

Dear Parishioners,

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As I stated last weekend in my homilies, I've decided to lead any parishioners who want to make the pilgrimage to Philadelphia to see the Pope for the World Meeting of Families. In conversation with a couple of parishioners, I became convinced that this can be a great opportunity, even a life-changing experience for those who otherwise would not ever get to see the Pope. It's not every day you have a chance to see the Pope—and so close by.

Given the fact that hotel rooms in Philadelphia filled up almost immediately after it was announced that the Pope would indeed attend, the best way for a group of parishioners to attend will be to join the diocesan program already being planned, with buses and hotel rooms already reserved. The diocesan plan has us taking a bus to Philadelphia on Thursday, September 24, and then returning Monday, September 28. I realize this means people will have to take three days off work, but this was the option for the shortest stay (The diocese has planned a weeklong option as well). Saturday and Sunday will be devoted to two meetings with the Pope. Thursday and Monday are travel days. Although it has not been published exactly what the meetings with the Pope will be, it will most likely be a Saturday afternoon/evening vigil service of prayer, with some question-and-answer time, and an address from the Pope. Then Sunday morning/afternoon would be the culmination of the encounter—the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass with the Pope. This arrangement is pretty standard for such papal gatherings. The overall occasion is to celebrate God's beautiful design of the family.

The cost for a family to attend is relatively quite reasonable. Check out the flyers in the vestibules, or the website of the Diocese for prices. There will be one scholarship given out in the deanery, for which any family can apply. That information is on the diocesan website. But even aside from the scholarship, if money is the main obstacle to your considering this trip, please call Dianne Jones in the finance office to express your interest. Sometimes we are aware of outside donors who might offer some help for a specific family.

On another note, it was announced at our last deanery meeting that the Diocese is trying to formulate a policy for how to handle an overabundance of Mass requests/stipends. On occasions such as funerals, people sometimes offer a donation to the church, requesting many Masses for the deceased. It is a great practice to offer Masses for our deceased loved ones. But, practically speaking, we also have to be sure we are able to fulfill the obligation of all of these Masses. Canon Law requires that a pastor maintain only those Mass offerings which he is able to fulfill in a year's time. Mass intentions above and beyond this level are to be passed on to the Diocese or religious orders that fulfill those intentions.

Here at our parish I learned a number of months ago that we had way too many Mass intentions backlogged. To meet the requirements of Canon Law, a couple months ago we sent a list of 500 intentions to the Diocese to be fulfilled—specifying the names of the deceased and the number of Masses for each person. My current plan is to take inventory of Mass intentions at the end of each year and send extra Mass intentions to the Diocese or a religious order, as need be. If the Diocese gives us some other instruction in this regard, I'll let you know.

Have a blessed week!

In cordibus Iesu et Mariae,
Fr. Poggemeyer

Divine Mercy Parish Offerings

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

March 1, 2015 offertory = \$ 8,867.34
Children collection – 10 envelopes = \$ 7.82
2nd Collection Mission Fund = \$ 315.17

*Electronic Offertory Contribution is
an option to consider. For more information
Call Dianne at the Parish Office.*

Antwerp

Rosary Leader March 15: Tam Pollock

Clean Church week of March 8:

Carolyn Gross and Sharon Sweet

March Visitors to Shut-in: Dennis Recker

March Communion to Shut-ins: Rose Reinhart

Paulding

Church Cleaners March 2 – 15:

Mystical Rose Prayer Group

Sacristan March 8 – 14: Jean Schooley

Payne

Rosary Leader March 14: John Molitor, Jr.

March 9 - 14 Church Cleaner: volunteer needed

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sign the sheet in the back of church at Payne and in the Narthex at Paulding to help clean the church. In Paulding you do **NOT** have to clean bathrooms, the basement or Narthex, just the church. For questions regarding the Payne location call Jeanette at 419-263-2655. Sign up for this “clean & shiny” ministry.

