

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

We may feel like the Prodigal Son but the gospel wants us to focus on the father who was forgiving and understanding. We all make mistakes and need forgiveness. Who in your family needs forgiveness and acceptance this Lent?



MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 1

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 2

8:30 a.m. Ron Pitson +

Wednesday, April 3

8:30 a.m. Christopher Blosser +
7:00 p.m. Rick & Ryan Young +

Thursday, April 4

8:30 a.m.

Friday, April 5

8:30 a.m. Dan Walsh +

Saturday, April 6

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Louis Acerro +
Robert Gremling +
Elaine Gorman +

Sunday, April 7

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Recker & Mauceri
Families
11:00 a.m. Robert Wagner +
Virgil E. Thines +
Zachary Weber
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, March 31

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
3:00 p.m. - Blessed Seelos Healing Mass in church

Monday, April 1

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 2

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. - Genesis to Jesus DVD Series in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 3

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, April 4

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

Friday, April 5 - First Friday

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
4:00-6:00 p.m. - First Friday Devotions, Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament and Confession
6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 6 - First Saturday

Mass at 8:30 a.m. /Rosary following Mass
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 7

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
6:00-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
March 3rd week On-line: \$ 1,495.00	\$ 8,860.01	\$ 10,909.82
# of Envelopes	220	257
YTD Totals:	\$ 417,735.22	\$ 409,266.20

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.

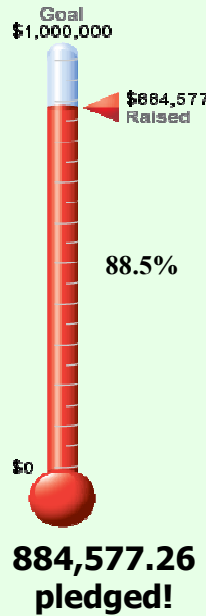
Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.

Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged:	\$884,577.26
Amount Paid:	\$609,469.23
Outstanding Balance:	\$275,108.03

3/24/19 Second Collection: \$2,415.37



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.

APRIL 5

Speaker: Fr. Mike Houston

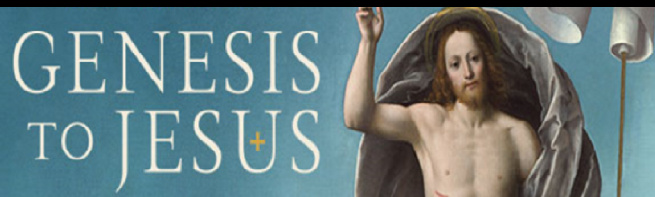
A FAMILY WAY OF THE CROSS:

We meditate on family life and carrying our crosses. In meditating on Jesus' cross, we find inspiration to strengthen our families and increase our love and affirmation.

FEET WASHING:

We are looking for twelve volunteers to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday services. If you would be willing to do this, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080.





**Please join us for our
Lenten DVD Series
Tuesday, April 2nd at 6pm
in the Parish Hall**



Please join us this
First Friday, April 5th,
4-6 pm, for Adoration
of the Blessed Sacra-
ment with confession.

On First Saturday, we
will have a rosary
following the 8:30 am
Mass.



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.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:



Doctors and their Collaborators in War Torn Areas:

For doctors and their humanitar-
ian collaborators in war torn areas, who risk
their lives to save the lives of others.



*O God, we thank You for implanting the
gift of faith in human hearts. We ask You
to bless in a special way all the elect,
catechumens and candidates who have
generously responded to the invitation of
Jesus: "Come follow Me." Help them to
persevere in their journey of faith despite
any difficulties. Bless all those who
minister to them through the RCIA
program, under the guidance of Your Holy
Spirit, that they may lead others to a life
of faith in Jesus Christ. Call us to a
renewal of our faith, and inspire us all to
be Your light in the world. Amen.*

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.

HEALING MASS:

We will be offering a Healing Mass **TODAY**, Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. invoking the intercession of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a Redemptorist priest who lived and worked in America. He is known for his powerful intercession for the sick. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and a blessing with the relic of Blessed Seelos will be offered. All who need healing of mind, body and spirit are invited and are encouraged to attend. Please note that this Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.



NOSF:

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

ROSARY/ALTAR BAKE SALE:

Save the date ~ the Rosary/Altar Bake Sale and Raffle will be held on Sunday, April 14th after all the Sunday Masses. Please start baking your brownies and baked goods now and freeze them.



