Dear Parishioners,

On Thursday, January 16th we had another finance council meeting. The following is a brief summary of what was covered:

-We looked over the profit-and-loss statement and balance sheet for the current year-to-date, actual vs. budget.

-We reviewed the last school endowment statement with its reallocation of funds (Now at a balance of about \$111,000) to spread them equally across four levels of risk/interest.

-The audit revealed that the charter for the school endowment was never switched over to the name "Divine Mercy" with the merger of the parishes. When we sent a change-of-name form to the Diocese with the charter, we were told the charter does not conform to the standard template now used by the Diocese for such endowments. The current charter has to be edited to match the template.

-We found a "school discretionary" bank account of about \$15,000, which nobody knew about. It was opened in 2006, but it seems not to have been used. We will close this account and put the money into operating funds for the school.

-One outstanding tuition bill from a family no longer attending the school was handed over to the collection agency Returned-to-You, and an agreement has been reached for monthly payment until the debt is cleared. There is one other outstanding tuition debt that still has to be given to the collections agency for resolution.

-Ms. Amy Wannemacher, who currently helps at Divine Mercy school with classroom intervention, remedial tutoring, and reading has become integral to our school operation. The school PTA is going to help the parish cover Amy's salary and benefits for the coming year, with the expectation that the parish will budget for her fully in the following fiscal year.

-There is a 12 month certificate worth about \$29,000, which will mature in mid-February. It is only earning .25% interest. This investment does not make sense, since we can put the money into the diocesan Savings and Loan and make at least 2%; and the money will be liquid, readily accessible, rather than being tied up in a 12-month certificate.

-The fall bazaar netted \$4848, and it was also a great community event shared by all three campuses. The money will go towards liturgy needs, since the bazaar grew out of the Altar Rosary Society which is no longer.

-The Diocese accepted our initial responses to the various issues raised in the financial audit done this summer. The audit report, in other words, is now considered final by the Diocese. Now we have to continue to implement our responses.

-The new bulletin is being done by a company called Diocesan Publications. In addition to the bulletin, this company will also help us redesign/update our website, which is very outdated. There is also a smart phone app they developed, so people can have the daily readings, Mass times, the bulletin, etc. predator fingertips. You can even program the app to turn off your phone ringer during Mass times. The bulletin is free, providing that we fill the back page with advertising. Diocesan Publications will be here in the next couple of weeks to make phone calls to prospective businesses for advertising. We are

saving money each week, since we do not have to pay for Xeroxing or paper or all the labor that went into assembling the bulletin.

-The confessionals at Paulding were completed for only about \$600, thanks to the generous donation of labor, and the fact that we were able to obtain the beautiful doors for free. Confessional plans for Payne and Antwerp are being discussed.

-The Diocese approved our plan to replace the air-conditioning at the Paulding campus, providing we can raise the money, which was not budgeted. We have raised just over \$51,000, thanks to the generosity of parishioners who responded quickly after the approval was received. Although I wrote earlier that the project would cost \$58,000, it turns out it will actually be \$61,000. We decided that since we are putting in air-conditioning, we would include the basement. This raised the original estimate. So we have to raise another \$10,000 soon, so that I can get a final-final approval from the Diocese.

-Energy regulations in the future will require us to replace all of our current fluorescent lightbulb ballasts with electronic ones. We don't know exactly when we will be required to do this, but it makes sense to be proactive and begin the project now. We are getting estimates to do this for each campus; and we are checking into the possibility of an AEP discount, since we are a non-profit organization.

-Regarding the water damage to plaster in the stairwell leading up to the choir loft at our Antwerp campus, we are in contact with two companies. One company is suggesting a type of fiberglass barrier to keep the water from coming through the inside plaster. Another company is suggesting some exterior vent-holes to allow moisture to escape. Both companies will be invited to come, look at the damage and make more concrete proposals.

-This week we should begin the remodeling of the Paulding Ed Center room where now we have the Finance Office and the Religious Ed office. To better secure the financial files, and to provide more privacy for financial discussions; and also to provide more shelving for the Religious Education storage, we're going to build some walls, shelves, and then an office for the Finance Manager. We think this will cost about \$1,500.

