

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

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Items added this week are highlighted in Rustic Red

Events & Info from Outside Our Parish—
many which have more info on the bulletin board by the parking lot door:

§ **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.

§ **NaProTECHNOLOGY(r)** - it is a woman's restorative health care solution. If your goal is to learn what every woman has the right to know to be a healthier woman, have a healthier marriage, and for a healthier family – contact Theresa Schortgen for an in person or remote option @ 260-494-6444 or @ theresa.a.schortgen@frontier.com <mailto:theres.a.schortgen@frontier.com> to begin transforming essential health care goals - one Creighton Model stamp at a time. The Creighton Model System is scientifically tested and Holy Mother Church approved! Transforming women's health care one Creighton Model stamp at a time.

§ **Are you searching for a method of family planning** that is effective, healthy, "green", free of synthetic hormones and chemicals, and in line with Catholic teaching? Go to www.live-the-love.org to find out more!

§ **VIDEO BROADCAST OF THE BISHOP'S CORNER RADIO SHOW NOW AVAILABLE!** Annunciation Radio's longest running program, "The Bishop's Corner," now offers a video broadcast of the show via the Diocese of Toledo YouTube page on your computer, tablet or smartphone. The show airs weekly at 8 p.m. Thursday on Annunciation Radio, and an audio podcast is also available at www.annunciationradio.com. Submit your question for Bishop Daniel Thomas to answer on the show by emailing bishop@annunciationradio.com or visiting www.facebook.com/toledobishopscorner.

§ **Hope after Abortion "I don't deserve to be happy."** God wants to restore your happiness. Come back to God who is love and mercy. For hope and healing after an abortion, contact the local confidential

Will you hear God on the Radio?

Check out the Stations in the area:
Redeemer Radio, 89.9FM (Fort Wayne, IN),
Holy Family Radio, 88.9FM (Glandorf/Leipsic),
Annunciation Radio, 89.7FM (Toledo)

Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.org.

§ **The Bishop's Survey ~** The Bishop is asking all young people to take this survey:

https://docs.google.com/a/toledodiocese.org/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOr1wHKU6qSLmJ1NtVpdcVZcwQ2lpu51qK_MBAJ1omXTI-Q/viewform?c=0&w=1

§ **Yoga Classes on Wednesdays (5:15-6:15pm) at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH.** A \$7.00 donation is requested, if possible, and if the participant does not have a mat and belt, they are provided. Do come and honor yourself for an hour each week or give it a try for a certain period of time to see if this effort benefits you, and you enjoy it. All are welcome, at any level of Yoga experience. No registration or experience required. Drop in anytime or come weekly. For more information call Sr. Paulette Schroeder at **419-447-0435, ext. 136.**

§ **Defiance Area Society for the Handicapped** wants you to be aware of their services for Pharmacy, merchandise, gas vouchers. An application must be completed to determine income eligibility. Medical Equipment Loan Closet, wheelchair, shower chair, canes, etc. Loans are free; donations are accepted. Gas vouchers, this program offers vouchers for out of town medical appts only. Pharmacy Vouchers offer financial assistance to the uninsured and under insured. Merchandise Voucher assists people with covering the cost of handheld showerheads, adult briefs, etc. **DASH** is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:00-4:00. Phone 419-782-1399.

§ **Support scholarships for Catholic schools with a gift to the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund.** In the 2016-2017 school year over 600 need-based scholarships were awarded to students to attend a private school for grades K-8 or for homeschool expenses. Your gift to the NOSF will assist a family by providing an educational choice for their children including Catholic Schools. To learn more about the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund or to make a gift go to <http://nosf.org/donate-now> or contact the NOSF office at (419) 720-7048..

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§ **Pope Francis will launch the “Share the Journey” campaign for refugees and migrants on September 27, 2017.** The aim of the campaign is to promote the culture of encounter in communities where migrants and refugees leave and return to, where they travel through and where they choose to make their homes. Please join the Holy Father in prayer and action for migrants and refugees beginning at Masses on **October 7-8 through October 14**. A website with resources for parishes and schools will be launched no later than September 1. Key dates of the “Share the Journey” campaign include: - **September 27** – campaign launch - **October 8-14** – as part of Respect Life Month, connect the plight of migrants and refugees with respect for each person’s life, particularly within the context of “Be Not Afraid,” the 2017-19 Respect Life theme - **December 12** – Our Lady of Guadalupe: prayers, Masses and processions to open our hearts to migrants and refugees - **December 18** – International Migrants Day - **January 7-13, 2018** – National Migration Week: Masses, cultural events interfaith prayers - **February 8, 2018** – St. Josephine Bakhita Day - **Lent 2018** – CRS Lenten campaign will focus on refugees and migrants with the theme “Share the Journey” - **June 20, 2018** – World Refugee Day.

