

Dear Parishioners,

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As we are getting closer to Holy Week, Easter and Divine Mercy Sunday, we are also approaching the weekend for First Communion celebrations. First Communion will happen the weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup>. I am starting to get questions about First Communion, so I guess it's a good time to put something into a bulletin letter.

As I was informed about our sacraments programs soon after my arrival, we had to discuss how to handle first sacraments, given that we have three campuses. I learned that it would be impossible to fit all of our first communicants, with their families and friends into any one of our normally scheduled weekend Masses. I also learned that we have had comments from people at various campuses who would very much enjoy seeing First Communion happen, because they never make it to the specially scheduled Masses we have usually had—wholly devoted to our first communicants and their families and friends. I thought of what I have seen work at my last parish: We allowed parents to bring their First Communion candidates to whatever Mass they normally attend, instead of scheduling a totally separate Mass.

Early last fall Theresa Conley and I had a meeting with all of the parents of First Communion candidates, and it was explained that we were going to have First Communion at each of the Masses on the weekend of April 18, allowing families to go to the Mass they normally attend. This seemed to be well received. We have also gotten a number of positive comments since that introductory meeting. Furthermore, it ends up being quite a positive thing for the whole community, because all of our parishioners on that weekend – at all the Masses – end up getting to witness some of our youngest members receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. As you know, this is quite a life-giving experience for all of us to see. I know Jesus is certainly looking forward to the event! So is the parish as a whole. Imagine the grace of having another group of children among us who are more divinely empowered by the Eucharist. Imagine the extra grace coming into each of their homes.

Back in January, on consecutive Monday nights at each of our campuses, children prepared for First Confession received that sacrament in preparation for First Communion in April. That included our Divine Mercy School children as well. Our PSR teachers, parents and the children themselves have been working very hard all year to prepare for First Communion. The program seems quite alive and well.

On the morning of Saturday, April 18, First Communion preparation will culminate with a retreat for parents and their First Communicants. The retreat will consist of some prayer together, and a group question-and-answer session, so that I can see what the children know about the sacrament they will receive. I also hope to inspire them a little bit more in anticipation of receiving Jesus for the first time. Then I will spend time with the parents to talk about the sacrament and answer questions; simultaneously Theresa Conley and other PSR teachers and volunteers will lead the First Communicants through some retreat activities and prayer. We will take a whole class picture at the retreat.

At the Masses that weekend, everything should happen as normal for First Communion. The first communicants will be dressed up very nicely. We will have reserved seating for them and their families. First communicants will process in with the priest and servers at the beginning of Mass. They will receive Communion first. At the end of Mass, right after the recessional song, we will have induction into the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the blessing of any religious gift items they have received. [I can bless such items in following days as well, if the children have gifts they receive later in the weekend.]

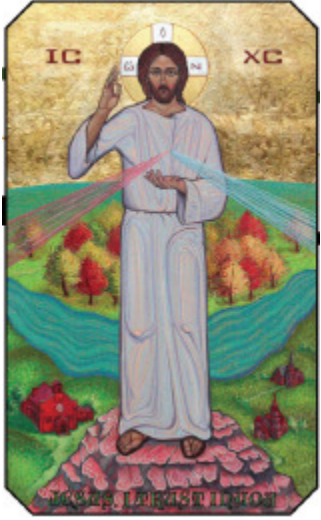
So there's an advance on the First Communion weekend plan, and some insight into all the work that already has been happening as part of the First Communion program of preparation. I think the weekend should work nicely. It will be refreshing for all of the parishioners that weekend to get to witness this awesome event. Please keep our first communicants and their families in prayer in these last weeks of preparation. And thanks in advance for all that prayer!

Have a blessed weekend!

In cordibus Iesu et Mariae,  
Fr. Poggemeyer



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<p><b>9AM -4PM Diocesan "Joy-Filled Marriage" Engaged Couples at the Paulding Ed Center</b></p> <p>8:30AM Mass in Ant. 10:30AM Mass in Pldg.</p>	<p>No Service Today</p> <p>4PM Totus Tuus in Pld</p> <p>7PM Medjugorje Pr Gr in Payne</p>	<p>8AM Mass in Ant.</p>	<p>8AM Mass in Paulding</p> <p>8AM-7PM Adoration in Paulding</p> <p>7PM Benediction</p> <p><b>PSR Schedule</b></p> <p>4PM Gr. K-5 in Paulding</p> <p>6:340PM Gr. K-5 in Ant.</p> <p>7PM Gr. 6-8 in Paulding</p> <p>7PM Gr. 7-8 in Payne</p> <p>7:45PM Gr. 6-8 in Ant.</p>	<p><b>Set up church basement for ladies "Tea With Thee"</b></p> <p>8AM Mass in Payne</p>	<p><b>Set up church basement for ladies "Tea With Thee"</b></p>	<p><b>Set up church basement for ladies "Tea With Thee"</b></p>



