

Dear Parishioners,

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Last weekend I mentioned that my cover letter did not make the mailing of the Mass Times Survey. So here in writing is what I mentioned from the pulpit in that regard:

Please be sure to fill out the survey, even if you do not want any change in the Mass times. The survey is also an instrument to help me see how many people want things to remain as they are. I would like to hear from everybody.

We assume that most households attend Massed together, so they would really be –for the most part– one opinion per household. But surely there are some households where one adult has a different opinion, so more than one survey might be needed. If you need an extra survey for your household, please call the parish office to have one sent.

The surveys are numbered in order to keep track of how many were sent out, and how many get returned; and to verify that we indeed sent one to each household. This reduces some of the chance for human error, or mistaken claims regarding results later on.

In the introductory paragraph of the survey, there is mention of preliminary questions regarding our parish roster. The original version of the Mass Time Survey included these questions, but they were deleted, since my Advent letter was accompanied with parish roster updating forms. Both projects paralleled each other, and the comment in the introductory paragraph of the survey was mistakenly overlooked. So please ignore that comment in the opening paragraph of the survey.

Please be aware that the survey is not to be considered an absolute voting instrument. My concern is to get a good feel for the opinion of the parish. This survey was created and administered as a response to a handful of comments on the parish survey last spring, in which a number of parishioners asked if there could be a Sunday Mass at our Payne campus. In order to make a change in the current schedule, I would want something like a two thirds majority response for one of the alternate options on the survey. I do not think it makes sense–given that we have lived pretty successfully with the current Mass schedule for over six years–to upset the current schedule based on a simple (small!) majority opinion. For example, if 200 surveys were returned in favor of the current schedule, and 210 surveys in favor of one of the alternate options, I would not make a change. The preference for change is not large enough to upset the current, successful schedule. [Again, we really want to hear from everybody on this, even those who want no change in the schedule.] Remember that the spring parish survey also contained a number of comments from people happy with the current timing of Masses.

We will collect surveys throughout January. So you have till the end of January to return the survey. You can return the survey by dropping it off at the office, by mailing it to the office, or by putting it in the collection basket on Sunday.

Thanks in advance for your participation! I truly have been considering the results of the spring parish survey; and taking a look at the Mass times is a result of such consideration.

Have a blessed week!

In cordibus Iesu et Mariae,  
Fr. Poggemeyer

## **Divine Mercy Parish Offerings**

2014-2015 budget per week = \$ 9,540.00

### **Offertory Collections:**

December 21, 2014 = \$ 9,637.87

Children = 7 envelopes = \$ 8.79

Christmas 2014 = \$ 12,367.05

Children = 10 envelopes = \$ 8.01

December 28, 2014 = \$ 10,067.73

Children = 9 envelopes = \$ 5.95

Mary, Mother of God, January 1, 2015=\$ 1,714.00

Children = 1 envelope = \$ .50

January 4, 2015 = \$ 9,572.59

Children = 13 envelopes = \$ 24.30

*Electronic Offertory Contributions is an option to consider. For info call The Parish Office.*

### Antwerp

Rosary Leader January 18: Rose Reinhart

Clean Church week of January 11:

Donna Geyer, Paul & Marilyn Adams

Jan. Visitors to Shut-in: George & Becky Geyer

Jan. Communion to Shut-ins: George & Becky Geyer

### Paulding

Church Cleaners January 5 - 18: Volunteer Needed

Sacristan January 11 - 17: Nancy White

### Payne

Rosary Leader January 17: Lucille Schmidt

### **ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS**

Beat the New Year Rush!!!! Sign-up on the bulletin board in the Narthex to clean the Paulding Church. You do **NOT** have to clean bathrooms, the basement or the Narthex, just the church. Make a New Year's resolution and sign up for this "clean & shiny" ministry. You will be greatly rewarded for your kindness and stewardship.

### **RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE AT PAULDING**

#### **THIS THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015**

The Paulding location of Divine Mercy Parish will host the annual Red Cross Bloodmobile on Thursday, January 15 from 11:30AM to 5:30PM. Please bring your donated food items to the church basement by Monday, January 12, 2015 (or date mentioned on the sign-up sheet). Place cold items in the refrigerator. Walk-in donors are welcome and needed to make our goal for the blood donation on Thursday. Please consider this opportunity to help others in need. Call Cathy Fowler at 419-399-3056 if you have any questions.

