

Dear Parishioners,

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We had another finance committee meeting back on March 19. The following is a quick summary of what was discussed:

-We examined the profit and loss statement year-to-date, the balance sheet also. We noted that next year's budget is due to the Diocese by May 1st.

-The school endowment charter is being updated to follow a diocesan template and change the name to Divine Mercy, rather than the former name, St. John the Baptist.

-We are finally at the point where we can begin our monthly internal audits, performed by finance committee members. We will begin this, using standard Diocesan forms. The chairman of the finance council from my last parish will come to do some training in a couple months. We will begin trying to use the forms before he comes, however, and he can check our work.

-We are signing a contract with the Martin-Riley Company out of Fort Wayne to do a thorough analysis and recommendation for repair of the moisture problem in the bell tower in Antwerp. The analysis will cost about \$3,600. My own observation (risking my life for the cause, climbing through the crawl-hole by means of a shaky 10-foot ladder, hanging over an even taller stairwell!) is that fixing the louvers alone will be a huge part of the solution. The louvers have gaps carved into them, such that even the lightest rain or snow would not be prevented direct entry. Then there are places on the floor where flashing has cracked away, so the moisture can easily seep down. Looking through the huge spaces in the louvers, one can also see that there is some needed repair with the tuck-pointing.

-Once the confessional at Antwerp is done, we will be able to make the boys' sacristy once again the place for some storage and for altar servers to vest for Mass. Now everything is stuffed behind the apse wall behind the tabernacle. It is quite crowded before Mass.

-A potential buyer has contacted our organ company (Muller Organ and Pipe) and offered to remove the large organ in the loft at Antwerp, paying us \$1,000 for the organ. We are not sure when this will happen, but hopefully soon. This will allow for a significant increase in loft seating at Antwerp. I had hoped this would happen by Easter Triduum services, but the buyer has not yet contacted us directly.

-The initial recommendation from Sweetwater (out of Fort Wayne), the company that analyzed our sound problems at Paulding and Payne, arrived. At both places they are actually recommending, pretty much, a complete replacement. The cost at Payne would be \$13,590. The cost at Paulding would be \$8,936. I contacted Sweetwater to say we are not really willing to pay that much to repair the sound. Sweetwater broke the bill into smaller portions, so that we can choose to do less than they recommend. Their lesser recommendation for Payne would still be \$5973. The same for Paulding. The finance committee discussed doing this in stages, asking Sweetwater to do the very minimum to fix the problems, knowing we can add more later. Part of my request, for example, was to acquire a Lavalier microphone for the deacons at each Mass (just like what the priest uses). We could forego this currently, in order to reduce expenses. We will be consulting with another source soon. The discussion is ongoing.

-Eventually we will be forced to change our fluorescent lighting to a more ecologically-friendly system. Fluorescents are being phased-out. We are currently looking at switching all of our fluorescent lighting to LED. Cash outlay at Antwerp and Paulding would be about \$6,000 per campus. (The project at Payne is a bit different, since a different technology was already begun with the school, and since the hall at Payne does not have fluorescent lighting). We believe we can get an AEP grant to reduce the cost greatly. More research has to happen on this entire project, before we agree to move forward. It is good we are being

proactive, rather than waiting until we are forced to make the move.

-The rectory at Paulding needs some repairs. We already have money designated from the large gift over the last couple of years to replace the siding, which is in disrepair. We do not have money budgeted, however, for fixing the front porch floor and railings. The cement/brick pillars holding up the porch have shifted, so that the railings in a couple places had to be secured by some L-brackets and screws. Floorboards on the porch should be replaced as part of an overall repair. I am recommending the new pvc boards, in order to reduce long-term maintenance costs, always maintaining the current aesthetic of the rectory.

-We still have about \$6,400 designated from that same large donation to fix the parking lots at all three campuses. We resurfaced Paulding and Antwerp last summer. Payne, with more damage, has to be quoted for a more thorough replacement of asphalt. Hopefully this can be done for less than \$6,400. We will see.

-We looked at some small balances that remain unused from a few of the projects specified from the large donation given us in the last couple years.

-I mentioned that the "ydisciple" program of the Augustine Institute requires the \$1,500 annual subscription. I'm still struggling, however, with exactly how best to improve our high school youth program. Research is ongoing.

