

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

*In today's gospel Jesus tells us:
"Do not work for what perishes."
Give your life to what endures
such as the family history you
are creating, the love and
mutual respect which bonds you
together, the memories you
share and the forgiveness
generously given. These are the
true treasures that are worth
working and dying for.*

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 6

8:30 a.m. James Bogner +

Tuesday, August 7

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

Wednesday, August 8

8:30 a.m. Frank, Betty & Barbara
Laurita +

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 9

8:30 a.m.

Friday, August 10

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 11

8:30 a.m. David Steinbrunner +

5:00 p.m. Norval & Cecelia
Wannamacher +
Kathrine & Lorenz
Ganshirt +
Mary Celeste Christoff+

Sunday, August 5

8:30 a.m. Paul Keiffer, Robert &
Leona Keiffer & family

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Iven Snearly &
Robert Volbert Families

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, August 5

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

Monday, August 6

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 7

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 8

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, August 9

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
7:30 p.m. - Holy Name Meeting in the Parish Hall

Friday, August 10

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 11

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

Sunday, August 12

Blessing of Athletes & Band Members at all Masses
Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

WEDDING BANNES:

Michael Weber & Marlene Miller, II



FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
July, 4th week On-line: \$ 1,615.00	\$ 10,531.18	\$ 12,142.39
# of Envelopes	262	260
YTD Totals:	\$ 44,609.00	\$43,674.85

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Jesus was a refugee.
[He] had to flee to
save his life.
- Pope Francis

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST:



UNIVERSAL:

The Treasure of Families ...

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasure of humanity.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

Luke 9:35



Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord



Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is Monday, August 6th. Join us for 8:30 a.m. Mass.

BLESSING OF ATHLETES & BAND

MEMBERS:

There will be a special blessing of all student athletes and band members of St. Gerard Parish who play on any sports team or participate in any band of any school, grade school or high school, boys and girls. The blessing will be given at all the Masses on the weekend of August 11/12. This includes fall, winter and spring sports. You are invited to wear a t-shirt or jersey of your team or your school!

BLESSING OF TEACHERS, STAFF & STUDENTS:

Join us for a special blessing of all students and all teachers and administrative staff. The blessing is for all students, all teachers and administrative staff of all area schools as they begin the new school year - a prayer for growth in intellect, spirit and body throughout the year. The blessing will be given at all the Masses on the weekend of August 18/19th.

LCC OPENINGS:

Lima Central Catholic High School has immediate openings for the following part-time positions: Maintenance Assistant, Custodian, and Food Service Associate. A full job description for each position can be found on the LCC website at <http://lcchs.edu/home/about-lcc/careers/>. Interested candidate should complete the application for employment in accordance with the instructions on the website.

FT. JENNINGS PARISH FESTIVAL:

80th Annual St. Joseph's Parish Festival (Ft. Jennings) will be held on Sunday, August 12th. Food - fun - games - prizes! Family style chicken and beef dinners will be served from 11am-1pm and 4-6pm. (Drive through carry-outs available). Hamburger stand and beer tent 11am-7pm. Big ticket raffle for \$1,000. Weekend getaway raffle. Kids activities include games, inflatable's, tractor pull and more. Saturday evening - burgers, drinks, & MAB 5K race.

We hope everyone is having an awesome summer!

ROSARY AND MASS AT OUR LADY'S GROTTTO:

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.