### **ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT**

The 2015 Parish Retreat will be here before you know it and planning is well underway! We invite you to attend a Retreat Team meeting on Sunday, January 11, 12:30-2PM in the Paulding Church Basement. Contact Sonya Herber at 419-506-0028 or email her at [Sonyaherber@gmail.com](mailto:Sonyaherber@gmail.com) if you will be attending or for more information on how you can be a part of this spiritual experience!

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Saturday, January 10

Sunday, January 11 – *Baptism of the Lord*

10:30AM Mass – Liturgy of the Word

12:30PM Retreat Meeting in Paulding Church Basement

Monday, January 12

4PM Totus Tuus Prayer Group in Pldg.

7PM RCIA in Paulding

7PM Medjugorje Prayer Group in Payne

7PM First Confessions in Antwerp

7:30PM Paulding K of C Meeting

Tuesday, January 13

8AM Mass in Antwerp followed by Divine Mercy Devotions

7PM First Confessions in Payne

8PM Payne K of C Meeting

Wednesday, January 14

8AM - 7PM Adoration in Paulding

7PM Benediction in Paulding

### PSR Schedule

4PM Gr. K-5 in Paulding

6:30PM Gr. K-5 in Antwerp

7PM Gr. 6-8 in Paulding

7:30PM Gr. 7-8 in Payne

7:45PM Gr. 6-8 in Antwerp

Thursday, January 15

11:30AM – 5:30PM Bloodmobile in Paulding

7PM Mystical Rose Prayer Group In Pldg.

7PM Finance Council Meeting in Antwerp

Friday, January 16

*All items for the February Calendar are due in the Parish Office by Noon, Friday, January 16th, 2015.*

Saturday, January 17 - *Right-to-Life Weekend*

Sunday, January 18 – *Right-to-Life Weekend*

10:30AM Mass – Liturgy of the Word

11:45AM-1:30PM Jr. High Youth Group

Noon Retreat Meeting in Paulding

Educational Center

### LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, January 22

9AM Pro-Life Mass at St. John, Defiance

Sunday, January 25

Noon – Jr. High Service Project to the Shut-ins of the Parish

### RIGHT-TO-LIFE

Right-to-Life of Paulding County is in need of new leadership. Consider taking over, breathing new life into this organization and getting the Pro-Life message into the public eye. Contact Dave Jordan at 419-786-9788 for more information.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Just a Reminder: Liturgy of the Word (at the 10:30AM Paulding Mass) is for children in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. The lessons are designed for children at this cognitive level and the activities do require some reading and writing skills. While the teachers certainly love the younger “cut-ies”, there are reading and writing skills involved that the little tots just can’t do for the activities. Thank you.

### SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Recently 18 high school youth group students went to Defiance St. John parish for an event encouraged by Bishop Thomas titled *The Culture Project*. The nationally recognized group of young adults led discussions and inspired the youth in their commitment to sexual integrity. Invitation post cards were sent to all High School Divine Mercy homes, but in case you missed it... you can still learn about *The Culture Project* at [www.restoreculture.com](http://www.restoreculture.com). They can also be found on Facebook at The Culture Project or on Twitter at @restoreculture.

### DIOCESAN EVENTS

**Birth Parent Informational Meeting** - Unexpected pregnancy can be scary. If you are concerned about parenting your unborn child, we invite you to learn about the option of adoption. Join us for a monthly birth parent informational meeting on the third Thursday of the month to learn about parenting support and adoption. For more information call or text Catholic Charities at 419-705-9192.

**“Joy-Filled Marriage” Engaged Couples Workshop.** Registration for 2015 is now open. If you are engaged to be married, you’ll want to register for this two-part interactive, enjoyable and comprehensive workshop for engaged couples. This workshop will delve into practical “life skills” as well as the sacramentality of marriage, guided by a dedicated team of married couples and individuals. This workshop fulfills the “marriage class” component, which is part of the requirements for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more information contact Monica Martinez in the Marriage & Family Life Office at 419-244-6711 or [mmartinez@toledodiocese.org](mailto:mmartinez@toledodiocese.org). or visit [www.jfmdtoledo.eventbrite.com](http://www.jfmdtoledo.eventbrite.com)

**Project Rachel Retreat for Hope & Healing after Abortion** will be held Saturday, January 31, 2015 from 9AM-5PM to help women hurting from past abortion. The location is confidential within the Diocese of Toledo. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch. Scholarships are available. Pre-registration is required. Contact Tara Woodbury at 419-654-4886 or email [projectrachel@toledodiocese.org](mailto:projectrachel@toledodiocese.org).

