

**Weekly Schedule of Services**  
**February 28 – March 8, 2009**  
**“The Embrace of Forgiveness”**  
**St. Maximilian Kolbe Deanery**  
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**SATURDAY, February 28**

**4PM Mass in Payne** – Delores Baumle and  
Ruth Rekeweg  
**6PM Mass in Paulding** – Joe Vogel, Vern Vogel and  
Vivian Schoenauer

**SUNDAY, March 1 – First Sunday of Lent**

**8:30AM Mass in Antwerp** – For the People  
**10:30AM Mass in Paulding** – Zachary Arend and  
Cecilia Herzig

**MONDAY, March 2**

**8AM Paulding Mass** – Raymond Delgado

**TUESDAY, March 3 – St. Katharine Dresel**

**8AM Mass in Antwerp** – Victims of Abortion

**WEDNESDAY, March 4 – St. Casimir**

**7PM Mass in Paulding** – For the Parish

**THURSDAY, March 5**

**8AM Mass in Antwerp** – Brian Bakle

**FRIDAY, March 6**

**9AM Mass in Payne** – Sr. Germaine Wannemacher

**SATURDAY, March 7 – St. Perpetua & St. Felicity**

**4PM Mass in Payne** – Hobart Kuhn & Joe Malfait  
**6PM Mass in Paulding** – Father Bittman and  
Bob & Rita Snodgrass

**SUNDAY, March 8 – Second Sunday of Lent**

**8:30 AM Mass in Antwerp** – John Baksa and  
Mary Jane Kinnaley  
**10:30AM Mass in Paulding** – For the People

**Check the Weekly Calendar of Events**  
**for dates & times of the Parish Mission**

**DIVINE MERCY PARISH LENTEN MISSION**

Jim Miller has informed us that he will provide a “Book Store” each night of the mission containing Divine Mercy literature, books, CDs, pictures of our own icon, etc. that are available for purchase along with free mission handouts.

**NEED TRANSPORTATION TO THE MISSION ???**

If you would like to attend the Parish Mission March 2 – 4 and need a ride, transportation is being provided. If you live in Antwerp, contact Bob Nighswander at 419-258-2408, in Paulding contact Dave Santo at 419-399-5570 and in Payne contact Paul Stabler at 419-263-2211. We hope to see everyone at the mission who would like to attend.

**Dear People of God,**

Lent is here. I hope you have made up your minds by now as to what spiritual disciplines you will be doing this Lent. I always try to have a combination of extra prayer, some sort of fasting and then a charity. That's what the Lord spoke about in the gospel for Ash Wednesday so that is good enough for me. One other thing you might be interested in is the Stational Churches of Rome. I know we did this last year but I enjoyed it so much we will be making it available again. Every day in Lent the American seminarians travel to one of the ancient churches for Mass. The assignment of these churches to particular days is very old. To learn a little about these churches and some church history go to the seminaries web site, [www.pnac.org](http://www.pnac.org) then click on what day of Lent it is and the Stational Church article will be there as well as some pictures. I find it really interesting.

I need to make a comment about our Divine Mercy Mission this week. I do hope that the churches are packed. I realize that many people are always wondering where the pastor is for these sorts of things. Here is the situation. Monday I have to be at a meeting in Toledo. As soon as it is over I will hit the road, but I may be a little late getting to Payne. On Tuesday there is a meeting in Defiance for the Finance Councils of the area. It was called by Bishop Blair some time ago so I will not be in attendance on Tuesday and I have already told Mr. Miller. Wednesday I will be there. I'm celebrating the Mass. Just so you know, I support this Mission and pray for its success, but I will not be able to be at all of it.

Finally, I have made mention of it before, but I feel it is important enough to mention in my article again. This coming Saturday, March 7, after the 4PM Mass there will be an Open House of Divine Mercy School. There are many people who, if not from the Payne community, have never been in our Catholic school. This is an opportunity to see this little treasure that is ours. I particularly hope that some of our young parents would take the time to seriously look at the school and consider Catholic education for their children. The slogan is “Different by Design”, and we are. It has been said many times, but people seem to forget, even if you don't live in the Payne location bussing for your children is available. So come to the Open House. Have a good week and as one of our old priests used to say, “Have an excruciating Lent.”

