

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or do they see you avoiding others like the Levite in today's gospel? Worry more about what your children see in YOUR LIFE than what they see on TV.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, July 15**

8:30 a.m. Christopher Blosser +

**Tuesday, July 16**

8:30 a.m. Dan Sunderhaus +

**Wednesday, July 17**

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, July 18**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, July 19**

8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, July 20**

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Mary & William

Behrens+

Living & Deceased of  
the Azzarello & Corwin  
families

**Sunday, July 21**

8:30 a.m. Carmen Kollars +

Dolores Whitacre +

11:00 a.m. Ryan & Rick Young +

Grace Kimmet +

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, July 14**

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

12:00 Noon - Farewell reception for Fr. Mike Houston and  
Fr. Jim under the tents near the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, July 15**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 16**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - **No Movie Night**

**Wednesday, July 17**

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, July 18**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

**Friday, July 19**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, July 20**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 21**

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**WEDDING BANNS:**

Walter Grunden & Hilary Bourne, III



**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

| <u>DATE</u>                           | <u>2018</u>  | <u>2019</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| July, 1st week<br>On-line: \$2,121.00 | \$ 10,838.36 | \$ 9,283.93 |
| # of Envelopes                        | 267          | 240         |
| <b>YTD Totals:</b>                    | \$ 10,838.36 | \$ 9,283.93 |

**ONLINE GIVING:**

If you would like to give online, visit us at  
[www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) & click on the "On-line Giving tab.

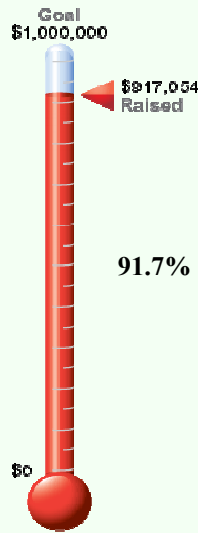
**Don't forget the Farewell  
Reception today under the  
big tent at noon!**

## **ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:**

As many of you know, we have now completed Phase I and Phase II of our Building Project. Now we are focused on securing the contract for the addition of classrooms to our school. Together, we can make this a reality!

To help us reach our goal, we are asking every family to participate. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is truly appreciated.

Pledge cards are available in the church or at the parish & school offices. You may also give online by visiting our website at: [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.



**917,054.00**

**Goal: \$1,000,000.00**

*Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.*

### **PLEDGES TO DATE**

|                      |              |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Amount Pledged:      | \$917,054.00 |
| Amount Paid:         | \$692,331.48 |
| Outstanding Balance: | \$224,722.52 |

## **PART-TIME CAFETERIA**

### **POSITION:**

The school cafeteria is looking for a part-time cafeteria worker for the 2019-2020 school year. Hours would be Monday-Friday from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. If interested, please contact the school office.

## **CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT**

### **GROUP:**

The Catholic Young Adult Group is a new group starting in our area that invites all young adults (high school graduates through those in their 20's and 30's) of the surrounding area to join in our community. We will meet every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at 720 Ft. Jennings Rd., Delphos. Join us as we share in faith and community with each other!

## **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:**

We plan to list those parishioners who wish to be prayed for due to an illness. We must have permission from an immediate family caregiver before placing the persons name in the bulletin. If you know of someone who would wanted to be listed in the bulletin, please call the Parish Office at 419-224-3080.





Holy Fathers Intentions for the month of July ~

**EVANGELIZATION:  
The Integrity of Justice**

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.



**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,  
Thursdays 12-5pm.  
Come and spend some quiet time**



**OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL - JULY 16**

The Carmelites have celebrated their patronal feast on this day since the 14th century. The Order of Carmel dates to the 12th century, when a group of Western hermits settled on Mount Carmel, overlooking the plain of Galilee, in imitation of the prophet Elijah.

*The love of a*  
**FAMILY**  
*is life's greatest blessing*

**Family and the Summer -Let's make it a great time!**  
Dolores Curran, an international lecturer, parent educator, and parent received the Christopher Award for her national bestseller, *Traits of a Healthy Family*. Here are the 15 traits she lists:

1. The healthy family communicates and listens.
2. The healthy family affirms and supports.
3. The healthy family teaches respect for others.
4. The healthy family develops a sense of trust.
5. The healthy family has a sense of play and humor.
6. The healthy family shares responsibility.
7. The healthy family teaches right and wrong.
8. The healthy family has a strong sense of kinship with many traditions
9. The healthy family has a balance of interaction.
10. The healthy family has a shared religious core.
11. The healthy family respects the privacy of one another.
12. The healthy family values service to others.
13. The healthy family values table time and conversation.
14. The healthy family shares leisure time.
15. The healthy family admits to and seeks help with problems.