§ **Culture Project Missionaries in the Diocese of Toledo.** *The Culture Project* is returning to the Diocese of Toledo! Five missionaries from the Culture Project will be staying in the Diocese of Toledo **October, 2017, through May, 2018** and are available to give presentations on human dignity and living the virtue of chastity. They are available to speak with your high school, junior high school, youth group, or homeschooling group. To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement and let’s help to restore a culture of life! The Culture Project is an initiative of young people set out to restore culture through the experience of virtue. They proclaim the dignity of the human person and the richness of living sexual integrity, inviting our culture to become fully alive. You can learn more about and schedule the Culture Project at www.restoreculture.com.

§ **Thursdays, October 5, 12, 19; November 2, 9, 16 (7:00-8:30pm) “Conversations about Faith: No Hopes Barred** at St. Francis Spirituality Center (lounge), 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH. An informal discussion on matters of faith, church, etc. All denominations welcome. Facilitated by Sr. Edna Michel, OSF. **Free will offering. For more, call 419.443.1485.**

§ Save the date! Annunciation Radio’s Fall Sharathon is set for **November 28th through December 1st**. Four days of live interviews, fun and fundraising from 7am-6pm Tuesday through Friday. As a non-profit apostolate, Annunciation Radio is 100% funded by listener donations. Please plan on listening and calling in your pledges to 888-215-0624 to help keep Catholic radio on the air in our diocese.

§ **Retreat at Domus Angelorum Retreat Center** - located at 21706 State Route 114 Cloverdale, will be conducting a retreat on the topic of “***The Mystical Body***” on **Saturday, November 11th**. The day begins with Mass at 8:30 AM with registration and Adoration following Mass. The day will conclude with Reconciliation and Benedictions at 3:00 pm. Cost is \$10.00 per person and please bring a packed lunch. **All are welcome.** Retreat leader will be Father Herman Scherger.

§ **United Way Agency Designations** As you fill out your United Way donation form this fall, please consider donating to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo or the Catholic Club, an educational youth and child care center in downtown Toledo. Donation forms and designation opportunities vary by county and by company. However, all forms have a write-in option where you can designate an organization to be the recipient of your United Way donations. Since both are 501c3 non-profits, you may write in either Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo or the Catholic Club in the space designated on the bottom of the form for the agency name. You may also call Catholic Charities to set up an automatic monthly payment directly with Catholic Charities. Please call Sharon Marshall at 419-214-4909 or email smarshall@toledodiocese.org. Last year, Catholic Charities served more than 100,000 people throughout Northwest and West Central Ohio by providing crisis navigation services, food, shelter, emergency rent assistance, jail and prison ministries, adult advocacy and guardianship services to the elderly, and respect life ministries and support. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

§ **Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16 (7:00-8:30pm) “Conversations about Faith: No Hopes Barred** at St. Francis Spirituality Center (lounge), 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH. An informal discussion on matters of faith, church, etc. All denominations welcome. Facilitated by Sr. Edna Michel, OSF. Free will offering. For more, call 419.443.1485.

§ **Sunday, November 12 (2:00-4:00pm) Straw Bale House Tour** behind the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center located at 194 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. Tours are held on the 2nd Sunday of the month at Little Portion Green. You can also enjoy a home cooked brunch using local foods at Little Portion Green for a free will donation on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Reservations for brunch and a tour at the Straw Bale House are available by calling Sr. Jane at 567.207.5393.

§ **College Seniors & Post Graduates & Parents,** you are invited to Ave Fall Fest, **Thursday, November 16**, at Domino's Farms in Ann Arbor. 6:00 p.m. Dinner ~ 6:30 p.m. Program. Meet the director of admissions Claire O'Keefe, alum Erin Mersion, and AMSL founder Tom Monaghan. Learn about the generous Ave Maria School of Law - Michigan/Toledo Full-Tuition Scholarship (plus additional stipend). FREE - Registration **required by Mon, Nov. 13** to attend! For more information & to register go to www.avemariafoundation.org or call 734-930-3441.

§ **Parents of students with special needs enrolled or will soon be enrolled in Catholic Schools** within the Diocese of Toledo are invited to a presentation by the Ohio Department of Education, **Thursday, November 16, 6-8 pm**, St. Jerome Parish Hall, Walbridge. Sue Cosmo, Director of the Office of Nonpublic Educational Options, will answer your questions about state funding for students with IEP's attending Catholic schools under the Autism and Peterson Scholarship Programs. For more information contact Marsha Rivas, 419-214-4938, mrvivas@tolediodocese.org.

§ **Calendar Raffle Fundraiser Supports St. Francis Spirituality Center** St. Francis Spirituality Center is currently selling "31 Days of Winning" calendar raffle tickets with 31 great opportunities to win either cash or a gift card for various businesses throughout the Region. The prizes are valued between \$50 - \$500. **A winner's name will be drawn daily during the month of December.** Each raffle entry is eligible to win multiple times. Winners will be posted daily on our website and Facebook page. You may enter as many times as you wish. The cost of each ticket is \$10 or six entries for \$50. Tickets will also be sold through our website, www.franciscanretreats.org and at our center through December 30. Surprise yourself or a loved one with an unexpected gift during the Christmas season, and at the same time support St. Francis Spirituality Center's programs for healing, reconciliation and renewal.

