

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*In today's gospel, Jesus went to the "house of Andrew and Simon" to relax but discovered that "Simon's mother-in-law was very ill." Like Jesus, we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who "told Jesus about it at once."*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, February 5**

8:30 a.m. James Wiechart +

**Tuesday, February 6**

8:30 a.m. Tom Gremling +

**Wednesday, February 7**

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 8**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, February 9**

8:30 a.m. Patricia Moore +

**Saturday, February 10**

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Irene Peebles +

**Sunday, February 11**

8:30 a.m. Mary Kay Zink +

11:00 a.m. Virgil Thines +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, February 4 - Blessing of Throats at all Masses**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion

12:00 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

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Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 6**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, February 7**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - Safety/Security Committee Meeting in the Rectory

**Thursday, February 8**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

2:00-5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

7:30 p.m. - Holy Name Meeting in the Parish Hall

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Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

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**ANNUAL CATHOLIC  
APPEAL COMMITMENT  
WEEKEND**



**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan. 3rd week	\$ 9,820.16	\$ 10,166.52
On-line: \$ 1,345.00		
# of Envelopes	252	266
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 326,642.31</b>	<b>\$ 333,991.31</b>



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

The Festival Committee is looking for volunteers for a couple booths this year.

**1. CAKE WHEEL:**

Looking for motivated and organized volunteers to help co-chair the cake wheel. They would organize volunteers, help make baked goods, and receive/organize baked goods that are donated. The family that has chaired this booth for many years is willing and would love to help you this year and show you the ropes.

**2. DUCK RACE BOOTH:**

This is a new booth that will be located in the gambling tent. They will be organizing volunteers and in charge of the hourly duck race.

If you are interested or have any questions about helping with the festival, please contact Michael Mays at: [mmays@sgslima.org](mailto:mmays@sgslima.org) or call 419-604-9526.

**WEBCASTING DONATIONS:**

We thank all of our parishioners who have so generously donated to our Webcasting plea. So far, we have received over \$2,000.00. We will give you a final total soon! donated to help pay for the fees associated with providing this service. Thank you!

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:**

If you would like to have a copy of your 2017 contributions to St. Gerard Church, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080 and we would be happy to mail you a copy. Thank you.

**ATTENTION SENIORS:**

If you are over the age of 70 1/2 and have an IRA or retirement account that requires you to take a minimum distribution, might you consider a gift to St. Gerard Parish? We are a qualified charity and it would help your tax burden. Contact your financial advisor today!

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC**

**APPEAL:**

Our Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend will take place on February 10 & 11th. What is the purpose of the Annual Catholic Appeal? Funds generated will provide the services and programs needed for the materials, education, and spiritual needs of God's people in the Diocese of Toledo. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of parishes and Catholic agencies that promote the gospel message and provides resources to assist the poor and vulnerable, the marginalized and disenfranchised, the uneducated and undereducated and those who find themselves in desperate situations. It is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese of Toledo to join together to express their solidarity with the Church and the Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo by making a freewill contribution to help carry on the important work Christ has entrusted to us as God's stewards.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

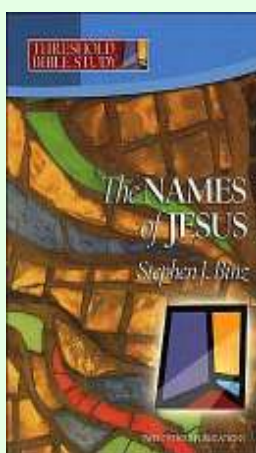
**FEBRUARY**

Month dedicated to  
the Holy Family.



**Holy Father's prayer intentions for  
February:**

UNIVERSAL: SAY NO TO CORRUPTION. That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.



**BOOK READING AND BIBLE STUDY:**

We hope you will join us for our book reading/bible study of the book "The Names of Jesus" by Stephen J. Binz. Our gatherings will begin **today**, February 4th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall meeting room. We will meet for approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours to discuss the book which is from the Threshold Bible Study Series. The book can be purchased online or if you have any questions, please contact Melinda Blanchard at 567-242-8748. Please bring your book and bible to our discussion. All are welcome!

**LCC NIGHT AT THE RACES:**

All are invited to attend "Night at the Races"



being held at LCC on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$35 at the door. Table of 8 available for \$250. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. First race starts at 7:00 p.m. For more info., contact 419-223-2411.

**SERRA CLUB:**

Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on **Feb. 8th.** Fr. David Kidd will talk on "Reflections on Early Years of Priesthood." The evening is sponsored by the Serra Club of the Lima Area, which exist to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We will begin with Mass at LCC at 5:45 p.m. For reservations, please call Marilyn at 567-204-4745.

**BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHNS:**

St. Johns, Lima will offer breakfast TODAY, February 4th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in their church hall located at 777 S. Main St., Lima. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages will be served. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children. Under 6 eat free. Carry-outs are available. All are welcome.

**ST. GERARD**  
**HOLY NAME SOCIETY**  
**FATHER/SON BREAKFAST**

**Date:** Sunday, February 18, 2018

**Time:** Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Place:** St. Gerard Parish Hall

**Speaker:** Mr. Matt Tabler, St. Gerard School Alum, Lima Central Catholic High School Alum and currently Head Basketball Coach at Perry High School.

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More information to follow, but please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Look for reservation slips in the pews or fill out the form below.

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN IN THE COLLECTION BASKET OR TO THE RECTORY OFFICE.**



**Yes, I will be attending the Holy Name Father/Son Breakfast on February 18th:**

**Name/s:**

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**Number attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, February 10:**

5:00 p.m. *M. Hinds, C. Hinds, Mike Hinegardner,  
B. Flynn, M. Hinegardner, D. Griffo,  
J. Stewart, S. Tschuor, J. Wolff,  
B. VonLehmden*

**Sunday, February 11:**

8:30 a.m. *B. Pinney, J. Place, T. Place, L. Hahn,  
N. Jenkins, M. Meyer, T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe,  
P. Huffman, J. Inskeep*

11:00 a.m. *S. Young, R. Karbowski, J. Landwehr,  
T. Meyer, K. Ladden, J. Kahle, K. Spears,  
M. Spears, F. Thompson, K. Wreede*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Feb. 10:** 5:00 p.m. - *D. Mack*

**Feb. 11:** 8:30 a.m. - *T. Parker*

11:00 a.m. - *Children's Mass*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Feb. 10:** 5:00 p.m. - *J. Yahl, K. LaRotonda,  
M. Chambers*

**Feb. 11:** 8:30 a.m. - *D. Martin, E. Martin, E. Gamble*

11:00 a.m. - *G. Sutton, M. Sutton,  
C. Raines*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR FEBRUARY:**

*Helen Neise, Carol Helmig, Sue Nocera,  
Lisa Ruble*

**CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS:**

The Campbell Soup Labels Program has been ***DISCONTINUED***. Please **do not** send in any labels to the school office. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser in the past.



We are, however, still utilizing the "Box Tops for Education" Program. Please continue to put your "box tops" labels in the collection basket or feel free to send them in to the school or parish office.



**WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE:**

This Sunday, we celebrate World Day of Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Some join a religious congregation or a secular institute. Others remain single and make profession to God through the local bishop and are known as consecrated virgins. The consecrated life is one way that men and women live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus.

**CHURCH SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE:**

Most of us consider our churches safe places and don't think about security and safety on a daily basis. Often, safety and security is not addressed until an incident occurs. After recent tragedies, we realize that the time is now to develop a plan for violence on our church property.

St. Gerard Church is in the early stages of forming a Church Safety/Security Committee. We are hoping to have parishioners who may have a background in law enforcement, risk management or security to become a part of this committee. If you would be interested in becoming a part of this team, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080. We will have our first meeting February 7th at 7:00 p.m.



*You may be gone from my sight, but you are never gone from my heart ...*

### **MEMORIAL MASS**

*St. Gerard Widows/Widowers Support Group would like to invite all widows and widowers from the Lima area to a special Memorial Mass in honor of their spouses on Monday, February 19th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Gerard Church, Lima.*

*Following the Mass, we will gather at the Parish Hall to share a meal and fellowship. A free will offering will be taken.*

*Please come and honor your Valentine with us.*

### **THANK YOU:**

A very special thank you to all of our volunteers who helped with the Serve and Share Meal this past Sunday. We certainly appreciate our cooks and our dining room crew. We could not provide this meal without your help. We would also like to thank all of those who donated hats, gloves and socks. We had quite the assortment of articles for those in need to choose from. They were very appreciative and will make good use of them on these cold days ahead. Thank you everyone!

### **SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL:**

On Sunday, February 18th, we will be having our second annual soup and sandwich meal fundraiser from 3:30-7:00 p.m. The meal includes Venedocia Lions sausage, homemade soups and homemade ice cream. Free will offering, all proceeds will go to our Capital Campaign. This will be held in Landeck at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church basement. We will also be selling Venedocia Lions sausage in 1 pound and 1 pound packages. Hope to see you there!