

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Items added this week are highlighted in 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: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.

§ [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.

§ [Pope Francis' campaign for refugees & migrants.](#) The aim of the campaign is to promote the culture of encounter in communities where migrants & refugees leave and return to, where they travel through & where they choose to make their homes. Please join the Holy Father in prayer & action for migrants & refugees. **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.

§ **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!

§ **Think of someone in your parish who is living with a significant disability (caused by a vision or hearing impairment, paralysis, chronic illness, intellectual disability, or mental illness) and despite any limitations, models Christian service to their parish community and beyond.** Or perhaps you know a parishioner who is a caregiver and/or advocate for a person or persons living with disabilities. Please submit their name(s) for the 2018 Open Arms Awards. These awards will be presented by Bishop Daniel E. Thomas at the 5:00 Saturday Vigil on **March 3, 2018**, at St. Michael the Archangel, Gibsonburg, when our Diocese celebrates the gifts Catholics living with disability bring to our Church. If you have someone in mind, contact the office & we'll get you a nomination form.

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Spirituality Center (Greccio Room), 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 info, call Sr. Paulette Schroeder at **419-447-0435, ext. 136**.

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§ **40 Days for Life Campaign Begins February 14th**. Catholic Charities is hosting the ecumenical 40 Days for Life campaign in Northwest Ohio from **February 14 through March 25**. You can participate in three ways: prayer and fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil. We invite you to pray for an hour in front of Capital Care Network, the Toledo abortion clinic, located at 1160 W. Sylvania Avenue. Sign up at: www.40daysforlife.com/toledo. Since the international 40 Days for Life Campaign began in 2007, over 750,000 volunteers in over 40 nations have stood in prayerful witness at abortion clinics to witness to the dignity of human life. Through these prayerful campaigns, over 14,000 lives have been saved, 170 abortion workers have quit their positions, and 90 abortion facilities have shut down! To learn more, email Peter Range at prange@toledodiocese.org. Join the movement, and help us end abortion in Northwest Ohio!

§ **Wednesdays, February 14 – March 28 (1:00-2:00pm) "A Lenten Retreat with Thomas Merton"** at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Spirituality Center, Tiffin. Fr. Donald Goergen, O.P., will give a 25 minute CD presentation, Followed by reflective sharing among participants. Quotes of Thomas Merton: "In a world of noise, confusion and conflict, it is necessary that there be places of silence, inner discipline and peace. In such places love can blossom." ; "Compassion is the keen awareness of the interdependence of all things." ; "In silence God ceases to be an object and becomes an experience." ; "We are living in a world that is absolutely transparent, and God is shining through it all the time." **Free Will Offering. Pre-registration requested: 419-443-1485 or peace@franciscanretreats.org.**

§ **SpiritSpace Gallery & Gift Shop**, located inside St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., offers gifts that enhance the spiritual dimension of life. Consider ordering a personalized Blessing Cup from local potter, Sister Jane Omlor for First Communion, Confirmation, weddings, baptisms, RCIA, and anniversaries. **Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 1-4pm, Sat. 10am-4pm.** For more, call 567-207-5393.

§ **OLC Retreat House – Celebrating 100 Years. Mission Statement ~ Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation.** *“The mission of the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation is to draw people to union with God. Through devotion to Our Lady of Consolation and to provide a ministry of consolation to people in their personal, emotional, and spiritual needs through prayer, preaching, presence, and spiritual renewal.”*

§ **“The Face of Consolation”** Join the Franciscans on Wednesdays during the 2018 Lenten Season for an Evening of Reflection at the Retreat House of Our Lady of Consolation! **ALL are welcome to attend.** The evenings will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a simple meal and conclude at 8:30 p.m. \$20 for all 5 evenings of reflection or \$5 per night when scheduling a few. **February 21, 2018 ~ Friar Vincent Petersen, ofm Conv., February 28, 2018 ~ Sister Edna Michel, OSF, Tiffin, March 7, 2018 ~ Friar Ray Mallett, ofm Conv., March 14, 2018 ~ Sister Dionne Sartor, OSF, Tiffin, March 21, 2018 ~ Friar Ian Bremar, ofm Conv.** Register today for ALL five evenings or just a couple by calling the Retreat House at 419-396-7970 or the Shrine Office at 419-396-7107 to make your reservations. You may also email the Retreat House at retreats@olcshrine.com.

§ **Project Respect is having their first annual Dodgeball Tournament on Saturday, February 24 at the Archbold Middle School.** This fundraiser will unite youth and/or the young at heart in a match of skill, competition, and downright fun! You can sign up a team or just come with a friend! We are having an 80's theme so come decked out in some rad gear!!