WEEKDAY MASS - WEATHER POLICY

For Fr. Poggemeyer’s safety and the safety of those who attend daily Mass, it has been decided when a weekday Mass is scheduled in a school district that has delayed or cancelled due to inclement weather, the Mass will be cancelled. For Wednesday Mass and Adoration in Paulding, we **will** have Mass and Adoration when there is a delay, but **not** when Paulding school has cancelled due to extreme weather, such as snow and ice. With foggy or snowy mornings, please don’t take unnecessary chances, make wise and safe decisions.

ACA REPORT

A goal for this year of \$29,000 was set by the diocese for our Annual Catholic Appeal. Divine Mercy Catholic Parishioners have pledged a total of \$17,628.00 with 130 out of 751 families responding at this time. If you have not responded, please do so. If you are unable to pledge this year, please, return your pledge card stating “unable to pledge at this time” so you can be included in the percentage of participants in the appeal. Thank you for your generosity, continued support and all that you do for our parish. God bless.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, March 7

5:30PM Mass in Paulding followed by
Blood Pressures in the Narthex

Don't forget to change your clocks – forward 1 hour

Sunday, March 8

9AM Children’s Choir in Paulding
9AM Church & Family in Paulding
10:30AM Mass – Liturgy of the Word
Blood Pressures after Mass
2PM Movie Day in Antwerp Center

Monday, March 9

Items for the bulletin are due by noon on Monday !!!

Noon Stations of the Cross in Paulding
4PM Totus Tuus Prayer Group in Pldg.
7PM RCIA in Paulding
7PM Medjugorje Prayer Group in Payne
7:30PM Paulding K of C Meeting

Tuesday, March 10

8AM Mass in Antwerp followed by
Divine Mercy Devotions
8PM Payne K of C Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

Antwerp Day of Grace 8AM – 8PM

*Antwerp Adoration 8AM – 8PM – Please stop in and
spend some time with our Lord in prayer.*

*Noon Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon at
Paulding Presbyterian Church*

7PM Penance Service-St. Mary, Van Wert
7:30PM Stations of the Cross in Antwerp
8PM Benediction in Antwerp

PSR Schedule

4PM Gr. K - 5 in Paulding
6:30PM Gr. K – 5 in Antwerp
7PM Gr. 6 – 8 in Paulding
7PM Gr. 7-8 in Payne
7:45PM Gr. 6-8 in Antwerp

Thursday, March 12

11AM Rosary in Paulding
11:30AM Mass in Paulding followed
by Fab 50s catered meal & fun day

Friday, March 13 - Dianne is out of the office

11AM-1PM and 4-7PM Paulding K of C
Fish Fry at the Hall on US 127S
1PM Stations of the Cross in Payne
5-7PM Payne K of C Fish Fry

Saturday, March 14

Sunday, March 15

Deadline to sign-up for “Acts of the Apostles”

10:30AM Mass – Liturgy of the Word
Blood Pressures after Mass
Noon Jr. High Youth Group in Paulding

FAB 50s

The next Fab 50s gathering will be held on Thursday, March 12. Rosary will be recited at 11AM, Mass will be at 11:30AM, followed by a catered meal by Puckerbrush of Payne. Menu includes assorted sandwiches, German Potato Soup, Toss Salad, drinks and dessert. Cost is only \$7.50. Reservations for lunch are to be called to the Parish Office (419-399-2576) by noon, Monday, March 9th.

SAVE THE DATE FOR "TEA WITH THEE"

Sunday, May 3rd after the 10:30AM Mass the F.I.A.T. Committee is hosting a ladies "Tea With Thee" in the church basement. Each table will be decorated with a different theme by anyone who wishes to join the fun. Ask your family, prayer group or friends to come up with a clever theme for a table. Call Laura Priest (419-587-3858) for info or to volunteer to share your time & talent for our tea.

