

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

In today's gospel Jesus asked Simon to start by "going a short distance." Later he asked Simon to "go into deeper water." The first step toward reconciliation is usually a "short distance" which gives us the courage to further "into deeper water." Reconciliation starts with the first short step!

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, February 11

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Moyer, Devlin, Thompson & Mansfield families

Tuesday, February 12

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 13

8:30 a.m. Lucy Brickner +
6:30 p.m. Jack Wolff Sr. +

Thursday, February 14

8:30 a.m. Jim Taflinger +

Friday, February 15

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Virgil Thines +
5:00 p.m. Mary Wagner +

Sunday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Jack & Mildred Pohlbel +
Larry Cox +
Kamryn Cunningham +
11:00 a.m. Rick & Ryan Young +
Laurie Zerante Snider +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, February 10

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

Monday, February 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 12

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. - Theology of the Body in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 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, February 14

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon-5:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 15

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 16

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

Sunday, February 17

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Holy Name Breakfast in the Parish Hall
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> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| January, 4th week On-line: \$ 1,660.00 | \$ 11,863.06 | \$ 12,042.10 |
| # of Envelopes | 271 | 258 |
| YTD Totals: | \$ 345,854.37 | \$ 330,012.04 |

ONLINE GIVING:

If you would like to give online, visit us at www.stgerardchurch.org & click on the "On-line Giving tab.



*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 traffick-
ing, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



**FEASTS IN
FEBRUARY:**

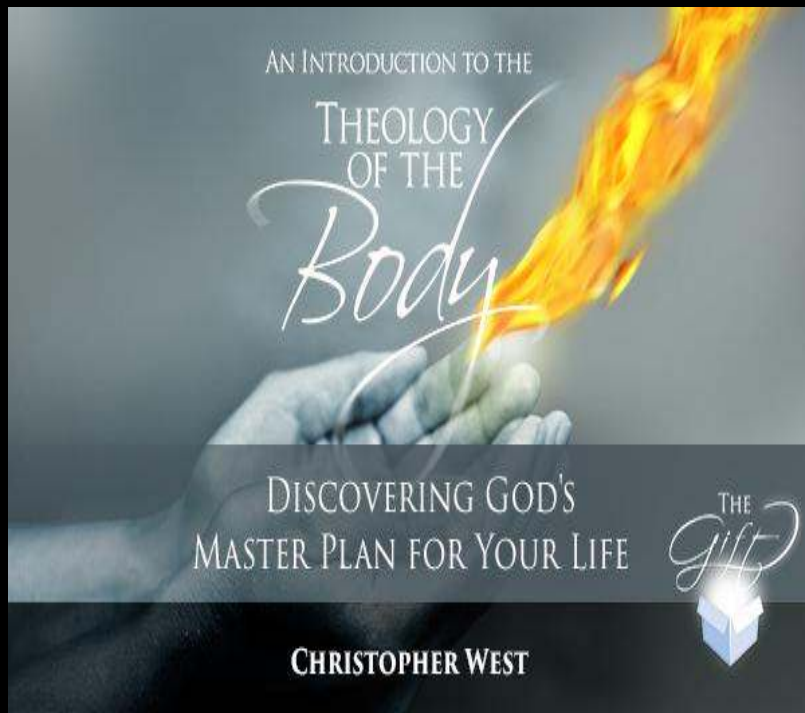
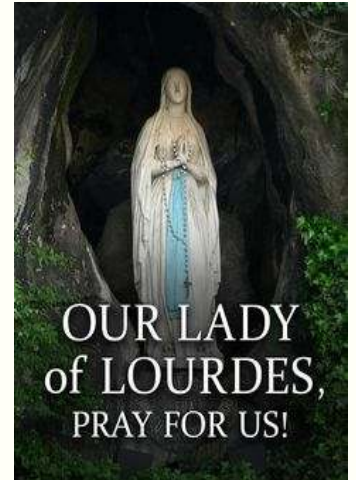
Feb. 11 - *Our Lady
of Lourdes*

