Jr. Hi Alive Ministry, LL

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus, SH

7:00 p.m. SHENG, School

7:30 p.m. Choir, Church

7:30 p.m. Homelessness Focus Grp., School

**12/18 - FRIDAY****12/19- SATURDAY**

9:00 a.m. New Parishioner Registration

4:00 p.m. STAR

5:00 p.m. Gay & Lesbian Faith Grp., Rm.2

**BULLETIN DEADLINE MONDAY  
AT 5:00 P.M.**

When submitting news items requiring a full page, contact the bulletin editor **ONE MONTH** before anticipated publication at 330-867-1055.

**VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All requests for verbal announcements must be turned in to the Church Office by 9:00 a.m. on Friday.

**SUBMITTING BULLETIN ARTICLES**

If you would like to submit an article for the bulletin via e-mail, please send to both addresses: [church@sthilarychurch.org](mailto:church@sthilarychurch.org) as well as [ColeFamily@neo.rr.com](mailto:ColeFamily@neo.rr.com). You may also drop off printed articles at the church.

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH**

Zephaniah 3: 14-18a

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 10-18

**REFLECTING ON THE SCRIPTURES**

Catholics of a certain age will remember today, the Third Sunday of Advent as Guadete Sunday, from the Latin for the start of the second reading, Rejoice! In the gospel, the sense of anticipation is palpable as we hear John say, “...one mightier than I is coming.” And how do we prepare for this coming? John’s advice to those who asked him that question, the well-to-do, the tax collectors and the soldiers, seems rather unremarkable. They are instructed simply to live their lives ethically. Tax collectors stay tax collectors but collect only what is prescribed. Soldiers stay soldiers but do not practice extortion or accuse others falsely. God does not call us often to leave our lives and take up a new one to prove our faith, but to live the life we are given, with the end in mind, the coming of the Lord. A life lived like that will bring us joy. Reflect on your own life.

If you were to make an accounting of your life tomorrow, how would you live today?

**LIVING THE GOSPEL**

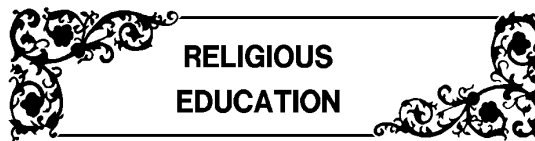
Many of us are deep into preparations for Christmas. Have those preparations included spiritual ones? Advent Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. is a wonderful way to quiet ourselves and focus on the Real.

**TO BE BAPTIZED****Dec. 13 - 9:00 a.m.**

Madelyn (Ann) Diaz

**WEEKLY READINGS****Monday** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17 Mt 21: 23-27**Tuesday** Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13 Mt 21: 28-32**Wednesday** Is 45:6-25 Lk 7:18-23**Thursday** Gn 49: 2-10 Mt. 1: 1-17**Friday** Jer 23: 5-8 Mt 1: 18-25**Saturday** Jgs 13: 2-7, 24-25 Lk 1: 5-25**Sunday** Mt 5: 1-4 Heb 10:5-10

Lk 1: 39-45

**RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION****PARENTS OF PSR STUDENTS**Sunday Morning

Dec. 13 In Session

Dec. 20 &amp; 27 NO Session

Monday Evening

Dec. 14 In Session

Dec. 21 &amp; 28 NO Session

**TO OUR ENTIRE PARISH FAMILY:**

You are warmly invited to attend our annual “Christmas Pageant”, featuring PSR students in Gr. 1-6, Mon., Dec. 14. Please enter via the south driveway (near the rectory), park in the southernmost parking lot and be seated on the bleachers in the Horning Hall by 6:50 p.m. Hope to see you there! —PSR Gr. 5.

**COOKIE MINISTRY**

“Rumor has it the road to Heaven is paved with cookies! You think?”

**LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT GIFT?**

Cut backs in the parish have also meant cut backs to our neighbors in need. If you are buying for a person who already “has everything” why not donate a gift in the name of a loved one to help those less fortunate. Listed below are some of the agencies that St. Hilary Parish has helped financially under our 3% Out Reach Social Justice Committee. Because of the economy, we have had to make cuts in our giving to these organizations. Their needs are great, and they would appreciate any help you can give.



Donna Early

Earmark—International Refugee  
Resettlement2265 Richmond Rd.  
Cuyahoga Falls OH 44221

St. Bernard Catholic Church

Bag Lunch Program/  
Deacon Jim White44 University Avenue  
Akron, Ohio 44303

Catholic Worker Community of Akron

%Sister Catherine Walsh

865 Princeton St.

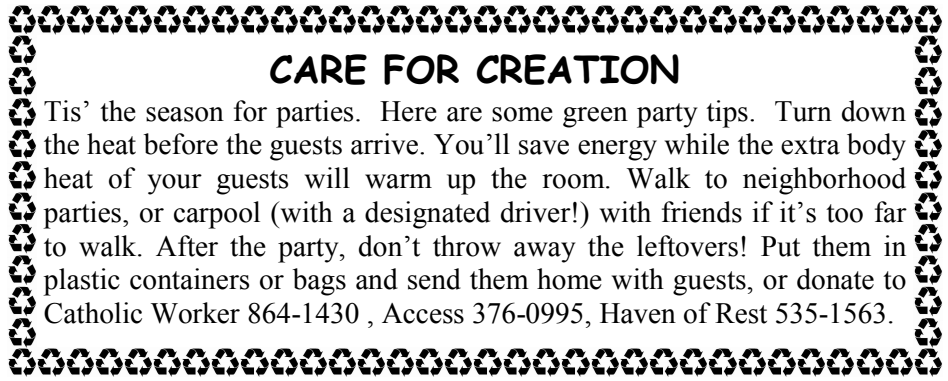
Akron, OH 44311

**COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**

This Advent we are making a special effort to welcome home for Christmas those parishioners and Catholics who have been away from the church for a while. Think about the family members, friends, neighbors, etc. who you can invite to join you and our parish community at our Christmas liturgy celebration. This weekend there are 2 special pamphlets in each pew rack titled: “**Parishioner Guide for Catholics Reaching Out**” and “**Effectively ASK and really INVITE**”. Why not take one of each and share them with someone you think might find it helpful?

**NEEDED**

Eight new refugee arriving in December. There is a great need for twin and double sheets, blanket and comforters; pots and pans, dishes—any kitchen item, tea pots and tea, area rugs (clean) vacuum cleaners and sofas, end tables and lamps. Call Donna Early 330-608-7561 for large items. Drop off Spiritual Center for smaller items. Thank you!



**CARE FOR CREATION**

'Tis' the season for parties. Here are some green party tips. Turn down the heat before the guests arrive. You'll save energy while the extra body heat of your guests will warm up the room. Walk to neighborhood parties, or carpool (with a designated driver!) with friends if it's too far to walk. After the party, don't throw away the leftovers! Put them in plastic containers or bags and send them home with guests, or donate to Catholic Worker 864-1430 , Access 376-0995, Haven of Rest 535-1563.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—YOUTH FREE THROW CONTEST**

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level competition for the 2010 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The St. Hilary competition, sponsored by Council 14551, will be held on January 10, 2010 at 2 PM in the St. Hilary School - Multipurpose Room (old gym). There is no cost to participate.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through local, district and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and compete in their respective age divisions. Last year more than 223,000 sharpshooters participated in over 3,200 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Bernie Geary at 330-665-2363 or bgeary@neo.rr.com.

**RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS**

"We deeply appreciate your assistance. God's loving care touches us through the hearts of thousands of Catholics who give so generously to this collection year after year." Women and men religious throughout the country send their abundant thanks for your donation. [www.retiredreligious.org](http://www.retiredreligious.org).

**DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND WIDOWED**

The Divorced, Separated and Widowed Catholics of Akron is sponsoring a talk by John Pekarcik on "Coincidences: Do They Just Happen or Are They from God" and "A Touch of Santa Claus." It will be held on Monday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Convent Building, 1945 Portage Trail in Cuyahoga Falls. This event is open at no cost to single people of all faiths. Refreshments at 7:15 p.m. For information call Frank 330-801-0527 or Sharon 330-612-3635.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL**

Donate your used car, van or pickup truck to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Diocese of Cleveland, and avoid the hassles and headaches of trading it in or selling it yourself. For more information call 1-800-869-6525 ext. 3150, or [www.svdp.cle.org](http://www.svdp.cle.org).

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVES**

During this season we give gifts to friends and family. The gospel asks us if we plan to share with those who have little or nothing. If our impoverished brothers and sisters aren't on our gift list, we may be missing the point of Christmas. Let us be generous with our charitable giving.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Stewardship of Treasure

**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2009 -  
JUNE 30, 2010  
WEEK ENDING 12/6**

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$43,234</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$743,808</b>

Fiscal year 2008/2009

<b>OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$30,928</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>	<b>\$735,157</b>
<b>OVERAGE</b>	<b>\$8,651</b>
	<b>12%</b>

**OFFERTORY GOAL 2009-2010**

Year To Date Offertory	\$743,808
Offertory Goal 7/1/09-12/6/09	\$743,942
<b>SHORTAGE</b>	<b>(\$134)</b>

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR  
RELIGIOUS  
\$8,413 TO DATE**

Samples of how our youth used their time and talent last week.

Number of envelopes: 54

- † I helped with the laundry.
- † Made cookies with my mom.
- † I helped buy clothes with my money for the poor.
- † I helped make cupcakes.
- † I helped with the Poinsettia delivery.
- † I let my little brother come to a movie with me.
- † I helped my friend with her math homework.
- † I set the table for dinner.
- † I cleaned the house.
- † I helped my dad with grocery shopping.
- † I read books to my brother without being asked.

*"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." - Philippians 4:6-7*

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

## HIGH SCHOOL

**Advent Party – Sunday, Dec. 13**

Not the regular Christmas celebration. This is one you won't want to miss! More details will follow.

**Common Thread: The Catholic Church – Sunday, Jan. 10**

Why did Christ start a church? How do we know the Catholic Church is it? And what does the Holy Spirit have to do with it? Come find out while enjoying some tasty treats!

**Alive Awards: Sunday, Jan 17**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual – red carpet event! Put on your best formal-wear and be part of the presentation and the decisions...which film will receive the "Solomon Award" this year?

**NO ALIVE NIGHT - PRE-CONFIRMATION RETREAT – Sunday, Jan 24**

Teen helpers are needed for this afternoon retreat. Your help counts toward your service hours and you get to impact the younger parishioners!

## JUNIOR HIGH

**Advent Party – Thursday, Dec. 17**

Not the regular Christmas celebration. This is one you won't want to miss! More details will follow.

**Common Thread: The Catholic Church – Thursday, Jan. 14**

Why did Christ start a church? How do we know the Catholic Church is it? And what does the Holy Spirit have to do with it all? Come find out and enjoy some tasty treats as well!

**Gym Night – Thursday, Jan. 28**

Fun, sports, friendship, and prayer...with Jason and friends!

**Wish List**

Gift cards in small amounts to give as prizes to our teens. (Make use of the Star Program to benefit the entire Church & School.)

Some ideas: Starbucks, Chipotle, Applebee's, Blockbuster, Bath & Body Works, Old Navy, movie theatres, fast-food, etc.

As always, thanks so much for your generosity!

**Jason can be reached at the  
Youth Minister's Office  
330-867-1055 ext. 224 or  
jsolomon@sthilarychurch.org**



## St. Hilary School

## Building a Foundation for Life

*Thinking about where your child will attend school next year?*

Let our two-time nationally-recognized

Blue Ribbon award-winning school

put your child on the path to a lifetime of success!

Call 867-8720, ext. 343 for enrollment information.