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§ **Sacrament Season is Approaching!** Stop out to Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center Gift Shop. We have banners, gifts & cards for all occasions! Hours: Monday-Friday from 9am-4pm. Located at 1250 Tiffin Street, Fremont, Oh 43420. Contact us at 419-332-6522.

§ **Mondays, January 22 – February 26 (6:30-7:30pm) Finding God in the Ordinary: Guided Meditations for Peace & Healing** at St. Francis Spirituality Center (Greccio Room), 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. Surround yourself with gentle peace and God's gracious presence as you are led by Sister Edna Michel, OSF, in guided meditations. Dress comfortably. Suggested Donation \$6/session - Scholarships available. (Snow Alternative Days: March 5, 12) Registration preferred: Ph. 419-443-1485 or peace@franciscanretreats.org.

§ **Friday, February 23 (6:30pm) – Saturday, February 24 (8:00pm) “Stepping Through the Seasons”** at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. A retreat for women in recovery from addiction. This retreat opens up the principles of the 12-step program within the context of the seasons of our lives. Autumn: Steps 1, 2, 3 – Surrender – letting go. Winter: Steps 4, 5, 6, 7 – Waiting – trust and deepening. Spring: Steps 8, 9, 10 – Hope and the awakening of the inner self. Summer: Steps 11-12 – Fruitfulness, abundance and 'enoughness'. As a clinical social worker and spiritual director, Betty Leon, IHM, MSW, has dealt with women seeking to grow in healthy living on every level. She has offered retreats for women in AAA and other 12-step programs. She has received praise and deep appreciation from her past retreatants. Arrival Time: 6:00-6:30PM. Cost: \$120, scholarships are available. Optional Saturday night lodging and meals for an additional fee. **Register by February 19 at peace@franciscanretreats.org or 419.443.1485.**

MARCH 2018

§ **The St. John Catholic Church, Defiance Men's Renewal Of The Heart Team presents Resisitng Happiness a Men's Renewal retreat** based on the book Resisitng Happiness and Videos by Matthew Kelly. When we resist God we resist happiness. You were made for a mission. It's time to let your light shine. The weekend will include fellowship, personal witness, group sharing, mass, reconciliation, and great food. All men are invited to join us. **Friday evening March 2nd 6pm -10pm** the theme for the evening is Are you a Pilgrim or a Tourist. Saturday 8am -9:30pm the days' theme is inspired by the book Resisting Happiness. We will take a look at how to start choosing happiness through such topics as "Making Sense of Everything", "Are You Spiritually Healthy", "Falling In Love", "The Power of Habits", and "Your Spiritual Plan". Take time with us to find the vision of your quest for happiness. For more information or to RSVP please call George Westrick 419-784-3975.

§ **Saturday, March 3 (9:00am-Noon) An Oasis Day Mini Retreat "Christ Crucified, Our King of Kings: The Passion Story of the Gospels"** at St. Francis Spirituality Center, 200 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. Our reflection will focus on the story of Jesus' passion and death as it has been remembered and recorded by the Gospel writers. Each of the Evangelists offers us deeper insights into Christ's Ultimate Gift and helps us to reflect on the meaning of Jesus' sacrifice for our lives especially during the season of Lent. Sr. Shannon Schrein, OSF Retreat Leader. **Doors open at 8:30 AM, Cost: \$12 for retreat only, \$22 for retreat and noon meal (optional). To register: peace@franciscanretreats.org or 419.443.1485.**

APRIL 2018

§ **Divine Mercy Catholic Parish ~~ invites you to join us for Divine Mercy Sunday! April 8, 2018** at our Paulding Church location, 315 North Main Street, Paulding. Confessions 1-3pm, Veneration of St. Faustina Relic 1-2:30pm, Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3pm, Mass following the Chaplet. Guest Homilist – Deacon Scott Perry. Everyone is welcome to join us for a potluck supper following Mass in the basement of the Paulding Church. (elevator available).

§ **Tickets are now on sale for the "Clean Comedy Show" Fundraiser** at the Ritz Theatre, 30 S. Washington St., Tiffin on **Friday, April 20 at 7:30pm**. Fr. Joshua Wagner returns to Tiffin, from Columbus Ohio, for the Opening Act. Fr. Wagner's presentation uses humor, scriptural reflection, and theological insight that flows directly from the Roman

Catholic tradition. Headliner & Clean Comedienne Leslie Norris Townsend, of Celina, Ohio provides a blend of stand-up comedy, music and audience participation will move your audience from tears to laughter, while motivating, mesmerizing and captivating each one. Leslie has had 30+ television appearances include Comedy Central, A&E's "An Evening at the Improv" and sketches seen on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." She was even a Grand Finalist on "Star Search". **Tickets: \$25 each. Order tickets by calling The Ritz Theatre at 419-448-8544 or online at ritztheatre.org. Proceeds benefit St. Francis Spirituality Center.**