Feb. 14 - *Sts. Cyril
and Methodius*

Feb. 21 - *St.
Damian*

Feb. 22 - *The
Chair of St. Peter
the Apostle*

Feb. 23 - *St. Polycarp*



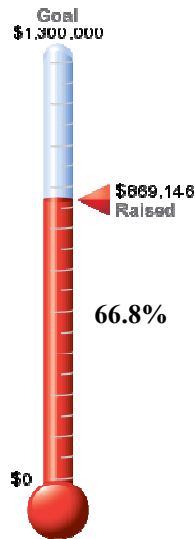
*Please come and join us
for the Study of Theology
of the Body on
TUESDAY'S
in **FEBRUARY!**
6:00 p.m. in the
Parish Hall.*



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.



**869,145.75
pledged!**

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.

Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will be meeting on Tuesday, February 19th at noon in church to pray the rosary, followed by lunch at the Elks.

All ladies that are able are encouraged to join us.



SERRA CLUB:

The Serra Club of the Lima Area welcomes you to be their guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on February 14 at LCC at 5:45 p.m. Stephanie Williams, Principal of LCC and Adam Lee, Principal of Delphos St. Johns Middle School and High School will be speaking on "Current issues in Catholic Education." The Serra Club exists to promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Marilyn Schmerge at 567-204-4745.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWS & NEEDS:

Our mission states: "Seeking to put God's love into action: Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope." So, how can you help? Here are three ways: 1) Donate new or gently used household goods and building materials to the ReStore. The ReStore truck will even pick up larger items at your house at no cost to you. 2) Come volunteer at the ReStore (550 W. Elm St.) - visit the Habitat website to sign up at www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/ or call the Habitat office at 419-222-4937. 3) Donate funds to the affiliate and know that your donation goes to those in need of decent, affordable housing. You can send a check or donate online at <https://www.habitatlima.org/donate/donate-now.html>. Our next build will take place in Elida later this spring. Thank you for considering a generous gift of materials or time or money to those in need of decent, affordable shelter.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

We now have our year-end contribution statements ready for 2018. If you would like a copy of your 2018 donations, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 and we will be happy to mail you a copy.

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.

PATRIOTISM ESSAY CONTEST:

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting "patriotism" essays from High School Seniors. Applications are available from the high school guidance counselor or from the Church office. Essay deadline is February 23, 2019. Please return essays to: Louis Hohman, 24963 Paula Ln., Delphos, OH 45833.

HOLY NAME BREAKFAST:

Be sure to stop next weekend over to the Parish Hall and enjoy breakfast being served by our Holy Name Men. Everyone from the parish is invited. Eggs, pancakes, sausage and your favorite beverage will be served.



WE'VE MOVED!

IT'S OFFICIAL!!!

St. Gerard Parish Offices are now located in the Parish Hall entrance. We are still transitioning and getting familiar with our new office surroundings but we already love our new space. We are open and ready to serve all of your needs. There is plenty of parking available. Stop by and see us when you have the need. An "Open House" will be scheduled as soon as we get settled.

New Hours:

Our parish office will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The only change is that we are staying open until 4:00 p.m. on Fridays. We will monitor this and make a decision whether to continue these hours or make any changes later in the year.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 16:

5:00 p.m. *K. Canavan, L. Taylor, W. Peebles,
B. VonLehmden, B. Muskus, D. Griffo,
B. Flynn M. & M. Hinegardner, L. Makley*

Sunday, February 17:

8:30 a.m. *J. Inskeep, N. Jenkins, B. Pinney,
M. Mays, T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe, G. Merkel,
M. Meyer, C. Altenbach, M. Hickey*
11:00 a.m. *V. Carter, R. Karbowski, T. Meyer,
K. Spears, M. Spears, C. Wreede,
J. Kahle, S. Morrissey, S. Dew, M. Ayers*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

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

Feb. 17: 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Wreede*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Feb. 16: 5:00 p.m. - *M. Lewis, J. Yahl, E. Gamble*

