

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Don't look very far when you hear today's gospel speak of poverty, hunger, sorrow or exclusion. These things happen in families. Children feel "insulted" when they are constantly criticized. Spouses "hunger for affection. Grandparents feel "excluded" by divorce and custody decisions. Parents "weep" because they feel alienated from their children.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, February 18

8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. - Memorial Mass for
Widows/Widower's

Tuesday, February 19

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 20

8:30 a.m. Eloise Maag +
6:30 p.m. Jack Frueh +

Thursday, February 21

8:30 a.m. Vincent DeVita +
Katherine, Lorenz & Ida
Ganshirt +

Friday, February 22

8:30 a.m. Kevin Nartker +

Saturday, February 23

8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. Bill & Carolyn Bailey +
Living & Deceased of
the Steve W. Dotson family

Sunday, February 24

8:30 a.m. Pete Leugers +
Kathleen Coffee +
11:00 a.m. Larry Johnsman +
Virgil Thines +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

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

Monday, February 18

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. - Widows/Widower's Memorial Mass in Church

Tuesday, February 19

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon - Rosary/Altar to pray rosary in church followed by
lunch at the Elks
6:00 p.m. - Theology of the Body in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 20

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 21

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

Friday, February 22

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 23

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

Sunday, February 24

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
February 1st week On-line: \$ 1,645.00	\$ 8,951.05	\$ 10,992.52
# of Envelopes	202	263
YTD Totals:	\$ 354,805.42	\$ 341,004.56



*Please join us on Thursdays
from 12-5 pm for Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament.*



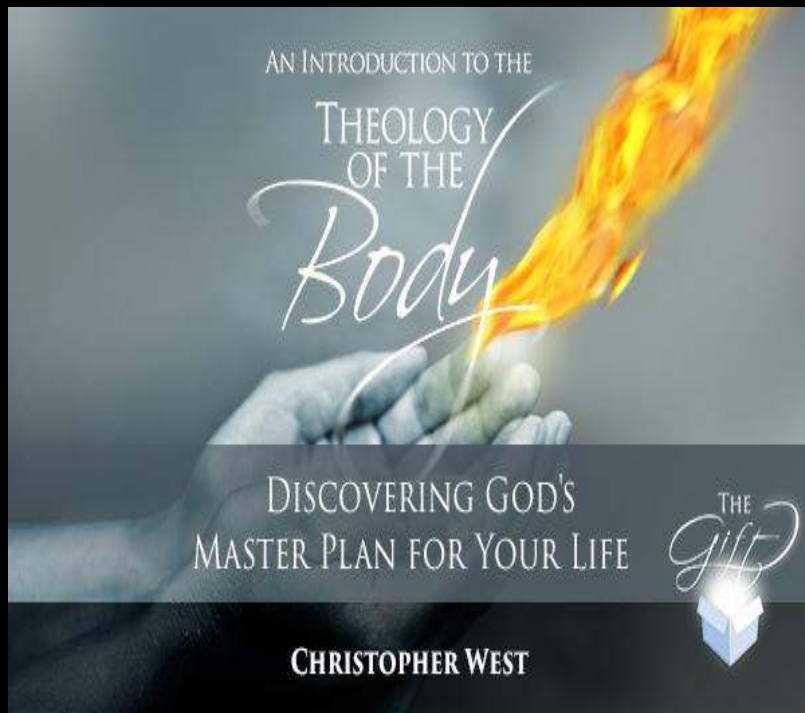
HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
INTENTIONS FOR
FEBRUARY:

UNIVERSAL: *For a
generous welcome of the
victims of human traffick-
ing, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.*



7 simple ways to grow in holiness before noon 

-  **Get out of bed with the first alarm**
The first small sacrifice of the day: don't press snooze!
-  **Make your bed**
Your bed and your home are a gift. Take care of that gift.
-  **Say a little extra grace before breakfast**
Make an intention for something or someone.
-  **Take care of your dishes**
Offer up that extra minute as a prayer for someone.
-  **Smile at a stranger on your way to work**
Do a simple gesture of kindness for someone you don't know.
-  **Deny the urge to snack after breakfast**
Deny yourself small pleasures and offer them to God!
-  **Take notice of something (or someone) you normally wouldn't**
Think of yourself less and serve others more.