§ **Saturday, November 18 (9:00am - 2:30pm) Now in My Family** at St. Francis Spirituality Center (Greccio Room) , 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. A seminar in a retreat setting for parents, grandparents, adult children and significant others who face the reality of drug addiction by their family members. Doors open at 8:30am for a continental breakfast. Lunch included. Presented by licensed social workers, a chaplain, and a mother of an addicted son. Free will offering. Please register at 419.443.1485 or peace@franciscanretreats.org.

§ **Wednesday, Nov. 22 (8:00am-3:00pm) Science Day** at Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, 194 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. Are there new things we can explore with **physics and chemistry**. Find out what chemicals interact with other chemicals. Can we make an explosion? We will do new experiments plus some classic ones like elephant toothpaste. Come and explore with many experiments and activities. Please bring your lunch. Cost: \$15.00. Scholarships are available. All programs will be led by Sister Shirley, a science teacher for 28 years and Matt Miller, a biology teacher. Please register 3 days before the date of the program. Register by calling **419-448-7485** or email sshafranek@felctiffin.org.

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§ **2018 March for Life** Interested in attending the 2018 March for Life in Washington D.C. on January 20, 2018? Join the College & Young Adult bus trip sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo! **The trip is only \$159, but for college students there is a special discounted price of \$119!** Our trip includes two nights in the Marriott Hotel in Downtown Washington, D.C., as well as free time to tour the city. We depart Thursday, January 18th, at 3pm & will return Saturday evening, January 20th. Payments by check can be made out & mailed to Catholic Charities, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo with "**March for Life**" in the memo line. Be sure to include name, email, cell phone & rooming preferences. If you have any questions, contact Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life & Justice, at prange@tolediodocese.org or call 419-214-4933. **Deadline to register is Friday, December 1.**

§ **Saturday, December 2 (9:00am-12:00pm) Oasis Day Mini Retreat "Reign of God: Kingdom or Kindom?"** at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. Advent focuses on the three comings of Christ: once in history, daily in our lives, and steadily as all of creation moves toward the

fulfillment of God's dream. Come away in this busy season and rediscover the purpose of it all. Doors open at 8:30am for a continental breakfast and socializing. Noon Meal is optional. Led by Sr. Edna Michel. **Cost: \$12 mini-retreat, \$22 mini-retreat + noon meal. Pre-register by November 27 by calling 419.443.1485 or peace@franciscanretreats.org.**

House & Cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, 194 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. Meet Santa, Mrs. Claus and the new animals that are living. This event is FREE and open to the public. All ages are welcome to tour the facility.

§ **Tree of Hope Memorial Lighting Ceremony**
- Join us Saturday, December 2, 2017 for the annual Tree of Hope lighting ceremony. Just as we celebrate that Jesus is the Light of the World, we invite you to honor those who brought light to your life with a memorial light on the Tree of Hope. The evening will begin in prayer as we recognize all those who hold a special place in our heart before we proceed outside to gather around the tree for the lighting, inviting all who attend to place an ornament on the tree. Carols to be sung by the St. Ann / St. Joseph Combined Youth Choir. Homemade cookies, coffee and cocoa will be available after the ceremony.

§ **Sunday, December 3 (6:30-8:00pm) Live Nativity** on the St. Francis Campus, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. Journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem and rediscover the wonder of Christmas! Please park behind St. Francis Home to meet your guide for the journey. Please wear comfortable shoes and warm clothes. Donations of NEW scarves, hats, gloves & socks will be collected for those in need. Sponsored by St. Francis Community. For more info, call Sr. Edna Michel at 419.443.1485.

§ **December 06, 2017 - 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Lunch with Fr. Ted: *The Shepherd Who Didn't Run - Modern Day Martyr***. Join Fr. Ted Miller as he presents on the fascinating story of Fr. Stanley Rother, mission priest from Oklahoma City who served among the people of Guatemala from 1968 until being murdered on July 28, 1981. Fr. Rother once said, "a shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger". As a martyr of the Church, Fr. Rother was beatified (a step to sainthood) September 23, 2017 in Oklahoma. Cost: \$15.00

§ **December 08, 2017 - Begins Friday at 7:00 P.M. Concludes Saturday at 3:00 P.M. *An Advent Overnight Retreat Just For You!*** In the middle of the preparation for Christmas, take time to prepare your own heart by waiting in the stillness of the Advent season. Original Cost: \$80.00 - Your Price: \$50.00 (This is our gift to you!)

§ **Sunday, December 10 (1:00-3:00pm) Open**