Feel free to drop off your baked goods on Saturday, April 13th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. or on Sunday morning. Look for raffle tickets in today's bulletin. Fill out your tickets and return them in the collection basket or to the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 6:

5:00 p.m. *C. Hinds, M. Hinds, B. Flynn, M. DeVita,
K. Canavan, D. Griffo, D. Hollingsworth,
J. Hollingsworth, B. VonLehmden,
S. Parker*

Sunday, April 7:

8:30 a.m. *M. Hickey, T. Martin, J. Inskeep,
S. Ellinger, N. Jenkins, M. Meyer,
M. Mays, B. Pinney, T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe*
11:00 a.m. *J. Landwehr, F. Mansfield, T. Meyer,
D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, V. Carter,
J. Neville, C. Wreede, D. Warner,
K. Spears*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

April 6: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*
April 7: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Hickey*
11:00 a.m. - *M. Spears*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

April 6: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Smith, S. Parker, A. Parker*
April 7: 8:30 a.m. - *E. Hahn, J. Hahn,
M. Chambers*
11:00 a.m. - *B. Dahill, A. Carter, D. Dawson*

SACRISTY WORKERS - APRIL

*J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,
J. Sroufe, A. Morman*

USHERS SCHEDULE:

April 6: 5:00 p.m. - *R. Bigelow, B. Langhals,
S. Custer*
April 7: 8:30 a.m. - *B. Birkmeier, J. Simindinger,
T. Fischer*
11:00 a.m. - *R. Stolly, B. Walsh, S. Dackin*

CHURCH ENVELOPES:

Don't forget to pick up your church envelopes in church. They are located at the back of the center aisle and need to be picked up as soon as possible. Thank you.



SPIRITUAL CARE

VOLUNTEERS:

The Spiritual Care Department of St. Rita's Medical Center is looking for dedicated, faithful volunteers to aid in the spiritual care ministry offered to the patients and families who seek care at their medical center.



We are looking for people who have a deep faith, a warm heart and a passion for serving others. If you think this is something you may be interested in, please attend one of the following sessions:

Location: Café Conference Room

Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 pm

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and June 7

Please RSVP to Janice Burns-Watson at: Jbburns-watson@mercy.com or call (740) 417-6584.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

Have you ever considered hosting a student from another country? LCC has around 20 students each year who come to live and learn in our community. These kids are the best of the best from their countries and they have so much to offer our school and your family. If you would consider hosting for the 2019-2020 school year, please call or email Trudy Thompson at tthompson@apps.lcchs.edu or 419-204-7001. It is an opportunity and experience you will never forget.

MISSION ONLINE:

Did you enjoy our recent Mission? Were you unable to attend? You might be interested to know that we have each night recorded and available for viewing on our website. Just go to www.stgerardchurch.org and click on the link. Enjoy!

CONTEMPLATING RELIGIOUS LIFE?

Ever wondered what life is like as a religious Sister or Brother? There will be an RUCalled Dinner on Monday, April 1st at St. Thomas More Parish in Bowling Green. This is a pressure free evening for singles ages 18-39. The evening includes food, vocation stories, prayer and time to mingle with religious from several congregations and hear stories of those currently in formation. Join us from 6:00-8:30 p.m. on April 1. To register, go to RUCalled@snd1.org.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:

You are invited to join Fr. Louis Olive for an 11-Day Holy Land Pilgrimage October 18-28, 2019. This unforgettable pilgrimage will take you to the Sacred Sites of the Holy Land, where Jesus was born, grew up, was baptized, began his teaching and healing ministry, and ultimately suffered died and rose again! You will visit Nazareth, Sea of Galilee, Bethlehem and Jerusalem. Trip includes roundtrip air transportation, 4 star hotels and religious houses, breakfast and dinner daily and so much more. All inclusive price of \$3,790 per person. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

DISASTER RELIEF:

Our prayers go out to all who perished, their families, and untold numbers of people who are displaced from their homes, homeless, or facing evacuation, from the devastation wrought by record flooding in our country's Midwest heartland and from Cyclone Idai in Southeast Africa. Recovery and rebuilding efforts are expected to take months, if not years. Many farming livelihoods are completely destroyed here and abroad. As in past disasters, Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo is collecting and forwarding donations dollar for dollar to sister Catholic Charities agencies in affected U.S. areas and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) for international humanitarian relief efforts. You may donate on our secure website: www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org, noting your donation designations. Checks should be made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, with a notation designating Midwest Flooding, Cyclone Idai, or Disaster Relief (these donations will be divided in half and sent to both Catholic Charities and CRS). Please mail checks to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Your financial support will help with long-term recovery efforts, including needed pastoral care and support, case management to assist disaster victims, and direct assistance to people unable to get insurance coverage or sufficient government support from FEMA. Thank you for generously supporting those in need!

Universal Prayer for Disaster Relief: For those who lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods, and those who are suffering as a result of the recent devastation from record flooding in the Midwest and Cyclone Idai (pronounced EE-die) in Southeast Africa. May God give them peace, and through our generosity and prayers, help them to rebuild their lives and recover quickly.