

Dear Parishioners,

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The last couple weeks we had the kick-off of the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. I have been told that every household has received a mailing by now. I encourage everybody to give something, no matter how small the gift. Together I'm sure we can reach our goal; and once we surpass the goal, our parish begins getting rebates. Throughout this past year, the rebates have come in quite handy for special projects. In order to encourage our giving, let me briefly describe some of the many ways that the diocese has been very helpful to our parish, even in the past seven months that I have been here.

Very soon after my arrival, the Diocesan Finance personnel performed an official audit. The audit helps a new pastor tremendously, analyzing for him areas of strength and weakness in the parish financial system. Three people came from Toledo for over a week to perform the audit; and the parish was not charged at all for their work. When we had to search for a new finance manager, the Human Resources Department of the Diocese consulted with me and helped me through the entire process. Before the hiring of Dianne Jones, the Diocese again sent somebody down at least one day a week to keep running the most basic elements of our finance office. Once Dianne was hired, the Diocese sent a couple people down again for several days to help her become familiar with parish financial protocols. Again, we did not reimburse the Diocese for all these personnel hours. Also, for the many projects that have been accomplished in the past number of months, the Diocesan Finance Office has helped handle needed money transfers and checks. The same office has given us guidance for rewriting the statutes for our school endowment. Also, on numberless occasions we have called for advice as we clean up the accounting system.

Consider the diocesan Tribunal, which, since my arrival, has helped me many times to handle marriage and annulment questions for the parish. Then the Marriage Office of the Diocese has continued to provide support by means of the marriage prep and NFP brochures that I published in the bulletin, as well as organizing engaged couples' retreat days throughout the year.

Or consider the Legal Council of the Diocese, which fielded many questions regarding properties, cemeteries, outstanding school tuition and various contracts whenever they arose. For example, the deed for property adjacent to the Paulding narthex had to be reworked when the neighbors wanted to sell their property. It was diocesan Legal Council that gave me advice on how to collect on outstanding school tuition.

Then we have had a number of school-related questions that the diocesan Schools Office answered for us.

The Hispanic Life Office consulted with me on a couple of occasions regarding some Hispanic marriage situations.

The Worship Office, along with the diocesan Chancellor, helped the Bishop consider our proposal for the new air conditioning project at Paulding. The Chancellor helps the Bishop consider any really expensive project. When I came aboard, Fr. Fillman already had a list of projects for which he had obtained permission from the Chancery.

Of course, we can finally consider the Bishop himself, and all of the support personnel who help him lead us to become a holy Diocese, with holy families and holy vocations. This was the vision the Bishop indicated upon his initial trip to our deanery last November.

I hope that as you consider these many, very concrete ways the Diocesan Offices have helped us already since my arrival, you will respond as generously as you are able to the Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal. It just makes sense generously to support the ACA, given that we are constantly getting help from the central offices of the Diocese in one way or another. If you have any questions about the appeal, please call the parish office.

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

## **Divine Mercy Parish Offerings**

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

Due to bank closing on President's Day the February 15, 2015 offertory will be reported in next week's bulletin with February 22, 2015 numbers.

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

### Antwerp

Chaplet Leader March 1: Marilyn Adams

Clean Church week of February 22:

Ava & Linda Kennedy

Feb. Visitors to Shut-in: Volunteer Needed

Feb. Communion to Shut-ins: Denny & Rita Brinkman

### Paulding

Church Cleaners February 16 – March 1:

Carmen & Lyssa St. John

Sacristan February 22 - 28: Deanna Schroeder

March Ushers: **5:30PM** \*\* Phillip Jackson, Alan Free,

Larry & Don Gorrell, Luke & Shawn Jackson, Gary Lipp

**10:30AM** \*\* Bruce Ivan, Carl Antoine, Brent Floss,

Jon Parrett, Zachary Ivan, Jacob Griffith

### Payne

Rosary Leader February 28: Lorraine Schaefer

February 23 - 24 Church Cleaner:

