



Divine Mercy Parish

Mass Schedule for the Week of January 21, 2024

Monday, January 22, 2024

7:30 AM DM Living & Deceased Members of Divine Mercy Parish
2:00 - 4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6-6:30 PM DM Confessions

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

7:30 AM DM Patrick W. McDonald – 7th Anniversary by McDonald Family

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

7:30 AM DM Dr. Stephen P. Toth by Toth, Shustack & Burcin Families
5:30 - 7 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday, January 25, 2024

7:30 AM DM Rev. Charles Dene

Friday, January 26, 2024

7:30 AM DM Rudisill, Oliver & Swirsky Families by John & Marlene Rudisill
2:00 - 4 PM Chapel Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 27, 2024

7:30 AM DM Brian Rooney Jr. by Thomas Wood Family

3:45 PM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00 PM DM Albert & Patricia Drumblusky by Family

Sunday, January 28, 2024

7:30 AM DM Brian Rooney Jr. by Steve Sajda
9:40 AM DM Divine Mercy Chaplet
10:00 AM DM Sister Teresa Nowak by Zofia Panek & Family
12:30 PM DM Living & Deceased Priests – Diocese of Allentown

En Espanol

“The clergy and religious of the Diocese of Allentown continue to stand ready to provide steadfast support and prayers during this difficult time,” said Bishop Schlert. “Just as St. Joseph protected the Holy Family, we turn to St. Joseph to protect us at this time of uncertainty and pandemic.” We invite all the faithful who are quarantined during this time and unable to receive Holy Communion, to offer their prayers for healing throughout the world. Pray the Holy Rosary, on www.EWTN.com/tv/shows/sunday-Mass-live. Pray this prayer for spiritual communion and set aside time for prayer with the Sacred Scriptures of the day – go to www.wordamongus.org.

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen



Prayer to Your Guardian Angel

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God’s love
Commits me here,
Ever this day,
be at my side,
To light and guard,
Rule and guide.

Prayer for Our Country

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Patroness of America, please help our country. Help us to return to what is decent, right and proper. Help us to return to respect for ourselves and others, into truth in dealing with ourselves and others, to self-control and self-discipline and, especially, to a deep love for your Son and his teachings. Protect us from those who would destroy us from within. Our Lady, we place ourselves and our country under your mantel. Pray for us and help us. Amen.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

When: Every 1st Sunday of the month

Time: 3:00 PM

Where: St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish, Mahanoy City

Divine Mercy Collections

1/14 – 10,927.00

Do You Receive Church Envelopes?

If you are not receiving church envelopes and would like to be put on the list, please contact the parish office at 462-1968. Thank you.



Parish Office will be closed

Monday, February 19th for Presidents’ Day.

The office will reopen on **Tuesday, February 20th at 8:30 AM.**

Divine Mercy Memorial Fund

Diane Kalyan

\$10 Husband, Ron & family

Jane Mallick

\$100 Billy, Bruce & Diane Mallick

\$25 Bob Mitchell family

\$20 Bob & Joan Matta

\$10 Jo Marie & Maria Rittle

\$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.

\$10 Joe & Sharon Sadusky

\$10 Joseph & Barbara Williams

\$10 Peter Ulicny

\$10 Diane Paruch

Carol Reisig

\$10 Rita Sherakas

Gloria Choplick

\$25 Tom & Pam Twardzik & sons

\$25 Jerry & Sharon Potter

\$10 Ed & Diane Chowanes

\$10 Theresa & Diane Paruch

\$10 Ed & Fran Domkus

Brian Rooney Jr.

