

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, December 31

8:30 a.m. Mango Singian +
5:00 p.m. Rose Alma Sliemers +

Tuesday, January 1

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Moyer, Devlin, Thompson
& Mansfield Families

Wednesday, January 2

8:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 3

8:30 a.m.

Friday, January 4

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 5

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 6

8:30 a.m. Peg Good +
Jack & Mildred Pohlabel +
Julius Korzan +

11:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

Monday, January 7

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Christen, O'Connell &
Flick Families

Tuesday, January 8

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Rita & Bill Noll Family

Wednesday, January 9

8:30 a.m. Eloise Maag +
6:30 p.m. Rick & Ryan Young +

Thursday, January 10

8:30 a.m.

Friday, January 11

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 12

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 13

8:30 a.m. Richard, Rosemary,
Frances & David Gerderman +
Twylah Hoehn +

11:00 a.m. Koewler & Irene
Brafford +

Henreitta Muzluski +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, December 30

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

Monday, December 31

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. - New Year's Eve Mass

Tuesday, January 1 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 2

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena CANCELLED
6:00 p.m. - NO Rosary/MASS CANCELLED

Thursday, January 3

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon-5:00 p.m. - Adoration Cancelled due to construction

Friday, January 4

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
4:00-6:00 p.m. - First Friday Devotions

Saturday, January 5

Mass at 8:30 a.m. with Devotions to follow Mass
9:30 a.m. - Book Reading in the Parish Hall
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 6

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - RCIA Classes in the Cafeteria
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, January 7 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 8 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 9

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena
6:00 p.m. - Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 10

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon-5:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, January 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 12 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. - Book Reading in the Parish Hall
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 13

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - RCIA Classes in the Cafeteria
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass



A MESSAGE FROM FR. JIM:

Just a note to thank all of you for remembering Fr. Mike Sergi, Fr. Mike Houston and myself this most holy season of Christmas with all of your prayers, cards, goodies and gifts.

We also want to thank all of you who helped make the Christmas liturgies so beautiful. From the planning, to the music, to acting out the gospel, to our beautifully decorated church ~ everything was just perfect. And the Children's Mass had the most awesome angels and shepherds ever. It always makes us happy to see the church filled during this most holy time. It is our prayer that you all return to celebrate Mass with us each week. We truly are a blessed parish with so many gifted and dedicated parishioners who always step-up to help make our liturgies very meaningful.

Christmas blessings to all,

Fr. Jim

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
December, 3rd week On-line: \$ 1,355.00	\$ 11,611.51	\$ 11,363.08
# of Envelopes	253	282
YTD Totals:	\$ 283,702.90	\$ 274,935.48

ONLINE GIVING:

If you would like to give online, visit our website at www.stgerardchurch.org & click on the "On-line Giving tab. It's easy to do and very convenient.

SCRIP:

Now that the business of Christmas is past, don't forget to utilize SCRIP for all of your shopping needs. It's easy and helps our school! Place your order today!

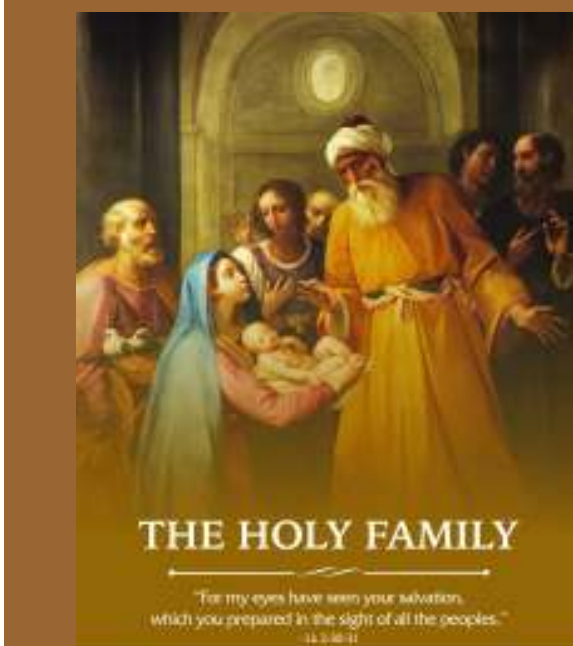




January: *Month dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus*



Thou shalt call His Name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.



Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Dec. 30th

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:



JANUARY

Evangelization – Young People

That young people, especially in Latin America,

follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - Jan. 1st

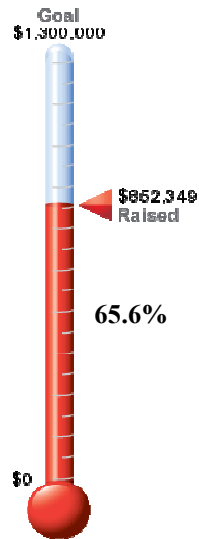


Please join us for 1st Friday Devotions, Friday, Jan. 4th from 4-6 p.m. Adoration with confessions. Please join us for First Saturday Devotions, Saturday, Jan. 5th after the 8:30 a.m. Mass

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.



**852,348.96
pledged!**

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 web-site at: www.stgerardchurch.org and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.

Thank you to all who have turned in your pledge card.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

As fast as our beautiful Christmas decorations went up, they will need to come down.

