

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

The question in today's gospel, "What will this child be?" concerns all parents. We spend years trying to influence and shape the answer, hoping our children will be "strong in spirit", like the Baptist, and "blessing God" like Zachariah.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, June 25

8:30 a.m. Clarence Helmig +
Bill Walsh +

Tuesday, June 26

8:30 a.m. James Bogner +

Wednesday, June 27

8:30 a.m. Deceased of the
Sliemer's Family +

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 28

8:30 a.m. Fr. Dave Beck +

Friday, June 29

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 30

8:30 a.m. David Steinbrunner +
5:00 p.m. Charles & Katy Fell-
hauer +

Sunday, July 1

8:30 a.m. Larry Cox & Kamryn
Cunningham +
11:00 a.m. Sam & Jenny Cira +
John & Jean Scherer +
John F. Scherer +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, June 24

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, June 25

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 26

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00-7:30 p.m. - CATHOLICISM Series in the Parish Hall -
Lesson #7; Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven:
The Church's Sacrament and Worship

Wednesday, June 27

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, June 28

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, June 29

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 30

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 1

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1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
June, 3rd week On-line: \$ 1,710.00	\$ 10,049.10	\$ 9,749.01
# of Envelopes	253	241
YTD Totals:	\$ 554,133.37	\$555,817.69

ONLINE GIVING: On-line giving allows you to make donations while you're away. It's easy and convenient to do. Just visit our website at www.stgerardchurch.org and click on the tab titled: "On-Line Giving."

CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY?

Please be sure to let the parish office know if you have moved or have a new phone number!

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:

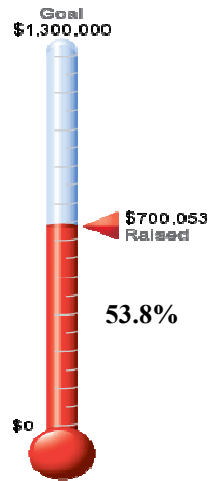
1. Church Gathering Space: Our church needs a gathering space. The gathering space will be used for after weekend Masses, baptisms, anniversaries, funeral viewings, and meeting space (i.e. prayer/study groups, RCIA). We propose to seal off our front doors and level out the partitioned walls and floor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

**CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN**



**\$700,053.50
pledged!**

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

Spiritual Growth

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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



A Summer Prayer

Father, Creator of all,
thank you for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.
Thank you for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside
and enjoy your creation.
Thank you for the increased time I have
to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace
of the summer season.

Draw me closer to you this summer.
Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am
or what I am doing.
Warm my soul
with the awareness of your presence
and light my path
with your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy your creation,
create in me a pure heart
and a hunger and a thirst for you.

Amen.

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June
-
Devotion
to the
Sacred
Heart
of Jesus



JUNE - Month dedicated to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus.

CATHOLICISM - FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM:

Journey around the world and deep into the faith.

With creator and host Father Robert Barron, you will learn what Catholics believe and why while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. The **CATHOLICISM Faith Formation Program** brings the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church to life so that you can better understand and share your faith.

We meet every Tuesday from 6-7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Join us for one or all of the sessions. There is no cost to attend.



NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP:

At the weekend Masses of June 30th and July 1st, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. In preparation for the feast, we will pray a Novena to our Lady each day at the morning Mass starting, Friday, June 22nd through Saturday, June 30th.

ROSARY AND MASS AT OUR LADY'S GROTTO:

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.



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June:

UNIVERSAL:

***Social Networks
That social networks
may work toward
inclusiveness which
respects others for
their differences.***



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

Today is the Peter's Pence Collection, a world-wide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.



