

Dear Parishioners,

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I wonder if there are some parishioners who could benefit from some suggestions, if they have time to read in the area of theology, spirituality, morality, or doctrine. Here are some quick suggestions.

For daily devotionals that have a combination of the day's liturgy, various traditional church hymns, writings from Saints and Fathers of the Church and prayers, I would recommend *The Magnificat* (www.magnificat.com), *One Bread-One Body* (www.presentationministries.com), or *The Word Among Us* (www.wau.org).

For doctrine, morality and spirituality you have, of course, *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, or the USCCB's *Adult Catholic Catechism*. There is the late Fr. John Hardon's *Catholic Catechism*, or Fr. Ludwig Ott's *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*. Catholic Answers' website (www.catholicanswers.com) is a great resource for handling all kinds of doctrinal and moral questions as well.

For an overview of spirituality, one could read Fr. Jordan Aumann's *Spiritual Theology*, or Fr. Thomas Dubay's *Fire Within*, or Dr. Ralph Martin's *Fulfillment of All Desire*. Or there are great classics, such as St. Francis de Sales' *Introduction to the Devout Life*, or Thomas a Kempis' *Imitation of Christ*, or Dom Chautard's *Soul of the Apostolate*; or there are books which are collections of pithy wisdom sayings, such as *Sayings of the Desert Fathers*, or the *Philokalia*, or *Unseen Warfare*. (These last three titles come from the Eastern Church, but *Unseen Warfare* was first entitled *Spiritual Combat*, by Fr. Domenico Scupoli, a Roman Catholic priest, and then it was augmented/edited by both Russian and Orthodox monks).

For morality one could read Pope Saint John Paul II's *Splendor of Truth*, or Fr. Servais Pinckaer's *The Sources of Christian Ethics*, or Dr. Peter Kreeft's *Back to Virtue*, or *The Four Cardinal Virtues* by Josef Pieper.

For theology of man and woman, the marital embrace, human sexuality, etc., one could read Pope Saint John Paul II's *Love and Responsibility*, or his apostolic exhortation *Familiaris Consortio/On the Christian Meaning of Family*; John Kippley's *Marriage is For Keeps*; Pope Paul VI's *Humanae Vitae/On Human Life*. The Pope Paul VI Institute in Omaha, NE (where I think some great women's care/research in the world is happening, www.popepaulvi.org) publishes a newsletter *Culture of Life*, and a *Fertility Care for Young Women* newsletter. Dr. Rick Fitzgibbons, a nationally known Catholic psychologist/therapist consulted by many bishops, appearing often on EWTN, has a helpful website with articles on many areas (www.maritalhealing.com). For same-sex-attraction issues, one could read Dr. Fitzgibbons' articles, or the late Fr. John Harvey's *The Homosexual Person*, or the late Fr. Benedict Groeschel's *The Courage to Be Chaste*, or *Christian Anthropology and Sexual Ethics* by Fr. Benedict M. Guevin.

For medical moral issues there is a journal called the *Linacre Quarterly*, published by the Catholic Medical Association. The National Catholic Bioethics Center (at www.ncbcenter.org) has a bunch of resources on medical issues and morality, including an end-of-life guide, a monthly *Ethics & Medics* newsletter, and a quarterly journal you could purchase.

The risk of providing these suggestions is that a reader might think I consider anything outside of this list *unorthodox*: untrue (although I do think there is plenty outside of this list that would not be considered "from the heart of the Church"). I am only scratching the surface by providing some initial suggestions. I am always willing to give my opinion on Catholic resources, if you have any questions.

On a practical note, you see that we have a new bulletin format. I am grateful for all the work Heather Miller and Dianne Jones did to bring us this electronic version. A company named Diocesan Publications is now printing our bulletin for us. The advantages to us are many: free printing and mailing, help with other free, printed worship aids throughout the year; then help with website design, and a parish app for smartphones that can keep us even more connected as a parish community. The weekly deadline for sending the bulletin electronically to print is Tuesday morning; so please be aware of that timing, if you are responsible for placing something in the bulletin. We should save some \$\$\$ each month, since we will no longer have xerox overage charges for all the xeroxing we have been doing. Plus, we will save time and effort in the office, since we will no longer have to do the xeroxing and collating of bulletins.