\$20 Steve Sajda

\$20 M/M Gary Muclada & sons

\$20 M/M Frank McCole & sons

\$10 Theresa & Diane Paruch

Anthony Bobbin

\$20 Steve Sajda

Gertrude Pitts

\$25 Cousin, Midge & Bill Fell

\$25 Cheryl, Tom, Finn & James
Tourish

\$25 Paul Straka

\$25 Frank & Gail McCole & sons

\$20 Eileen Barlow

\$20 Labosky family

\$20 Cousin, Mary Ann Pronio

\$20 Mary Oravitz & family

\$20 Barb Hardy

\$20 Tony Reilly

\$20 Donna & Rick Donchak

\$20 Christine Griffin

\$20 Dave & Daria Kayes

\$20 Abigail Kayes & John Bankus

\$10 Fran & Maria Macus

\$10 Susan Kayesuski

\$10 Jenny & Murph

\$10 Rita Sherakas

\$10 Buchinsky family

\$10 Joann & Zach Pribish

\$10 Theresa & Diane Paruch

\$10 Bob & Ellen Selgrade

\$10 Steve & Selina Toth

\$10 Burcin family

\$10 Joann Wishing

\$10 Jim & Kathy O'Connell

\$10 Pat & Leo Treshock

\$10 Ron & Diane Kayes

\$10 Dolores Micko

Divine Mercy

Sanctuary In memory of my beloved Parents & Sister, Angelo & Enrica & Jean Romano by Ann Romano

Blessed Mother In memory of Vincent Ryan Jr. by grandchildren & great grandchildren

Blessed Mother In loving memory of our Uncle, Edward "Bumper" Maloney on his 105th birthday in heaven by Maloney family

Blessed Mother In memory of Gertrude Pitts by H. Mikita families

Blessed Mother Special intentions by Joan Madaffari

St. Ann Special intentions by Marguerite Oravitz Fell & family

St. Ann For a successful recovery for Paul Straka by Jennie & Murph

St. Joseph In loving memory of Hank Faleski by Wife, Julie

St. Joseph In loving memory of our dear "Pop" Buchinsky by family

St. Joseph Special intentions for Christopher & Marc

OLMC Good health & God's blessings for our Daughter, Jenna by Mom & Dad

OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family

OLMC Special intentions by Ann Marnell Lehman

OLMC Special intentions for John Kelly family

Sacred Heart In memory of Brian Rooney by H. Mikita family

Sacred Heart Special intentions for Christopher & Marc

St. Casimir

Sanctuary In loving memory of my Dad, George Rittle by Daughter, Maria

Divine Mercy In loving memory of Frank Macus by Fran & Maria

Divine Mercy Special intentions by Louis & Donna Kowalski

Divine Mercy Prayers & good health for J.M., S.M., M.S., A.M., Z. S., T.S., R.G., G.M., L.B. & J. B.

Divine Mercy God's blessings for a healthy recovery for Donna Bolinsky by Ed Domkus & Fran

Divine Mercy In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children

Divine Mercy Special intentions for Christopher, Marc, Donna, Benjamin & Morgan

Blessed Mother In loving memory of Joe & Joestelle by Wife/Mother

Blessed Mother In loving memory of John McGuire by Wife, Peg

Blessed Mother Special intentions, in thanksgiving & good health for Msgr. Bocian, Stephen Bocian, George Huss, Estelle McLaren, Joann Pribish, Julie Buchinsky, Scarlet Henry & Mary Lou Scardino

Blessed Mother In memory of John & Helen Pukavige by children

St. Ann In memory of Theodore, Catherine & Catherine Mary Guzinski by Barbie

Sacred Heart Special intentions

Chapel

Sanctuary Special intentions by Msgr. B

Blessed Mother Prayers & good health for Emily Seigel by Uncle Ed & Aunt Kerri

St. Joseph Special intentions by Msgr. B



Blessing of the candles will take place during Mass on Friday, February 2nd at 7:30 AM at Divine Mercy. Candles will then be available after Mass, available on weekends and also at the parish office. Candles are for home use – **All Blessed Candles \$ 4.00 – two candles per box.**

St. Blaisé – Blessing of Throats will take place on the following days:

Saturday, February 3rd – 7:30 AM Mass – there will be individual blessing
4:00 PM Mass – there will be a general blessing

Sunday, February 4th – 7:30 AM Mass & 10:00 AM – there will be a general blessing