Jeanette Black & Susan Black

### 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.

### BULLETIN PUBLICATIONS

Dave Roth representing Diocesan Publications (our Bulletin Publisher) is in the process of seeking new advertisements. If interested, please call the parish office, or you may contact Dave directly at 614-715-3215 or [droth@diocesan.com](mailto:droth@diocesan.com). This is an excellent service and the sponsors get good coverage with their advertisements. Thanks to you and Diocesan Publications, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

*Paulding Educational Center is being used on Feb. 23, 24 & 26 at 6PM and Feb. 28 at 10AM for prescheduled one hour meetings.*

**Saturday, February 21**

**Sunday, February 22 – First Sunday of Lent**

10:30AM Mass – Rite of Elections

12:30PM Retreat Teem meeting in

Paulding Church Basement

3PM Diocesan Rite of Election

**Monday, February 23**

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

4PM Totus Tuus Prayer Group in Pldg.

NO RCIA in Paulding

7PM Medjugorje Prayer Group in Payne

**Tuesday, February 24**

**Wednesday, February 25**

**Payne Day of Grace 8AM – 8PM**

*Payne Adoration 8AM – 8PM – Please stop in and spend some time with our Lord in prayer.*

*Noon Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon at Paulding Presbyterian Church*

**NO Adoration in Paulding this week**

### 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, February 26**

**Friday, February 27**

*Dianne is out of the office*

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

Fish Fry at the Hall on US 127S

5-7PM Payne K of C Fish Fry

**Saturday, February 28**

*Diocese of Toledo Young Adult Council Meeting in the Paulding church basement.*

**Sunday, March 1**

9AM Children's Choir in Paulding

9AM Church & Family in Paulding

10:30AM Mass – Liturgy of the Word

12:30PM Retreat Teem meeting in

Paulding Church Basement

### LOOKING AHEAD

Wednesday, March 4, 8AM-8PM

Paulding Day of Grace

**Sunday, March 8 at 2PM Movie Day in Antwerp**

**Center. No cost, popcorn served, all donated food items will go to the local food bank.**

### CATHOLIC BOOK CLUB

The next Catholic Book Club meeting will be Friday, March 6 at 10 AM in the Paulding Educational Center. The book we will be reading this month is *The Listener* by Taylor Caldwell. Read the book and come join us for discussion and insights.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

During Prayer in the Hall we prayed for all those who need strength and God's continued healing. We prayed for those involved in automobile accidents, pets, grandparents and those traveling.

Lenten confessions for grades 2- 6 will be Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The school will host Stations of the Cross each Friday at 1PM in the church during Lent. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Divine Mercy School is taking registrations for the 2015-2016 school year. An incoming kindergarten student 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.

## **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, then call Laura Priest (419-587-3858) for info or to volunteer to share your time & talent for our tea.

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

Divine Mercy Parish of Paulding County is sponsoring their Spring Craft Show with all the trimmings of handmade crafts, jackets, purses, scarves, wood and glass items and many decorative items for the home, inside and out. The ladies make their specialties for our bake sale and home-made noodles!!! We have added a raffle this year which includes a quilt made by ladies of the parish and 5 other gift items totaling \$600. The winner doesn't have to be present to win. Lunch includes homemade soups, sandwiches and pies. Join us Saturday, April 4, 9AM-2PM at the Antwerp Center. For info call Virginia at 419-258-0065 or Rita at 419-258-6361.

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

Dear Parishioners,

We need your help! The Jr. High Youth Group is going to South Bend, Indiana for a service project. To help make our trip a success, we are asking for the following donations: non-perishable food items, new or gently used clothing items or monetary donations to help the homeless. We did this same service project last year and we all had an amazing time helping people in need. It was an eye-opening experience to see what it is like to be homeless and not even have the necessities for everyday life. Please help to make this trip as successful as last year. Thank you, it is very much appreciated.