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~ COME JOIN US ~

*What: Fr. Jim & Fr. Mike H. Farewell Celebration*

*When: Sunday, July 14, 2019*

*Where: St. Gerard Parish Grounds (Tent)*

*Time: 12:00 noon*

Please join us after the 11:00 a.m. Mass as we host a "Potluck" dinner to honor our Pastor, Fr. Jim Szobonya and Fr. Mike Houston. Meat and tableware will be provided. **Please bring a dish to share**, as well as your own beverages. (Water & lemonade provided).

**PICK-UP TRUCK NEEDED:**

St. Gerard Parish/School is in search of a pick-up truck. Ours is on it's last leg. We are looking for a 3/4 ton Ford 250 or Chevy 250 single cab. A late model with under 60,000 miles is preferred. If you or someone you might know may be selling a truck like this, please call the Parish Office at 419-224-3080.

**LCC POSITION:**

Shawnee Local School District is seeking qualified applicants for Paraprofessional. The paraprofessional will be assigned to LCC (under IDEA funding). Interested applicants should submit a resume to Jennie Hefner, 3255 Zurmehly Rd., Lima, OH 45806 and visit [www.limashawnee.com/Treasurer.aspx](http://www.limashawnee.com/Treasurer.aspx).

A vertical advertisement for a golf tournament. At the top, it says "ST. GERARD'S HOLY NAME" in white text on a dark background. Below that is a silhouette of a golfer in mid-swing against a bright sunset sky. The year "2019" is written in large, bold, white numbers. Below the year, the words "GOLF SCRAMBLE" are written in large, bold, white letters. At the bottom, there is a section titled "BENEFITING THE ST. GERARDS HOLY NAME" and "SATURDAY, JULY 27TH SPRINGBROOK GOLF COURSE". It also lists "SHOTGUN STARTS: 9AM" and "REGISTRATION: 8AM". Below that, it says "COURSE PRIZES" and "Prizes: Longest Putt- Closest to Pin-Longest Drive". At the very bottom, it says "Team of 4 Players: \$240 - Individual Player: \$60" and "MORE INFO &amp; REGISTRATION Contact Tom Marlin 419-230-9827 Food and Drinks to follow".

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, July 20:**

5:00 p.m. C. Hinds, L. Makley, B. Muskus,  
J. Stewart, J. Wolf, D. & J. Hollingsworth,  
V. Bigelow, M. DeVita, D. Santini

**Sunday, July 21:**

8:30 a.m. M. Hickey, S. Martin, T. Martin, G. Merkel,  
M.J. Miller, K. Smith, M. Meyer,  
S. Ellinger, L. Dodge, C. Altenbach  
11:00 a.m. F. Mansfield, V. Carter, S. Morrisey,  
D. Warner, R. Karbowiak, J. Neville,  
D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, J. Landwehr,  
F. Gallegos

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

July 20: 5:00 p.m. - T. Huffman

July 21: 8:30 a.m. - M. Kleffner  
11:00 a.m. - K. Gerken

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

July 20: 5:00 p.m. - G. Gandy, N. & H. Chambers

July 21: 8:30 a.m. - E. Hahn, J. Hahn, A. Fay  
11:00 a.m. - M. & G. Sutton, C. Raines

**SACRISTY WORKERS - July**

J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,  
C. Helmig, L. Taylor

**USHERS SCHEDULE:**

July 20: 5:00p.m. - G. Kiel, D. Watkins

July 21: 8:30 a.m. - S. Martin, S. Doepker, J. Hartley  
11:00 a.m. - R. Stolly, B. Walsh, S. Dackin

**HEARTBEAT OF LIMA ANNUAL CAR SHOW:**

The Heartbeat Car Show will be held on Friday, August 9th from 5pm-8pm at Tom Ahl Family of Dealerships. Registration at 4pm at 2525 Allentown Rd., Lima and is open to all vehicles and cycles with over 30 trophies awarded. Registration on-site is \$10 the day of the show. Early registration includes t-shirt, supper and dash plaque for \$20 and must be registered by July 26th.



**PARISH/SCHOOL SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:**

The **Parish Office** will be open Monday thru Thursday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We will be closed on Friday's until August 23rd.

The **School Office** will be closed the month of July. However, we will be answering messages as well as scheduling appointments as needed. Please leave a message at 419-222-0431.

**ST. BARBARA PARISH FESTIVAL:**

St. Barbara's in Cloverdale will host their Parish Festival TODAY, July 14th. BBQ chicken/BBQ pulled pork dinners will be served. Carry-outs available. All are invited.

**OTTOVILLE PARISH FESTIVAL:**

The Ottoville Immaculate Conception Parish Festival will be Sunday, July 21st. Family style chicken/beef dinners will be served from 11-6pm in the Parish Center. Raffles, live entertainment, bingo and children's games!