Gertrude Pitts

- \$10 Ed & Fran Domkus
- \$5 A friend
- \$5 Tricia Palubinsky
- \$5 Theresa & Len Wierzalis & family

Ann Louise Conroy

- \$25 Bindie, Tedesco & Snitzer families
- \$10 Joan Winkler
- \$10 Walukiewicz Oravitz Fell F. H.
- \$10 Roseanne Malinoski
- \$10 Rick & Kathy Szczerbowicz
- \$10 Steve, Selina, Steve & David Toth
- \$10 Alex Donchak & Andraya Pikitus
- \$5 Patricia Ryan

Leonard Brzieski

- \$10 Rita Sherakas

Dorothy Glinski

- \$20 Michele Day
- \$10 Cathy, Al & Alfie

Rest in peace in heaven on your anniversary, 1/23 love & miss you

- \$10 Daughter, Lisa, Frank & families

Rest in peace in heaven on your 1st anniversary, 1/31, Kitty Breznik love & miss you

- \$10 Son, Frank, Lisa & families

Special intentions

- \$5 Anonymous

Bautismos Todos están invitados a bautizar a sus hijos. Aún si usted no está casado en la Iglesia se puede bautizar a su bebé. Sin embargo, le pedimos que seleccione una pareja que se casó en la Iglesia Católica para ser sus padrinos. Si un padrino / madrina es una persona soltera, él / ella puede convertirse en una condición de que, esa persona ha recibido el bautismo. Por favor, tenga en cuenta que una pareja, civilmente casada o una persona que vive junto a otra persona como una pareja no está calificada para ser un padrino/madrina. Si son de fuera de nuestra parroquia, por favor, díles de obtener un certificado de elegibilidad de su pastor al menos dos semanas de anticipación. Padre llevará a cabo clases de bautismo, tanto para los padres y padrinos y administrar el rito del bautismo. Por favor, visite la oficina parroquia (108 W. Cherry St., Shenandoah. Teléfono 570 (462)1968) para reservar fechas y rellenar formularios. El proceso es muy fácil.

Parish Dues for 2024 for Divine Mercy Parish are now payable for any registered parishioner 21 years of age and older at the parish office, 108 West Cherry St. If dues are paid by January 31, 2024, dues are \$ 50.00 per individual. If paid after January 31, 2024, dues are \$ 60.00 per individual.

You may schedule additional Masses for 2024

and book is open to non-parishioners.

The Diocesan Mass Stipend is set at \$10.00.

Match the Daily Number!

The Marian Catholic High School Blue & Gold Club is selling Lottery Calendars for the 2024 year.

Match the daily number on the 7:00 PM drawing. The cost is \$25.00.

To purchase a calendar please contact a school volunteer: Janis Dvorak at 929-2921; Kathy Goff at 610-704-8037; Maria McGinley at 484-629-4997; or Erin Marek at Marian 467-3335; or even visit the facebook page; Blue and Gold Club.

The Blue & Gold Club raises funds for the school throughout the year and every child that attends Marian Catholic benefits from the work of the Blue & Gold Club.

December Lotto Winners

Janet Moyer	12/2	\$ 50.00	# 502	Eve
Theresa Kosar	12/3	\$ 50.00	# 557	Day
Diane Chowanes	12/5	\$ 50.00	# 713	Day
Dan Shustack	12/7	\$ 25.00	# 538	Eve
Joan Madaffari	12/11	\$ 25.00	# 658	Eve
Mel Mac	12/12	\$ 25.00	# 484	Day
Darlene Mlynek	12/12	\$ 25.00	# 661	Eve
Paul & Deb Sosna	12/15	\$ 25.00	# 539	Eve
Ray Filozof	12/24	\$ 50.00	# 618	Day
Linda Cadau	12/28	\$ 25.00	# 482	Day

Know Him, Love Him, and Serve Him to Be Happy Forever

The Baltimore Catechism taught us that God made us to “know him, to love him, and to serve him in this world, and to be happy with him forever in the next.” In truth, God loves us and wants us to love him back. **Knowing him.** Each of us was created with a place in our hearts just for God. Until we discover it, we may try to fill it with earthly things but nothing else fits. Remove the clutter, turn to God and the reward is peace. **Loving him.** Jesus asked us to love God with all our hearts because surrendering to God is the best way to experience his infinite love. Show your love by praying daily, seeking Communion with him often, and thanking him for his goodness. **Serving him.** When we make sure others have enough to eat, warm clothes to wear, and a place to stay, Jesus takes it personally. It’s what he asked us to do. The reward for doing all this is eternal happiness.

