

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*In studying the effects of religion upon family relationships, researchers inform us hostility and prayer can't coexist. You cannot be hostile toward someone for whom you are praying. Today's gospel encourages us: "Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who treat you badly."*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, February 25**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Steve Dotson Family

**Tuesday, February 26**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, February 27**

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Robert Ellinger +

**Thursday, February 28**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, March 1**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Sunderhaus, Jackson & Holtz Families

**Saturday, March 2**

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Virgil E. Thines +

**Sunday, March 3**

8:30 a.m. Paul Keiffer + Deceased of the Robert & Leona Keiffer Family +  
11:00 a.m. Harold & Betty Moore + James Wilkerson +  
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, February 24**

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, February 25**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, February 26**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - Theology of the Body in the Parish Hall

**Wednesday, February 27**

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, February 28**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon-5:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, March 1**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

4:00-6:00 p.m. - First Friday Devotions in Church, Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions

**Saturday, March 2**

Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by the Rosary

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 3**

**Father/Son Breakfast following 8:30 a.m. Mass**

**St. Gerard School Open House, 12:00-2:00 p.m.**

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
February 2nd week On-line: \$ 1,370.00	\$ 9,270.59	\$ 10,717.52
# of Envelopes	244	258
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 364,076.01</b>	<b>\$ 352,806.92</b>



*Please join us on Thursdays from 12-5 pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.*

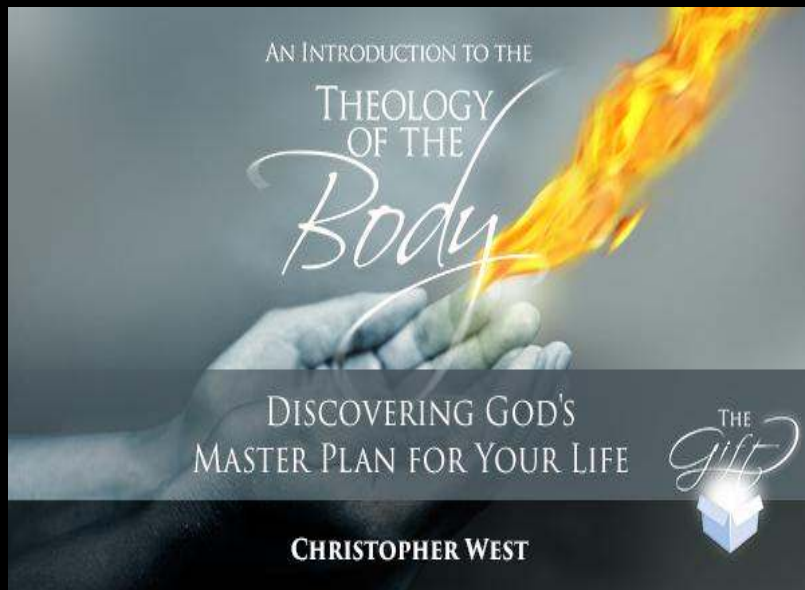


**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:**

**UNIVERSAL:** For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



WATCH OVER YOUR THOUGHTS  
BECAUSE THEY BECOME WORDS.  
WATCH OVER YOUR WORDS  
BECAUSE THEY BECOME ACTIONS.  
WATCH OVER YOUR ACTIONS  
BECAUSE THEY BECOME HABITS.  
WATCH OVER YOUR HABITS  
BECAUSE THEY BECOME  
YOUR CHARACTER.  
WATCH OVER YOUR CHARACTER  
BECAUSE IT BECOMES YOUR DESTINY.  
LINKNOWN AUTHOR



*Please come and join us for the Study of Theology of the Body on TUESDAY'S in FEBRUARY! 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.*



*You are invited to First Friday Devotions on March 1st from 4-6 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions. Also, join us for 8:30 a.m. Mass on Saturday with the Rosary being said following Mass.*



# OPEN HOUSE

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## SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

### 12 P.M. – 2 P.M.



- ❖ Faith-based Curriculum
- ❖ Family-Oriented Environment
- ❖ Small Class Sizes
- ❖ Full Day 4-year Old Preschool
- ❖ 5 Star Step Up to Quality Preschool
- ❖ Full Day Kindergarten
- ❖ 1 to 1 Technology (Chromebooks & iPads)
- ❖ After School Care
- ❖ Bussing
- ❖ Lego Club, Homework Club, & Science Club

**FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**



**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.



**LENTEN PARTNER:**

How are you planning to dive in and get the most out of your Lent? Consider letting a religious Sister or Brother be your faith sharing partner. You don't need to go anywhere special. Just commit to connecting with your partner 3-4 times during Lent by means of Facetime, Whatsapp, Video Instant Messenger or by telephone. Share what is stirring in your heart as you pray the Lenten Scripture readings. This opportunity is available for those age 20-39, male or female, single or married. Register at 1on1Sharing@snd1.org by February 27th.