### AND THE WINNER IS:

On December 12, Maxine Nighswander drew Lucy Conley’s name as the lucky winner of the American Girl Doll Raffle that was sponsored by the High School Youth Group. Thank you to those that sold and bought tickets, money counters and a very special thank you to the anonymous donor of the doll set. \$400 was raised and will help fund activities and service projects.

### RIGHT-TO-LIFE

The weekend of January 24 & 25, 2015 Divine Mercy Parish will be sponsoring a Diapers & Dollars Drive for Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center. Diapers size newborn, 2 & 4 are in most need. Envelopes will be available on the Angel Trees at each campus for your donations. Dollar donations can be placed in the collection basket. Thank You for your support.

### OF MUTUAL INTEREST

**Rekindle the Fire Men’s Conference** is Saturday, February 7, 2015 at the Century Center in South Bend, IN, 9AM – 4PM. Mass with Bishop Rhoades will be celebrated at 4PM. To register quickly and easily visit [www.rekindlethefire.net](http://www.rekindlethefire.net). Featured speakers are Steve Ray, Ruben Quezada, John Wood and Father David Mary Engo founder of Franciscan Brothers Minor in Ft. Wayne.

**Northwest Ohio Men’s Fellowship Breakfast** invites all area men to bring their family to join us for our next breakfast on January 17 at St. John Church, 510 Jackson Ave., Defiance. Guest speaker is Rex Stump, area director for FCA, will share his experiences and mission of spreading Christian values to the athletes and youth in our area. We will share great insight, music, breakfast and fellowship. Coffee is 7:30AM, program at 8AM.

**Hands of Hope Announcement** – Save the date of Wednesday, March 18, 2015 for our exciting fundraiser. Pam Tebow is our guest speaker. Pam’s son, Tim Tebow, won the Heisman Trophy while playing for the Florida Gators and in 2010 Pam and Tim were featured in a Super Bowl commercial that reached over 5 million people with the message of life. The event will be held at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert, Ohio.

### ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS=

If you would like a copy of your annual contribution statement for tax purposes, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

## **Weekly Schedule of Services**

January 10 - 18, 2015  
St. Maximilian Kolbe Deanery

“The Pastor’s Daily Scripture Inspirations  
on Twitter: @frdivinemercy”.

### **SATURDAY, January 10**

**4PM Mass in Payne** – For the Parish

**5:30PM Mass in Paulding** – Norma Jean Phlipot  
and Wayne Lothamer, Terry, Angie & Karen

### **SUNDAY, January 11** – *Baptism of the Lord*

**8:30AM Mass in Antwerp** – Maxine Gordon and  
K. Paul Wilhelm

**10:30AM Mass in Paulding** – Ted & Nellie Wilhelm  
and Bob & Julianne Fowler

### **MONDAY, January 12**

**No Services Today**

### **TUESDAY, January 13** – *St. Hilary*

**8AM Mass in Antwerp** – Harry Phlipot

**Followed by Divine Mercy Devotions**

### **WEDNESDAY, January 14**

**8AM Mass in Paulding** – Bob Thornell

### **THURSDAY, January 15**

**8AM Mass in Payne** – Bill Gonya

### **FRIDAY, January 16**

**9AM Mass in Payne** – Walter Heitkamp

### **SATURDAY, January 17** – *St. Anthony*

**4PM Mass in Payne** – Mary Litzenberg and  
Victims of Abortion

**5:30PM Mass in Paulding** – Celeste Scheurich and  
Dan & Rita Kaufman

### **SUNDAY, January 18** – *Right-to-Life Weekend*

**8:30AM Mass in Antwerp** – For the Parish

**10:30AM Mass in Paulding** – Monica Wilson and  
Victims of Abortion

### **PRO-LIFE MASS**

Thursday, January 22, 2015, Fr. Poggemeyer will be celebrating a Pro-Life Mass at 9AM at St. John, Defiance. Everyone is invited to attend this special liturgy.

Follow Bishop Thomas on Facebook at Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, on Twitter @BishopDEThomas and on Instagram at BishopDEThomas. The Diocese is on Facebook at Diocese of Toledo, on Twitter @DioceseToledo and Instagram at DioceseToledo.

### **NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE**

Due to the new bulletin publication, the deadline for the bulletin items submitted to the Parish Office will be **noon on Mondays**. This change goes into effect immediately.

