

# FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

2012 Speakers Schedule [Approved](#)

- FEBRUARY 3**      **REV. WILLIAM THADEN**      *Church Trends*  
Pastor, Sacred Heart Chapel  
*Topic: Creating a more vibrant and engaged parish*  
*Title: "Beyond Business as Usual: Steps Toward Growing An Engaged Church"*
- MARCH 2**      **PANEL**      *Church Trends*  
**Mr. Bob Tayak, Diocesan Communications Director**  
**Ms. Nancy Erikson – Editor Universe Bulletin**  
**Mr. Dennis Sadowski – National Catholic Reporter, past editor Universe Bulletin**  
*Topic: How can the Church use new media to evangelize*  
*Title: "Church and the New Media – From St. Paul to Twitter"*
- APRIL 13**      **MR. DAN GRIFFIN**      *Social Justice*  
Catholic Relief Service, Director - Africa Operations  
*Topic: How are the Church and CRS involved in the troubled spots of the world?*  
*Title: "The Story of the Isaac Wells and the Lost Boys of Sudan"*
- MAY 4**      **PANEL**      *Social Justice*  
**Sr. Mary McCormick – St Mary Seminary**  
**Mr. Pat Gareau – Catholic Charities**  
**Mr. Jim Tobin- Catholic Conference of Ohio**  
*Topic: Catholic Social Teaching as applied to budget and impact on the poor*  
*Title: "When Can Our Federal and State Budgets be called Moral Documents"*
- JUNE 1**      **MR. RICHARD CLARK**      *Youth/Family & Culture*  
Principal, St Martin DePorres High School  
*Topic: Follow up presentation on success of Cristo Rey Education Movement*  
*Title: "Gauging Success – the Class of 2008"*
- AUGUST 3**      **REV. JOHN STOWE, OFM CONV**      *Social Justice*  
Vicar Provincial, Province of Our Lady of Consolation  
*Topic: Immigration continuing as hot topic, tie in to new diocesan tool kit for parishes*  
*Title: "Immigrant, Migrant, Refugee" (tent)*
- SEPTEMBER 7**      **TBA PANEL**      *Moral/ Ethical*  
*Topic: End of Life decisions (i.e. advance directives, organ donation), conveying wishes regarding Last Rites, funeral decisions and church norms*  
*Title: TBA*
- OCTOBER 5**      **REV. MICHAEL McCANDLESS**      *Spirituality/Theology*  
Diocesan Vocations Director  
*Topic: Promoting "vocations" to all walks of life, what are our gifts and talents?*  
*Title: "Hearing God's Call" (tent)*
- NOVEMBER 2**      **THE MOST REVEREND RICHARD G. LENNON**      *Spirituality/Theology*  
*Topic: TBA*  
*Title: TBA*
- DECEMBER 7**      **MS. AMY BUTLER**      *Youth/Family & Culture*  
Principal, Elyria Catholic High School  
*Topic: Update on Elyria Catholic programming and ministries, presentation by Youth Ministry Music Group*  
*Title: TBA*

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