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:

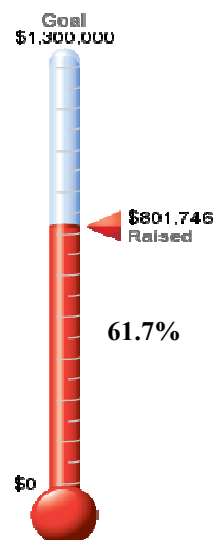
1. Church Gathering Space: Our church needs a gathering space. The gathering space will be used for after weekend Masses, baptisms, anniversaries, funeral viewings, and meeting space (i.e. prayer/study groups, RCIA). We propose to seal off our front doors and level out the partitioned walls and floor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



**\$801,746.10
pledged!**

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, August 11:

5:00 p.m. *D. Griffo, M. Hinegardner, L. Makley,
J. Wolff, J. Stewart, V. Bigelow,
B. VonLehmden, M. Hinegardner,
K. Smith, M.J. Miller*

Sunday, August 12:

8:30 a.m. *C. Altenbach, L. Hahn, J. Korzan,
S. Nocera, M. Meyer, B. Pinney,
C. Wright, M. Hickey, T. Martin, M. Mays*

11:00 a.m. *C. Coleman, R. Karbowski, K. Spears,
M. Spears, K. Ladden, J. Landwehr,
S. Morrissey, D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell,
C. Wreede*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Aug. 11: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*

Aug. 12: 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*
11:00 a.m. - *D. Karbowski*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Aug. 11: 5:00 p.m. - *D. Dawson, K. LaRotonda,
G. Langhals*

Aug. 12: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Miller, C. Wagoner, A. Fay*
11:00 a.m. - *C. Truex, E. Truex, B. Truex*

SACRISTY WORKERS - AUGUST:

Volunteers needed!

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. 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 Howerly at 419-371-0290 or email him at trevorhowerly@tomahl.com.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MEXICO

PILGRIMAGE:

Join Fr. Ron Schock and Toledo pilgrims as we travel to Mexico Nov. 28th through Dec. 4th to learn the nation's vibrant Catholic cultural heritage. We will visit three apparition sites: Our Lady of Guadalupe (viewing the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego), Our Lady of Ocotlan, and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro where St. Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro. In addition to the many stunning - beautiful Mexican Catholic shrines, we will experience Teotihuacan, the most visited archeological site in Mexico, the Pyramids of the Moon and the Sun and the Quetzal-Butterfly Temple. Cost is \$2249 per person. Deadline for registration is August 20, 2018. Contact Maggie at 419-290-8782 or email her at Maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com to register. Feel free to visit their website to learn more @ www.CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Mexico2018.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:

The Lima Area Habitat affiliate is gearing up for another house build this fall. It will most likely take place in Elida. Once that starts, we will have more needs for construction workers, food preparation teams, and donors/sponsors. More information will be coming in the near future. We have also begun our Repair Program and have already helped a number of families in the area.

There is a continued great need for additional volunteers at the Lima Area Habitat ReStore (550 W. Elm Street). Jobs for volunteers include Customer service, Product preparation, Cashier, Donation pick-up, Maintenance, cleaning and more. One-time volunteers are very welcome, but regular volunteers are especially needed - even if it is just for a few hours one or two days a week. Please visit the Habitat website to sign up at: www.habitatlima.org/

volunteer/ or call the Habitat office at 419-222-4937.

Thank you for considering this generous gift to those in need of decent, affordable shelter.

FORMING NOW:

The Divorced Catholic Recovering from Divorce Program is specifically designed to help **divorced/separated** Catholics. This 13 week program offers support and addresses the most pressing challenges of divorce. Participants focus on hope and faith in God's plan for recovery and receiving the blessings of our Catholic faith. An Introductory Session will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of St. Charles Church, Room 1. For more information and to register for the Introductory session, please contact Rosalyn Liston at 419-999-4210 or auntroro@wcoil.com.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED:

There is a great need for

foster parents to help children in our community. Children enter the temporary custody of Allen County Children Services when they cannot safely reside in the home of parents or relatives.

Allen County Children Services is recruiting new foster parents. If you ever have considered opening your heart and home to a child in need, please contact Allen County Children Services at 419-227-8590.

ANNIVERSARY MASS:

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2018 - 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years - plan to join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. This will be held on October 28, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in Toledo. Registered couples will receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception follow Mass. Register at www.toledoanniversarymass.org or contact the rectory office.