-We received an anonymous donation of \$8000 for "youth work". We are thinking of using this to begin to pay somebody for some part-time high school youth work. At this initial stage of discussion, we are imagining that a high school youth worker – providing a youth event every Wednesday evening – would put in about six hours per week. I am talking about our need with various people (e.g., the diocesan youth office, the diocesan personnel office, etc.) to see what doors open up. I am eager for any suggestions of people who might be willing and able to do high school youth work part-time. The parish and the Diocese can provide some training.

-In about another month we think we will be ready enough with our monthly financial reporting to start performing our own internal audits. There is a former diocesan auditor who chaired my finance committee at St. Joseph's, who is willing to train our finance committee members to do an internal audit. Two finance committee members should be able to do the audit paperwork in a one-hour per month.

Have a blessed week!

In cordibus Iesu et Mariae, Fr. Poggemeyer

Divine Mercy Parish Offerings

2014-2015 budget per week = \$ 9,540.00 Offertory Collections: January 18, 2015 = \$ 8,593.17 2nd Collection Maintenance Fund = \$ 361.98 Children = 15 envelopes = \$ 10.77 Electronic Offertory Contribution is an option to consider. For more information Call Dianne at the Parish Office.

Antwerp

Chaplet Leader February 1: Crissy Reinhart Clean Church week of January 25:

Kathy Wilson, Marilyn Smith, Anita Bok Feb. Visitors to Shut-in: Volunteer Needed Feb. Communion to Shut-ins: Denny & Rita Brinkman February Ushers: Paul & Matt Adams

Paulding

Church Cleaners January 19 – 31:

Mystical Rose Prayer Group Sacristan January 25 - 31: Wendy Lengacher February Ushers: <u>5:30PM</u> **Tom Sinn, Toby Doster, Corey & Stephen Walker, Nino Martinez, Bob Miller <u>10:30AM</u> **Rolland Taylor, Jason Thornell, Fritz Koch, Justin Adams, Alex Stoller, Steve Foltz

Payne Payne

Rosary Leader January 31: Christena Schaefer Church Cleaner: Volunteer Needed

ATTENTION - - - CLEANING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at PAYNE AND PAULDING

Sign the sheet on the bulletin board in the back of church at Payne and in the Narthex at Paulding to clean the church. In Paulding you do <u>NOT</u> have to clean bathrooms, the basement or the Narthex, just the church. If you have any questions regarding the Payne location please call Jeanette at 419-263-2655. Make a New Year's resolution and sign up for this "clean & shiny" ministry. You will be greatly rewarded for your help.

RIGHT-TO-LIFE

This weekend Divine Mercy Parish is sponsoring a Diapers & Dollars Drive for Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center. Envelopes are available at each campus for your donations. Dollar donations can be placed in the collection basket and diapers placed at any church location. Thank You for your support.

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 <u>will</u> have Mass and Adoration when there is a delay, but <u>not</u> 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, January 24 9AM Payne K of C Free Throw Noon Paulding K of C Free Throw Sunday, January 25 10:30AM Mass – Liturgy of the Word 11:45AM-1:30PM Jr. High Youth Group Service project to sick and shut-ins 12:30PM Retreat Team in Pldg. Center Monday, January 26 4PM Totus Tuus Prayer Group in Pldg. 7PM RCIA in Paulding 7PM Medjugorje Prayer Group in Payne **Tuesday, January 27** Wednesday, January 28 8AM - 7PM Adoration in Paulding 5:30PM F.I.A.T. Committee meeting in Paulding Educational Center 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 29 Heather & Deacons at a Diocesan meeting today Friday, January 30 Saturday, January 31 Sunday, February 1 9AM Children's Choir Practice in Pldg. 10:30AM Mass – Liturgy of the Word 12:30-2:30PM Retreat Teem meeting in Paulding church basement

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2015 IN PHILADELPHIA

Join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas as he leads the Diocese of Toledo on a 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 in 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. sign-up for updates at toledodio-715 or cese.org/page/marriage-and-family. If you are interested in helping us plan a trip to this inspirational event, please call the parish office at 419-399-2576.