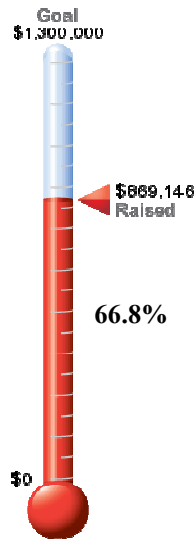
*Please come and join us
for the Study of Theology
of the Body on
TUESDAY'S
in **FEBRUARY!**
6:00 p.m. in the
Parish Hall.*



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 web-site 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.



HOLY NAME

BREAKFAST:

Be sure to stop over to the Parish Hall **TODAY** 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.

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.

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.

AMAZON SHOPPERS:

If you are an Amazon shopper, you can now shop at Amazon and help St. Gerard Parish receive a donation of 0.5% of your purchase. It is very easy to start shopping with Amazon Smile. All you need to do is visit this website to get started: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-4429512>.



FATHER/SON BREAKFAST:

The Annual Father/Son Breakfast has been scheduled for Sunday, March 3, 2019. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. (following the 8:30 a.m. Mass). More information will be coming soon, but please mark your calendars to attend.

PARISH OFFICE 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.



SERRA CLUB:

Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on Feb. 28 at 5:45 p.m. at LCC High School. The speaker will be Sr. Immacolata Scarogni, who is Parish Manager at St. John the Baptist in Landeck and St. Patrick in Spencerville, and also Pastoral Associate at St. John the Evangelist in Delphos. She will be sharing her story about her Ministerial Journey from the Bronx to Ohio. The evening is sponsored the The Serra Club of The Lima Area, which exist to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Marilyn Schmerge at 567-204-4745.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 23:

5:00 p.m. *S. Parker, J. Stewart, J. Wolff, L. Makley,
W. Peebles, D. Griffio, V. Bigelow,
M. & M. Hinegardner, M. DeVita*

Sunday, February 24:

8:30 a.m. *J. Korzan, T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe, B. Pinney,
C. Altenbach, S. Ellinger, S. Martin,
N. Jenkins, P. Huffman, L. Hahn*

11:00 a.m. *C. Coleman, J. Landwehr, J. Neville,
D. Warner, G. Vondrell, D. Vondrell,
S. Young, R. Vagedes, F. Mansfield,
M. Ayers*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Feb. 23: 5:00 p.m. - *D. Mack*

Feb. 24: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Hickey*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Feb. 23: 5:00 p.m. - *H. Lamb, G. Langhals, J. Yahl*

Feb. 24: 8:30 a.m. - *E. Hahn, J. Hahn, E. Snow*
11:00 a.m. - *G. Sutton, M. Sutton,
L. Wreede*

SACRISTY WORKERS - FEBRUARY:

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

USHERS SCHEDULE:

Feb. 23: 5:00 p.m. - *D. Hollingsworth, R. Yuhl*

Feb. 24: 8:30 a.m. - *S. Mefferd, K. Rigg*
11:00 a.m. - *T. DeRose, J. Reaman,
S. Harkenrider*

**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.

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.

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.



St. Gerard School Open House
Sunday, March 3rd from 12:00-2:00 p.m.



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.

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.



LENTEN PARTNER:

How are you planning to dive in and get the most out of your Lent? Consider letting a religious Sister or Brother be your faith sharing partner. You don't need to go anywhere special. Just commit to connecting with your partner 3-4 times during Lent by means of Facetime, Whatsapp, Video Instant Messenger or by telephone. Share what is stirring in your heart as you pray the Lenten Scripture readings. This opportunity is available for those age 20-39, male or female, single or married. Register at 1on1Sharing@snd1.org by February 27th.

MUSTARD SEED:

First Communion Dresses and Veils! Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf, has a beautiful selection of dresses and veils in stock. They will also be hosting a First Communion Dress Resale this year, with all donations and sales supporting Holy Family Radio. The sale will be Tuesday, March 5th through Saturday, March 9th. For more information, call 419-538-7220 or visit them on Facebook.