

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

When we are young, our parents "tell us about Jesus" and we believe what our parents believe. At some point, we must leave our parents faith and ask Pilate's question: "Are you the King?" Pilate is just asking these questions on our behalf.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, November 26

8:30 a.m. Tom Gremling +

Tuesday, November 27

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 28

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 29

8:30 a.m. James McPherson +

Friday, November 30

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 1

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Terry Tschuor, Jr. +

Louis Acerro +

Robert F. & Helen M.

Miller +

Sunday, December 2

8:30 a.m. Ed Nixon +

11:00 a.m. Virgil Thines +

William McFall +

Stan Sites +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, November 25

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

NO RCIA Classes in the Cafeteria

NO Parish School of Religion

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, November 26

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 27

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 28

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, November 29

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, November 30

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, December 1

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

9:30 a.m. - Mother Teresa Book Reading in the Parish Hall

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 2

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
November, 2nd week On-line: \$ 1,355.00	\$ 19,655.36 (included 1 large gift)	\$ 11,264.96
# of Envelopes	257	221
YTD Totals:	\$ 226,659.25	\$ 212,213.58

ONLINE GIVING: If you would like to give online, visit our website at www.stgerardchurch.org & click on the "On-line Giving" tab at top. It's safe and convenient.

THANK YOU:

Thanks to everyone who donated to our "Community Meal" collection. We raised over \$2,100.00 which will help in our efforts to feed the hungry in our community. Thank you!



spiritual formation
CONNECTING WITH GOD

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
INTENTIONS FOR
NOVEMBER:



UNIVERSAL:
IN SERVICE AND PEACE ...
That the language of love
and dialogue may always prevail over the
language of conflict.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

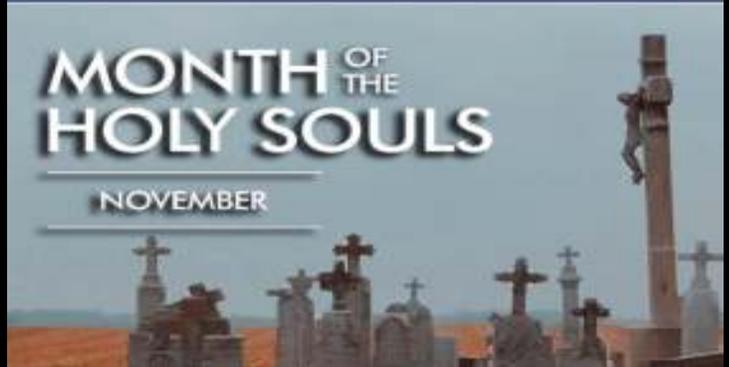
Adoration hours at
St. Gerard are 12-5pm
every Thursday. Come and
spend some quiet time
with the Lord!



DEVOTION OF THE MONTH

MONTH OF THE
HOLY SOULS

NOVEMBER



Saint Andrew Christmas Novena

Christmas Anticipation Prayer

While a novena is normally a nine-day prayer, the term is sometimes used for any prayer that is repeated over a series of days. The Saint Andrew Christmas Novena is often called simply the "Christmas Novena" or the "Christmas Anticipation Prayer," because it is prayed 15 times every day from the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle (November 30) until Christmas. The First Sunday of Advent is the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saint Andrew.

The novena is not actually addressed to Saint Andrew but to God Himself, asking Him to grant our request in the honor of the birth of His Son at Christmas. You can say the prayer all 15 times, all at once; or divide up the recitation as necessary (perhaps five times at each meal). Another idea is to set your cell phone alarm to ring a gentle chime every hour on the hour during your waking hours.

Prayed as a family, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena is a very good way to help focus the attention of your children on the Advent season.

Saint Andrew
Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the
hour and moment in which
the Son of God was born of
the most pure Virgin Mary,
at midnight, in Bethlehem,
in piercing cold.

In that hour, vouchsafe,
O my God, to hear my
prayer and grant my
desires,
through the merits of Our
Savior Jesus Christ,
and of His Blessed Mother.
Amen.



OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST,
KING
OF THE UNIVERSE



"Divine Heart of Jesus,
to You do I offer my poor
services, laboring that all
hearts may acknowledge
Your sacred kingship and
that thus the reign of Your
peace be established
throughout the whole
universe."
Amen

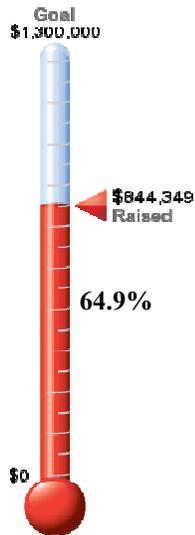
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1st Saturday is December 1st ~ join us for the Rosary after the 8:30 a.m. Mass!