*Jesus I Trust In You*

**A Prayer for our Divine Mercy Parish Lenten Mission**

Dear Jesus, bless our parish family with health of mind, body and soul as we gather together during the first week of Lent 2009 to honor and learn more about Your Divine Mercy. Dear Lord of Mercy, You are placing an invitation in each of our hearts to come to You during this Lenten Mission to walk with You, *From the Garden to the Cross* in order to better understand Your Passion and Your Divine Mercy. Thank You Dear Jesus! We accept Your invitation! *For the sake of Your sorrowful passion* we will join together in prayer and meditation to learn about Your love for us in order to better shape our life on our road to Emmaus, or path of salvation. *Jesus, I Trust in You !*



## SCHOOL NEWS

We began our week thanking God for the many blessings he has given us. We prayed for healing for those hurting physically and emotionally. We asked God to watch over all of our loved one and for those who are grieving. We especially extend our condolences to Drew Forrer and his family in the loss of their loved one.

Our Mardi Gras was held last Friday afternoon. The PTA organizes a fair of activities ranging from a Country Store to a variety of games for the students to play. They may also purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a "big" prize. The dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels paid are all donated to the Missions for Children. This year's Mardi Gras raised \$363.60. We appreciate everyone who was able to come in and help, and to all who donated items for the Mardi Gras. It was a huge success.

Confessions for grades 2 – 6 for Lent will be Monday, March 9 beginning at 9AM in the church. We are thankful for what God gave up for us and for all Jesus went through that we may be forgiven!

The school hosts Stations of the Cross each Friday at 1PM in the church during Lent. Everyone is welcome.

Divine Mercy Catholic School Open House is scheduled for Saturday, March 7 following the 4PM Payne Mass and will run until 6PM. The students will be participating in this Mass. The doors will be open to prospective Divine Mercy Crusaders, for anyone who already knows us, or just to come and visit. Our school is committed to continuing the traditions of education rooted in the Catholic Teachings and Faith. We have caring and dedicated certified teachers and a low teacher-to-student ratio. As Christian parents, it is our responsibility to give our children the advantage of a Christ-based foundation to help them make the right choices. Come grow with us!

Kindergarten screening will be Wednesday, April 15 for the 2009-2010 school year .Kindergarten is all day, every day. **If you live in Antwerp, Paulding or Wayne Trace School district, a bus will pick your child up and bring them to Divine Mercy Catholic School.** Financial assistance is available for the school year. Thanks to very generous donations the past two years we have a complete computer lab, updated library facilities and just recently purchased mimio boards and elmo cameras for each classroom. In cooperation with the Wayne Trace Payne Cafeteria, our students are offered a hot lunch every day. Discover what makes Divine Mercy Catholic School the right choice for your child.

## WITH GRATITUDE

I wish to "Thank" everyone who kept me in their prayers, paid a visit, made a phone call or sent a card while I was in the hospital and since my return home. Your care and concern are very much appreciated. God bless each of you.

Francis Coughlin



### **The Year of St. Paul**

"Yes, we know that all creation groans and is in agony even until now. Not only that, but we ourselves, although we have the Spirit as first fruits, groan inwardly while we await the redemption of our bodies"  
*Romans 8:22-23*

## MEET OUR DEACONS

**Today feature**  
**Deacon Leonard Roth**

I am pleased to have this opportunity to introduce myself to all the parishioners of Divine Mercy. I'm Leonard (Lennie) Roth, a lifelong native of Paulding. In 1971, I married my high school sweetheart, Kathie Clark. We raised two children, Adam (Denise) of Edgerton and Mari (Bruce) Ivan of Paulding. God has blessed us with six grandchildren.

I was raised in the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Paulding. In 1969 at the age of 18, I entered the Catholic Church. Together with Kathie, we have also been very involved in many different ministries. It has been through these various ministries and the people involved that aided and influenced my faith journey.

My calling to the diaconate was a gradual process. Father Cleo Schmenk and Deacon Francis Koenn planted the seed and set the example of service. I was ordained a Permanent Deacon on May 20, 2006. I truly feel this is what God intended for me, to live a life of service to the Church and all people. It is a challenge but also a joy.

My two main ministries at the present time are the Radio Program, *Living Seeds of Faith*, and the annual Parish Holy Spirit Retreat. Father Cleo started the radio program in 1998. The program interviews Catholics about their faith and features guest speakers to inform and teach our faith. This Lenten Season, Pat Oedy Murray will give theological reflections on the Sunday Readings. The program airs every Sunday morning on WDFM 98.1FM at 8:30AM.

I have been privileged to be a part of the Annual Parish Retreat. In my 4 year involvement, I have been a team member and Spiritual Director. This has been a pure joy working with so many people from all three locations and experiencing the bond of Christian unity grow.