Tax Time is approaching us very quickly. Need a copy of your contribution sheet? Again, this year we will not be mailing out the contribution sheets to every parishioner of our parish. Therefore, if you would like a copy for tax purposes, it is necessary for you to call the parish office at 462-1968 in a request for your contribution sheet for 2023. We will mail this sheet directly to you.



Diocesan Information

If a Prenatal Diagnosis is Poor... You are not alone. There is help. The Diocese of Allentown has a network of concerned parents and professionals who have experienced or worked closely with issues surrounding poor prenatal diagnosis. For support, contact: Sr. Janice Marie Johnson, . Johnson@allentowndiocese.org or 610-289-8900 x 245.
Victim Assistance Coordinator The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church. Victim Assistance Coordinator—**Direct Telephone Number:** 1-800-791-9209.

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown’s Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on “Youth Protection ” in the upper right hand- corner of the page.

Attention all Safe Environment Coordinators!

Mandated reporter trainings and Protecting God’s Children Workshops will now be available virtually. If you are interested, please contact Pam Russo Secretary, Youth Protection and Catholic Human Services
 P.O. Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
 610-871-5200 ext. 2204
prusso@allentowndiocese.org

Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at www.ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562

Servicio de Denuncia de Abusos de Obispos Católicos

Si tiene una denuncia de abuso contra un Obispo, comuníquese con el Servicio de Denuncias de Abuso de Obispos Católicos en www.ReportBishopAbuse.org o llamando al 800-276-1562

WEEKLY MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 27TH & 28TH – ALL MASSES AT DIVINE MERCY

Mas Time	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 PM	Brophy,Marty	Heckard,Louise	Blank,Name
7:30 AM	Daynorowicz,Nolan	Bronk,Cathy	Daynorowicz,Nolan
10:00 AM	Nowak,Cynthia	Phillips,Kathy	Donovan,Joseph

Nativity Happenings:

Nativity is currently accepting inquiries for enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year. Individual meetings, school tours and shadow days are being scheduled for possible enrollment. Please contact Mrs. Jennifer Daubert in the Development office with any enrollment questions.

OPEN HOUSE AND REGISTRATION:

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year at Nativity is scheduled for Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the school. Faculty, staff, administration and coaches will be available to answer questions. Tours of the school will be given and tuition assistance drawings will be available that afternoon for those who register. Please contact Jennifer Daubert @ 622-8110 with any questions.

Nativity BVM High School

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK- 2024 Schedule

Sunday, January 28, 2024 – Celebrating Our Future

We celebrate the future of our school with our Open House and Registration for the 2024-2025 school year. School tours, presentations and displays will begin at 1 PM. Members of the entire Nativity community will be available to answer questions. No pre-registration is required. All are welcome!

Monday, January 29, 2024 - Celebrating Our School Community

We celebrate our community by bringing it together to celebrate the holy sacrifice of the Mass as we open the week. There will be doughnuts distributed to bus drivers, van drivers, and parents to thank them for their help with our students during the school year. (AM SCHEDULE)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024 - Celebrating Our Wonderful Students

We will be celebrating the gift of our wonderful students by treating them to a free dress down day. There will be activities scheduled for the students in the afternoon including games and a movie. (SPECIAL SCHEDULE)

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 - Celebrating Our Nation

We will be celebrating the United States and our Nativity Nation by having a special flag raising ceremony with our new flag donated by Student Council and singing of our National Anthem. There will be a free dress down day themed with the colors of your country for all students, faculty and staff. In the morning, we will unite as a school family to watch a basketball game between our Nativity Hilltoppers and St. Joseph Center students. (AM SCHEDULE)

