

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, January 29**

8:30 a.m. Arthur Furry +  
George & Monica  
Schmersal +

**Tuesday, January 30**

8:30 a.m. Jim Taflinger +

**Wednesday, January 31**

8:30 a.m. Twylah Hoehn +  
6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, February 1**

8:30 a.m. Margarita Pina +

**Friday, February 2**

8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, February 3**

8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +  
5:00 p.m. James & Nancy  
Bogner +

**Sunday, February 4**

8:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. Ann Monahan +  
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, January 28**

**12:00-1:30 - Community Meal in the Parish Hall**  
Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, January 29**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, January 30**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 31**

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, February 1**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
2:00-5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

**Friday, February 2 - FIRST FRIDAY**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
4:00-6:00 p.m. - First Friday Devotions

**Saturday, February 3**

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

**Sunday, February 4 - Blessing of Throats at all Masses**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.  
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion  
12:30 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass  
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

**THANK YOU!**

Due to your generosity, our donation to Heartbeat was **\$1,602.00** for their ultrasound machine.



**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan. 2nd week	\$ 11,283.96	\$ 9,831.27
On-line: \$ 1,400.00		
# of Envelopes	264	279
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 316,822.15</b>	<b>\$ 323,824.79</b>



### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

The Festival Committee is looking for volunteers for three booths this year.

#### **1. CAKE WHEEL:**

Looking for motivated and organized volunteers to help co-chair the cake wheel. They would organize volunteers, help make baked goods, and receive/organize baked goods that are donated. The family that has chaired this booth for many years is willing and would love to help you this year and show you the ropes.

#### **2. FUNNEL CAKE BOOTH:**

Looking for volunteers that would be willing to co-chair the funnel cake booth. They would be working with the current booth chair, helping take over a few shifts and helping find volunteers.

#### **3. DUCK RACE BOOTH:**

This is a new booth that will be located in the gambling tent. They will be organizing volunteers and in charge of the hourly duck race.

If you are interested or have any questions about helping with the festival, please contact Michael Mays at: [mmays@sgslima.org](mailto:mmays@sgslima.org) or call 419-604-9526.

### **WEBCASTING DONATIONS:**

We thank all of our parishioners who have so generously donated to our Webcasting plea. So far, we have received over \$2,000.00. We will give you a final total soon!

### **ATTENTION SENIORS:**

If you are over the age of 70 1/2 and have an IRA or retirement account that requires you to take a minimum distribution, might you consider a gift to St. Gerard Parish? We are a qualified charity and it would help your tax burden. Contact your financial advisor today!

### **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:**

Our Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend will take place on February 10 & 11th. What is the purpose of the Annual Catholic Appeal? Funds generated will provide the services and programs needed for the materials, education, and spiritual needs of God's people in the Diocese of Toledo. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of parishes and Catholic agencies that promote the gospel message and provides resources to assist the poor and vulnerable, the marginalized and disenfranchised, the uneducated and undereducated and those who find themselves in desperate situations. It is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese of Toledo to join together to express their solidarity with the Church and the Bishop of the Diocese of Toledo by making a freewill contribution to help carry on the important work Christ has entrusted to us as God's stewards.

**LCC NIGHT AT  
THE RACES:**

All are invited to attend "Night at the Races"

being held at

LCC on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$35 at the door. Table of 8 available for \$250. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. First race starts at 7:00 p.m. For more info., contact 419-223-2411.



**SERRA CLUB:**

Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on Feb. 8th. Fr. David Kidd will talk on "Reflections on Early Years of Priesthood." The evening is sponsored by the Serra Club of the Lima Area, which exist to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We will begin with Mass at LCC at 5:45 p.m. For reservations, please call Marilyn at 567-204-4745.

**BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHNS:**

St. Johns, Lima will offer breakfast on Sunday, February 4th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in their church hall located at 777 S. Main St., Lima. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages will be served. Cost is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children. Under 6 eat free. Carry-outs are available. All are welcome.

**ST. GERARD HOLY NAME SOCIETY  
FATHER/SON BREAKFAST**

**Date:** Sunday, February 18, 2018

**Time:** Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Place:** St. Gerard Parish Hall

**Speaker:** Mr. Matt Tabler, St. Gerard School Alum, Lima Central Catholic High School Alum and currently Head Basketball Coach at Perry High School.



More information to follow, but please mark your calendars and plan on attending. Look for reservation slips in the pews.

**WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE:**

Since 1997, the universal Church celebrates World Day for Consecrated Life close to the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, February 2nd. Next Sunday, we will observe this day with a special emphasis on the call to consecrated life in today's world.



**"The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family":**

With "**The Joy of Love: On Love in the Family,**"

Pope Francis has drawn from years of the Church's work on the family. In nine chapters, the Holy Father draws from the wisdom of the Church teaching and dialogue around the recent synods to present a complete message on the most profound human community, the family. He shares his positive look at the beauty of married love and the family while discussing the challenges present in today's world such as extreme poverty and secularization. He celebrates the most precious tradition of marriage and the gift of children while recognizing that the Church must address the pastoral needs of our time.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

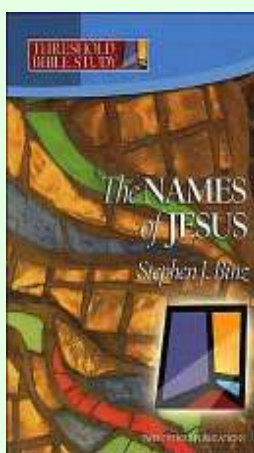
Did you know that St. Gerard Parish offers Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday from 2 to 5 pm? And this coming Friday, February 2nd, we also have 1st Friday Devotions of Eucharistic Adoration **and** confession? We are truly blessed that our Redemptorist priests offer this here at St. Gerard!