Of course everything about the bulletin is not free: Diocesan Publications will be calling local companies for us in the near future to give them the opportunity to advertise on the back page of the bulletin. We are very hopeful that we can fill the entire page with ads. We will be providing Diocesan Publications with the names of likely advertisers. If you own a business and would like to purchase a yearly ad in the bulletin, please contact Dianne Jones, so that she can be sure to put your name on the list. Also, do the same if you know of a small business in town that our parishioners frequent that would be a potential advertiser.

Have a blessed week!
In cordibus Iesu et Mariae,
Fr. Poggemeyer

Divine Mercy Parish Offerings

Due to the transition and timing of the new bulletin process we will be providing the last 3 weeks figures to you in a future bulletin. Figures will then be provided weekly.

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

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

Antwerp

Chaplet Leader January 11: Virginia Kunesh

Clean Church week of January 4:

Michelle Dooley, Lydia Johnson, Beth Coughlin

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

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

Jan. Ushers: Joe & Steve Meyer

Paulding

Church Cleaners January 5 - 18: Volunteer Needed

Sacristan January 4 - 10: Nancy Wehrkamp

January Ushers - 5:30PM ** Perry Sinn, Greg

Johanns, Robert Vogel, Mike & Catie Strable

10:30AM ** Bill Priest, Derek Miller, Alan & Kylee

Miller, Craig Miller, Dennis Miller

Payne

Rosary Leader January 10: John Molitor

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 ON 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. Volunteers and donations are needed for this event. We need help to unload the equipment at 9:15AM and then again at 6:15PM to load the equipment and clean the basement. Please consider volunteering your time or donating food items or money to this worthy cause. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Monetary donations to help with other supplies may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "bloodmobile" at any time. Chairperson is Cathy Fowler (419-399-3056). If you have any question, please call.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 3

Blood Pressures taken in Narthex after
5:30PM Mass

Sunday, January 4 - *Epiphany*

10:30AM Mass - Liturgy of the Word

Blood Pressures in Narthex after Mass

Monday, January 5

10AM Divine Mercy Prayer Group in Ant.

4PM Totus Tuus Prayer Group in Pldg.

7PM RCIA in Paulding

7PM Medjugorje Prayer Group in Payne

Tuesday, January 6

4:30PM Anima Christi Prayer Gr. In Pldg.

Wednesday, January 7

8AM-7PM Adoration in Paulding

5:30PM F.I.A.T. Meeting 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 8

7PM Mystical Rose Prayer Group In Pldg.

Friday, January 9

10AM Book Club in Paulding Ed Center

Saturday, January 10

Sunday, January 11 - *Baptism of the Lord*

10:30AM Mass - Liturgy of the Word

Noon Retreat Meeting in Paulding

Church Basement

RIGHT-TO-LIFE

Right-to-Life of Paulding County is in need of new leadership. Will YOU consider taking over, breathing new life into this organization and getting the Pro-Life message into the public eye? We will help you get started. 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, 1st and 2nd 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.

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. or visit www.jfmdtoledo.eventbrite.com

A Diocesan Celebration of the life & works of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Saturday, January 17 at 5PM, St. Peter Parish, 54 S. Mulberry St., Mansfield, OH. Celebrant is Bishop Daniel Thomas. For more information call 419-524-2572.

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. Featured speakers are Steve Ray, Ruben Quezada, John Wood and Father David Mary Engo founder of Franciscan Brothers Minor in Ft. Wayne.

