

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

When Jesus called his disciples, they came "immediately." Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don't. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done "immediately", but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, Jan. 27

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Art Furry & George & Monica Schmersal families

Tuesday, Jan. 28

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Robert & Dolores Whitacre Families

Wednesday, Jan. 29

8:30 a.m. - Ruth Ann Monfort +
6:30 p.m. - Keith Wollf +

Thursday, Jan. 30

8:30 a.m. - Jim Taflinger +
Art Furry +
George & Monica Schmersal +

Friday, Jan. 31

8:30 a.m. - Dick Gibson +

Saturday, Feb. 1

8:30 a.m. - People of the Parish
5:00 p.m. - Margarita Pina +

Sunday, Feb. 2

8:30 a.m. - Francisco Palmerin +
Francisco Palmerin Zavala +
11:00 a.m. - Jeff Geise +
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Jan. 26 - Community Meal in the Parish Hall at Noon

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria
9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Parish School of Religion classes
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
6:00-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

Monday, Jan. 27

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - Military Breakfast in the Parish Hall
6:00-7:30 p.m. - The Bible and The Sacraments DVD Session
in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena Devotions
6:00-6:30 - Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - Family Night Bingo in the Parish Hall

Thursday, Jan. 30

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Jan. 31

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 1

Mass at 8:30 a.m. **followed by our First Saturday Rosary**
4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

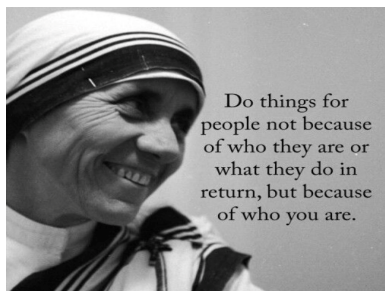
Sunday, Feb. 2

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria
9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Parish School of Religion classes
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
January, 2nd week On-line: \$1,311.00	\$ 9,215.12	\$ 9,764.23
# of Envelopes	199	237
YTD Totals:	\$ 314,282.69	\$ 307,471.84

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: \$18,559.00 - THANK YOU!



Do things for
people not because
of who they are or
what they do in
return, but because
of who you are.

THANK YOU:

To all those who have volunteered to be a prayer warrior and offer daily prayers for the requests on our Prayer Chain list.



Thank you to those who have entrusted their prayer requests to the Prayer Chain and especially to those who have shared their outcomes and blessings.

To be a prayer warrior or request prayers, email Stgprayerchain@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 419-224-3080.

THE BIBLE *and the* SACRAMENTS



THE SACRAMENTS SEEN IN THE LIGHT OF SCRIPTURE

- Discover the Old Testament roots of the Sacraments instituted by Christ.
- Grow in knowledge of the Sacraments central to the Catholic faith.
- Learn how the seven Sacraments have the power to transform our lives and shape us for eternity.

Join us for an Inspiring Bible Study

St. Gerard Parish
240 W. Robb Ave.
Lima, Ohio 45801

St. Gerard Parish Hall
6:00 p.m.

*Starting Tuesday, January 28th and
running on Tuesdays through February*

**Presented by: St. Gerard Spiritual
Formation Committee**
No registration - All are welcome!!!

*Any questions please call the Parish Office at
419-224-3080.*

Participants are encouraged, but not required to bring a bible, paper and pen.

Suggested reading for this Bible Study for which this DVD is based upon - Swear to God by Scott Hahn.

JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

HOLY NAME NEEDS YOUR HELP!:

February is the month the Holy Name Society asks its members for dues of \$5.00. As you may know, all male parishioners have automatic membership in the Holy Name, regardless of activity. 2019 was not a good year in our fundraising efforts and as a result, we are seriously low on funds. While our fundraising suffered, our expenditures remained relatively constant as described below:

1. Purchased cushions for handicap accessible pews.
2. Purchased ice machine and drinking fountain for the Parish Hall.
3. Contributed \$800.00 for Fr. Jim's & Fr. Mike's Farewell Party.
4. Contributed (2) \$500.00 scholarships for students attending St. Gerard School and (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship for a St. Gerard graduate to attend LCC.
5. Sponsorship of the annual Father/Son breakfast.

If you wish to see the Holy Name Society remain a vibrant part of our Parish community, **PLEASE** consider a dues contribution in excess of the \$5.00 requested. **ANY** and **ALL** contributions would be greatly appreciated!

You can find envelopes in the pews or in the back of Church. Place your contribution in the envelope and return it in the offertory basket or to the parish office.

Thank you for your consideration,

Officers of the St. Gerard Holy Name Society



SCHOOL NEWS:

**MILITARY
APPRECIATION
BREAKFAST:**



All past or present Military personnel are invited to a special breakfast on Tuesday, January 28th at 9 a.m. in the parish hall. The students will be singing Patriotic songs and an amazing breakfast will be provided. Thank you for your service to this country.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT:

We invite all families out to a free fun-filled night on Wednesday, January 29th from 7pm until 8:30 pm. Hot dogs, chips and pop will be available for \$.50. Prizes will be given to all winners. This will be held in the parish hall.

TAXABLE DONATIONS:

If you are 70 1/2 or older and have an IRA or retirement account that requires you to take a minimum distribution, please consider a gift to St. Gerard Church, a qualified charity, to lighten your tax burden. Please consult your tax professional for further information.

