

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

JUNE 3, 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 Project Rachel Helpline at 1-888-456-HOPE or

[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)

projectrachel@toledodiocese.org. Learn more at www.hopeafterabortion.org.

▪ [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. **June 20, 2018 – World Refugee Day.**

▪ [Yoga Classes on Wednesdays \(5:15-6:15 pm\)](#) at St. Francis 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.**

▪ [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.”*

▪ **Defiance Co Dream Center looking for volunteers.** The mission of the Dream Center is to reach people with the love of Christ by meeting both physical and spiritual needs. The Defiance Dream Center has been working quite extensively on the east side of Defiance neighborhood and will soon launch a second adopted block on the north side of Defiance. They will also consider requests for assistance from other areas of the Defiance as well. Some of the needs they have identified are: mentorship/life coaching; transportation; addiction recovery; and workforce preparation and others. They are always looking for volunteers and donations to help in tangible ways to restore dignity to the individual. Contact Bill Lammers or Guisepee Blanchard at 419.789.4122 or info@defiancedreamcenter.org.

▪ **Puerto Rico needs YOU!** Are you willing to help? **GOD IS CALLING US TO HELP OUR NEIGHBOR.** Remember the big hurricane strike last year? Puerto Rico has not recovered. While we have several options for clean water, electricity and comfortable homes, they have been struggling for all of the above comforts. The Wannabees has 3 spots remaining and would be excited to add you or a friend's name to our group! Looking for hardworking, God loving volunteers. Ways you can help: - Sign up for Wannabees Mission trip June 24th – July 1st. (Scholarships available); Find, support or help fund someone who would be valuable on this trip. PRAY for the people struggling without their homes. PRAY for the workers in PR who have been working endlessly for eight months and have so long to go yet. . . THEY ARE TIRED. Donate power tools such as drills, saws etc. and painting supplies. They are especially in need of skilled construction workers so please, if you have these skills, consider giving a week of your time. God will smile on you! 1 John 3:17 How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Click here for more information: Wannabees.org Or, call: Diane Collins @ 419-542-7025.

▪ **Baby Bottle Bank Campaign** Between **Mother's Day and Father's Day**, the CPC Women's Health Resource is asking for your spare change. Would you consider taking a baby bottle and filling it up? The monies go toward helping rescue children and families from abortion. Every human life is precious. Whether planned or unplanned, each life is unique, created with wonderful potential and possibility. Thank you for helping support this important ministry. You can pick up a bottle [at the back of the church]. www.cpcnwo.org Got Change for that! Pose with your bottle and share the pic on FB or Twitter. Don't have a bottle to fill? We'll get you one! 419.636.5692.

▪ **Community Gardens Plots are available to rent at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center**, 194 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin. FELC will be offering 20'x30' plots for \$100 and 20'x15' plots for \$75. This includes the plot use from May through October (weather permitting), and the FELC greenhouse for use. For more information or to request a registration packet, please call **419.448.7485** or email earthliteracy@felctiffin.org or stop by the center to speak to our staff. Visit our website to view guidelines at www.felctiffin.org. Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford plot fees.

JUNE 2018

▪ **High School Juniors & Seniors and Parents ~ You are invited to Ave Summer Fest 2018** at the Ann Arbor residence of Tom Monaghan, Founder - Ave Maria University & Ave Maria School of Law. **Thursday, June 14, 6:00 p.m.** Learn about these **NEW Ave Maria University scholarships** **Toledo Scholarship, \$28,000 over 4 years and Toledo Homeschooled Scholarship, \$36,000 over 4 years.** *Academic & Athletic Scholarships are available in addition to these scholarships.* Meet AMU admission counselor, current AMU students and alumni and Tom Monaghan. Enjoy an evening of summer picnic fare, sundae bar, door prizes, and live music. **FREE - Registration required by Tuesday, June 12** to attend! For more information & to register today go to www.avemariafoundation.org.