Feb. 17: 8:30 a.m. - *D. Martin, E. Martin,
M. Chambers*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex, B. Truex, C. Truex*

SACRISTY WORKERS - FEBRUARY:

*J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,
H. Niese, S. Nocera*

USHERS SCHEDULE:

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

Feb. 17: 8:30 a.m. - *B. Birkmeier, J. Simindinger,
T. Fischer*
11:00 a.m. - *M. Dew*



**ELITE TOURS TO OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE:**

Travel with **Fr. Charles Obinwa** of Ft. Jennings St. Joseph's & Lima St. Rita's to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tlaxcala, Ocotlan, Puebla San Jan Teotihuacan, Acolman. May 11th-17th, 2019. Cost is \$2500.00 (Airfare included from anywhere in the U.S.) For more information and registration, contact: 612-730-2890. Or visit them online at www.procatholictours.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 10, 2019. All encountered couples are invited to attend the celebration hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Ottawa. A collection will be taken at Mass to assist with Marriage Encounter events. Mass will be held at 3:00 p.m. with dinner and dance to follow at the Ottawa K of C. Presale tickets are \$30 per couple. Contact the parish office for more information at 419-224-3080.

CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY:

A 12 week Catholic divorce recovery program, Surviving Divorce, will be hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church. Meetings will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul School on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm beginning March 12. The program is free of charge. An optional workbook will be available for participants to purchase. Surviving Divorce is a program created to help the divorced or separated Catholic by offering healing through the wisdom, richness and truth of the Catholic faith. The program videos, along with many additional resources, may be previewed online at www.catholicsdivorce.com. For more information or to register for the Surviving Divorce Program, call 419-615-2298.

CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY?:

So many times changes happen within our parish families and the office staff is not usually aware of it. If you have changed your address, dropped your land line or have made any other changes, please let us know so we can update our records. Thank you.

SPRING BUS

PILGRIMAGE:

Need a break from winter weather? The Lent/Spring Bus Pilgrimage to Alabama



leaves on Sunday, March 31 and returns Friday, April 5, 2019. Traveling by deluxe motor coach, you will visit Ave Maria Grotto/ St. Bernard Abbey, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Our Lady of Angels Chapel, EWTN center supported by Bishop Baker of the Birmingham, AL Diocese. New addition this year is the Basilica of the Assumption in northern Kentucky. It has the world's largest, handmade, church stained glass window and beautiful mosaic wall.

Sponsored by St. Michael, Kalida, OH, this 6-day/5-night pilgrimage costs \$650 per person (double occupancy) which includes transportation, lodging and 12 meals. Daily Mass is available. Men and women are welcome. (Need a roommate, let me know.) Deadline is March 10, 2019. Contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637, or hborgelt@bright.net for reservations and details.

TAXABLE DONATIONS:

If you are 70 1/2 or older and have an IRA or retirement account that requires you to take a minimum distribution, please consider a gift to St. Gerard Church, a qualified charity, to lighten your tax burden. St. Gerard Church is a 501c(3) and therefore any donations made potentially could provide a tax deduction. Please consult your tax professional as to whether or not your donation will receive a tax deduction.

PRAYER CLOTH:

In the rectory office, we have "PRAYER CLOTHS" available to anyone wishing to have one. Each cloth is about 4-6 inches square and have been blessed with the relic of St. Blessed Francis Seelos and also comes with a prayer card. Whether you need healing in mind or body, this prayer cloth is a reminder of God's love for each one of us. It is also a reminder that St. Gerard Parish is praying for you too.



NIGHT OF HEALING:

A Night of Healing will take place on Thursday, Feb. 14th from 7-8 pm at St. Jerome Church, 300 Warner St., Walbridge, OH. Witness of Healing will be given by Debbie Kemp, followed by Adoration with Praise and Worship. A teaching from Fr. Tom Oedy and group prayers for healing. After the service, you will have the opportunity for Reconciliation.