CRAFT SHOW - - - BAKE SALE - - - LUNCHEON

Divine Mercy Parish of Paulding County is sponsoring their Spring Craft Show on Saturday, April 4 from 9AM-2PM at the Antwerp Center. The ladies make their specialties for our bake sale and home-made noodles!!! We have added a raffle this year which includes a quilt made by ladies of the parish and 5 other gift items totaling \$600. Lunch includes homemade soups, sandwiches and pies. For more information call Virginia Kunesch at 419-258-0065 or Rita Brinkman at 419-258-6361.

MESSAGE FROM THE JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

The Junior High Youth Group is collecting non-perishable food, clothing and monetary donations through March 18, 2015. The students are traveling to Our Lady of the Road homeless shelter in South Bend, IN March 20 & 21 to cook and serve the homeless. Boxes can be found at each location for your donations. Monetary donations can be placed in the offertory basket in an envelope marked "Jr. High Service Project". Please make checks out to Divine Mercy. We thank you in advance for your support of our youth and their service projects.

MYSTERIUM CHRISTI SESSION

Father Poggemeyer is presenting a diocesan Mysterium Christi program on *Morality*, Saturday, May 2, 9AM-2:30PM at the Educational Center in Paulding. Please join us as we learn about the foundational Truths of the Catholic Faith. The program is free to anyone who wishes to attend, so mark your calendar for this upcoming educational program.

THANK YOU

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K OF C ESSAY CONTEST

Payne & Paulding K of C Councils are sponsoring an Essay Contest for all High School Seniors who are members of Divine Mercy Catholic Parish. The following scholarships for continuing education will be awarded: 1st place, \$500, 2nd place, \$300, 3rd place, \$200. Contest deadline is April 30th, 2015. Information has been mailed to the senior students. If you have not received this information please contact Geoff Hyman at 419-263-3133.

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.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

** **Perpetual Adoration Chapel** – St. Isadore, Delaware Bend is open from 6PM Sunday through 5PM Friday for Perpetual Adoration. If you have an hour to spend with our Lord, visit the Chapel any time. If you would like to be a substitute or regular adorer, contact Steve at 419-439-1429.

** **Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend** has 2 principal openings in the Ft. Wayne area. We are seeking a licensed, practicing Catholic with a minimum of 5 years teaching experience who is passionate about education and the Catholic faith. To download the application go to www.diocesefwsb.org/Administrative-Application.

** **Run, or Walk with Catholic Charities**, Sunday, April 26 for the 2015 Glass City Marathon. Visit www.CatholicCharitiesTeam.kintera.org or call 419-244-6711, ext. 231 for more information.

** **It's in the Bag** – Purse Auction and Brunch at St. Paul, 30 Milan Ave., Norwalk, OH, Saturday, March 21, 11AM-1PM. Benefits the women & children of The Mariam House. Tickets are \$15. Contact Catholic Charities at 419-668-3073.

** **The Spirit Holy Week** – Join Fr. Scherger at Domus Angelorum Retreat House, Sat. Mar. 14, Mass at 8:30AM, retreat to follow. Cost is \$10, please bring a sack lunch.

Bishop Thomas posts survey questions – In preparation for the upcoming Ordinary Synod of Bishops in Rome this October, the Pope would like wide consultation on the questions in the survey in order to put together an initial working agenda for this Synod, whose topic will be "The Vocation & Mission of the Family". Consider going online (www.toledodiocese.org) to fill this out. Thank You.

Serenity Retreat for Men in Recovery – Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House in Carey on April 17-19. For more information call 419-396-7970

"Joy-Filled Marriage" Engaged Couples Workshop. If you are engaged to be married, this workshop fulfills the "marriage class" component, which is part of the requirements for marriage in the Catholic Church. Divine Mercy will host a workshop on April 25 & 26, 2015. To register or for information contact Monica Martinez at 419-244-6711, email mmartinez@toledodiocese.org or visit www.jfmdtoledo.eventbrite.com.