Thursday, February 1, 2024 - Celebrating the Gift of Vocations

We will celebrate vocations with a special gift of thanks to our chaplain, Fr. Kevin Bobbin. There will be visiting religious speaking to the theology classes about the gifts of their vocations. We will join together in the afternoon for Nativity’s version of Family Feud (PM ASSEMBLY)

Friday, February 2, 2024 - Celebrating our Faculty and Staff

We will be treating all of our devoted faculty and staff to donuts and coffee in the morning and to lunch during their lunch periods to thank them for their hard work and dedication to Nativity. Faculty and staff will also be able to have a dress down day and a have a good day sticker. Throughout the day there will be an ongoing Rock, Paper, Scissors tournament with the finals of the tournament being held in the afternoon. (directions will be given prior) (SPECIAL SCHEDULE)

Next Prayer Group will meet at the Father Ciszek Center on **Thursday, February 1st at 6:30 PM.**
Next Bible Group: Thursday, February 8th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.
Next Franciscan Group: Thursday, February 15th at 6:30 PM at the Father Ciszek Center.
 For more information, call Sr. Marietta 590-0435 or the parish office 462-1968.

Redner's "Save – A- Tape" Receipts
Divine Mercy Parish is still collecting the "Save-A-Tape" from Redner's Markets. Please drop off your receipts in the collection or mail box or bring them to the parish office during regular office hours. The parish will receive a check for 1% of what is collected. Please support your parish and collect the receipts. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated. **Please do not cut any of the receipt away.**

A Little Reminder For Cemetery Lot Owners in order to keep bringing all our Parish Cemeteries in line with the guidelines and regulations of the Diocese the following will still be enforced: all bricks, fine & crushed stone, plants, fresh & plastic flowers not in containers, fences, borders of all types will be removed & discarded immediately due to the fact that they cause a problem for maintenance of your lot. Again, anything that interferes with the mowing & trimming of grass will be removed at the family's expense. Containers should not interfere with the care of the cemetery grounds. If they do, the containers will be removed immediately. No planting of flowers, trees, or shrubs allowed. Plastic flowers must be in containers also.

Father Walter Ciszek Chapel Memorial Fund
Jo Ann Aragona
 \$5 Terry Gilliam

*When We Work
we work*

*When We pray
God works*

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Assumption BVM Catholic School – Pottsville – Catholic Schools Week

Sunday 1/28 Open House – noon to 2:00 PM
 Monday 1/29 Rock Paper Scissor Challenge
 Tuesday 1/30 Student Appreciation Day
 Wednesday 1/31 School Mass with Bishop Schlert
 Thursday 2/1 Crazy hair/crazy hat day & School wide Scavenger Hunt
 Friday 2/2 Teacher Appreciation Day

Financial Report --November

Net November Income	\$ 29,797.67	Expenses	\$ 47,578.40
		Insurance	\$ 7,422.00
		Assessments	\$ 4,023.00
Total Income	\$ 29,797.67	Total Expenses	\$ 59,023.40
Expenses over income	\$ 29,225.73	This shows a loss of	\$ 29,225.73



Our parish is in need of Lectors, Altar Servers and Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested in any of these ministries, we ask that you please call the parish office at 462-1968.



Many parishioners have asked about having past bulletins on our website: www.dmparish.com. Good news, we now have past bulletins on our website. All you have to do is to our website, www.dmparish.com and click on About Us and Bulletin Archive and you can click on whichever one you would like to read.



St. Patrick Preschool @ Assumption BVM in Pottsville is accepting registrations for the 2024-2025 school year. We offer 2, 3 and 5 day programs both full and half days. Contact us for more information at 622-0106 or saintpatricks.prek@gmail.com. Check out our Facebook page Saint Patrick's Preschool @ Assumption BVM. Open house is January 28th from Noon to 2:00 PM.

Marian Catholic High School -- Open House

Sunday, January 28th - 2:00-4:00 PM
 Come learn how to make a Marian education possible.
 To RSVP, please contact Mary Milosh at mmilosh@mariancatholics.org or 467-3335 ext. 117.



