

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

In today's gospel, "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of a young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, July 23

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 24

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 25

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 26

8:30 a.m. Patricia E. Christen +

Friday, July 27

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 28

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Bob Wagner +
Joe McCormick +

Sunday, July 29

8:30 a.m. Poor Souls +

11:00 a.m. Laurie Zerante Snider +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, July 22

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, July 23

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 24

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00-7:30 p.m. - CATHOLICISM Series - World Without End:
The Last Things (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, July 25

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

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

Thursday, July 26

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Friday, July 27

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 28

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 29

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

WEDDING BANNS:

Matthew Metzger & Shelly Mooney, II



FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
July, 3rd week On-line: \$ 1,405.00	\$ 11,479.48	\$ 9,725.08
# of Envelopes	254	224
YTD Totals:	\$ 34,077.82	\$31,532.46



ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH



July MONTH OF THE
MOST PRECIOUS
BLOOD OF
OUR LORD



COMING SOON:
Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

**HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER
INTENTIONS
FOR JULY:**



EVANGELIZATION:
*Priests and their
Pastoral Ministry.*

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and their friendship with their brother priests.



ST. JOACHIM & ST. ANNE
FEAST DAY ~ JULY 26

Saint's Joachim and Anne,
grandparents of Jesus,
and parents of Mary,
PRAY FOR US.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Adoration hours at St. Gerard are 12-5pm every Thursday. Come and experience some quiet, personal time with the Lord.



***"Pray without
ceasing."***

1 Thessalonians 5:17



ST. GERARD SCHOOL NEWS:

Pre-K Registration



St. Gerard School still has openings in our Pre-K class for the 2018-2019 school year. Students must be 4 by August 1st. St. Gerard Pre-K is a 5 star rated through the Step-Up to Quality Program. There are a limited number of scholarships still available. If you are interested in enrolling your child or have any questions, please contact the school office at 419-222-0431.



******If you are making a payment towards your Capital Campaign***

Pledge, please be sure your envelope is clearly marked. Thank you.***



Summer Office Hours

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

During the summer months, our office hours will be:

***Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Closed on Friday***

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

The school office will be closed the month of July, however, they will be checking their voice mail for messages.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS:

Please be aware that we are ***NO LONGER*** accepting Campbell Soup Labels. We have discontinued this fundraiser. Thank you.



ROSARY AND MASS AT OUR LADY'S GROTTTO:

During the summer on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., Rosary and Mass will be held at the Grotto of Our Lady on the west lawn of St. Gerard Church. Rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Chairs will be available, but feel free to bring your own lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, services will be held in the church. Come spend a summer evening with Our Lady and others who love her.



ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

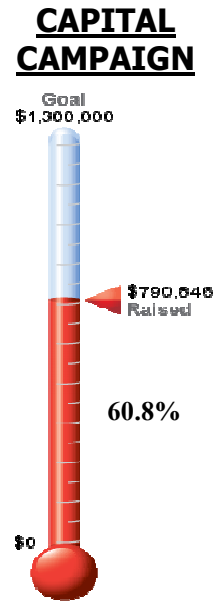
The Scope of the Project: Our parish is proposing a 3-part building proposal to better serve the needs of our parish and local community and to strengthen our long-term financial viability. This proposal is estimated at \$2.4 million. We are asking our parishioners and friends of St. Gerard to donate a total of \$1.3 million. Our projects are:

1. Church Gathering Space: Our church needs a gathering space. The gathering space will be used for after weekend Masses, baptisms, anniversaries, funeral viewings, and meeting space (i.e. prayer/study groups, RCIA). We propose to seal off our front doors and level out the partitioned walls and floor to create a sizable gathering space including a new handicap-accessible bathroom.

2. Parish Office Relocation: The current parish office location is inadequate and difficult for our aging and handicap parishioners (i.e. over a 100 yard walk from the church parking lot). We propose to relocate the parish office to our under-utilized parish hall entrance and small meeting room. This would allow for handicap and general parking in a close vicinity to better serve our parishioners.

3. Eight Additional Classrooms: St. Gerard School is in need of more classrooms. We propose to add eight additional classrooms and two bathrooms onto our new school building. St. Gerard Parish has looked at options of renovating our old school building. Estimated renovation costs are \$3.6 million which is financially out of reach for our parish (and this cost doesn't even include the six basement classrooms).

To help us reach our goal, we are asking every family to participate. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is appreciated. Pledge cards are available in the church and at the rectory or school offices. You may also give online by visiting our website at: www.stgerardchurch.org and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.



**\$790,846.00
pledged!**

***Thank you to all who have turned in your pledge card.
If you haven't, please do so as soon as possible.***

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, July 28:

5:00 p.m. *D. Griffo, J. Stewart, B. VonLehmden,
J. Wolff, M. DeVita, C. Hinds, M. Hinds,
L. Makley, V. Bigelow, M. Hinegardner*

Sunday, July 29:

8:30 a.m. *T. Martin, S. Nocera, M. Mays, B. Pinney,
J. Sroufe, T. Sroufe, C. Altenbach,
L. Hahn, C. Wright, M.J. Miller*

11:00 a.m. *J. Landwehr, K. Ladden, K. Spears,
M. Spears, R. Vagedes, R. Carder,
F. Mansfield, S. Morrissey, R. Karbowiak,
C. Coleman*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

July 28: 5:00 p.m. - *M. Hinegardner*

July 29: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Kleffner*
11:00 a.m. - *S. Silone*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

July 28: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Smith, K. LaRotonda,
J. Yahl*

July 29: 8:30 a.m. - *S. Santaguida, K. Rigg,
E. Gamble*
11:00 a.m. - *A. Schultz, K. Meyer, K. Helmig*

SACRISTY WORKERS -JULY:

Linda Dodge, Joyce Cira, Carol Helmig

FATIMA, USA:

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein will commemorate Our Lady's apparition and message at Fatima on Friday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Alexander Witt, ordained in 2017 and parochial vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, Coldwater, Ohio will celebrate the Mass. There will be confessions and a candlelight rosary procession. All First Communicants are welcome to join in the procession in their attire. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating and dress appropriately. Come join us for this Fatima Celebration!