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.



**\$844,348.96
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 have turned in your pledge card.

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.



ANGEL TREE

Our gift-giving drive for children through the Salvation Army will be held November 25th through December 9th. Beginning next weekend, you will find two trees decorated with "Angel Tags" in the sanctuary area. Please take the entire tag, purchase your gifts and return them to the tree with the tag attached securely to the gift. Please, DO NOT WRAP the gifts.

We have always had a tremendous support and participation in this project, and we hope that we can continue this tradition. Just think of the joy your gifts will bring to many of our area children. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 and we will try to help you.

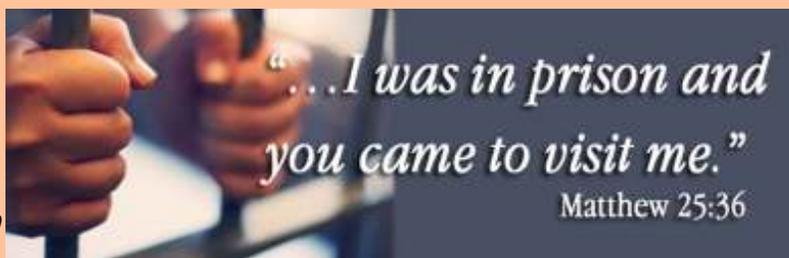
MARCH FOR LIFE:

Interested in attending the March for Life in Washington DC on January 18, 2019? Join the College and Young Adult bus trip sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Toledo! The trip is only \$192, but for college students there is a special discounted price of \$132!

Our trip includes two nights in the Marriott Hotel in downtown Washington, DC, as well as free time to tour the city. We depart Jan. 17th at 3pm and return Jan. 19th. If interested, contact Peter Range, Director of the Office for Life and Justice at prange@toledodiocese.org or call 419-214-4933. Registration deadline is Dec. 14.

PRISON NEWS:

I recently was blessed to be able to attend the Allen Correctional Red Cross chapter banquet. You would probably be amazed at the number of men awarded certificates for volunteer hours from 100 to over 2,000 in the past year. Part of those hours are



for cross-stitching Saint Gerard baptismal stoles and crocheting our prayer cloths. They thank us for giving them an opportunity to serve us in those ways. To show their appreciation, they crocheted a wall hanging of the Lord's prayer, which hopefully will soon hang in our new gathering space.

I am now asking you to give to those men well wishes for Christmas. There are many men who have no family and believe that no one cares about them. As Christians, we know that these men are also made in God's image. The men who I know there have worked hard to reform their lives and make amends for past actions. I hope that you will think about what the Lord's prayer says: "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us," and show them your Christian love for them in a Christmas card.

Please write a note in the cards provided at each church entrance, sign at least a first name and return the cards to the boxes provided before Friday, December 14th. A simple expression of Christian love can change hearts. Please prepare as many cards as you can so that as many men as possible will get cards. On behalf of the men, thank you!!!

Submitted by: Sharon Cole, Prison Ministry



ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:

On the four Sundays of Advent, starting December 1/2, we will have the Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony at the beginning of Mass. Families, or groups of friends, or grandparents with their grandchildren are invited to take part in the ceremony - to light the Advent candles at the beginning of Mass. The ceremony will take place at all weekend Masses. If you will take part in this service, please contact John Christoff at 419-203-7881 and let him know which weekend and which Mass is best for you. He will then give you details of the ceremony and what you will do. Thank you.