We will be removing all of our decorations on Sunday, December 6th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Even if you only have a half hour or hour to spare, we would appreciate your help. If the weather is bad or dangerous, we will take the decorations down later in the week.

New Year's Schedule

New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.

New Years Day: 8:30 a.m.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish Office will be closed December 24th through January 1st. The office will re-open on Tuesday, January 2nd. We will, however, be checking email and voice mail throughout the week. If you have an emergency, please call 419-224-3080 and follow the voice prompts.

PARISH OFFICE

MOVING

SCHEDULE:

The Parish Office will be moving to our new offices the first and second week of January. We are very excited about this move, but we ask for your patience as we try to figure out the best ways to set things up. If we are not able to answer the phones right away, please leave us a message and we will get back to you. Thanks in advance for your patience and we will keep you updated on our move. Keep an eye on the bulletin on a date for our "Open House."



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, January 5:

5:00 p.m. *M. DeVita, D. & J. Hollingsworth,
V. Bigelow, B. Flynn, J. Wolff, L. Makley,
W. Peebles, J. Stewart, B. VonLehmden*

Saturday, January 12:

5:00 p.m. *K. Canavan, C. Hinds, M. Hinds, S. Parker
D. Griffio, M. & M. Hinegardner, L. Taylor,
D. & J. Hollingsworth*

Sunday, January 6:

8:30 a.m. *J. Korzan, S. Ellinger, M. Hickey,
N. Jenkins, G. Merkel, M. Meyer,
B. Pinney, J. Sroufe, T. Sroufe, S. Nocera*
11:00 a.m. *V. Carter, R. Karbowski, J. Neville,
K. Spears, F. Mansfield, R. Vegades,
K. Wreede, J. Kahle, D. & G. Vondrell*

Sunday, January 13

8:30 a.m. *C. Altenbach, P. Huffman, T. Martin,
M. Mays, S. Ellinger, C. Wright, M. Hickey
B. Pinney, J. Inskeep, L. Hahn*
11:00 a.m. *R. Carder, S. Dew, J. Landwehr,
S. Morrissey, C. Wreede, D. Warner,
M. Ayers, T. Meyer, F. Gallegos,
C. Coleman*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Jan 5: 5:00 p.m. - *C. Schmenk*

Jan. 6: 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*
11:00 a.m. - *M. Spears*

Jan 12: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*

Jan. 13: 8:30 a.m. - *F. Morman*
11:00 a.m. - *Children's Mass*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Jan. 5: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Smith, S. Parker, A. Parker*

Jan. 6: 8:30 a.m. - *E. Hahn, J. Hahn, A. Fay*
11:00 a.m. - *B. Dahill, M. Miller, C. Wagoner*

SACRISTY WORKERS - JANUARY:

*J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,
P. Iven, L. Taylor*

BRICK WORK ON OLD SCHOOL

BUILDING:

We are pleased to announce a generous gift from the Redemptorists will help with the costs of repairing and maintaining the roof and brick work needed for our old school building. When our students return from Christmas break, you will notice a fence in front of the middle school building as preliminary work will have begun. The students will also no longer enter through the ramp door, but rather the door with the steps that leads into the cafeteria. We are blessed to have this Redemptorist financial support to help us keep our campus up-to-date and looking good. We just wanted to keep you informed even though the work should not interfere with our school routine.

ELITE TOURS TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

Travel with **Fr. Charles Obinwa** of Ft. Jennings St. Joseph's & Lima St. Rita's to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tlaxcala, Ocotlan, Puebla San Jan Teotihuacan, Acolman. May 11th-17th, 2019. Cost is \$2500.00 (Airfare included from anywhere in the U.S.) For more information and registration, contact: 612-730-2890. Or visit them online at www.procatholicotours.com.

KEWPEE DRIVE:

St. Gerard students will kick off the annual Kewpee Coupon Fundraising Drive on Monday, January 7th. Kewpee coupons are in books of 5 coupons for \$5.00.



LIFE LINE SCREENING:

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, is pleased to offer a preventive health event at St. Gerard School on January 15, 2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heartbeat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. There are three ways to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call toll-free 1-888-653--6441 or visit <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.

MUSTARD SEED GIFT SHOP:

Our gift shop is located behind St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf. We will be having our Christmas Sale from Wed., Dec. 26-Sat., January 5, 2019. They are offering 30% off all Advent and Christmas items! (excluding the lighted rosaries, lighted window rosaries, and all indoor and outdoor nativities). Come in and check out the many beautiful religious items. For more information, "like" Mustard Seed Gift Shop on Facebook or call 419-538-7220.

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. St. Gerard Church is a 501c(3) and therefore any donations made potentially could provide a tax deduction. Please consult your tax professional as to whether or not your donation will receive a tax deduction.

PRAYER CLOTH:

In the rectory office, we have "PRAYER CLOTHS" available to anyone wishing to have one. Each cloth is about 4-6 inches square and have been blessed with the relic of St. Blessed Francis Seelos and also comes with a prayer card. Whether you need healing in mind or body, this prayer cloth is a reminder of God's love for each one of us. It is also a reminder that St. Gerard Parish is praying for you too.



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 \$1,100.00. 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. Every little bit helps!