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY  
APRIL 12, 2015**

**IN CELEBRATION OF OUR PARISH FEAST DAY,  
WE WILL BE HOSTING AN AFTERNOON EVENT AT OUR PAULDING LOCATION.  
THE 10:30 MASS AT THE PAULDING LOCATION WILL BE CANCELLED FOR  
THAT DAY IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE  
TO ATTEND THE 3:00 MASS THAT AFTERNOON.**

*SCHEDULE FOR THE AFTERNOON IS:*

*1:00 – 2:30PM CONFESSIONS (2 Confessors will be available)  
St. Faustina’s relic will be available for veneration starting at 1:00PM  
3:00PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET SUNG  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY MASS*

**WE WILL BE HAVING A POTLUCK DINNER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS**

*THE PARISH WILL FURNISH THE MEAT AND DRINKS FOR THE MEAL,  
AND PARISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING:*

*Last Names – **A – G:** Please bring salads and vegetables  
Last Names – **H – N:** Please bring hot dish  
Last Names – **O – Z:** Please bring dessert*

## **Weekly Schedule of Services**

**March 28 – April 5, 2015**  
**St, Maximilian Kolbe Deanery**  
**“The Pastor’s Daily Scripture Inspirations**  
**on Twitter: @frdivinemercy”**

### **SATURDAY, March 28**

*Second Collection for Seminarians*

**4PM Mass in Payne** – Maxine Reinhart and  
Mr. & Mrs. John P. Baumle  
**5:30PM Mass in Paulding** – Ann Free and Harry Phlipot

### **SUNDAY, March 29 – Palm Sunday**

*Second Collection for Seminarians*

**8:30AM Mass in Antwerp** - Elizabeth Hedrick and  
The Intentions of Gary & Ann Knuckles  
**10:30AM Mass in Paulding** – For the Parish

**MONDAY, March 30** – *Holy Week Begins Today*  
**No Services Today**

### **TUESDAY, March 31**

**11AM Chrism Mass in Toledo at the Cathedral**

### **WEDNESDAY, April 1**

**8AM Mass in Paulding** – Leo & Hilda McGrath

### **THURSDAY, April 2 – Holy Thursday**

**7PM Mass in Paulding** – John Herzog and Bob Thornell

### **FRIDAY, April 3 – Good Friday**

**1PM Services in Antwerp - followed by Stations of the Cross, The Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena**

### **SATURDAY, April 4 – Holy Saturday**

**8PM Easter Vigil Mass in Paulding** – Pat Stults and  
Lennie Roth

### **SUNDAY, April 5 – Easter, Resurrection of the Lord**

**8:30AM Mass in Payne** – Pauline Klinker and  
Gary Wolf & the Hansen Family  
**10:30AM Mass in Antwerp** – Jerald Rodriguez and  
Frank & Celsa Gonzalez

### **LENTEN NAILS**

During Holy Week services, baskets are available for you to return (if you wish) the Lenten nails that were passed out on Ash Wednesday. Thank You.

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

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.

### **Saints on the Eucharist**

*“Love cannot triumph unless it becomes the one passion of our life. Without such passion we may produce isolated acts of love; but our life is not really won over or consecrated to an ideal.”*  
*“Until we have a passionate love for our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament we shall accomplish nothing.”*  
St. Peter Julian Eymard

### **GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND**

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also aware of the Holy Land. We are called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, your generosity supports the Franciscans and others in the Holy Land with housing, feeding the poor, religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes and conducting pastoral ministry. Please be as generous as your abundance allows.

### **WHAT IS THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND WHY DO WE SAY IT?**

The Divine Mercy Novena (a novena is defined as a series of prayers that are said for nine straight days with nine days being the recalling of the nine days that the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin spent in prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost) traditionally begins on Good Friday and ends on the Saturday before Divine Mercy Sunday, but can be said anytime during the year.

The Lord dictated the daily intentions of the Novena to his secretary of mercy, Sister Faustina, now Saint Faustina. Through specific daily prayers, Sister Faustina was to bring to Him a different group of souls each day and immerse them in this ocean of His mercy. ***“I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death”.*** (Diary, 1209)

There are Divine Mercy Novena pamphlets located in the Narthex and the back of church at the Paulding location and in the back of the church at both the Antwerp and Payne locations. We invite you to join us as we begin the Novena together, as a parish, following Good Friday Service at Antwerp on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **EASTER CHOIR AT PAYNE**

8:30AM Mass on Easter Sunday morning will be held at the Payne location. We are in need of a choir. If you would like to sing with us, we will be having practice from 7-8PM on Tuesday evening, March 31.

### **THANK YOU**

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## **Divine Mercy Parish Offerings**

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

March 22, 2015 offertory = \$ 6,443.33

Children collection – 14 envelopes = \$ 7.93

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection Maintenance Fund = \$ 360.44

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

### Antwerp

Easter Sunday Chaplet Leader April 5: Virginia Kunesh  
Clean Church week of March 29:

Elaine Foust and Mike & Cindy Knight

April Ushers: Denny Brinkman and Joe Reinhart

April Visitors to Shut-in: Volunteer Needed

April Communion to Shut-ins: Carolyn Gross

### Paulding

Church Cleaners March 30 – April 12:

Mike & Mary Nieto and Jim & Lillian Genero

Sacristan March 29 – April 4: Deanna Schroeder

April Ushers – 5:30PM Mass - \*\*Perry Sinn, Greg Johanns, Mike & Catie Strable, Robert Vogel 10:30AM \*\* Bill Priest, Alan & Kylee Miller, Craig Miller, Dennis Miller, Derek Miller

### Payne

Chaplet Leader April 5: Carol Schaefer

April 6 – 11 Church Cleaners:

Cindy Litzenberg and Rose Ann Glass

### 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.

### PRE-SCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

Mrs. Lopshire is taking applications for the 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.