-I asked if it seemed the church on each campus is getting cleaned well with the volunteer system. For the most part, the answer was affirmative. I asked the question, however, because at one of the campuses it seemed not to be the case, at least on a couple of occasions when I ran into some evidence. I am so grateful for parishioners taking ownership even of the cleaning of the parish, but I want to be realistic if we have arrived at the moment when cleaning has to be contracted out. I will ask the pastoral council for input on this as well. Overall I think we are doing ok, but on a couple of occasions I have questioned.

-Although I know that volunteers who serve in various capacities—altar servers, sacristans, choir, decorators, musicians, funeral luncheon crews, etc., etc.—don't do the work for recognition, in past parishes I've always seen some type of event in place to recognize those who give so generously of their time and talent. We are organizing a Baseball game to thank altar servers. I am contemplating some type of catered dinner near Thanksgiving time to thank all of our volunteers overall. Then we have a couple ideas for the children's choir and youth involved in music. Such events cost some money, but they build the community and genuinely express our appreciation for the great volunteerism in this parish. Council members seemed to agree with the value of such appreciation events once a year.

-the ACA Bishop's campaign is going very well at our parish. I am impressed, and grateful for how we have been able to show our support of the diocesan offices that have continually supported us so strongly.

That's it for the finance council recap. On another note, many, many thanks to all those who made our Easter Triduum liturgies beautiful: choir, cantors, musicians, decorators, sacristans, altar servers, lectors, etc. Have a Blessed Divine Mercy weekend, and a Blessed Easter!

In cordibus Iesu et Mariae,
Fr. Poggemeyer

Weekly Schedule of Services

April 11 - 19, 2015
St. Maximilian Kolbe Deanery
“The Pastor’s Daily Scripture Inspirations
on Twitter: @frdivinemercy”

SATURDAY, April 11

4PM Mass in Payne – Vern, Brandon & Justin Vogel
and Janeil Malfait
5:30PM Mass in Paulding – For the Parish

SUNDAY, April 12 - Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30AM Mass in Antwerp – Lani Lloyd and
Jim & Kate Clark

NO 10:30AM Mass in Paulding today

3PM Mass in Paulding – Ron Gochenour and
Mike Johanns

MONDAY, April 13

No Services Today

TUESDAY, April 14

8AM Mass in Antwerp – Bob Tempel
Followed by Divine Mercy Devotions

WEDNESDAY, April 15

8AM Mass in Paulding – Charles Johanns
8AM-7PM Adoration in Paulding
7PM Benediction in Paulding

THURSDAY, April 16

8AM Mass in Payne – Maurice Brady

FRIDAY, April 17

9AM Mass in Payne – Mary Litzenberg

SATURDAY, April 18

First Communion at all Masses this weekend
4PM Mass in Payne – Steve Hall and
Arlene Wobler & Joe Hulka
5:30PM Mass in Paulding– Dora Kohler & Tom Reinhart

SUNDAY, April 19

First Communion at all Masses this weekend
8:30AM Mass in Antwerp – For the Parish
10:30AM Mass in Paulding – Ed & Mary Ruth Clark and
Deceased Members of the Virgil Koenn Family

Saints on the Eucharist

*“One day St. Teresa of Avila heard someone say:
“If only I had lived at the time of Jesus...
If only I had seen Jesus...
If only I had talked with Jesus...”
To this she responded: “But do we not have in the
Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present
before us? Why look for more?”*

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.

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 ladies special “Tea With Thee” event.

ROME PILGRIMAGE UPDATE

To date, we have 31 people signed up for the pilgrimage! This is awesome. If you have not sent in your deposit but plan on attending, you have until May 31st to do so. After May 31st, *if the trip is not full*, the pilgrimage will be open to anyone. Margaret is hoping to have the cost for the airfare in the next 3-4 weeks for travel to Rome on February 15 - 26, 2016 with Father Poggemeyer. If you have any questions please call Margie at 419-290-8782.

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 have 2 double beds and are \$55 per night and includes a continental breakfast. This is first come, first served. Call Lorraine 419-263-2950 or Donna 419-263-0120 to sign up or for more information.

Divine Mercy Parish Offerings

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

April 5, 2015 offertory = \$ 8,653.85

Good Friday Collection = \$ 604.10

Easter Collection = \$ 8,366.18

ACA Goal for Divine Mercy = \$ 29,000

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

Antwerp

Rosary Leader April 19: Marilyn Adams

Clean Church week of April 13:

Mindy Peffley, Karri Diehl, Tam Pollock

April Ushers: Denny Brinkman and Joe Reinhart

April Visitors to Shut-in: Volunteer Needed

April Communion to Shut-ins: Carolyn Gross

Paulding

Church Cleaners April 13 – 26: Volunteer Needed

Sacristan April 13 - 18: Jean Schooley

Payne

Rosary Leader April 18: Lucille Schmidt

April Church Cleaners: 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.