To learn more about our Kindergarten,

please join us for

Kindergarten Kaleidoscope!

Thursday, January 14, 2010

9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Tour the school and learn what we offer

while your child experiences our kindergarten program!

**Space is limited! Call 330-867-8720, ext. 343**

**by December 31 to reserve a space for your child!**

To fully benefit from this event,  
children should be 5 by August 15, 2010.

## ST HILARY EIGHTH GRADERS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Congratulations to six of our eighth grade students who have been offered scholarships to Archbishop Hoban High School. Aaron Bennett, Lucia Congeni, Sean Gaffney, Andrew Rodgers, Daniel Shawlson, and Joseph Vitullo have been named recipients of Archbishop Hoban Placement Test Scholarships. They are among 33 eighth graders who were awarded scholarships based on their Placement Test scores. To receive a placement scholarship based upon this year's test, students had to earn a composite score at or above the 96th national percentile. St. Hilary School is proud to again have the most Archbishop Hoban scholarship recipients of any school in Summit County. All of our eighth graders will have the opportunity to apply to the Catholic high school of their choice in January.

## SECOND GRADERS EXPERIENCE COLONIAL LIFE

In connection with their study of colonial life, second graders at St. Hilary School recently learned many skills used by their ancestors in daily life. During a fun-filled educational afternoon, the second graders participated in a variety of activities that made their studies come alive. Students made and tasted butter, hand dipped candles, made pinch pots, and created simple toys like those played with by children long ago.

# Feast of St. Hilary

*You are invited*

Saturday - January 16, 2010

*As we celebrate our dynamic and vibrant parish. This year we will recognize all past and present volunteers who share their gifts as athletic coaches at St. Hilary, at CYO, at local sports clubs, at local schools and universities.*

**5:00 pm** Appetizers, drinks and delightful conversation  
**6:20 pm** Welcome, blessing and delicious dinner  
**7:30 pm** **Bishop Roger Gries Presentation**  
**Contemporary Choir Performance**  
**Randy Malick and Special Guest as MC**

Babysitting and childcare will be provided in the Spiritual Center where the children will enjoy movies, pizza and fun activities.

Sponsored by the Stewardship Committee

RSVP requested by January 11, 2010  
 Call 330-867-1055 or e-mail [church@sthilarychurch.org](mailto:church@sthilarychurch.org)



5:00-9:00 pm  
 Horning Hall

Potluck Participation

A—F Dessert  
 G—M Appetizer  
 N—S Salad  
 T—Z Rolls/Bread

Or, make a pan of lasagna or pasta dish. MUST BE in pan provided by parish. Pick up pans in Gathering Area beginning Jan. 2nd.

## PRO-LIFE RESEARCH—YOU CAN SAVE BABIES' LIVES

How do we help Jesus influence a 16-year-old girl or 25- or 36-year-old woman to give an unborn baby life? How do we help Jesus educate the primary influencers in pregnant women's lives? Ohio Right to Life (ORTL) asks one or a few St. Hilary parishioners to help fund a groundbreaking research project. The results will be projectionable nationally and shared with pro-life groups across the country. Abortion has already killed 50 million unborn U.S. children. Please answer Jesus' call and say "yes" to help stop this massacre. Funding/donations for this strategic project can be given by an individual, corporation or other entity and may also be tax deductible if you so prefer. Please contact Patrick Kunkler, ORTL Public Policy Committee Chair, at 330.858.6777.

## CATHOLIC EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM:

Catholic Charities Health and Human Services has introduced a transformational leadership development program called Catholic Emerging Leaders (CEL). Through CEL, you will:

- Meet top leaders of Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Cleveland
- Learn about the inner workings of Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Cleveland
- Develop your leadership skills and knowledge
- Join with fellow team members on a Catholic Action Project (CAP) to contribute to the community

Please visit [www.CatholicEmergingLeaders.com](http://www.CatholicEmergingLeaders.com) for more information. There is still time to be part of the 2010 class. The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. Join now!