PARISH OFFICE ADDRESS CHANGE:

Please update your records! St. Gerard Parish has a new mailing address. It is:

1307 N. Main St., Lima, OH 45801

This was necessary due to the parish office moving to our new location.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

We have printed our 2019 year-end statements. If you would like a copy of your 2019 donations, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080.

COMMUNITY MEAL:

The Community Meal will take place TODAY from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone who is in need of a hot meal are welcome to attend.



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 Parish Office. Essay deadline is February 15, 2020.

2020 PARISH MISSION:

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Findlay, is proud to announce that Fr. Jim Sichko will present the 2020 Parish Mission on March 23, 24, and 25, 2020. Fr. Jim will present "60 Minutes for Jesus" each night through Scripture, storytelling, laughter and praise. Each evening's session will bring attendees to a closer connection with Christ. Fr. Jim is a full time preacher, evangelist and motivational speaker based in the Diocese of Lexington, KY. He was commissioned as a Papal Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis in February, 2016, one of only 100 Papal Missionaries in the U.S. The parish mission will take place from 7-8 p.m. on March 23, 24 and 25 at the St. Michael East Campus on Bright Rd. All are welcome; child care will be available.

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$969,095.67
Amount Paid: \$817,113.85

Outstanding Balance:
\$151,981.82

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Only \$30,904.33 to go before we reach our goal!

WEBCASTING DONATIONS:

It's time for our annual fee to host the "live" broadcast of our Masses at St. Gerard Church. The cost for a year is over \$1,200.00.



That does not include the upgrading of software and equipment used to stream our live video. If you are one of the many parishioners who benefit from this and would like to make a donation to help with these expenses, that would be greatly appreciated. Just put "webcasting" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

ST. JOHNS BREAKFAST:

Breakfast will be held at St. John's, 777 S. Main St., Lima on Sunday, Feb. 2nd from 8-1p.m. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages will be served. Adults \$4.00 and children 6-12 \$2.00. Under 6 eat free. Carry-outs available.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, 2/1 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 2/2 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 2/2 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 2/2 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	V. Bigelow L. Taylor C. Hinds L. Kiel K. Canavan M. Hinegardner Mike Hinegardner D. Hollingsworth J. Hollingsworth L. Makley	C. Altenbach L. Hahn M. Hickey P. Huffman J. Inskeep J. Korzan M. Mays G. Merkel T. Sroufe J. Sroufe	S. Urban M. Ayers V. Carter S. Dew J. Montoya F. Gallegos R. Karbowskiak J.M. Hole J. Landwehr T. Meyer	
LECTOR:	D. Bilbrey	F. Morman	S. Silone	
ALTAR SERVERS:	G. Gandy N. Chambers H. Chambers	S. Santaguida A. Schultz A. Fay	L. Wreede D. Dawson J. Patton	
USHERS:	See new schedule	See new schedule	See new schedule	
SACRISTY WORKERS: (FEBRUARY)	J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, H. Niese, S. Nocera			

LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S:

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, needs change and care partners become hands-on caregivers. Join us for this three-art series to hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's. The series will be held on Thursdays, Jan. 23rd, 30th, & Feb. 6th at 2pm at Otterbein Senior Life, Cridersville, 100 Red Oak Drive. Register online at alz.org/CRF or call 1-800-272-3900.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Marriage Encounter Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday, February 9th, 2020. St. Anthony's Church, Columbus Grove, will be hosting the celebration. The Mass is scheduled at 3:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall with a dinner and dance to follow, at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy a beautiful evening with the love of your life. For tickets, contact the parish office at 419-224-3080.



MEET YOUR NEW TEACHER

The EdChoice Scholarship Program - New scholarships available!

- *Free or dramatically reduced tuition at your local Catholic School.*
- *EdChoice is now available in every county throughout the Diocese of Toledo.*
- *Contact your local Catholic School or visit schoolchoicetoledo.org to find your families next steps in choosing a school where Jesus is known, loved and served.*

JOIN BISHOP DANIEL THOMAS IN SPAIN & ITALY!

October 11-23, 2020. Seats still available! Join Bishop Thomas on a pilgrimage to our sister city of Toledo, Spain! We will tour Toledo, Avila, Madrid and Segovia, before departing for Rome, Italy! Spend 2 nights in Assisi and 5 nights in Rome. LAND ONLY price starting \$3999, roundtrip airfare from Detroit will be added once available. This is an incredible opportunity to get to know our Bishop and to increase solidarity with our Sister Diocese of Toledo, Spain! Visit CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Tours or contact Maggie at 419-290-8782.

LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION:

This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit the website at: www.usccb.org/latin-america.

TRAVEL WITH FR. CHARLES OBINWA:

(Pastor of St. Joseph's, Fort Jennings & Chaplain at Lima, St. Rita's)

JUNE 3-13, 2020 - **Portugal** (Tour of the city of Lisbon, Our Lady of Fatima), **France** (Our Lady of Lourdes) **Switzerland** (Tour of the city of Geneva; St. John Vianney place at Ars-Sur-Formans) & **Poland** (Auschwitz: Concentration Camps/ Holocaust Memorial; Lagiewniki: Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's convent; Wadowice: Birthplace of Pope John Paul II; Visit to Our Lady of Czestochowa, Poland's greatest pilgrimage shrine).

Cost: \$4,699.00 (Registration ends after the first week of February, 2020).

For more information and registration, contact: Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890. Email: Jennifer@procatholictours.com. Website: www.procatholictours.com. Address: Pro Catholic Tours, P.O. Box 561, Auburn, MA 01501.