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to Treyton Banks on achieving the goal of 100 AR points.

Congratulations to Moriah Griffiths for her winning entry in the county-wide recycling poster contest. Her entry is on a billboard located on old State Route 24. Runner up was Tyler Davis. Congratulations!

Divine Mercy School is currently taking registrations for the 2015-2016 school year. An incoming kindergarten student for next year must be 5 years of age on or before August 1, 2015. Come for a school visit or give us a call at 419-263-2114 for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

Our diocese is sponsoring weekend TEC (Teens Encountering Christ) Conferences now through April at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House in Carey, Ohio. TEC is about getting in touch with God in a peaceful environment. It is about encountering Christ in a way that many have never experienced Christ before. It's about faith, but also about having fun and getting to know others from around our diocese.

Divine Mercy's very own, Estee Arend, will be helping with a girl's session on February 7-9. Other sessions are February 21-23 (guys), February 28-March 2 (girls), March 21-23 (guys) and April 11-13 (girls). The cost for the 3 day retreat is \$120. Registration forms can be found at each location. Information sheets are also hanging on each bulletin board. Questions? More info? Contact Kayla Miller (419-587-3452) or Theresa Conley (419-399-2576).

DIOCESAN EVENTS

** **Toledo Diocese Fertility Seminar** will be held Saturday, February 28, at St. Michael the Archangel Parish, 10AM-3PM. You will be empowered, educated and inspired to learn from leading authors, medical experts and clergy surrounding such topics as: fertility, infertility, miscarriage, polycystic ovary syndrome, PMS and other gynecological health issues and how to approach these practically, faithfully and pastorally. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Free for clergy and religious. Lunch is included. Register at tdfertilityseminar.eventbrite.com or contact Monica at mmartinez@toledodiocese.org or call 419-244-6711 ext. 715.

"Joy-Filled Marriage" Engaged Couples Workshop. If you are engaged to be married, you'll want to register for this 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. Divine Mercy will host a workshop on April 25 & 26, 2015. To register or for further information contact Monica Martinez at 419-244-6711, email <u>mmartinez@toledodiocese.org</u>. or visit this sight www.jfmtoledo.eventbrite.com

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.

OF MUTUAL INTEREST

** Celebrating Seniors: Valentine Lunch & party!! Bring a Valentine, Funny or whatever, to be passed in *Musical Valentine*. Tuesday, February 3 at St. John, Defiance. Rosary at 10:40AM, Mass at 11AM with Fr. Todd. Lunch, cheeseburger soup by chef Gene Westrick. Our program guest will be sights and scenery of the Vatican by Steve Nicely. Celebrating Seniors is for all area Catholics 55 and up. Please come and bring friends. We will worship, dine and celebrate together and have some fun.

** **Redeemer Radio,** a non-profit, Catholic Radio Group is seeking a motivated and customer focused sales professional to grow our base of underwriting and sports advertising partners as Corporate Development Executive for its 106.3FM and 89.9FM listening areas. Go to <u>RedeemerRadio.com</u> and click on careers tab found under About Us.

** Hands of Hope Announcement – Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 7:30PM, Pam Tebow will be sharing her life experiences at the annual Hands of Hope Benefit at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert. Pam's son, Tim Tebow, won the Heisman Trophy while playing for the Florida Gators in 2010. Pam and Tim were featured in a Super Bowl commercial that celebrated family and life which resulted in 5.5 million people "having cause to rethink their stand on abortion". For tickets call 419-238-6722 or at <u>http://www.npacvw.org</u>.

N.W.O. Men's Fellowship "Father/Son" Breakfast – all area men invite your sons, grandsons or any other important male in your life and join us for breakfast and to experience fellowship with other men of our community. Guest speaker is Haraz Ghanbari, Military Liaison at The University of Toledo. He will share his faith journey, Saturday, January 31 at St. John, Defiance. Coffee at 7:30AM and programs begins at 8AM. For more information call George at 419-784-3975.