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.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY

Celebrating Seniors! Tuesday, January 6th. Rosary at 10:40AM, 11AM Mass at St. John, Defiance with Fr. Stites. Lunch and party to follow. Margie Stites and crew will lead us in fun and games. Celebrating Seniors is for all area Catholics 55 and up. Come, bring and meet Catholic friends who pray and play!

OF MUTUAL INTEREST

**** 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. In the love of Christ, 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.

WINTER ADVISORIES & MASS GUIDELINES

Toledo Diocese & St. Maximilian Kolbe Deanery

Level 1 Snow Emergency – *Use Extreme Caution.*

Masses will be celebrated at all Deanery locations. Elderly are advised NOT to attend Mass.

Level 2 Snow Emergency – *Necessary Travel Only* If you have to drive to get to Mass, DO NOT attend Mass.

Elderly do NOT attend Mass. Masses WILL BE celebrated where your Priest resides (Defiance, New Bavaria, Paulding, St. Michael Ridge) for those in the nearby area who may be able to walk to Church. Non-residential parishes (Marysdale & Delaware Bend, Payne, Antwerp, Holgate, Hamler) – NO Mass

Level 3 Snow Emergency – *Emergency Vehicles Only, all others will be arrested.* Whenever a county/city within the Diocese of Toledo is placed under a Level 3 Snow Emergency, during which all roadways are closed to non-emergency personnel, the Catholic Churches within that geographic region will cancel the scheduled Saturday Vigil, Sunday or Holy Day Masses.

If bad weather prohibits Mass attendance, Roman Catholics in that region are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. If Masses are cancelled, Catholics are encouraged to participate in Holy Mass via television, radio or internet, making a spiritual Communion. When Mass is cancelled, all other diocesan, parish or school events in that geographic region are also cancelled.

DID YOU BORROW THE TABLES?

Payne Campus is missing 5 long white tables from the Parish Hall. If you have them, please return them as soon as possible as they are needed for the school and future scheduled rentals. If you have any questions, call Ernie at 419-263-2841.

Weekly Schedule of Services

January 3 - 11, 2015
St. Maximilian Kolbe Deanery

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

SATURDAY, January 3 – *Most Holy Name of Jesus*
4PM Mass in Payne – Katherine Brady and
Charles Johanns
5:30PM Mass in Paulding – For the Parish

SUNDAY, January 4 – *Epiphany of the Lord*
8:30AM Mass in Antwerp – Evan Gordon and
Maurice Brady
10:30AM Mass in Paulding – Zachary Arend and
The Intentions of Gloria Craig

MONDAY, January 5 – *St. John Neuman*
No Services Today

TUESDAY, January 6 – *St. Andre Bessette*
8AM Mass in Antwerp – Tom Marlin

WEDNESDAY, January 7 – *St. Raymond*
5PM Mass in Antwerp– Marvin & Mary Lou Mandly

THURSDAY, January 8
9AM Mass in Antwerp – Robert Rister

FRIDAY, January 9
9AM Mass in Payne – Brent Yenser

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

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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 publications, the new deadline for the bulletin items submitted to the Parish Office will be **noon on Mondays**. This change takes place 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 or 419-244-6711 ext. 715 or sign up for updates at www.toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Merry Christmas to all the members of Divine Mercy Parish. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers throughout the year.

Love, Sr. Mary, O.S.S.T.

Saints on the Eucharist

“When you have received Him, stir up your heart to do Him homage; speak to Him about your spiritual life, gazing upon Him in your soul where He is present for your happiness; welcome Him as warmly as possible, and behave outwardly in such a way that your actions may give proof to all of His Presence.” St. Francis de Sales

**Divine Mercy Staff
wishes you a
Happy and Healthy
New Year.**

Father Joseph Poggemeyer,
Deacons: Don Coughlin, David Jordan,
David Laker, Rosalio Martinez,
and Bob Nighswander
Staff: Theresa Conley, Dianne Jones,
Heather Miller, Cathy Schoenauer

**Your light must shine
before men so that they
may see goodness in your
acts and give praise to God.**