### **WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES, 2015 PHILADELPHIA**

Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas as he leads the Diocese of Toledo on Pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in September 2015! The World Meeting of Families is the world’s largest Catholic gathering of families. This year’s theme is “Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive”, emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society. This pilgrimage includes an opportunity to attend the Papal Mass with Pope Francis. For news, and to learn more about the pilgrimage led by Bishop Daniel, contact Monica Martinez at [mmartinez@toledodiocese.org](mailto:mmartinez@toledodiocese.org), call 419-244-6711, ext. 715 or sign up for updates at [www.toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family](http://www.toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family).

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP**

As we begin a New Year, we wish to give thanks for the many people who donate their time, talents and treasures to Divine Mercy Catholic Parish of Paulding County. “Behind the scenes” volunteers are busy at work each and every day in the parish. We have been blessed with parishioners who say “yes” when there is a need. Thank you and God bless.

### **Saints on the Eucharist**

*“What wonderful majesty! What stupendous condescension! O sublime humility! That the Lord of the whole universe, God and the Son of God, should humble Himself like this under the form of a little bread, for our salvation”. “...in this world I cannot see the most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood.”*

St. Francis of Assisi

### **Dear Fr. Poggemeyer,**

Thank you for the nice gift that you sent my way earlier this Advent! Please tell the parishioners at Divine Mercy that I am grateful for their support as I continue toward priesthood. May the Lord reward you all for promoting and supporting vocations in our diocese.

In Christ, Austin Ammanniti

### **FACILITY RENTAL MANAGERS CHANGE**

As of January 1, 2015 Denny O’Donnell will be taking over the duties of maintenance of the buildings at Antwerp and the center rental scheduling. Contact information is on the cover of the bulletin. Deacon Bob Nighswander wishes to thank the people for their support and help over the years.

# 2014 Christmas Memorial Flowers

## In Memory/Honor of:

## From:

- Deceased Family Members . . . . Pat Pack  
In Memory of Zachary Herman Arend . . . . Dana & Caroline Arend Family  
In honor of our grandchildren: Katie Shugars, Will & Eden Kelly . . . . Bill & Leslie Shugars  
In Memory of Fred & Rose Martin, Dick Copsey, Dorothy Copsey . . . . Patricia Copsey  
In Memory of Bill Gonya . . . . Mary Gonya  
In Memory of Bob & Rita Snodgrass and John & Mildred Iler . . . . Bob & Cindy Iler  
In Memory of Katie Baumle & Janeil Malfait . . . . Joann Malfait  
In Memory of Wayne Lothamer, Terry Lothamer, Karen (Lothamer) Feeney, and  
Angela (Lothamer) Switzer . . . . Ivah Lothamer  
In Memory of Robin & Katherine Brady, John & Nancy Stockberger . . . . Robin Stockberger  
In Memory of Pauline Klinker . . . . Major Klinker  
In Memory of Frank & Anna Sukup, Martin & Rose Kucera . . . . Joe & Ellen Sukup  
In Memory of Charles Langmeyer . . . . Joyce Langmeyer  
In Memory of Marie Franklin and Honor of Joseph Kuhn O.D. . . . . Bob & Helen Franklin  
In Memory of George M. Geyer . . . . The Family of George M. Geyer  
In Memory of Norm & Beulah Eschbach . . . . Ruth Eschbach  
In Memory of Ted P. Rosswurm . . . . Marolyn Rosswurm  
In Memory of Louise L. Reinhart, Alan R. Whirrett, Martin & Mae Reinhart and  
Bill & Edith Whirrett . . . . Deloris Whirrett  
In Memory of Victor & Mary Bercaw Family . . . . Keith Bercaw & Don & Linda Teusch  
In Memory of Kirstey Kay Young . . . . Brian & Beth Young  
In Memory of Andy Jones . . . . Dave & Dianne Jones  
In Memory of Karl & Garland Werling and Janice Lipp . . . . Ann Miller  
In Memory of Robert Thornell . . . . Alma Thornell  
In Memory of Dorothy Phlipot . . . . Harold Phlipot  
In Memory of Bob & Alyce Miller and Bob & Alice Dirham . . . . Bob & Heather Miller  
In Memory of Paul & Lela Wilhelm and Ralph & Agnes Beckman . . . . Jerry & Paulette Beckman  
In Memory of Bob Thornell and Ernie & Betty Miller . . . . Denny & Janet Miller  
In Memory of Paul Pease . . . . Laura Pease  
In Memory of Vivian Baumle and in Honor of Fanny Coleman . . . . Bob & Fran Baumle  
In Memory of Richard & Mildred Wannemacher and Nancy Woodring . . . . Jerry & Sue Zielke  
In Memory of Frank & Estelle Justavick, Harold & Helen Betz, Rose Buku, Rita Polk, Chet & Velma Straley, and  
Frank C, Ray, & David Justavick . . . . John & Lillian Betz  
In Memory of Jack Hoelderle and Jim & Kate Clark . . . . Mary Hoelderle  
In Memory of Ross & Mary Litzenberg . . . . Mr. & Mrs. Mark Litzenberg  
In Memory of Stephen Jones and Herman & Eloise Arend . . . . Dan & Susan Arend  
In Memory of Glen Schmidt . . . . Donna Schmidt  
In Memory of the deceased members of our families . . . . Mike & Darlene Herber  
In Memory of Robert Tempel . . . . Tempel Family  
In Memory of Earl & Ilean McClain . . . . Dave & Karen Santo  
In Memory of Paul & LaVonne Smith . . . . Marilyn Smith  
In Memory of deceased family members . . . . Mrs. Henry (Eleanor) Brune  
In Memory of Bob Reinhart . . . . Rosemarie Reinhart  
In Memory of Larry Ankney . . . . Liz Ankney  
In Memory of Kurt Sholl . . . . Jerry & Rosie Sholl  
In Memory of Russell St. John and Rick Perry . . . . Scott & Carmen St. John & Girls  
In Memory of the sons of John & Sue . . . . John & Sue LaFountain  
In Memory of my grandfather, K. Paul Wilhelm . . . . D. Atticus Parks  
In Memory of White & Shugars deceased family members . . . . Greg & Nancy White Family



