

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Jesus "was led by the Spirit in the wilderness." What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your "wilderness" with God. Where is the Spirit leading you this Lent?

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 11

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 12

8:30 a.m. James B. Christen +

Wednesday, March 13

8:30 a.m. Eloise Maag +

7:00 p.m. Pete Leugers +

Kathleen Coffee +

Thursday, March 14

8:30 a.m. Gertrude DeVita +

Friday, March 15

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 16

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Robert & Mary

Wagner+

Robert Mack +

Gene & Emily Hullinger+

Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m.

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

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, March 10

Open House for Gathering Space & Parish Office following each Mass

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, March 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 12

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - Genesis to Jesus DVD Series in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 13

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, March 14

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

Friday, March 15

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 16

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Irish Day Parade at Noon

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Holy Name Breakfast in the Parish Hall following the Masses

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1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

7:00 p.m. - PARISH MISSION IN CHURCH

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
February 4th week	\$ 10,517.76	\$ 11,767.83
On-line: \$ 1,595.00		
# of Envelopes	253	249
YTD Totals:	\$ 386,204.85	\$ 374,341.76

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

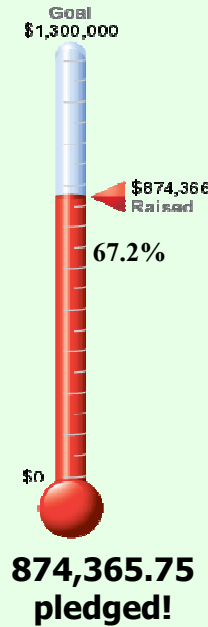
As many of you know, we have now completed Phase I and Phase II of our Building Project. Now we are focused on securing the contract for the addition of classrooms to our school. Together, we can make this a reality!

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 and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please remember that the second collection at each of our weekend Masses during Lent will be for our Capital Campaign. In order to post these contributions to your account, please either write a check or put your cash contributions in the envelopes in the pews with your name clearly written on the envelope.

Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.

Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.



PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged:	\$874,365.75
Amount Paid:	\$580,643.31
Outstanding Balance:	\$293,722.44

FRIDAY'S OF LENT SERIES:



"Walking The Way of The Cross With Christ and With Each Other."

**St. Gerard Church
6:00-7:00 p.m.**

We walk with Christ along the way of the Cross and listen to speakers who lead us into a deeper understanding of the deep love of Christ who calls us to love and serve and walk with each other.

MARCH 15

Speaker: Fr. Jim Szobonya
ST. JOHN PAUL II'S WAY OF THE CROSS:

John Paul II, who bore his own cross so bravely, leads us in a new form of the stations with true insight into Christ's suffering and shows us how to bravely carry our own.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The Rosary/Altar Society will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at noon to pray the rosary in church. Following the rosary, they will have lunch at the Eagles. All ladies of the parish that can make it are encouraged to attend.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:



UNIVERSAL: *That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.*



REASONS FOR FASTING

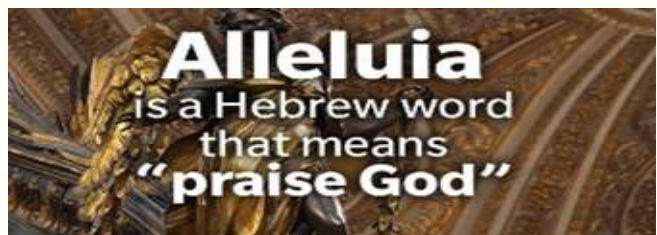
<p>1 TO GROW IN SELF-MASTERY</p> <p>It helps us learn to say "no" to our appetites and be free from what we don't need.</p>	<p>2 OBEDIENCE AND DISCERNMENT</p> <p>It opens us up and allows us to let God and the Church tell us what is best for us.</p>
<p>3 WORSHIP AND SACRIFICE</p> <p>Fasting is a sacrifice oriented towards worship of God and not ourselves.</p>	<p>4 TO BE CO-REDEEMERS WITH JESUS</p> <p>As it is a sacrifice, we participate in the Cross of Jesus for the salvation of the world.</p>

WHY DON'T WE SING ALLELUIA DURING LENT?



Why do we sing the Alleluia in the first place?

Alleluia is a joyful word, and as we sing Alleluia, we join in the heavenly worship of the choirs of angels. "Alleluia" reminds us that as we participate in Mass, we participate in God's kingdom established on earth.



During Lent, we **focus on the Kingdom coming,** not on the Kingdom come.

For this reason, we don't sing the Alleluia, but instead acknowledge our sins and repent so that we may one day worship God in heaven as the angels do.



~ SAVE THE DATE ~

*St. Gerard Parish Mission
Return ~ Renew ~ Rejoice
March 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2019*

Come join us for our Lenten Parish Mission, for one or more, or all evening services where we'll examine various topics that will rejuvenate your faith and membership in our Catholic Community! Reverend Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R., from St. Louis, MO will be our guest and presenter for our Lenten Mission. Please join us for this renewal in our Catholic faith! You will be amazed to discover how putting aside an hour each evening will create a lifetime of enrichment for your faith.

Refreshments will be served at both morning and evening services. Babysitting is available for nightly services and transportation is available if needed.

DVD SERIES AVAILABLE:

We have had people ask if they could view the DVD's that the Spiritual Formation has been presenting. We are making these DVD's available to sign out for up to 30 days so that you can view them. You would need to come to the parish office to sign them out.