***Start to collect your items for our fundraiser.***

***More details to follow in a future bulletin column***

The Junior High Youth Group

## **ANNUAL PARISH RETREAT**

March 6 & 7 is the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Parish Retreat and we have some openings if you'd like to attend, we'd love to have you. More than 300 parishioners have experienced this spiritual weekend. The retreat will boost your spiritual life, you will meet new friends, and it is a good sacrifice of your time during lent. You will also have all the food you want to eat Friday evening and all day on Saturday without cooking or cleaning up!! Call Sonya Herber (399-4977), Mary Eklund (260-402-7038), or Fritz Koch (399-2684) for more information or to sign-up. Hope to see you at the Annual Parish Retreat.

## **MYSTERIUM CHRISTI SESSION**

Father Poggemeyer is presenting a diocesan Mystery 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.

## **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

**\*\* College Live-In for young men** who are high school juniors, seniors or college students, interested in knowing about seminary life, March 12 – 14, 2015. You'll tour the campus, have discussions, meals and prayers with seminarians, attend classes and time for recreation. NO charge. Call Msgr. Charles Singler, 419-244-6711 or Fr. John Rozembajgier at the Pontifical College Josephinum at 614-985-2244.

**\*\* World Wide Marriage Encounter Family Fun** at Grove Skate Land, 10970 Ottawa Rd., Columbus Grove Sunday, March 8, 2-4PM. Event is open to any family, admission is \$4 per person & includes skate rental. Concession stand is closed, so bring a snack to share, we provide drinks. For complete details call 419-523-5893.

**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! 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. For news, and to learn more about the pilgrimage led by Bishop Daniel, contact Monica Martinez at [mmartinez@toledodiocese.org](mailto:mmartinez@toledodiocese.org) or 419-244-6711 ext. 715 or sign-up for updates at [toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family](http://toledodiocese.org/page/marriage-and-family). If you are interested in helping Divine Mercy Parish plan a trip to this inspirational event, please call the parish office at 419-399-2576. **"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.jfmltoledo.eventbrite.com](http://www.jfmltoledo.eventbrite.com).

## **Weekly Schedule of Services**

**February 21 – March 1, 2015**  
**St. Maximilian Kolbe Deanery**

**“The Pastor’s Daily Scripture Inspirations**  
**on Twitter: @frdivinemeracy”**

**SATURDAY, February 21- St. Peter Damian**  
**4PM Mass in Payne** – For the Parish & from 2/15,  
Intentions of Steve Hall and John & Delores Baumle  
**5:30PM Mass in Paulding** – Betty DeLong and  
Dorothy Phlipot

**SUNDAY, February 22**  
**8:30AM Mass in Antwerp** – Ron Jackson and  
Walter Heitkamp  
**50AM Mass in Paulding** – Harry Phlipot and  
Ed & Mary Ruth Clark

**MONDAY, February 23 – St. Polycarp**  
**No Services Today**

**TUESDAY, February 24**  
**8AM Mass in Antwerp** – Joe Zigorvits

**WEDNESDAY, February 25**  
**8AM – 8PM Day of Grace in Payne**  
**8AM – 8PM Adoration in Payne**  
**8AM Mass in Payne**– Intentions of Fr. Poggemeyer

**THURSDAY, February 26**  
**8AM Mass in Antwerp** – Nancy Woodring

**FRIDAY, February 27**  
**9AM Mass in Payne** – Mary Laukhuf

**SATURDAY, February 28**  
**4PM Mass in Payne**–Glen Schmidt & Margaret Rau  
**5:30PM Mass in Paulding** – Alice Lisk and  
Jim Jackson

**SUNDAY, March 1**  
**8:30AM Mass in Antwerp** – For the Parish  
**50AM Mass in Paulding** – Helen Betz and  
Stefan & Barbara Dietrich

### **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. Please join us!

**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.**

## **THANK YOU**

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## **LENTEN NEWSLETTER**

An updated schedule of corrections and Defiance Penance Service cancelation notice was mailed to you this week. If you wish to attend a Penance Service, you still have the option to attend the Wednesday, March 11, 7PM Penance Service at St. Mary, Van Wert. There will be 4 priests hearing confessions for their Penance Service.

