

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Today's gospel challenges us to be a "light" to our family. Parents shine their guiding light, not in front but behind them, inviting their children to follow their "good deeds."

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, Feb. 10

8:30 a.m. - Ruth Ann Monfort +

Tuesday, Feb. 11

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Moyer, Devlin, Thompson & Mansfield families
Catalina Pichay +

Wednesday, Feb. 12

8:30 a.m. - People of St. Gerard
6:30 p.m. - Jack Wolff, Sr. +

Thursday, Feb. 13

8:30 a.m. - Lucy Brickner +

Friday, Feb. 14

8:30 a.m. - Norval & Cecelia Wannemacher +

Saturday, Feb. 15

8:30 a.m. -
5:00 p.m. - Terry & Dan O'Brien +

Sunday, Feb. 16

8:30 a.m. - Jack & Mildred Pohlabel +
11:00 a.m. - Carmen Humes +
Bob & Mary Wagner +
Laurie Zerante Snider +
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

***HOLY NAME BREAKFAST IS
NEXT SUNDAY! PLEASE PLAN
ON ATTENDING!***

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Feb. 9

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria
9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Parish School of Religion classes
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
6:00-7:30 - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

Monday, Feb. 10

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. - Liturgy Meeting in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00-7:30 p.m. - The Bible and The Sacraments DVD Session
in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 12 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena Devotions
6:00-6:30 - Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 13

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Feb. 14

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 16 - Holy Name Breakfast in the Parish Hall

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria
9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - NO Parish School of Religion classes
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
January, 4th week On-line: \$1,511.00	\$ 12,042.10	\$ 9,299.39
# of Envelopes	258	225
YTD Totals:	\$ 330,012.04	\$ 325,310.08

ONLINE GIVING:

Donate by using on-line giving. It's simple and easy to do. Just go to our website at www.stgerardchurch.org and click on the on-line giving tab.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

Listen to the Migrants' Cries:

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



ST. GERARD PRAYER

CHAIN:

Requests for prayers may be emailed to Stgprayerchain@gmail.com or called into the Parish Office at 419-224-3080.



Our priests carry not only the full weight of our burdens but their own as well...

...please pray for them.



People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

You see, in the end, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.

Mother Theresa

"Know also that you will probably gain more by praying

15 minutes

before the **Blessed Sacrament**

than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day."

St. Alphonsus Liguori



Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday from 12:00-5:00 p.m.

Will you make the time to stop by for a visit?

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, 2/15 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 2/16 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 2/16 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 2/16 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	D. Hollingsworth J. Hollingsworth L. Makley J. Wolff V. Bigelow B. Muskus L. Taylor M. DeVita M. Hinegardner Mike Hinegardner	J. Inskeep M. Mays S. Nocera B. Pinney C. Altenbach L. Hahn J. Korzan T. Sroufe J. Sroufe M. Stamen	J. Montoya R. Karbowskiak J. Landwehr T. Meyer M. Ayers V. Carter C. Coleman S. Dew J. Hale S. Urban	
LECTOR:	J. Wolff	M. Hickey	D. Karbowskiak	
ALTAR SERVERS:	M. Lewis B. Smith A. Parker	E. Hahn J. Hahn C. Rommel	E. Truex B. Truex C. Truex	
USHERS:	G. Keil D. Watkins	G. Merkel B. Hahn B. Polser	R. Karbowskiak M. Dew K. Raines	
SACRISTY WORKERS: (FEBRUARY)	J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, H. Niese, S. Nocera			

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will gather at noon on Tuesday, February 18th in church to pray the rosary. They will then go to lunch at the Casa Lu Al. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

SERRA CLUB NEWS:

Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on February 13th at 5:45 p.m. at Lima Central Catholic High School. Janis Sunderhaus, CEO of Health Partners of Western Ohio will be speaking about what the facility offers to our communities. The evening is sponsored by The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To make a reservation, please call Kathy McGraw at 419-303-0339.

PARISH OFFICE ADDRESS CHANGE:

Please update your records! St. Gerard Parish has a new mailing address. It is:

1307 N. Main St., Lima, OH 45801

This was necessary due to the parish office moving to our new location.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

We have printed our 2019 year-end statements. If you would like a copy of your 2019 donations, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080.

PATRIOTISM ESSAY CONTEST:

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting "patriotism" essays from High School Seniors. Applications are available from the high school guidance counselor or from the Parish Office. Essay deadline is February 15, 2020.

2020 PARISH MISSION:

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Findlay, is proud to announce that Fr. Jim Sichko will present the 2020 Parish Mission on March 23, 24, and 25, 2020. Fr. Jim will present "60 Minutes for Jesus" each night through Scripture, storytelling, laughter and praise. Each evening's session will bring attendees to a closer connection with Christ. Fr. Jim is a full time preacher, evangelist and motivational speaker based in the Diocese of Lexington, KY. He was commissioned as a Papal Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis in February, 2016, one of only 100 Papal Missionaries in the U.S. The parish mission will take place from 7-8 p.m. on March 23, 24 and 25 at the St. Michael East Campus on Bright Rd. All are welcome; child care will be available.

TAXABLE DONATIONS:

If you are 70 1/2 or older and have an IRA or retirement account that requires you to take a minimum distribution, please consider a gift to St. Gerard Church, a qualified charity, to lighten your tax burden. Please consult your tax professional for further information.