Love and Live Your Faith

Faith in God is not a passive virtue resting in the background of our lives. Belief and love for God compels us to an active life of serving, sharing, and living our faith daily. **Embrace excellence.** All that we do becomes a prayer when we give our employers, communities, neighborhoods and families our best abilities in God’s name. **Celebrate the Eucharist.** No Catholic life is complete without weekly Mass attendance. Do what is necessary so you can receive Communion.

Become family. Register in your parish and look for ways to get involved in a parish ministry, such as lecturing, ushering, singing, or becoming a Eucharistic minister.

Be joyful. Scripture comforts us with the assurance that God will not rest until we find our way home to him. Reject Earthly worry and live with joy. God is in control.

Forgive often. Learn to practice this critical skill – and to ask for it when needed.

Flee temptation. St. Peter tells us to "escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires" (2 Peter 1:4). Ask God often to protect you from sin, to give you the wisdom and courage to make good choices.



The Tree of Life has been placed in the vestibule of Divine Mercy Parish in the corridor leading to the former crying room. Take a moment and stop by to look at it. If anyone is still interested in making a donation to the new chapel in memory of someone or a special intention that you may have, please contact the parish office at 462-1968 as soon as possible. Your choices are: Leaf \$ 300.00, Acorn \$ 500.00, Foundation Stone \$ 1,000.00 and Mini-Tree \$ 1,500.00. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the chapel.

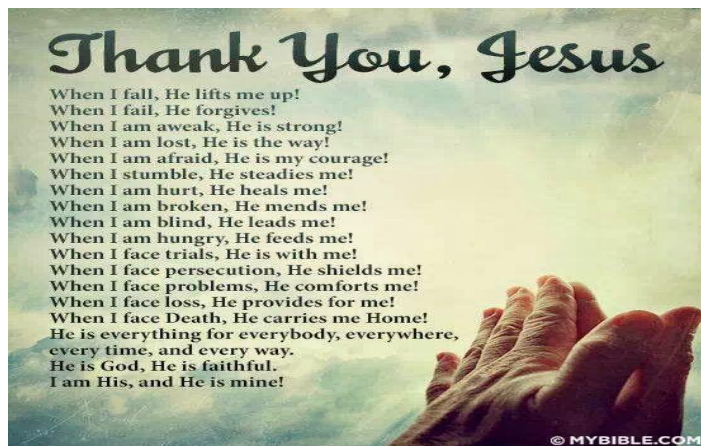
Does Being a “Good Catholic” Mean Following All the Rules Exactly?

The ancient Jews had a lot of rules. Jewish Law dictated what you could eat, how to stay ritually clean, and how to spend Saturdays. Yet, when asked what the most important commandment was, Jesus’ answer brought his listeners back to the basics: *“You shall love the Lord, you God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...you shall love your neighbor as yourself”* (Matthew 22:37).

Jesus didn’t give rules so much as he laid down principles. At the Last Supper, Jesus gave his disciples a New Commandment: *“Love one another as I love you”* (John 15:12). This New Commandment gives us the whole Law in its simplest form: Catholicism, at its heart, is about love—Christ-like love for God and others. Being a good Catholic isn’t about following all the rules perfectly for perfection’s sake, but about falling in love with God. Once that happens, following the Commandments and the Beatitudes takes care of itself. They cease to be rules and become a lifestyle.



Our parish office reached out to Deppen’s Farm about having a pie sale in March. However, we received a letter from Deppen’s Farm saying that due to being short staffed and hampered by more than their share of medical issues, they are not scheduling any fund raisers for the winter/spring timeframe. They are hoping to get back up to speed and will be able to schedule a fundraiser soon.



Love in Action

When we see others suffering, we might think, “The Church should do something.” Yet as members of the Church, it’s our job to take action and share Christ’s love. We can be a listening ear, a helping hand, or an encouraging voice to someone in need. Whatever it is, the Church can always “do something.”