## **SINCERE GRATITUDE**

A most sincere thank you to parish members for the outpouring of love and support during Tom’s recent illness and death. The love of my church family always supports me and never fails me. Again, thank you so very much.

Kathy Reinhart, Shanna & Kevin McGrath

## **Saints on the Eucharist**

*“It is there in His Eucharist that He says to me: “I thirst, thirst for your love, your sacrifices, your sufferings. I thirst for your happiness, for it was to save you that I came into the world, that I suffered and died on the Cross, and in order to console and strengthen you I left you the Eucharist. So you have there all My life, all My tenderness.”*

Mother Mary of Jesus,  
foundress of the Sister of Marie Reparatrice

## **PARISH OFFICE RENOVATIONS**

The renovation in the Parish Office is complete thanks to very generous parishioners who shared their time and talents once again. We couldn’t be more pleased with the creation of professional offices for the staff. Stop in and see the wonderful space they created. Thank you to all who helped make this transition possible. God bless!!!

## **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.

# March 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1</b></p> <p>8:30AM Mass in Ant.            9AM Pldg. Ch. &amp; Family            9AM Children choir Pr.            10:30AM Mass in Pldg            Liturgy of the Word            12:30 Retreat Team in            Pldg. Ch. Basement</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>No Services Today</p> <p>10AM Divine Mercy Pr. Group in Ant            Noon Pldg Stations            4PM Totus Tuus            Pr. Group in Pldg.            7PM RCIA in Pldg            7PM Medjugorje            Pr. Gr. in Payne</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>8AM Mass in Antwerp            4:30PM Anima Christi Prayer Group in Pldg.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>8AM – 8PM</b>  <b>Paulding Day of Grace</b></p> <p>8AM Mass in Pldg.            8AM-8PM Adoration            7:30PM Ant. Stations            8PM Benediction in Paulding</p> <p><u>PSR Schedule</u>            4PM Gr. K-5 in Pldg.            6:340PM Gr. K-5 Ant.            7PM Gr. 6-8 in Pldg            7PM Gr. 7-8 in Payne            7:45PM Gr. 6-8 - Ant.  <b>HS Church &amp; Family</b>            7PM Gr. 9-12 in Ant</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p><b>Divine Mercy School Confessions</b></p> <p>8AM Mass Payne            6PM Mystical Rose Prayer Gr.            In Paulding</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Annual Parish Retreat begins in Paulding</b></p> <p><b>Deadline to sign-up for Fab 50's luncheon</b></p> <p>8AM Payne Confessions            9AM Mass - Payne            10AM Book Club in Paulding            "The Listener" by Taylor Caldwell            1PM Stations in Payne</p> <p><u>Pldg. K of C</u>  <u>Fish Fry</u>            11AM-1PM and 4-7PM</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Annual Parish Retreat continues today in Paulding</b></p> <p>4PM Mass in Payne            5:30PM Mass in Pldg            Blood Pressures in Narthex after Mass</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>8:30AM Mass in An.            9AM Pldg. Ch. &amp; Family            9AM Children choir Pr.            10:30AM Mass in Pldg.            Liturgy of the Word            Blood Pressures in Narthex after Mass            2PM Movie Day in Ant.</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>No Services Today</p> <p>Noon Pldg Stations            4PM Totus Tuus in Paulding.            7PM RCIA in Pldg.            7PM Medjugorje Pr. Gr. in Payne            7:30PM Pldg.            K of C Meeting</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>8AM Mass in Ant            Followed by Divine Mercy Devotions            8PM Payne K of C Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>8AM – 8PM</b>  <b>Antwerp Day of Grace</b></p> <p>8AM Mass - Antwerp            8AM-8PM Adoration In Antwerp            7:30PM Ant.Stations            8PM Benediction in Antwerp            7PM Penance Service St. Mary, Van Wert</p> <p><u>PSR Schedule</u>            See March 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>11AM Rosary in Paulding            11:30AM Mass in Paulding            Followed by Fab 50s Fun, Food and Fellowship</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8AM Payne Confessions            9AM Mass, Payne            1PM Payne Stations of the Cross</p> <p><u>Pldg. K of C</u>  <u>Fish Fry</u>            11AM-1PM and 4-7PM  <u>Payne K of C</u>  <u>Fish Fry</u>            5-7PM</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>4PM Mass in Payne            5:30PM Mass in Pldg.</p>

