

Dear Parishioners,

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First of all I want to thank everybody who has already donated to the Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal. As of the writing of this letter we are only \$6,000 below our goal. That is pretty impressive. I am impressed by the generosity of our parishioners. I believe that when we respond to an important fund drive like this, we send a message that we are a significant and alive part of the Diocese. Remember that of all the money given above and beyond our goal, 85% ends up coming back to us for special projects, etc. This "extra money" has come in handy already on a couple of occasions this past year.

Next, I am still hoping to find somebody who can coordinate maintenance for me at the Payne campus. If necessary, we can pay a modest wage. The task would be very part-time. Shoveling snow at the Payne campus has already been contracted out, so please do not let fear of this task prevent anybody from coming forward.

I'm also wondering if there is somebody in the parish who is skilled at desktop publishing. Every once in a while we have a project that requires this capacity. For example, right now, because I cannot find a set of Stations of the Cross that I like for our school, I want to take something I was able to find on the Internet and add to it some elements to complete it. This will then have to be formatted into a booklet, and I think I can find somebody to print it for us at no charge. What I'm lacking is somebody with desktop publishing capacity. Is there anybody out there willing to take on a project like this every once in a while?

I continue to get feedback regarding a high school youth program. I still have to do some research, so the task is ongoing. Most recently I was introduced to a program called "ydisciple", produced by the Augustine Institute in Denver, Colorado. This is an organization that is super solid, from the heart of the Church, producing the Symbolon program the Diocese used for catechist training last summer, also producing a marriage preparation program and many other programs. Aimed at fulfilling what studies show are the "five needs of young people" (i.e., the need to be understood, the need to belong, the need to be transparent, the need to engage in critical thinking around faith and life, the need for guidance), they put together materials for running men's and women's small groups. The concept is that parents themselves would help the parish recruit a young adult or college student to run a small group in their home (4-8 high school youth). The parish would help train the small group leaders. The parish would subscribe to the program, so that our small group leaders and parents could access necessary materials. What about a program like this to meet our high school youth needs? I could imagine small groups meeting three times a month, and then coming up with a parish youth activity once a month. This could be a service activity, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, etc. We could come up with a syllabus of the monthly events at the beginning of the year. What initially attracts me about the program is that it is so flexible to fit our three-campus scenario. We have some families who prefer Wednesday night gatherings, yet some families who say they can't make Wednesday night, so we end up having to repeat presentations for Sunday. Sometimes activities held at one campus might not be well attended by people attached to another campus. I also like the fact that families who have high school kids would be motivated to host groups; and new families can join the movement as their children become high school aged. High school youth who move on to college and young adulthood could in their turn lead new groups. Here at the main office we could administrate the whole thing, keeping records of who belongs to which groups, and who are the group leaders; and we could organize the monthly joint activities. And the Diocese can help train regarding child-protection protocols, etc. The website for the program is "[ydisciple.org](http://ydisciple.org)". There are all kinds of sample materials, if you follow the links. I am still brainstorming on all of this. I don't want to commit to anything without doing sufficient research and consulting with parishioners, parish council, etc. I still have to do some of the research I mentioned in earlier bulletin letters. I will probably have another meeting of interested families in the not-too-distant future. Check out the "ydisciple" website and see what you think.

Have a blessed week!

In cordibus Iesu et Mariae,  
Fr. Poggemeyer

## **Weekly Schedule of Services**

March 14 - 22, 2015

St. Maximilian Kolbe Deanery

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

### **SATURDAY, March 14**

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

**5:30PM Mass in Paulding** – Alan Whirrett 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

### **MONDAY, March 16**

No Services Today

### **TUESDAY, March 17** – *St. Patrick*

**8AM Mass in Antwerp** – Arlene Wobler & Joe Hulka

### **WEDNESDAY, March 18** – *St. Cyril*

**8AM Mass in Paulding** – Madonna Koenn

### **THURSDAY, March 19** – *St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary*

**8AM Mass in Antwerp** – Christine Laker

### **FRIDAY, March 20**

**9AM Mass in Payne** – Don Schweller

### **SATURDAY, March 21**

**4PM Mass in Payne** – Frank Wetli and  
Dan & Rita Kaufman

**5:30PM Mass in Paulding** – Karl & Garland Werling and  
The Gary & Janice Lipp Family

### **SUNDAY, March 22** – *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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