FAMILY PROMISE:

St. Gerard Parish, along with St. John/St. Rose Parishes will be hosting families for Family Promise November 25th thru November 30th. You can help by preparing a meal, visiting with the families between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., spend the night, or make a monetary donation for food. If interested in helping, please contact Shandra Parker at 419-230-2926.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, December 1:

5:00 p.m. *V. Bigelow, C. Hinds, M. Hinds,
J. Stewart, M. DeVita, B. Flynn, D. Griffo,
M. & M. Hinegardner, J. Wolf*

Sunday, December 2:

8:30 a.m. *L. Hahn, J. Inskeep, N. Jenkins,
J. Korzan, S. Nocera, P. Huffman,
L. Taylor, B. Pinney, M. Mays, M. Meyer*

11:00 a.m. *M. Ayers, V. Carter, F. Gallegos,
T. Meyer, S. Young, R. Carder,
F. Mansfield, K. Wreede, J. Kahle,
D. Warner*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Dec. 1: 5:00 p.m. - *C. Schmenk*

Dec. 2: 8:30 a.m. - *S. Doepker*

11:00 a.m. - *K. Gerken*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Dec. 1: 5:00 p.m. - *H. Lamb, G. Langhals,
B. Smith*

Dec. 2: 8:30 a.m. - *D. Martin, E. Martin, K. Rigg*
11:00 a.m. - *G. Sutton, M. Sutton, K. Helmig*

USHER SCHEDULE:

Dec. 1: 5:00 p.m. - *D. Hollingsworth, R. Yahl,
S. Moore*

Dec. 2: 8:30 a.m. - *G. Merkel, B. Hahn, B. Polsar*
11:00 a.m. - *V. Ludwick, R. Karbowskiak,
K. Raines*

SACRISTY WORKERS - DECEMBER:

*J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,
B. Markham, B. Santaquida, M. Taflinger*

LCC ACT PREP COURSE:

LCC is offering its 11th ACT Prep Class. Classes start January 5, 2019 and will be held each Saturday until February 23, 2019. This class is designed to help students improve their performance when taking the ACT Test and will include eight, three-hour sessions covering Math, Science and English, two practice tests and test taking tips. The cost of the course is \$225.00 for LCC students and \$300.00 for non-LCC students. For more specific information, please go to the LCC website at www.lcchs.edu or contact Stephanie Evans at 419-230-5040. Pre-registration is required and forms are due January 2, 2019. The class is open to LCC, as well as non-LCC students.

**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.procatholic tours.com. You may also email them with questions at: Office@procatholic tours.com.

SATURDAY MORNING CLEANING

SCHEDULES:

Thanks to all of you who stepped up and volunteered to help with the cleaning of our church on Saturday mornings. We had a great response and are very appreciative. New schedules are available on the ledge in the gathering space at church. Again, thanks for volunteering and be sure to pick up your schedule!



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Mission Statement

"A network of friends, inspired of Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

We are fortunate to have all four parishes in Lima to be part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in various ways. Volunteers from all four parishes participate in all areas where needed. We are very grateful to have them.

Food Panty (All parishes help to staff) accessible by appointment for a three day supply of food.

Thrift store (St. Rose & St. John) in addition to the Thrift Store, they also may occasionally assist with a portion of rent after research.

St. Charles supports the Food Pantry, gives to annual Christmas, and Christian Corners Soup Kitchen.

St. Gerard assists food pantry if needed and assists with utilities (electricity, gas, water up to \$100 once a year). We are in need of a small group of people to oversee this activity. Here is what is involved:

1. *Get persons information from messages.*
2. *Call the person and get necessary information. Remind them we can only help once a year.*
3. *Mail check directly to the utility company with necessary information on check.*
4. *Maintain a log book.*

Our needy neighbors need your help. Please pray about this. For questions, more information, or to **VOLUNTEER**, please contact Deb Bartlett-Karbowiak at 419-516-4415 (may need to leave a message) or Alice Giesken at 419-979-9638.

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE:

The holiday season is normally a time of joy, but when someone you love has died, it can be a time of loneliness and pain. If you are experiencing grief, your neighbors at Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services will host their 28th Annual Tree of Remembrance Service on Saturday, December 8, 2018. This community event is held at our Shawnee Chapel, located at 1170 Shawnee Road, in Lima.

Guests may start to arrive at 2:00 p.m. and the Remembrance Service will begin at 3:00 p.m., being led by area clergy. Light refreshments will be served following the service at 4:00 p.m.

The 28th Annual Tree of Remembrance Service is presented as a gift to our community from Chiles-Laman families. Anyone is welcome to attend, regardless of which funeral home provided the services for their loved one.

There is no charge to attend, however, reservations are requested. To make a reservation, order your free personalized crystal ornament or for additional information, please to not hesitate to call 419-228-5474.

If your loved one passed away this year, your family is welcome to receive one complimentary personalized crystal ornament. Additional ornaments for loved ones who have passed away in any previous year will be available for \$25 each. To place your order, please call 419-228-5474 prior to November 30th.