<p><b>15</b> <i>Deadline to sign-up for "Acts of the Apostles" Bible Study</i></p> <p>8:30AM Mass in Ant. 10:30AM Mass in Pldg. Liturgy of the Word Noon – 1:30PM Jr. High Youth Group in the Paulding church basement</p>	<p><b>16</b> No Services Today</p> <p>10AM Divine Mercy Pr. Group in Ant Noon Pldg Stations 4PM Totus Tuus Pr. Group in Pldg. 7PM RCIA in Pldg 7PM Medjugorje Pr. Gr. in Payne</p>	<p><b>17</b> 8AM Mass in Antwerp 4:30PM Anima Christi Prayer Group in Pldg.</p>	<p><b>18</b> 8AM Mass in Pldg. 8AM-7PM Adoration 7PM Benediction in Paulding</p> <p><b><u>PSR Schedule</u></b> See March 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>19</b> 8AM Mass - Ant. 6PM Mystical Rose Prayer Gr. In Paulding 7PM Payne Finance Council Meeting</p>	<p><b>20</b> 8AM Payne Confessions 9AM Mass – Payne 1PM Stations in Payne Jr. High Youth Group leaves for Notre Dame after school</p> <p><b><u>Paulding K of C Fish Fry</u></b> 11AM-1PM and 4-7PM</p>	<p><b>21</b> 4PM Mass in Payne 5:30PM Mass in Pldg.</p> <p>Jr. High Youth Gr. returns from Notre Dame</p>
<p><b>22</b> 8:30AM Mass in Ant. 10:30AM Mass in Pldg.</p>	<p><b>23</b> No Services Today</p> <p>Noon Pldg Stations 4PM Totus Tuus Pr. Group in Pldg. 7PM RCIA in Pldg 7PM Medjugorje Pr. Gr. in Payne</p>	<p><b>24</b> 8AM Mass in Antwerp</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Divine Mercy hosts the noon Lenten Luncheon</i></p> <p>8AM Mass in Pldg. 8AM-7PM Adoration 7PM Benediction in Paulding</p> <p><b><u>PSR Schedule</u></b> See March 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b>26</b> 8AM Mass in Payne</p>	<p><b>27</b> 8AM Payne Confessions 9AM Mass - Payne 1PM Stations in Payne</p> <p><b><u>Paulding K of C Fish Fry</u></b> 11AM-1PM and 4-7PM <b><u>Payne K of C Fish Fry</u></b> 5-7PM</p>	<p><b>28</b> 4PM Mass in Payne 5:30PM Mass in Pldg.</p>
<p><b>29</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i> 8:30AM Mass in Ant. 10:30AM Mass in Pldg. 7PM Fr. Poggemeyer Talk in the Payne Parish Hall entitled: <i>"The Man on Calvary, The Woman on Calvary"</i></p>	<p><b>30</b> No Services Today</p> <p>Noon Pldg Stations 4PM Totus Tuus Pr. Group in Pldg. NO RCIA in Pldg 7PM Medjugorje Pr. Gr. in Payne</p>	<p><b>31</b> 11AM Chrism Mass at Toledo Cathedral 6PM Seder Meal in Paulding</p>		<p><b><i>Wk. of March 22 the School will be on Spring Break</i></b></p>	<p><b><i>Each Wednesday during Lent the Paulding Ministerial Association will host a noon luncheon at the Presbyterian Church</i></b></p>	