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Saturday, March 28

2<sup>nd</sup> collections this weekend for seminarians

Sunday, March 29 – Palm Sunday

12:30PM Retreat Reunion at Antwerp Center

7PM CANCELLED !!!

Fr. Poggemeyer talk at Payne Hall

Monday, March 30

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

Noon Stations of the Cross in Paulding

4PM Totus Tuus Prayer Group in Paulding

NO RCIA in Paulding

7PM Medjugorje Prayer Group in Payne

Tuesday, March 31

6PM Seder Meal in Paulding church basement

Wednesday, April 1

8AM - 7PM Adoration in Paulding

7PM Benediction in Paulding

7:15PM Adult Choir Practice in Paulding

7:30PM Stations of the Cross in Antwerp

**NO PSR Classes this week.**

**Attend services with your family.**

Thursday, April 2 – Holy Thursday

6PM Mystical Rose Prayer Group in Paulding

Friday, April 3

Parish Office is closed today

1PM Services in Antwerp followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena and Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 4

RCIA Practice

9AM – 2PM Craft Show at the Antwerp Center

Sunday, April 5 – Easter Blessings to All !!!

### LOOKING AHEAD

#### FAB 50s

Thursday, April 9 – 11AM Rosary, 11:30AM Mass in Paulding followed by Fab 50s catered lunch: variety of pizzas, Greek salad, dessert and drinks. Call the parish office by noon, April 6 to register (419-399-2576) for food, fellowship and fun.

### 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.

**NEW PARISH WEBSITE & APP COMING SOON**

In the coming weeks, Divine Mercy will launch a new website and our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish information, news and updates. The website and app are very well designed and very intuitive. They will be great resources for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins, and more. We hope for our new website and app to be tools for fostering stronger parish life at Divine Mercy and better engaging the New Evangelization. Please watch in the coming weeks for our official launch announcement.

**PILGRIMAGE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE**

A pilgrimage to Green Bay, WI to the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help (the ONLY apparition site in the U.S. approved by the Church) has been scheduled for June 26, 27 & 28, 2015. We have rented a 29 passenger bus for this pilgrimage. The cost of the 3 day bus trip is only \$115, rooms range from \$27.50 - \$51 a night. This is first come, first served. Call Lorraine 419-263-2950 or Donna 419-263-0120 for more information.

**ROME PILGRIMAGE UPDATE**

Anyone who put their name on the list to travel to Rome on February 15 - 26, 2016 with Father Poggemeyer is asked to have their down payment sent to Margaret McDaniel by May 31, 2015. After that date there will be open invitations to fill any empty seats. If you have any questions please call Margie at 419-290-8782.

**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. Please get your craft donations to the Parish Office. For more information call Virginia Kunesch at 419-258-0065 or Rita Brinkman at 419-258-6361.

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***LENTEN PRESENTATION  
by Father Poggemeyer  
Sunday, March 29, 2015  
7PM at the Payne Parish Hall***

**CANCELLED**

**OVER-NIGHT OPTION FOR  
WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN SEPTEMBER**

We are looking into additional options that may include an overnight trip, leaving Saturday morning, attending the Papal Mass on Sunday and returning home. Cost is \$500 per couple, bus and room. More info to follow . . . . .

**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 this upcoming educational presentation.

**YOUTH CHOIR AT PAULDING**

The Divine Mercy Youth Choir will ***NOT*** be practicing or singing the first two Sundays in April. Instead, we will be singing for the 10:30AM Mass on Sunday, April 19 and practicing that same morning at 9AM. If you have any questions please call Carmen St. John at 419-399-2286.

**GRADUATING SENIORS**

All graduating seniors should have received a “save the date” postcard for the Baccalaureate Mass and dinner on Wednesday, May 13. If you did not receive this information please contact Theresa Conley at 419-399-2576 or [dre@divinemercycatholic.com](mailto:dre@divinemercycatholic.com).

**DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**When You Care Enough** – to have the very best marriage, treat yourselves to a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is April 10-12, 2015 at Howard Johnson in Lima, OH. November 6-8 at Howard Johnson in Lima, OH and January 15-17, 2016 at Holiday Inn Express in Perrysburg, OH. To register or for information contact Brian & Chris Schroeder at 419-538-7210 or [bcschroeder@bright.net](mailto:bcschroeder@bright.net).

**“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).

**2015 Easter Flower Offering**

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

From \_\_\_\_\_

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**Suggested donation is \$10 per memorial**