**ST. ANTHONY PARISH FESTIVAL:**

St. Anthony Parish in Columbus Grove is having their annual festival on Sat., Aug. 3rd and Sun., Aug. 4th. On Saturday, BBQ chicken/spare rib dinners will be available at 5pm followed by the 5K run & kids run. Sunday, enjoy chicken/beef dinners with all the trimmings from 11-1:30pm. Bingo, rides, duck races, raffles and more!

**LCC 1984 CLASS REUNION:**

The LCC class of 1984 will have their class reunion on Saturday, Aug. 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Mellow Mushroom. RSVP/questions to Valerie (Murino) O'Dowd at 419-234-1642.

# Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



## “Exercising Spiritual Fatherhood”

For any Catholic father who loves and cares for his children, among the many virtues he exercises for their well-being, three stand out: a good father protects them, prays for them, and pursues them when they stray.

Just last week, gathered together for the annual USCCB Spring meeting in Baltimore with all my brother bishops from the United States, among the many topics we treated, the most crucial of course was to vote on measures to address the accountability of bishops in the sexual abuse scandal. In addition, there were two others worthy of mention here: one was the approval of the new text for the Rite of Ordination of a Bishop, of Priests and of Deacons; the other was a report and discussion on reaching out to those who are religiously unaffiliated.

Now, at first glance, one might be hard pressed to see the connection between the three. But as the meeting concluded, it struck me that these three topics, seemingly unrelated, were in fact intertwined in a way that highlights the virtues bishops are called to exercise as spiritual fathers.

In order to best protect our flocks, the bishops seriously debated, voted on and approved three significant measures to hold themselves accountable for instances of sexual abuse of children or vulnerable persons, sexual misconduct, or the intentional mishandling of such cases (<http://bit.ly/DOTaccountability>). These are: a Protocol Regarding Available Non-Penal Restrictions on Bishops; a statement “Affirming Our Episcopal Commitments”; and Directives for the Implementation of the Provisions of the Holy Father’s most recent Apostolic letter “*Vos estis lux mundi*” (<http://bit.ly/DOTletter>) Concerning Bishops and their Equivalents. In addition, the bishops established a new third-party reporting system and committed to involving and utilizing lay professional experts

in the entire process. These commitments and safeguards will, please God, help all to move forward together and will bring an unprecedented accountability throughout the hierarchy in the Church in the United States.

In order to best pray for the flock, the bishops approved the new text for the Rite of Ordination of a Bishop, of Priests and of Deacons. The text is significant because it includes the ceremony of ordination during which the priest candidate who is to become a bishop makes the promises of his office, which include lifelong prayer for the people of God, obedience, chaste celibacy and the sacrifice of one’s life for the sake of the flock. This new formulation of the ritual once again highlights the sacred ministry being entrusted and underscores the integrity of life to which the bishop, priest or deacon is called. The very prayer texts that were approved are a reminder of who the bishop is in relation to his flock. During the ceremony of ordination the flock prays fervently for him, especially during the Litany of the Saints when he prostrates on the floor in a posture of abandonment to the Lord. From the new ritual text it is once again made clear that the bishop’s teaching, governing and sanctifying roles are supported by the prayers of his people, and the focus of his own prayer for the sake of the flock.

In order to best pursue those who stray from or are not members of the flock, the bishops heard a sobering report from Bishop Robert Barron, Chair of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis, who highlighted

concerning statistics about the number of young people who abandon the practice of their Catholic faith at a young age, who no longer affiliate with the Church or who have never been part of any Church. It was striking to feel the enthusiasm and zeal of the bishops for engaging in efforts to reach out to our youth, millennials, “nones” and others, and to turn attention vigorously to accompany and invite them to an encounter with Jesus Christ and his Church. While the sexual abuse scandal has certainly attributed to such straying from religious faith and practice, it is incumbent upon us to continue strenuously to work to evangelize our young people in the Joy of the Gospel.

For any Catholic bishop who loves and cares for his children, among the many virtues he exercises for their well-being, three stand out: a good spiritual father protects them, prays for them, and pursues them when they stray. As a further local initiative in responding forthrightly to the sexual abuse scandal, the Diocese has created a prayer card for victim-survivors, copies of which will be sent to every parish, and made available upon request from the Pastoral Center (<http://bit.ly/DOThealing>). I invite you to distribute these widely and to join me in praying this “Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse.”

Please also pray with and for me, the spiritual father of the family of faith of the Diocese of Toledo, that I may do everything in my power and continue to dedicate myself completely to exercising spiritual fatherhood for your well-being: protecting the flock, praying for the flock and pursuing those who stray from or are not members of the flock.

*+ Daniel E. Thomas*

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
June 17, 2019