▪ **SERVING OTHERS IN GOD'S LOVE, Religious Freedom Week. June 22-29,2018!** People of faith are committed to serving others in God's love in healthcare, child welfare, migration and refugee resettlement, education and more. **Religious freedom protects the space** in which we can continue to serve. Religious Freedom Week begins June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More & John Fisher. Join Catholics across the country to pray and act for the freedom to serve faithfully and with integrity. Learn more at www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek!

JULY 2018

- **July 07, 2018 - The Annual Directed Retreat.** Retreat starts at 7:00 pm on Saturday, July 7 and ends at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 14. Come into God's presence and enter the silence of your own heart as you pray, listen and reflect on how God is in your life. The personally directed retreat is designed to meet the spiritual and personal needs of each individual retreatant. Meeting daily with a spiritual director will help you listen well and be attentive to your own relationship with God. ****This is a silent retreat.*** Cost: Standard Room - \$535.50/Commuter - \$350.00. Directors for the retreat are: Deb Brenneman, Bobbie Doneth, OSF, Breta Gorman, RSM, Stephanie Helfrich, OSU, John Lehner, OSFS Wanda Smith, RSM & Dede Swinehart.
- **July 16-19 (9:00am-2:00pm) Summer Camp for Science Teachers** (Grades K-1-2) at the Franciscan Earth Literacy Center, 194 St. Francis Ave., Tiffin, OH. Join us for four days on the 400 acres of woodlands, wetlands and fields of the St. Francis Community Campus in Tiffin. Learn how to apply the Standards to the Natural World around you. Activities will be adapted for use on your school grounds, nearby parks and natural areas, and in the classroom. A grant will provide take-home materials. Accommodations for guests are in St. Francis Spirituality Center, a retreat center on our campus, which has private rooms with sinks and shared bathrooms. Facilitators: Sr. Shirley Shafranek, OSF, Tiffin, Linda Haas, OSF, Tiffin Associate, Jim Mason, Matt Miller and Stacey Pistarova, Ph. D. **For more details, visit <http://franciscanretreats.org/home/power-point/>.** The workshop is limited to only 15 teachers. **Registration deadline is May, 31st. To register, contact Sr. Shirley at 419.448.7485 or sshafranek@felctiffin.org.**

AUGUST 2018

- **Family Camp Weekend Retreat, August 3rd -5th**, is looking for volunteers over age 16 to assist children and adults with developmental disabilities. The weekend is filled with summer camp activities for children and their parents in a supportive and faith-filled environment. YOUR participation will make Family Camp a meaningful experience for a family and for you! If you would like more information about volunteering or wish to register for Family Camp, please contact Marsha Rivas, Office for Persons with Disabilities, 419-214-4938 or mrivas@toledodiocese.org.

SEPTEMBER 2018

- **Saturday, September 15. A young adult Franciscan retreat** will be happening at Divine Mercy - Paulding. For more information, contact Christopher Bercaw - OFS at chriskofc@gmail.com Also, watch this bulletin for more information coming soon!!!!

OCTOBER 2018

- **Registration for 2018 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries** ~ Once again this year, our diocese will celebrate wedding anniversaries of parishioners married for 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage. Bishop Daniel Thomas will preside for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within **Holy Mass on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.** at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Please encourage your parishioners to attend and be honored for their commitment to the Sacrament of Matrimony. **Registration is open now and will continue until October 8.** Each registered couple will receive a commemorative certificate and will be invited, along with their family and friends, to a reception following mass. Registration received after October 8 will be accepted; however, the printing of certificates and the inclusion of names in the printed worship aid may not be possible by the event date. However, certificates can be mailed to the couples' home address after the event. Parish priests are welcome to concelebrate with Bishop Thomas. A list of couples from your parish will be forwarded to pastors as they are collected. From now until October 8, Couples may register for the Anniversary celebration using the Google form at this link: [toledoanniversarymass.org] <https://goo.gl/forms/WeDGCOu07b98bw092> Parish staff may also register one or more couples using the above online form. If you have questions or need help with registration, please contact Marsha Rivas in the Department of Discipleship and Family Life, mrivas@toledodiocese.org or 419-214-4978.