



## FIRST FRIDAY FORUM of Lorain County

**December 7, 2018 ▪ 11:30am -1:00pm**

***Deacon David Mayer***

***“Kairos: A Prison Ministry that Succeeds”***



**Kairos** (Greek for “a special moment/time”) is a prison ministry that began in 1976 in Florida, patterned after the Catholic Cursillo. Today it is a lay-led, interdenominational Christian ministry in which volunteers bring Christ's love and forgiveness to prisoners and their families through three programs: **Kairos Inside**, for incarcerated men and women; **Kairos Outside**, for female relatives/friends of the incarcerated; **Kairos Torch**, for incarcerated youth.

What starts as a Weekend program - a short course in Christianity - is then maintained through Continuing Ministry by the Guests and Participants. Studies have shown that our programs significantly reduce recidivism and prison violence, unite families, and transform lives.

**David Mayer** was ordained a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Evansville, IN who relocated to NE Ohio in retirement. He has served as deacon at the Grafton Correctional Institution, since October 25, 2015 and now also serves as deacon at St. Augustine parish on W. 14<sup>th</sup> St. in Cleveland’s Tremont area. Dave has spent over 37 years in strong clinical practice, including 24 years working with chemical dependency and other compulsive behaviors. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology at Bellarmine University, Louisville KY (1969) and a MSSW – Mental Health from the University of Louisville (1973). He has additional professional certifications: ACSW (1975); Licensed Clinical Social Worker (1993); Licensed Marriage & Family Counselor (1993); Licensed Clinical Addiction Counselor (2010).

### **Lorain County Community College**

#### **Spitzer Conference Center in Elyria, Ohio**

**Luncheon Buffet: 11:30 am ▪ Speaker: 12:00 – 1:00 pm**

**\$18.00 per reservation**

**RESERVATION DEADLINE: 6:00 pm, MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018!**

*(cancellations are also due then or you will be charged).* You can pay at the door or mail your \$18 check to:

First Friday Forum of Lorain County, 320 Middle Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035

or call the reservation line at **440-244-0643** or e-mail [fflorain@gmail.com](mailto:fflorain@gmail.com)

Please indicate the parish or group with which you are associated.