HEARTBEAT OF LIMA CHARITY CAR

SHOW:

Heartbeat of Lima is having their Annual Car Show on August 11th at Tom Ahl



Family of Dealerships. Pre-registration by July 23rd includes car entry, car show shirt, dash plaque, lunch (drink, chips & hot dog) all for \$20. Open to all vehicles & cycles. Over 20 awards and top 3 "Best of Show" and "Kid's Choice Award." Many raffle items as well as family fun and a jump house. All proceeds benefit Heartbeat of Lima. For more information, call Trevor Howery at 419-371-0290 or email him at trevorhowery@tomahl.com.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MEXICO PILGRIMAGE:

Join Fr. Ron Schock and Toledo pilgrims as we travel to Mexico Nov. 28th through Dec. 4th to learn the nation's vibrant Catholic cultural heritage. We will visit three apparition sites: Our Lady of Guadalupe (viewing the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego), Our Lady of Ocotlan, and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro where St. Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazo. In addition to the many stunning - beautiful Mexican Catholic shrines, we will experience Teotihuacan, the most visited archeological site in Mexico, the Pyramids of the Moon and the Sun and the Quetzal-Butterfly Temple. Cost is \$2249 per person. Deadline for registration is August 20, 2018. Contact Maggie at 419-290-8782 or email her at Maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com to register. Feel free to visit their website to learn more @ www.CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Mexico2018.

Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



“*Humanae Vitae*: Fifty Years Proclaiming the Truth about Love”

The joy filled truth about married love, human life and human sexuality: that's what Blessed Pope Paul VI proclaimed and taught in his encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. This year, on July 25th, we joyfully celebrate the 50th anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, which illuminates for us the beauty and richness of the Church's teaching on the transmission of human life and God's plan for married love, as well as the ramifications of the perilous direction our society has been headed for generations now, through the lack of understanding and misuse of our God given sexuality. That encyclical, rejected by many at its publication, now decades later, has proven its prophetic genius.

While illustrating the beautiful and positive reality of what God intends for the union of one man and one woman in the Sacrament of Marriage, Pope Paul VI focuses on four key features of married love: human, total, faithful and fruitful. He also warned, with startling precision, about the negative outcome of behaviors and choices we have been making as a human family for over 50 years.

We have never seen more confusion or pain in the heart of humanity regarding our bodies, our human nature and our human sexuality. We find ourselves struggling to understand how to see each other, how to interact with one another, and even how to see ourselves. One of the greatest tragedies of all is for a person to lose sight of who they are created to be by God, and what they are worth in the eyes of the Lord. We see the dignity of the human person being stripped

away when people become disposable through abortion or euthanasia. We see the dignity of the family being torn asunder with the record number of divorces, infidelity and co-habitation. We see how spouses struggle selflessly to share themselves completely with one another in marriage. We see how the practice of artificial contraception has replaced an openness to life which is the foundation of Natural Family Planning.

Blessed Pope Paul VI writes: "It is to be anticipated that perhaps not everyone will easily accept this particular teaching. . . . In preserving intact the whole moral law of marriage, the Church is convinced that she is contributing to the creation of a truly human civilization. She urges man not to betray his personal responsibilities by putting all his faith in technical expedients. In this way she defends the dignity of husband and wife" (HV18).

The Lord has blessed us immensely through Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae*. There is great richness and peace of mind, heart and soul to be found in the prayerful reception of this document. I encourage you to read, to pray over and heed the wisdom of *Humanae Vitae*, and to see in it what genuine creative human love looks like. As we celebrate together the amazing gift of this encyclical, I encourage especially our young people, engaged couples and married couples to faithfully live out the joyful truth of *Humanae Vitae*, and so to be vibrant witnesses to the world of the blessing and gift of married life, family life and human life,

according to God's design.

Be sure to join me for our Diocesan Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* on Saturday, August 25, 2018, from 8:00 am until 1:00 pm, at Saint Joan of Arc Parish (Toledo), beginning with breakfast, welcome and prayer; followed by two inspiring presentations by Dr. Janet E. Smith, Moral Theology Professor at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, an eloquent and well known presenter on the Church's teaching on human sexuality and *Humanae Vitae*; concluding with Mass for Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life. Don't miss it!

To download Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, go to:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_25071968_humanae-vitae.html

For more information on the Diocesan Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae*, or for a list of Natural Family Planning instructors in the Diocese of Toledo, please contact Mr. Nick De La Torre, Coordinator of the Office of Marriage & Family Life, tel. 419-214-4918, or by email at ndelatorre@toledodocese.org.

Peace be with you and may the Lord bless you abundantly with His love.

+*Daniel E. Thomas*

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
July 2, 2018