**50AM Mass in Paulding** – Sharon Ashbaugh and  
Deceased Members of the Paul Johanss Family

### **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.

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT**

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

Noon on Mondays in Paulding  
7:30PM on Wednesdays in Antwerp  
1PM on Fridays in Payne

### **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 15<sup>th</sup>, as study materials need to be ordered. Come and join us as we deepen our knowledge and strengthen our faith.

### **Saints on the Eucharist**

*"Do you want many graces? Go and visit the Blessed Sacrament often. Do you want few graces? Visit the Blessed Sacrament rarely. Do you want none at all? Then never pay a visit to the Blessed Sacrament."*

St. John Bosco

### **ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT**

The 2015 Annual Parish Retreat was held last weekend with twenty-four retreatants attending this spiritually fulfilling weekend. The Retreat Team would like to thank all those who helped make this event such a huge success. We are BLESSED to have so many people who are willing to share their talents, treasures and time to help others along their journey of faith! God Bless you all!

With Deep Appreciation  
The Retreat Team

### **WITH GRATITUDE**

We would like to thank Father Poggemeyer, the Deacons, altar servers and choir for the beautiful liturgy at Mom's funeral Mass. We also wish to thank the Funeral Dinner Committee for the wonderful meal they prepared and served. The Family of Madonna Koenn

### **WHAT IS THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET? HOW & WHY DO WE SAY IT?**

Sister Faustina, now Saint Faustina, back in the 1930s received a vision of an angel sent by God to chastise a certain city. She began to pray for mercy for this city, but her prayers were powerless. She then interiorly heard the words of the chaplet and began pleading with God for mercy. As she continued saying the inspired prayer, the angel became helpless and could not carry out the deserved punishment on the city. The next day, as she was entering the chapel, she again heard this interior voice, instructing her how to recite the prayer that our Lord later called "the Chaplet". This time, after "have mercy on us" were added the words "and on the whole world". The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed on ordinary Rosary beads and is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist...*Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world; for the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us.* (Diary, 475)

## **Divine Mercy Parish Offerings**

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

March 8, 2015 offertory = \$ 9,670.87

Children collection – 13 envelopes = \$ 10.84

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Mission Fund = \$ 331.16

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

### Antwerp

Rosary Leader March 22: Denny Brinkman

Clean Church week of March 15:

Bill Woodring, Rita Collis, Joe & Sue Meyer

March Visitors to Shut-in: Dennis Recker

March Communion to Shut-ins: Rose Reinhart

### Paulding

Church Cleaners March 16 – 29: Beth & Laura Thornell

Sacristan March 15 – 21: Nancy Wehrkamp

### Payne

Rosary Leader March 21: Lucille Schmidt

March 23 - 28 Church Cleaners: Tim & Sally Baumle

### 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.

### 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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## **WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Saturday, March 14

Sunday, March 15

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

9AM Paulding Adult Choir Practice

10:30AM Mass – Liturgy of the Word

Noon Jr. High Youth Group in Paulding

Monday, March 16

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

10AM Divine Mercy Prayer Group in Antwerp

Noon Stations of the Cross in Paulding

4PM Totus Tuus Prayer Group in Pldg.

7PM RCIA in Paulding

7PM Medjugorje Prayer Group in Payne

Tuesday, March 17 – *Happy St. Patrick's Day to All !!!*

4:30PM Anima Christi Prayer Group in Pldg.

