

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Today's gospel is so familiar, it hurts! The home town folks couldn't accept the presence of God in Jesus. After all, they had watched him grow up. We can easily make the same mistake if we don't see God present in the ordinary routines of our family. "The Lord be with you" is a statement of fact. Believe it. Live it.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, July 9

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 10

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 11

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Martin & Utrup Families

Thursday, July 12

8:30 a.m.

Friday, July 13

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 14

8:30 a.m. David Steinbrunner +
5:00 p.m. Jack Frueh +

Sunday, July 15

8:30 a.m. Clyde & Marion Mefferd +

11:00 a.m. Christopher Blosser +
Richard & Dorothy Taylor +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, July 8

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

Monday, July 9

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 10

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00-7:30 p.m. - CATHOLICISM Series - Word Made Flesh, True Bread of Heaven: The Church's Sacrament and Worship

Wednesday, July 11

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, July 12

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, July 13

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 14

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 15

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

WEDDING BANNS:

Jacob Hines & Jessica Vorst, II

FINANCIAL REPORT

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| July, 1st week On-line: \$ 2,095.00 | \$ 11,965.99 | \$ 10,838.36 |
| # of Envelopes | 264 | 267 |
| YTD Totals: | \$ 11,965.99 | \$10,838.36 |

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:

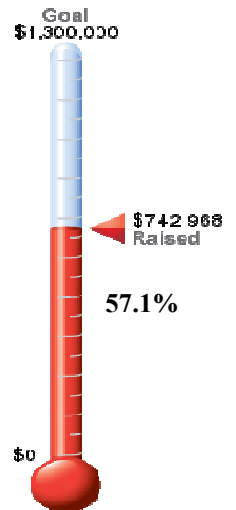
1. Church Gathering Space: Our church needs a gathering space. The gathering space will be used for after weekend Masses, baptisms, anniversaries, funeral viewings, and meeting space (i.e. prayer/study groups, RCIA). We propose to seal off our front doors and level out the partitioned walls and floor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



**742,968.50
pledged!**

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

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH



July MONTH OF THE
MOST PRECIOUS
BLOOD OF
OUR LORD

JULY SAINT FEASTS

We celebrate:

- 11 St. Benedict
- 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 25 St. James
- 26 Joachim and Anne
- 31 Ignatius of Loyola

*Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ
forgave you.*

[Ephesians 4:32]

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



EVANGELIZATION:

***Priests and their
Pastoral Ministry.***

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and their friendship with their brother priests.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

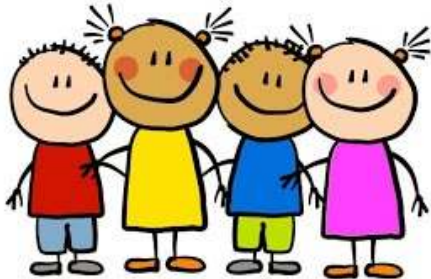
Adoration hours at St. Gerard are 12-5pm every Thursday. Come and experience some quiet, personal time with the Lord.



**GROWING IN FAITH 
GROWING IN CHRIST**

ST. GERARD SCHOOL NEWS:

Pre-K Registration



St. Gerard School still has openings in our Pre-K class for the 2018-2019 school year. Students must be 4 by August 1st. St. Gerard Pre-K is a 5 star rated through the Step-Up to Quality Program. There are a limited number of scholarships still available. If you are interested in enrolling your child or have any questions, please contact the school office at 419-222-0431.



******If you are making a payment towards your Capital Campaign***

Pledge, please be sure your envelope is clearly marked. Thank you.***

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.



 **Summer Office Hours**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

During the summer months, our 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 closed the month of July, however, they will be checking their voice mail for messages.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS:

Please be aware that we are ***NO LONGER*** accepting Campbell Soup Labels. We have discontinued this fundraiser. Thank you.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, July 14:

5:00 p.m. *M. DeVita, C. Hinds, M. Hinds, L. Makley,
B. Muskus, V. Biglow, J. Wolff, S. Parker,
J. Stewart, B. Peebles*

Sunday, July 15:

8:30 a.m. *C. Altenbach, L. Hahn, N. Jenkins,
M. King, L. Dodge, T. Martin, M.J. Miller,
M. Mays, B. Pinney, M. Hickey*

11:00 a.m. *V. Carter, R. Karbowski, T. Meyer,
R. Vagedes, K. Wreede, S. Young,
R. Carder, K. Spears, M. Ayers, R. Ayers*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

July 14: 5:00 p.m. - *J. Wolff*

July 15: 8:30 a.m. - *S. Doepker*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Gerken*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

July 14: 5:00 p.m. - *N. Chambers, H. Chambers,
J. Yahl*

July 15: 8:30 a.m. - *J. Hahn, E. Hahn, A. Fay*
11:00 a.m. - *C. Raines, M. Sutton, G. Sutton*

SACRISTY WORKERS -JULY:

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!

HEARTBEAT OF LIMA CHARITY CAR

SHOW:

Heartbeat of Lima is having their Annual Car Show on August 11th at Tom Ahl



Family of Dealerships. Pre-registration by July 23rd includes car entry, car show shirt, dash plaque, lunch (drink, chips & hot dog) all for \$20. Open to all vehicles & cycles. Over 20 awards and top 3 "Best of Show" and "Kid's Choice Award." Many raffle items as well as family fun and a jump house. All proceeds benefit Heartbeat of Lima. For more information, call Trevor Howery at 419-371-0290 or email him at trevorhowery@tomahl.com.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH FESTIVAL, Ottoville, OH:

The parish will have their annual summer festival on Saturday, July 14th and Sunday, July 15th. Family style chicken and beef dinners will be served on Sunday. Raffles, games, rides and entertainment will be provided for the entire family. All are invited!

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.

CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY:

If you have moved or dropped your land line, be sure to let the parish office know!



www.catholiccharitiesnwo.org

www.facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesToledoDiocese

PRAY AMERICA! PRAY!

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Raid Response Efforts

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, in Norwalk, OH, has stepped up, in cooperation with Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo and the Office of Intercultural Ministries, to assist affected families in the aftermath of June 5th Immigration and Customs Enforcement ICE raids at Corso's Flower and Garden Centers in Sandusky and Castalia, OH. The parish is collecting both monetary and product donations to assist families in Norwalk, Willard and area communities.

Funds being collected are first being used to set up detainee accounts, so calls can be made to loved ones and personal care items can be purchased. Other financial donations will be used in cooperation with the parish's St. Vincent DePaul group, to help with temporary, long-term needs, such as rent/utilities assistance and other family emergency expenses.

Parish staff are working with pro-bono attorneys meeting with folks, to help with filling out paperwork and assist with fees these attorneys will incur on behalf of those they are representing. Numerous donations of diapers, wipes, food, clothing, and baby formula are being distributed to those in need.

A valuable "Know Your Rights" resource on "Preparing Your Family for Immigration Enforcement," prepared by Advocates for Basic Legal Equality, Inc. (ABLE), is available in Spanish and English at immigration.ablelaw.org

Donations, earmarked for "Immigration Outreach," can be sent to St. Paul the Apostle Parish, 91 East Main St., Norwalk, OH 44857.