******If you are making a payment towards your Capital Campaign Pledge, please be sure your envelope is clearly marked. Thank you.******

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, June 30:

5:00 p.m. *C. Hinds, M. Hinds, J. Stewart, C. Diaz,
S. Parker, B. VonLehmden, J. Wollf,
L. Makley, M. DeVita, V. Bigelow*

Sunday, July 1:

8:30 a.m. *N. Jenkins, B. Pinney, C. Wright,
S. Ellinger, L. Hahn, M. Hickey, M. King,
M. Mays, C. Altenbach, R. Orwick*

11:00 a.m. *R. Vagedes, S. Young, R. Carder,
T. Meyer, V. Carter, C. Coleman,
R. Karbowski, K. Ladden, J. Landwehr,
S. Morrisey*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

June 30: 5:00 p.m. - *M. Hinegardner*

July 1: 8:30 a.m. - *F. Morman*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Wreede*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

June 30: 5:00 p.m. - *J. Yahl, K. LaRotonda,
H. Lamb*

June 24: 8:30 a.m. - *D. Martin, E. Martin, K. Rigg*
11:00 a.m. - *C. Truex, E. Truex, B. Truex*

SACRISTY WORKERS:

P. Azzarello (Pls. volunteer)

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!

BISHOP DANIEL THOMAS VISITS WITH FAMILIES OF DETAINEES AFTER THE ICE RAID IN SANDUSKY:

On Sunday, June 17, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas celebrated the regularly scheduled 1:30 p.m. Sunday Mass in Spanish for the Hispanic community at Saint Paul Church in Norwalk. He went to be pastorally present with them, to pray with them and to visit with them. The congregation included numerous families whose spouses, parents, children, brothers and sisters are now detained following the recent ICE raid in Sandusky at Corso's Flower and Garden Centers.

In meeting with the families affected by this radical action, Bishop Thomas heard first-hand of the pain, anxiety and uncertainty these families, and the whole community, are experiencing. Inspired by the scripture passage of the day, from St. Paul, Bishop Thomas reassured the congregation that they always have a home in the Catholic Church, that in Christ Jesus we find the courage to go forward together and that we "walk by faith, not by sight."

According to Bishop Thomas, "This visit highlighted for me, in a powerful way, the need for all of us to pray and advocate with our elected public officials for a just and fair reform of our Nation's broken immigration system."

If you would like to help those families separated from their loved ones due to the raid at Corso's Flower and Garden Center, please contact Saint Paul Church in Norwalk at www.stpaulchurch.org or on Facebook.

MARIA STEIN COUNTRY FEST:

This weekend, the Maria Stein Country Fest will be held on the grounds of the Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein, OH. Free admission, parking and entertainment. Mass on the patio. For more information, visit www.mscountryfest.com or call 419-202-6255.

ONE DAY BUS PILGRIMAGE:

A one-day bus pilgrimage to Blessed Solanus Casey Center and Sainte Anne de Detroit Church, Detroit, Michigan on July 18, 2018 will leave Kalida K of C parking lot at 7am and return at 8:30pm. Cost is \$70. Included is a tour of the Center, confession, Mass, lunch, a Healing Service followed by a tour of Sainte Anne de Detroit, the second oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in America.

Fr. Solanus Casey, a native of Wisconsin, Capuchin friar, and known as "Detroit's Miracle Worker" was recently beatified in Detroit with 70,000 people in attendance. By his gentle, cheerful example, he taught others to have that same trust in God. Visitors flocked to the humble monastery doorkeeper, seeking physical cures, his wise advice, and spiritual renewal.

Deadline is July 1, 2018. Please contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 or hborgelt@bright.net for more details.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Beginning June 4th, our parish 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 open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. through the month of June.

LCC CLASS OF 1973:

In celebration of their 45th Class Reunion, the LCC Class of 1973 is planning "The Gathering 2018", on Saturday, August 4th. The event will be held at LCC and details are being finalized. Please send contact info. For classmates to Patti Frueh Briggs: LCC1973@yahoo.com.

MATRIMONY: A CALLING TO FORGIVE:

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope; hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about our July 13-15th Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Jeff & Robyn at 419-481-1116 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.