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.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, April 11

Sunday, April 12

+++++++ **Divine Mercy Sunday** +++++++



1PM Confessions in Paulding

1PM Veneration of St. Faustina Relic in Pldg.

3PM Divine Mercy Mass in Paulding

Followed by a potluck in church basement

Monday, April 13

4PM Totus Tuus Prayer Group in Paulding

7PM RCIA in Paulding

7PM Medjugorje Prayer Group in Payne

Tuesday, April 14

8AM Mass in Antwerp followed by

Divine Mercy Devotions

Wednesday, April 15

8AM - 7PM Adoration in Paulding

7PM Benediction in Paulding

PSR CLASSES

4PM Grades K – 5 in Paulding

6:30PM Grades K – 5 in Antwerp

7PM Grades 6 – 8 in Paulding

7PM Grades 7 – 8 in Payne

7:45PM Grades 6 – 8 in Antwerp

Thursday, April 16

6PM Mystical Rose Prayer Group in Paulding

7PM Pastoral Council Meeting in Paulding

7PM Little Flower Study Club Bible Study

"Acts of the Apostles" in the

Paulding Educational Center

Friday, April 17

Noon Deanery Meeting

Saturday, April 18

First Communion at all weekend Masses

Paulding Basement Rented

9AM – Noon First Communion Retreat

in Paulding Educational Center

Sunday, April 19

First Communion at all weekend Masses

9AM Children's Choir Practice in Paulding

10:30AM Mass in Paulding – Liturgy of Word

11AM Baptism in Payne

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. Call the parish office at 419-399-2576 or email Dianne Jones for more information at Finance@divinemercycatholic.com.

DEFIANCE COUNTY FURNITURE BANK

The Furniture Bank is a faith-based ministry managed by St. Mary Catholic Community of Defiance and serves those in need from Defiance, Henry and Paulding County. Requests must come from an appropriate social service agency. Help is needed for donations of good usable basic furniture (couches, chairs, dressers, etc.) beds, linens, working appliances (stoves, microwaves, toaster ovens, washer, dryers, etc.) and house wares (pots, pans, dishes, etc.). Donations can be made by calling 419-782-2776 or dropped off at 1941 E. Second Street on Fridays from 10-11AM or by appointment. Volunteers to pick up and deliver in each county are needed. Cash donations are always welcome. Thank you

GREETINGS FROM FATHER ANTONY CHACKALACKAL

Father Chackalackal, former pastor at St. John, Payne, sends greetings to all his friends and hope they all had a blessed Easter. He always enjoys hearing from everyone and is doing well in the preparations of the 50th anniversary of the college in which he teaches. The president of India is expected to visit the college for the celebration. Please keep him, and all in your prayers.

MUD HENS BALL GAME

Join the Little Sisters of the Poor for a fun-filled evening at Fifth Third Field in Toledo, starting with an all-you-can-eat BBQ cookout (includes hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, potato chips, dessert, beverages) and then – let's not forget – the great baseball !! All proceeds benefit The Little Sisters of the Poor Sacred Heart Home in Oregon, Ohio. Game is Thursday, May 21, picnic at 5:30PM and Game starts at 6:30PM. Cost is \$30 for adults and \$12 for children under 12. Forms to be filled out for tickets and mailed to the sisters can be found on the bulletin board at each of our campuses.

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Kindergarten Screening is Thursday, April 16th beginning at 8AM. Each registered child for next year has received a letter concerning this process. If you have any questions please call the school office at 419-263-2114.

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.

DIOCESAN & AREA EVENTS

**** Our Lady of Consolation Shrine**, Carey, Ohio will offer a **Mass for Victims of Cancer** on Friday, May 1 at 7:00PM. We welcome all to come and pray together. Following Mass, visitors are invited to participate in special prayers for healing.

To Protect & Preserve Life in a Culture of Death, "Brain death", organ transplant and end of life issues. April 17 – 19, 2015 at Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center, 8220 W. State Route 48, Bloomington, IN 47404. Please register before April 13, retreat is open to everyone. For more information contact Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center, 812-825-4642, ext. 200.

St. Louis Besancon, New Haven, IN welcomes authors Jane & Ellen Knuth, Thursday, April 30 at 7PM. All are welcome and there is no charge to enjoy the humor, observations and spiritual path of a mother and daughter and their book, "*Love Will Steer Me True*".