In closing, I would not be a deacon today if it wasn't for the encouragement and support from family, friends, Totus Tuus Prayer Group (I am the Token Male) and parish. If there is to be an increase in religious, priests, deacons, sisters and Holy Orders, we need to encourage anyone who may have an interest in the Religious Life. I am looking forward to meeting all of you.

Yours in Christ, Deacon Lennie Roth

## OF MUTUAL INTEREST

**"Genesis to Jesus", A Journey through Scripture** training will be held on Saturday, March 14. Bishop Blair has invited a team created by Scott Hahn to come and teach you to lead a Bible Study. This is also a Bible Study in itself. Cost is \$45, includes lunch and all materials you need to teach a bible study program. To register go to [www.journeythroughscripture.com](http://www.journeythroughscripture.com) or call 419-532-2204. Sponsored by Fr. Scherger, Dominus Angelorum Retreat House.

**Tatiana (Tacji)** will be at St. John Church, Defiance, on Sunday, March 22 from 2-4PM. She will perform *"I Thirst, The Crucifixion Story for Lent."* Visit [www.idobelieve.com](http://www.idobelieve.com) or call 419-782-71231 for more information. All are welcome.

### **MEDJUGORJE TRIP IS PLANNED**

The Payne Medjugorje Prayer Group is sponsoring a trip to Medjugorje in June. Departure will be from Fort Wayne, Indiana to Detroit on June 5 to June 14, 2009. There will be overnight stays and tours in Dubrovnik and Orebic and final departure from Medjugorje. Round-trip cost will be \$2,190 per person. If interested contact Carol Schaefer, 419-263-2081 or Lorraine Schaefer, 419-263-2950.

### **PAYNE FRIDAY ADORATION CANCELLED**

Much time was spent calling to get adorers to cover the hours for First Friday Adoration in Payne, a long time tradition. During adoration hours the Blessed Sacrament is not to be left unattended. Due to the lack of volunteers to participate, the decision was made to cancel adoration and to ask adorers to participate in Adoration at Paulding on Wednesdays between the hours of 8:30AM and 7PM. If you would like to schedule a designated hour please contact Kathie Roth at 419-399-3101. Prayer is powerful, come join us on Wednesdays.

### **PARISH NURSE**

When you or someone you love is hospitalized it can be a stressful time. As a retired Registered Nurse, Rita Diaz, along with a team of qualified volunteers, is ministering as Divine Mercy Parish Nurse. This group is very active visiting parishioners in area hospitals, nursing homes and in their private homes, providing communion and guidance to those with special needs. We ask for your help to insure you or your loved ones' needs are met. Someone is asked to please call the rectory (419-399-2576) or Rita (419-399-5476) if you or a loved one would like a visit. If you are interested in becoming a part of this vibrant and caring ministry team, please call Rita.

### **DIOCESAN HISTORY BOOK**

An illustrated book charting the life of the local Churches will be included with a brief history and picture in the publication entitled *The Diocese of Toledo: 1910-2010*. The book commemorates the centennial celebration of the Diocese of Toledo and the heritage of our faith in northwest Ohio. A list of those who are interested in purchasing one of the keep-sake edition is being kept in the Parish Office. The cost is \$31.80 per book. To reserve your personal copy please call during regular office hours, Monday – Friday, 9AM – 4PM with your name and phone number, or put a slip in an envelope in the collection basket with your name and phone number, entitle it "History Book" and attention: Heather.

### **FUNERAL CHOIR**

When a funeral is being planned with a grieving family, one of the items they choose is the music. The songs reflect the readings and the favorite songs of the family or the deceased person. When this process is complete, people who are on the funeral choir list are called with the day and time of the funeral. Remembering another person's loved one through music is an honor. If you wish to be part of this ministry, please call the parish office and we will add your name to our list of contacts. We are in need of more voices to celebrate the lives of those who have died. Thank you and God bless.

### **SCHEDULING MASSES**

Masses during the week are alternated between Antwerp, Paulding and Payne, our three locations, and the weekend Masses have a summer and winter schedule. When Mass Intentions are given to the parish office we try to provide the family with the dates they request in memory of their loved ones. There are 70 pages of names in the parish Mass Intention Book at this time. Due to the large number of requests, we ask that you show some patience and understanding if your Mass is not said at the exact time and place where you normally attend. Requests for a specific location may take many weeks. Please know that we are doing our best to accommodate over 820 registered families. Remember, Divine Mercy Catholic Parish is one parish with three locations and your intention requests are important to our parish community as well as the family.

If you wish to learn more about Divine Mercy please check out the following sites: <http://www.thedivinemercy.org/>  
<http://michigancatholicradio.org/>  
[www.Saint-Faustina.com](http://www.Saint-Faustina.com)