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$972,638.67
Amount Paid: \$824,193.81

Outstanding Balance:
\$148,444.86

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Only \$27,361.33 to go before we reach our goal!

WEBCASTING DONATIONS:

It's time for our annual fee to host the "live" broadcast of our Masses at St. Gerard Church. The cost for a year is over \$1,200.00.



That does not include the upgrading of software and equipment used to stream our live video. If you are one of the many parishioners who benefit from this and would like to make a donation to help with these expenses, that would be greatly appreciated. Just put "webcasting" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

PRAYER CLOTHS:

Pray cloths are available in the Parish Office, as well as the gathering area in church. Feel free to pick one up and give to someone who needs healing in mind or body.

JOSH BLAKESLEY COMING TO ST. ROSE:

St. Rose Parish, 479 N. West St., Lima, welcomes contemporary composer and Oregon Catholic Press artist **Josh Blakesley** on March 1, 2, 3 (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) from 7 to 8 p.m. each evening. These song-filled programs will empower your Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Attend one or all for a more meaningful Lent. The evenings are free and open to the public.

Even in This, Josh Blakeley's fifth and latest album, features songs co-written by Farren, Mia Fieldes, Marc Byrd and Sarah Hart. Josh collaborated with his guitar player, Grae McCullough, to write a new mass setting, ***Mass of Restoration***, paying homage to the hymns of the past and the culture of modern worship. Josh travels widely giving concerts, speaking at youth rallies, and leading praise and worship. He is a veteran of many major events, including World Youth Day, NCYC, NCCYM, and Steubenville Youth Conference.



SERENDIPITY BY SARAH:

Serendipity By Sarah - Will be having a trunk show with Handmade 1st Communion Dresses, Veils, Communion and Confirmation Ties, Baptismal Outfits, Handmade Rosaries, Communion and Confirmation Hankies, Wedding Veils and Sacramental Gifts. They also do restoration work (cleaning and repair) of baptismal outfits, communion or wedding dresses and rosaries. Even if you think your heirloom outfits or rosaries are too far gone to be repaired, bring them by. You might be surprised by what we can do. Custom work includes: your wedding dress made into a baptismal outfit, communion or confirmation dress, wedding hankies and ring bearer pillows. They also do custom wedding veils, flower girl dresses and custom designed wedding ties. All items displayed are "one of a kind" items for sale, they are not order samples. Feel free to stop by next weekend and take a look. If you would like more information on this showing, please contact Shandra in the Religious Education Office. You can also reach Serendipity by Sarah at: 419-365-7111 or 419-722-3035/serendipitybysarah@hotmail.com.

Displaying:

St. Gerard Parish Gathering Space

February 22, 2020 from 4:00-6:45 p.m.

February 23, 2020 from 7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Once we have reached \$150.00 in sales the day of show, we will donate back to the church 10% of that day's sales. For payments, we take cash or checks.



MEET YOUR NEW TEACHER

The EdChoice Scholarship Program - New scholarships available!

- *Free or dramatically reduced tuition at your local Catholic School.*
- *EdChoice is now available in every county throughout the Diocese of Toledo.*
- *Contact your local Catholic School or visit schoolchoicetoledo.org to find your families next steps in choosing a school where Jesus is known, loved and served.*

TRAVEL WITH FR. CHARLES OBINWA:

(Pastor of St. Joseph's, Fort Jennings & Chaplain at Lima, St. Rita's) JUNE 3-13, 2020 - **Portugal** (Tour of the city of Lisbon, Our Lady of Fatima), **France** (Our Lady of Lourdes) **Switzerland** (Tour of the city of Geneva; St. John Vianney place at Ars-Sur-Formans) & **Poland** (Auschwitz: Concentration Camps/Holocaust Memorial; Lagiewniki: Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's convent; Wadowice: Birthplace of Pope John Paul II; Visit to Our Lady of Czestochowa, Poland's greatest pilgrimage shrine).

Cost: \$4,699.00 (Registration ends after the first week of February, 2020).

For more information and registration, contact: Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890. Email: Jennifer@procatholic tours.com. Website: www.procatholic tours.com. Address: Pro Catholic Tours, P.O. Box 561, Auburn, MA 01501.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEWS:

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store would love to have you come meet other wonderful parishioners from all parishes helping sort donations Wednesday noon to 3:30 or Saturday from 10-2pm. We help fund the SVDP Food Pantry, St. Gerard Utility Line, and other emergency miscellaneous needs of the community as funds allow. Another option is just to visit and shop! Contact Velma Kill at 419-738-4918 or Linda Jahnz at 419-339-1594. The store is located 2 blocks south of St. John Church at 928 S. Main St., Lima. Open Monday-Friday, noon to 3:30 and the first Saturday of the month 10-2pm. Any beneficial changes welcome.

SILENT RETREAT:

Are you a young adult who is looking for some peace and quiet? Some vacation time with Jesus? The Sisters of Notre Dame invite young adults (women and men) to step away from their regular schedule to spend some time in the quiet of their hearts. Lial Renewal Center, in Whitehouse, OH, has 10 spots available for 1,2 or all 3 nights between March 12-15, 2020. Retreatants will have the opportunity for personal prayer, adoration, journaling, optional spiritual direction and time to enjoy the 94 acres of wooded walking trails and outdoor space. Please contact Sister Jenny Zimmerman, SND at vocations@snd1.org for more information or to reserve your spot. Suggested donation of \$20/night.