Wednesday, March 18

8AM - 7PM Adoration in Paulding

7PM Benediction in Paulding

7:15PM Adult Choir Practice in Paulding

7:30PM Stations of the Cross 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 19

6PM Mystical Rose Prayer Group in Paulding

7PM Finance Council Meeting in Payne

Friday, March 20 - *Dianne is out of the office*

*Jr. High Youth Group to Notre Dame for Service Project*

11AM-1PM and 4-7PM Paulding K of C

Fish Fry at the Hall on US 127S

1PM Stations of the Cross in Payne

Saturday, March 21

*Jr. High Youth Group returns from Notre Dame*

Sunday, March 22

### LOOKING AHEAD

Monday, March 23

*All items for the April calendar are due by noon today*

Wednesday, March 25

*Noon – Divine Mercy hosts Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon*

### SAVE THE DATE FOR “TEA WITH THEE”

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 ladies special “Tea With Thee” event.

## **PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS**

Mrs. Lopshire is taking applications for 2015-2016 Pre-School. Sessions are from 9-11:30AM, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Please call her at 419-263-2841 for information or to register your child. Pre-school is located at Divine Mercy Catholic School.

## **CRAFT SHOW - - - BAKE SALE - - - LUNCHEON**



Divine Mercy Parish of Paulding County is sponsoring a Spring Craft Show, Saturday, April 4 from 9AM-2PM at the Antwerp Center. **A REMINDER:** please get your craft donations to the Parish Office and turn in your yellow volunteer forms so we are able to get our workers scheduled for this event. Please join us on Thursday, March 19 at 8:30AM at the Antwerp Center to make noodles. For more information call Virginia Kunesch at 419-258-0065 or Rita Brinkman at 419-258-6361.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP**

**Did you read the article on Divine Mercy Junior High Youth Group on page 7 of this month's issue of the Catholic Chronicle? Pick up a copy and read about our students. We are proud of our Youth Group !!!!!**

The Junior High Youth Group is collecting non-perishable food, clothing and monetary donations through **March 18.** 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 are located at each campus 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.

## **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: 1<sup>st</sup> place, \$500 - 2<sup>nd</sup> place, \$300 - 3<sup>rd</sup> place, \$200. Contest deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Information has been mailed to the senior students. If you have not received this information please contact Geoff Hyman at 419-263-3133.

## **COMMUNION TO SICK & SHUT-INS OF THE PARISH**

Due to illness and other various reasons, we are not always able to attend weekend Mass. Divine Mercy has a network of dedicated volunteers who will bring communion to you. If you or a loved one would like to receive communion, please call Deacon Bob Nighswander at 419-258-2408 in Antwerp, Rita Diaz, our Parish Nurse, at 419-399-5476 in Paulding and Deacon Dave Jordan at 419-786-9788 in Payne. They will be happy to set up a time for someone to visit you.

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## **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**\*\* Thinking Adoption?** Birth Parent information night will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 5:30-7PM at Heartbeat of Toledo, 4041 W. Sylvania Ave., Suite LL4 in Toledo, OH across from Franklin Park Mall. Sponsored by Catholic Charities. Call 419-244-6711, ext. 227.

**\*\* Project Rachel** – "After my abortion, I was broken and desperate for help. I turned to Project Rachel. After the experience, I left feeling like a whole person again. Forgiveness became a reality for me, a feeling I never imagined was possible." The pain of abortion haunts many women. Project Rachel can help women find hope, healing and reconciliation after abortion. If you or a loved one is suffering from an abortion loss, please contact us at 1-888-456-HOPE. All inquiries are confidential.

**\*\* Run, or Walk with Catholic Charities** – This is your last chance to be a part of this marathon charity event on Sunday, April 26, 2015 for the Glass City Marathon. Visit [www.CatholicCharitiesTeam.kintera.org](http://www.CatholicCharitiesTeam.kintera.org) or call 419-244-6711, ext. 231 for more information.

**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, call Steve - 419-439-1429.

**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](http://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](mailto:mmartinez@toledodiocese.org) or visit [www.jfmdtoledo.eventbrite.com](http://www.jfmdtoledo.eventbrite.com).