The DVD's we have in inventory consist of: CATHOLICISM by Word on Fire, THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS, by Word on Fire and Theology of the Body, by Christopher West.

SERRA CLUB NEWS:

Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on March 14th at LCC starting at 5:45 p.m. Frank DeLallo, Director of Office of Child and Youth Protection and Victim Assistance of the Toledo Diocese will be talking on "Diocesan Response to Clergy Sexual Abuse". The evening is sponsored by The Serra Club of The Lima Area, which exist to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Marilyn Schmerge at 567-204-4745.

HOLY NAME BREAKFAST: Join us next weekend for the Holy Name Breakfast being served in the Parish Hall following the Sunday Masses. Eggs, pancakes & sausage will be served, along with your favorite beverage. Join us for some great fellowship and a delicious meal.



Open House

We are excited to announce that we will be having an Open House to view our new Church Gathering Space, as well as our new Parish offices. The Open House will be held THIS WEEKEND following the weekend Masses. Come and see our beautiful new areas that many of you have supported and contributed to for many months. We are sure you will be impressed!

Thanks for your ongoing support!



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 16:

5:00 p.m. *M. & M. Hinegardner, B. Muskus,
S. Parker, V. Bigelow, B. Flynn, C. Hinds,
M. Hinds, W. Peebles, L. Taylor*

Sunday, March 17:

8:30 a.m. *S. Ellinger, M. Meyer, M. Mays, B. Pinney,
S. Nocera, M. Hickey, J. Inskeep,
N. Jenkins, C. Wright, J. Korzan*
11:00 a.m. *J. Landwehr, K. Spears, M. Spears,
C. Coleman, R. Carder, S. Dew, J. Neville,
R. Karbowski, S. Morrissey, C. Wreede*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Mar. 16: 5:00 p.m. - *J. Wolff*

Mar. 17: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Kleffner*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Gerken*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Mar. 16: 5:00 p.m. - *S. Parker, A. Parker, J. Yahl*

Mar. 17: 8:30 a.m. - *E. Hahn, J. Hahn, E. Snow*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex, B. Truex, C. Truex*

SACRISTY WORKERS - MARCH

*J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,
M. Dew, S. Dew*

USHERS SCHEDULE:

Mar. 16: 5:00 p.m. - *L. Daley, D. Makley, T. Daley*

Mar. 17: 8:30 a.m. - *J. Ruen, F. Morman, V. Koza*
11:00 a.m. - *R. Stolly, B. Walsh, S. Dackin*

MUSTARD SEED:

First Communion Dresses and Veils! Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf, has a beautiful selection of dresses and veils in stock. They will also be hosting a First Communion Dress Resale this year, with all donations and sales supporting Holy Family Radio. The sale will be Tuesday, March 5th through Saturday, March 9th. For more information, call 419-538-7220 or visit them on Facebook.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:

A letter from Bishop Thomas was sent out asking for your gift and/or pledge to support the ministries of the Diocese of Toledo. This letter gives all registered parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the Appeal, especially those who are unable to attend Mass. The Annual Catholic Appeal will be very successful if every member of our parish carefully considers their circumstance and truly strives to give a significant gift. Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by the Appeal.

FESTIVAL CO-CHAIR NEEDED:

The Festival Committee is looking for someone who would be willing to co-chair the Funnel Cake Booth. You would be working on getting volunteers to work the booth, as well as coordinating the workers in your booth. The good news is that you would be "co-chairing" the booth so you would have someone to help you and show you the ropes. If you think this is something you might be interested in volunteering for, please call Michael Mays at 419-604-9526. Thank you.

YOUNG ADULT

RETREAT:

What would you say if asked, "Why are you Catholic?" Unsure because you've always been Catholic? Come join other young adults aged 22-39 for the "Choosing to be Catholic Retreat" with Charis ministries on March 23-24 at the Parish Center in Ottoville. Ponder who Jesus Christ is to you. Hear young adults share what being Catholic means to them and experience Christian community. This retreat is for any young adult in the diocese. For information, send a message to CharisDioceseOfToledo@gmail.com.



SPRING BUS PILGRIMAGE:

You are invited to join the Lenten Religious Retreat Pilgrimage to Alabama. Visit 3 shrines, a successful rehab center, 5 beautiful church & EWTN. You will be able to attend daily Mass, as well as opportunities for the rosary, Penance, and private prayer. This 6 day/5 night pilgrimage costs \$650 per person with 2 people in a room. For details, contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637. Deadline is March 10th.

NOSF:

A faith-based education is not out of reach with a scholarship from the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund.



Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund

Need-based Scholarships worth up to \$1,500 per child are available for private schools or \$500 for homeschooling expenses for students who reside in Allen and surrounding counties for grades K-8th for the 2019-2020 school year. For example, a family of five with a household income of \$79,434 is eligible. To apply online or for more information about the program visit www.nosf.org or contact the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund office at (419) 720-7048. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 26, 2019.

ST. CHARLES PARISH MISSION:

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church located at 2200 W. Elm St., Lima presents "Restoration Mission" with Josh Blakesley. Josh will be ministering at the Mission on Sunday & Monday, March 10 and 11th at 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, contact Angie Soules at 419-228-7635, or email her at soulesa@stcharleslima.org.



What are you doing for Lent?

Jesus beckons us to come,
to be in His presence;

He does truly speak to our souls when
we give Him an opportunity.

Come visit Him in adoration, and
receive graces to be able to keep your
Lenten purposes and sacrifices.