HICKSVILLE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRYS AT ST. MICHAEL CHURCH 4:30 – 7PM - - - Everyone is Welcome !!! Friday, January 30, 2015 February 13 & 27, 2015 March 13 & 27, 2015

Weekly Schedule of Services

January 24 – February 1, 2015 St. Maximilian Kolbe Deanery

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

SATURDAY, January 24 – St. Francis de Sales 4PM Mass in Payne – Pat Linder &

Mary Litzenberg **5:30PM Mass in Paulding** – Dave Bakle and Deceased Members of the Paul Johanns Family

SUNDAY, January 25

8:30AM Mass in Antwerp – Randy Mohr and Nancy Woodring 10:30AM Mass in Paulding – For the Parish

MONDAY, January 26 – St. Timothy & St. Titus

No Services Today

TUESDAY, January 27 – *St. Angela Merici* 8AM Mass in Antwerp – Mike Hertel

WEDNESDAY, January 28 – *St. Thomas Aquinas* 8AM Mass in Paulding – Janice Lipp

THURSDAY, January 29 8AM Mass in Paulding – Robert Swick

FRIDAY, January 30 9AM Mass in Payne – Vern Vogel and Deceased Family Members

SATURDAY, January 31 – St. John Bosco 4PM Mass in Payne – For the Parish 5:30PM Mass in Paulding – Herbert Kohler and Ed & Norma Jean Phlipot

SUNDAY, February 1

8:30AM Mass in Antwerp – Brent Yenser and Richard Wannemacher 10:30AM Mass in Paulding – Jerald Rodriquez and Jim & Kate Clark

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.

DONUTS & DRINKS

Coffee, juice and donuts are available after 8:30AM Mass at the Antwerp campus on Sundays. This is a free-will offering. Donuts and Drinks are provided by Payne K of C. All proceeds will be donated to the food pantry in Antwerp. This is a nice warm place for fellowship after Mass when it is too cold to talk outside. Please join us!

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Due to the new bulletin publication process, the deadline for bulletin items submitted to the Parish Office is **Noon on Mondays**, effective immediately.

THANK YOU

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile was held Thursday, January 15, at Paulding Divine Mercy Parish. We would like to thank each and every one of you who helped in some way by donating food items, time and most of all, your own blood for the benefit of others. 33 pints of blood were donated. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the Right-to-Life 2014 cheese ball fund raiser. Whether you purchased a cheese ball(s), made a donation or helped to make the cheese balls we are very thankful for all of you and your support. There was a profit of \$1,140 after all expenses paid. The money will be donated to Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center.

Deacon Dave and Darlene Jordan

Saints on the Eucharist

"All the good works in the world are not equal to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass because they are the works of men; but the Mass is the work of God. Martyrdom is nothing in comparison, for it is but the sacrifice of man to God; but the Mass in the sacrifice of God for man." St. John Vianney, Cure d'Ars

FACILITY RENTAL MANAGERS CHANGE

As of January 1, 2015, Denny O'Donnell will be taking over the duties of maintenance of the buildings at Antwerp and the center rental scheduling. Contact information is on the cover of the bulletin. Deacon Bob Nighswander wishes to thank the people for their support and help over the years.

CELEBRATE WITH US

Help celebrate with us, send a card to Jim & Isabel Morisy celebrating 60 years of marriage on Thursday, January 29, 2015. Send cards to Jim & Isabel at 15736 County Road 126, Paulding, Ohio 45879.

ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS=

If you would like a copy of your annual contribution statement for tax purposes, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish Office.

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"How do we demonstrate our excellence, and show that a Catholic school experience is worth the investment? How do we show people that, like many public schools rated on the basis of test scores, we are excellent?"

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The good done by those who have had the benefit of a "Catholic School experience" is apparent each day. It is part of us, who we care about, and ultimately, what we do.

Truly excellent schools aren't just about test scores (although our school has much to be proud of here), athletic teams (go Crusaders), or other singular factors, but, rather, what kind

February 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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