## *KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS*

St. Joseph Council No. 2584

PO Box 284

Paulding Ohio 45879

January 3, 2014,

Dear Brother Knights,

This is an update on our fall activities and includes reminders of future events. A fish fry schedule may be found on the reverse side of this update.

We held two fish fries this fall. Both of these were very successful. We thank all the men and wives who helped at these events. It was good to see we have enough members to work at these fries even when our farming members can't contribute due to the season.

Donations were made to PHS Science Olympiad, Paulding Caring and Sharing Food Pantry, and Paulding Co. Christmas for kids. We contributed additionally to our Parishes November collection for seminarians David Kidd and Austin Amminiti. Each Seminarian received a check for \$305.00.

Our contribution to the states Matching Funds campaign has been made. Last year this campaign raised nearly \$11,000.00 for the Toledo Diocese. These moneys are used for the religious education directors of our diocese to purchase equipment and materials.

Randy Robinett informed council that January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 is the date for the Special Olympics Basket Ball Tournament. Randy's request for funding was approved by our council and Payne's council will again cosponsor. He also request that members from both councils come out and work that Saturday, as they have in the past, to make this a fun and rewarding experience for all involved.

A Free Throw contest will be held at Paulding High School on Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. Phil Recker is the Chairman again this year and is asking for a few volunteers that morning to help count baskets.

We will again be cosponsoring an essay contest with Payne's council. All seniors will soon be receiving information by mail about this contest from Geoff Hyman.

Ticket sales for the "Ohio Super Cash Bonanza Charity Raffle" will begin soon. Council members will soon be receiving by mailing their tickets and details. We are looking to increase our earnings from the sale of these tickets. Please be willing to seek out additional sales beyond the tickets in the mailing.

Fish fry's will begin the first Friday of February and run through the last Friday of March. That will be 8 consecutive fish fry's and will require all available members to volunteer their time. We thank Rick Arend and Cathy Fowler who will again be coordinating workers for each fish fry. If you can help but have not been contacted in the past please contact them.

Our next meeting is Monday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. We will pray a Rosary at 7:00 pm and the meeting begins at 7:30 pm. We will be discussing several request for donations and the purchase of chairs and other equipment for the hall. Grand Knight Bruce Ivan will keep this meeting brief. GO BUCKS!

Remember to contact Fritz Koch at 419-399-2684 for hall rentals. He has already booked 3 graduation rentals in the spring so please make your plans soon.

REMINDER : PUT ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR

## **Paulding Knights of Columbus**

### **Fall FISH FRY SCHEDULE 2015**

serving: LUNCH 11:00AM - 1:00PM

DINNER 4:00PM - 7:00PM

**Friday, February 6th**

**Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday, March 27th**

Adult Dinners, Kids Dinners and Fish *by the pound* available for carryout

Hall located 1 mile south of Paulding on US 127

**PUBLIC WELCOME**