*"The Church and the world has a great need of Eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes in the world."*

~ St. John Paul, II

*"Of all the devotions, that of adorning Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and most helpful to us."*

~ St. Alphonsus Liguori



**BOOK READING AND BIBLE STUDY:**

We hope you will join us for our book reading/bible study of the book "The Names of Jesus" by Stephen J. Binz. Our gatherings will begin Sunday, February 4th at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall meeting room. We will meet for approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours to discuss the book which is from the Threshold Bible Study Series. The book can be purchased online or if you have any questions, please contact Melinda Blanchard at 567-242-8748. Please bring your book and bible to our discussion. All are welcome!

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, February 3:**

5:00 p.m. *D. Griffo, D. Hollingsworth, M. DeVita,  
J. Hollingsworth, K. Canavan, S. Parker,  
W. Peebles, L. Makley, S. Tschuor,  
B. VonLehmden*

**Sunday, February 4:**

8:30 a.m. *T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe, C. Wright,  
C. Altenbach, M. King, J. Korzan,  
G. Merkel, S. Nocera, B. Orwick, E. Orwick*

11:00 a.m. *C. Coleman, F. Gallegos, K. Ladden,  
J. Landwehr, V. Carter, J. Neville, M. Ayers  
S. Morrisey, R. Vagedes, R. Carder*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Feb. 3:** 5:00 p.m. - *M. Hinegardner*

**Feb. 4:** 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd*

11:00 a.m. - *S. Silone*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Feb. 3:** 5:00 p.m. - *H. Lamb, M. Lewis, G. Gandy*

**Feb. 4:** 8:30 a.m. - *G. Langhal, E. Hahn, J. Hahn*

11:00 a.m. - *B. Truex, E. Truex, A. Schultz*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR FEBRUARY:**

*Helen Neise, Carol Helmig, Sue Nocera,  
Lisa Ruble*

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 11, 2018. All encountered couples are invited to attend the celebration hosted by St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parishes. Mass will be held at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Wapak, with a dinner & dance to follow from 5-9 p.m. at St. Joseph School, 1101 Lincoln Highway, Wapak. Presale tickets are \$30 a couple. For tickets, contact the St. Gerard Rectory office by Jan. 30th. (All tickets are presale only.)

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:**

If you would like to have a copy of your 2017 contributions to St. Gerard Church, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080 and we would be happy to mail you a copy. Thank you.

**THANK YOU FROM PRISONERS:**

The prisoners were so very thankful for all of the Christmas cards they received from St. Gerard Church. Check out our bulletin boards for a copy of their "thank you" note. The cards lifted their spirits more than you know.

**CHURCH SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE:**

Most of us consider our churches safe places and don't think about security and safety on a daily basis. Often, safety and security is not addressed until an incident occurs. After recent tragedies, we realize that the time is now to develop a plan for violence on our church property.

St. Gerard Church is in the early stages of forming a Church Safety/Security Committee. We are hoping to have parishioners who may have a background in law enforcement, risk management or security to become a part of this committee. If you would be interested in becoming a part of this team, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080. We will be planning our first meeting in early 2018.





Office of the Bishop  
Diocese of Toledo

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22 January 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

It is with profound respect for the dignity of each and every human person that today I promulgate a newly revised *Policy for the Protection of Minors and Young People* for the Diocese of Toledo. This policy, with its accompanying *Standards for Behavior and Boundaries* and *Guidelines for the Prevention of Abuse of Vulnerable Adults*, is presented with firm resolve and trust in God that the pastoral care for all people of our local church will provide an even safer environment in our parishes, schools and affiliated organizations.

This revised policy underscores the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, in October 2017: “we must work to protect the dignity of minors, gently yet firmly opposing with all our might the throwaway culture... that is everywhere apparent, to the detriment especially of the weak and most vulnerable....”

“Sexual abuse,” as stated by Pope Francis, “is a horrible sin, completely opposed to and in contradiction to what Christ and the Church teach us.” To those who have suffered such a grave offense by clergy or other church personnel, I offer my deepest apology, begging forgiveness for past sins, and, together with the whole Church, continue to promise our ongoing prayerful support for healing, grace, and peace.

The Church’s commitment to constantly provide the safest environment for the young and most vulnerable among us is evidenced in this new policy, which reflects extensive revisions of the diocesan policy promulgated in 2012, adding greater detail, clarity, and transparency. It also maintains what Pope Francis has so frequently stated during his pontificate: “the Church irrevocably and at all levels intends to apply the ‘zero tolerance’ principle against the sexual abuse of minors.”

With the request of your prayers and gratitude for your faithful reception of and assistance in implementing this critical pastoral policy, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ Jesus,

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo

*If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel or volunteer of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and to contact Mr. Frank DiLallo, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419) 214-4880; or to write to Mr. DiLallo at 1933 Spielbusch Avenue; Toledo, Ohio 43604.*