**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.



**FATHER/SON BREAKFAST:**

Date: Sunday, March 3, 2018

Time: Following 8:30 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Gerard Parish Hall

***Speaker: Mr. Chris Adams,***

*Long time Head Basketball Coach for Elida High School, Head Basketball Coach for the University of Northwestern Ohio and currently Athletic Director for the University of Northwestern Ohio.*

All men of the parish and Lima community are invited and are encouraged to attend. Bring you dad, uncles, brothers and friends. Breakfast is free! We hope to see you next Sunday!

**AMAZON**

**SHOPPERS:**

If you are an Amazon shopper, you can now shop at Amazon and help St. Gerard Parish



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## 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 the weekend of March 9th and 10th 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 2:

5:00 p.m. *M. DeVita, B. Flynn, C. Hinds, M. Hinds, K. Canavan, D. & J. Hollingsworth, D. Santini, L. Taylor, B. VonLehmden*

#### Sunday, March 3:

8:30 a.m. *M. Hickey, J. Inskeep, J. Korzan, S. Martin, T. Martin, G. Merkel, M. Meyer, M. Mays, C. Wright, B. Pinney*

11:00 a.m. *S. Dew, F. Gallegos, R. Karbowiak, R. Carder, V. Carter, T. Meyer, S. Morrissey, D. & G. Vondrell, D. Warner*

### LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

**Mar. 2:** 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*

**Mar. 3:** 8:30 a.m. - *F. Morman*  
11:00 a.m. - *J. Kahle*

### ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

**Mar. 2:** 5:00 p.m. - *H. Chambers, N. Chambers, G. Gandy*

**Mar. 3:** 8:30 a.m. - *S. Santaguida, A. Shultz, A. Dackin*  
11:00 a.m. - *C. Wagoner, M. Miller, B. Dahill*

### SACRISTY WORKERS - MARCH

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

### USHERS SCHEDULE:

**Mar. 2:** 5:00 p.m. - *G. Keil, D. Watkins*

**Mar. 3:** 8:30 a.m. - *G. Merkel, B. Hahn, B. Polser*  
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.

### SERRA CLUB:

Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on Feb. 28 at 5:45 p.m. at LCC High School. The speaker will be Sr. Immacolata Scarogni, who is Parish Manager at St. John the Baptist in Landeck and St. Patrick in Spencerville, and also Pastoral Associate at St. John the Evangelist in Delphos. She will be sharing her story about her Ministerial Journey from the Bronx to Ohio. The evening is sponsored the 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.

**“WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS WITH CHRIST AND WITH EACH OTHER”**

**St. Gerard Church ~ Fridays of Lent ~ 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 8**

Chaplain Lydia Brenneman  
St. Rita's Medical Center

**EVERYONE'S WAY OF THE CROSS:**

This way of the Cross helps us see Christ suffering in so many people in our world. We ask ourselves; “Do we walk with Christ as He walks with the suffering people of our world?”

**MARCH 29**

Sr. Yvonne Fischer  
St. Charles Pastoral Care

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD WAY OF THE CROSS:**

An intense look into the suffering of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for us. Keen insights into the experience of Christ, our own experience and that of our world.

**MARCH 15**

Fr. Jim Szobonya  
St. Gerard Church

**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.

**APRIL 5**

Fr. Mike Houston  
St. Gerard Church

**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.

**MARCH 22**

Deacon Elias Piña  
St. Gerard Church

**ST. ALPHONSUS' STATIONS:**

Our traditional Stations of the Cross. We walk with Christ as He carries His cross just as He walks with us as we carry our crosses.

**APRIL 12**

Fr. Mike Sergi  
St. Gerard Church

**LIVING STATIONS ~ YOUTH GROUP:**

High School students of our parish will act out the Stations of the Cross. Christ speaks. Our young people respond.



**~ SAVE THE DATE ~**

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