

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

## DECEMBER 17, 2017

Items added this week are highlighted in Advent Green

**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: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](http://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](http://www.annunciationradio.com). Submit your question for Bishop Daniel Thomas to answer on the show by emailing [bishop@annunciationradio.com](mailto:bishop@annunciationradio.com) or visiting [www.facebook.com/toledobishopscorner](http://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](mailto:projectrachel@toledodiocese.org). Learn more at [www.hopeafterabortion.org](http://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](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..

§ **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](mailto: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](http://www.restoreculture.com).

§ **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](mailto: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!

§ **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](http://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.

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§ **Shop Local and Catch the Spirit of Advent and Christmas at SpiritSpace Gift Shop located inside the St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. Open daily: 1:00-4:00pm and Saturdays 10:00am- 4:00pm. Unique Gifts, Fine Art, and much more!**

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§ **Wednesdays, Dec. 13 & 20 (6:30-7:30pm)**  
**“Be Still...and Know That I am God” at St. Francis Spirituality Center** (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Chapel), 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH. Step apart from the holiday rush for an hour of Advent Centering Prayer. Each week will include a short teaching, 20 minutes of centering prayer, and shared learnings. Suggested offering is \$6/week. **To register: [peace@franciscanretreats.org](mailto:peace@franciscanretreats.org) or 419.443.1485.**

## **JANUARY 2018**

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## **FEBRUARY 2018**

§ **Friday, February 2 (6:00-10:00pm) Annual Mardi Gras Fundraiser** at Elizabeth Schaefer Auditorium, 190 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH. Come celebrate Mardi Gras with us! Live Music, Games of Chance, Traditional Cajun Cuisine & Drinks, Live & Silent Auction, and Raffle Items. Cash Bar – 21 and over event. **Early Bird Special until Dec. 31, tickets are \$30.00, after Dec. 31, \$35.00.** All tickets purchased will be entered into a drawing for \$500.00 at the event. Need not be present to win. Deadline for reservations is Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>. Open seating unless purchasing a table of 8. Order your tickets on any of our websites or at **419.447.0435**. Proceeds benefit the ministries of St. Francis Community.