



BLUE SUNDAY

APRIL 27, 2025

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR
ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN. TO
HIGHLIGHT THE NEED FOR FOSTER
PARENTS IN LORAIN COUNTY**

BLUE SUNDAY TOOLKIT FOR FAITH COMMUNITIES

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"A WELCOME SUPPORT TO ENGAGE ON A DIFFICULT TOPIC."

Blue Sunday at the House of Praise was a success. I gave out 2 planters that I had, all the pinwheels, and all the flyers and Julie S business cards.

There were about 10 flyers & Business cards left; I left that in our Welcome Center counter. Many people came up to talk and ask questions; some are already enrolled and waiting placement (first time foster parents whom are very excited) and I had someone sign up for contact.

Blue Sunday at Cathedral of Praise was a success. We had several people showing interest and a few signed up to be phoned with more info. We displayed two pin-wheel planters, which will remain on display until next Sunday. Between morning worship service and night service, managed to give out all 50 of our flyers. We also handed out a few seed pod book marks and several "Learn More" business cards. I'm pretty confident that there will be a positive outcome. Thanks, Stephanie Bragg, for helping me out, I really appreciated your being there, as you were able to answer questions that I wouldn't have been able to. Blessings to you.

I took 200 flyers and some bookmarks to St. Patrick Church in Wellington. All of the bookmarks were gone before I even got there and many of the flyers were taken as well.

They were displayed next to the bulletins at all church entrances. I left the remaining flyers.

Blue Sunday at Sacred Heart Chapel was a blast! I spoke after each service about the need for foster parents in our community and the different levels of commitment. The information was well received and I had a lot of people come to my table after each service. Some people waited for me to finish to ask questions. I had a total of 13 good prospects! Bam! :) Of course, I took a planter with pinwheels and the planter will be displayed until next Saturday. I am very encouraged and hope these names convert into certified foster homes for our children!

BLUE SUNDAY TOOLKIT

- WELCOME LETTER
- UPCOMING DATES
- BLUE SUNDAY PRAYER
- BLUE SUNDAY FLYER

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Dear Pastor

I am reaching out to ask for your church's prayers and support for abused and neglected children in our community. As part of Child Abuse Prevention Month, we are designating Sunday, April 27, 2025, as a special day of prayer for these vulnerable children. We invite you and your congregation to lift them up in prayer and to reflect on how we can all play a role in ensuring their safety, healing, and hope for a brighter future.

To help raise awareness, Judith Padua from Lorain County Children Services is available to attend your service that day. She can set up an informational table about foster parenting and answer any questions your congregation may have. Foster families provide a safe and loving environment for children in need, and your church community may be the perfect place to inspire new families to step forward.

Additionally, we encourage you to display the flyer included in the Child Abuse Prevention Month toolkit. This small act can help spread awareness and remind others of the importance of protecting children and supporting families. If you would be willing to share this message with your congregation, please let us know how we can assist in making it as impactful as possible.

We deeply appreciate your prayers and support for children who have experienced abuse and neglect. Your church's participation in this effort is a powerful way to show Christ's love and compassion to those in need. Please let us know if you would like Judith to visit your church or if we can provide any additional materials.

Thank you for your time and consideration. May God bless you and your ministry.

Sincerely,
Judith Padua, Foster Parent Recruiter

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**IF YOU HAVE THOUGHT ABOUT
FOSTERING A CHILD, WE CAN HELP
YOU TAKE THE NEXT STEP.**

**FOSTER PARENT SPRING
OPEN HOUSE**

An exciting opportunity to meet current foster parents and children services staff, ask questions, and learn if fostering is right for you!

APRIL 29, 2025

**LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
WELLINGTON CAMPUS
151 COMMERCE DR.
WELLINGTON, OH**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
PROVIDED. THIS IS A FREE
EVENT BUT RSVPS ARE
REQUIRED**



To RSVP, call Judith Padua at
440-329-5608 or email
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**FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ON
REQUIREMENTS AND PRE-LICENSING,
VISIT CHILDRENSERVICES.ORG OR
SCAN**



BLUE SUNDAY DAY OF PRAYER FOR ABUSED CHILDREN

How to pray for abused children on Blue Sunday

1. Pray they will be rescued.
2. Pray they will be placed with caring people
3. Pray that their minds and bodies can heal.
4. Pray they find hope.
5. Pray for those who rescue the children.

Blue Sunday Prayer

Lord, thank you for our children,
For them we kneel and pray.

Help us teach them of
your kindness,
of your mercy and your way.

Help us show them of your love,
your strength and safety, too.

Help us show them who you are.
Help us treat them like you
do.

Praying for abused
children is like
taking pebbles
from their shoes.
- J Magee, founder

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Lorain County
Children Services



FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED

Start your journey to helping
Lorain County's children and
families today!

Take the Next Steps

1. Call us at 440-329-5608 or scan the QR code below

When you call us, you will be asked a few questions about yourself, your family, and your interest in fostering or adopting our children.

2. Review the information provided to you.

We will send you a packet of information about Lorain County Children Services, the children we serve, and the importance of fostering.

3. Come to pre-service training.

The pre-service training is an opportunity to learn more about the specific issues related to foster parenting.

4. Complete a Family Assessment with our social worker.

Our staff will guide you through an assessment process designed to help us, and you, learn as much about each other as possible.



SCAN FOR MORE