Weekly Schedule of Services

March 7 - 15, 2015

St. Maximilian Kolbe Deanery

"The Pastor's Daily Scripture Inspirations
on Twitter: @frdivinemercy"

SATURDAY, March 7 – St. Perpetua & Felicity

4PM Mass in Payne – Glen Schmidt and

Charles & Margaret Gordon

5:30PM Mass in Paulding – Alan Whirret and

Father G. Allan Fillman

SUNDAY, March 8 – Third Sunday of Lent

8:30AM Mass in Antwerp – Mary Laukhuf and

Richard & Mildred Wannemacher

50AM Mass in Paulding – For the Parish

MONDAY, March 9

No Services Today

TUESDAY, March 10

8AM Mass in Antwerp – William "Jay" Jackson

Followed by Divine Mercy Devotions

WEDNESDAY, March 11

8AM – 8PM Day of Grace in Antwerp

8AM – 8PM Adoration in Antwerp

8AM Mass in Antwerp – Tom Reinhart

THURSDAY, March 12

11AM Rosary in Paulding

11:30AM Mass in Paulding – Janice Lipp

FRIDAY, March 13

9AM Mass in Payne – Janeil Malfait

SATURDAY, March 14

4PM Mass in Payne – For the Parish

5:30PM Mass in Paulding – Alan Whirret and

Louise L. Reinhart

SUNDAY, March 15 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30AM Mass in Antwerp – Gene Hughes and

Evan Gordon

50AM Mass in Paulding – Sue Winship and

Zachary Arend

DONUTS & DRINKS

The Payne/Antwerp K of C would like to thank all who supported Coffee & Donuts after Mass this winter. A special thanks to Jen & Al Minello and the bakery for their generous contribution. The project will yield a donation of \$587 to our local food bank.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to call for emergency cancellations. Antwerp has a prayer-line. Payne and Paulding are in need of volunteers. Call Rose Ann Glass at 419-263-2095 to volunteer. Leave a message, name and phone number.

GRATITUDE

We would like to express our gratitude for all of the thoughts, kind words, and prayers that everyone shared during our loss. Thank you to Father Poggemeyer, the Deacons, Shawn Dooley, Altar Servers and those who prepared and served the meal. The outpouring of love we received from our church family provides much needed comfort to us.

The Family of William Jay Jackson

BIBLE STUDY - - - "ACTS OF THE APOSTLES"

The Little Flower Study Club will be studying and hosting a bible study, "Acts of the Apostles", beginning on Thursday, April 16, 2015. This Bible Study will be held at the Educational Center in Paulding at 7PM on the third Thursday of each month through December. Any member of the parish is invited to attend. If you are interested in this study group, please contact Eleanor Brune (419-399-2325) by March 15th, as study materials need to be ordered. Come and join us as we deepen our knowledge and strengthen our faith.

Saints on the Eucharist

"The bread that you see on the altar is the Body of Christ as soon as it is sanctified by God's word. The chalice, or what is contained in the chalice, is the Blood of Christ as soon as it is sanctified by God's word."

St. Augustine

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LATIN MASS

Stations of the Cross during Lent are offered at each of Divine Mercy campuses.

Noon on Mondays in Paulding

7:30PM on Wednesdays in Antwerp

1PM on Fridays in Payne

A Low Latin Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 7 at 8AM at the Payne location.

NEWLY BAPTIZED

February 15, 2015 - Jennifer Lopez-Castillo

CONDOLENCES

February 11, 2015 - Mildred Hoschak

February 20, 2015 - William "Jay" Jackson

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

March 15 is the annual appeal for Catholic Relief Services. They fund six agencies that work to serve our suffering brothers and sisters around the world through humanitarian aid, resettling displaced individuals and families and providing legal and advocacy services for migrants. Please support this project and be as generous as you can. Thank you.