Women of the parish invited to the Magnificat Brunch from 9:30AM – 12:30PM, April 18 at Anjulina's Catering and Banquet Hall, 2270 Hayes Ave., Fremont. Speaker is Julia Brown, theology teacher at Sandusky Central Catholic School. Contact Diane, 419-602-0627 for info.

Mercy & Healing After Abortion - Do you fear God could never forgive you after an abortion? You don't need to suffer in silence alone. Project Rachel offers help and hope through a monthly support group, retreats and counseling referrals. A "Come to the Waters of Healing" retreat will be offered on Saturday, April 25. For more information contact projectrachel@toledodiocese.org or call 888-456-HOPE.

"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.

2015 Easter Flower Memorials

In Honor or Memory of:

Deceased Members of White & Shugars Families
My Wife, Janice Lipp, who passed away 7/11/14
Madonna Koenn
Robin & Katherine Brady and John & Nancy Stockberger
Mike Johanns and Father G. Allan Fillman
Frank & Estelle Justavick, Harold & Helen Betz, Rita Polk, Rose Buku,
Chet & Velma Straley, Frank C., Ray & David Justavick
Earl & Ilean McClain
Fred Black and In Honor of Jeanette Black
Paul Johanns & Jean Cramer Woodring
Bob & Rita Snodgrass and John & Mildred Iler
Bob Reinhart
Paul Pease
Victor & Mary Bercaw & Family
Richard Santo, Steve & Anne Santo, Daniel Morcombe
Ann Free
Alan R. Whirrett, Louise L. Reinhart, Martin & Mae Reinhart
and Bill & Edith Whirrett
Madonna Koenn
Deceased Members of Wayne Lothamer Family
In Honor of Carol Brady and
In Memory of Maurice Brady & Helen Brady
John & Gertrude Rorick and Ross & Mary Litzenberg
Dean Zartman
Leo, Edward & Victoria Kuhn, A. J. & Florence Schaefer
Dina Flynn Andrews
Vivian Baumle and Fanny Coleman
Paul & LaVonne Smith
Bill Gonya
Harry & Ida Schmidt & Deceased Family Members
Glen Schmidt
Bob & Alice Dirham and Bob & Alyce Miller and
Deceased Family Members
Fred Black
Dorothy Philipot
Sons of John & Sue LaFountain
Robert C. Thornell and Viola Dobbelaere
Harper Martenies

Martin & Rose Kucera and Frank & Anna Sukup
Deceased Members of the Morisy & Rakonza Families
In Honor of Drew & Brock Taylor
Bakle & Diaz Family
L.A. "Bud" March & In Honor of March and Wilhelm Families
Ralph & Agnes Beckman and Paul & Lela Wilhelm
Fred & Rosene Martin and Dick Copsey
Jack Hoelderle
Dan & Rita Kaufman
Dave & Sharon Ashbaugh and Richard Sinn
Matthew R. Gibson
Zachary Arend
Jason Reeb and David Hammond
Janice Lipp and Karl & Garland Werling
Honor of Grandchildren: Katie Shugars and Will & Eden Kelly

From:

Greg & Nancy White Family
Gary Lipp
Leo & Kathy Koenn
Robin Stockberger
Tammy Johanns
John & Lillian Betz
Dave & Karen Santo
Julie, Ed & Eli Stuart
Philip Johanns & Cheryl
Bob & Cindy Iler
Rosemarie Reinhart
Laura Pease
Keith Bercaw and Don & Linda Teusch
Tim Santo
Alan Free & Family

Deloris Whirrett
Ted Koenn
Ivah Lothamer

Gary & Kathy Cadwallader
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Litzenberg
Jean Zartman
Charles & Chris Schaefer
Barbara Flynn
Bob & Fran Baumle
Marilyn Smith
His Wife, Mary
Lucille Schmidt
Donna Schmidt

Bob & Heather Miller Family
Susan Black, Jeanette Black
Harold Philipot Family
John & Sue LaFountain
Larry & Cathy Thornell Family
Brett & Sara Johanns
and Megan & Jarod Martenies
Joe & Ellen Sukup
Jim & Isabel Morisy
Jason & Beth Thornell Family
Tom & Rita Diaz
Marvelle Wilhelm
Jerry & Paulette Beckman
Patricia Copsey
Mary Hoelderle
Children & Grandchildren
Russ & Rochelle Reinhart
Mary Anne Gibson
Dana & Caroline Arend Family
John Reed Family
Ann Miller
Bill & Leslie Shugars

