

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families, it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 27

8:30 a.m. Vincent DeVita +

Tuesday, August 28

8:30 a.m. Steve & Rosena Verhoff+

Wednesday, August 29

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 30

8:30 a.m.

Friday, August 31

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 1

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Bob Mack +

Gene & Emilie Hullinger+

Gene & Katy Simmons +

Nancy DeGrands +

Dan Hoersten +

Sunday, September 2

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Steve Dotson Family

11:00 a.m. Richard & Dorothy Taylor +

Mary Smith +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, August 26

Sign-up for Parish School of Religion

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, August 27

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 28

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Ministers Meeting in Church

Wednesday, August 29

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 30

Mass at 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

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

7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

7:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Ministers Meeting in Church

Friday, August 31

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 1

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 2

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, September 3

Labor Day - Parish Office Closed

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
August 2nd week On-line: \$ 1,400.00	\$ 11,769.52	\$ 9,811.21
# of Envelopes	267	233
YTD Totals:	\$ 77,039.63	\$ 72,492.27

2018 FESTIVAL REPORT:

We are excited to report that our Parish Festival netted a profit of just over **\$95,000.00** dollars! We feel extremely blessed to have so many wonderful parishioners who volunteered their time, talent and treasure to make our annual festival a success.

As you may recall, the weather was absolutely beautiful and our numbers reflected that. Our parish relies heavily on this income to help with expenses from our parish, our school and our PSR Program. We are so thankful to everyone that supported our festival.

We could not be so successful without our volunteers. Our Core Committee, led by Mr. Michael Mays, meet monthly throughout the year to make sure we have everything ready to go. It is amazing to see the transformation of our grounds with the set-up and tear down of the festival. Many of our parishioners spend countless hours baking items for the cake wheel. What an invaluable gift! And when the weekend finally arrives, the amount of volunteer hours recorded is just simply mind boggling. Thank you to everyone!

May God bless all of the wonderful parishioners and friends of St. Gerard Parish.

Let the planning begin ... the 2019 festival will be here before you know it!

HANDBELL CHOIR:

Are you looking for a Ministry to participate in here at St. Gerard? Our Handbell Choir (also known as the "Ding-a-lings") is very much in need of some new ringers. No experience necessary. Our talented ringers will show you what is involved and teach you what you need to know. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 until 8:45 in the choir loft. Anyone in 6th grade through adult is welcome to join us.

WE ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL RINGERS. Please come on Wednesday, Sept. 26th and see if this is something you might enjoy.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

MEETING:

All Eucharistic Ministers need to attend an important meeting on either Tuesday, August 28th or Thursday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. in church. Procedures and guidelines will be reviewed and discussed.



PSR REGISTRATION NEWS:

Attention all public school families of St. Gerard. Our Parish School of Religion will begin Sunday, September 9th. Registration is required. All past students should have received their registrations in the mail. All families who have not previously attended St. Gerard PSR are welcome to register in the back of church after all the Masses this weekend. For more information, please contact Shandra Parker at 419-222-0431 or email her at: sparker@sgslima.org.

SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Gerard School is looking for qualified substitutes for the 2018-2019 school year. Applicants must have a sub license in the State of Ohio and BCI & FBI fingerprints on file. Please call (419-222-0431) or email (mtruex@sgslima.org) the school office if you would like to be on our sub list.



Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program
THE MASS



Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

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DATE, TIME, LOCATION

**Please join us Tuesdays,
starting September 11th.**

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

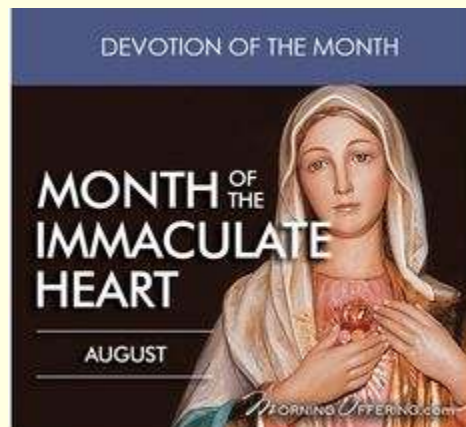
Place: St. Gerard Parish Hall

COST / REGISTRATION

No cost to attend. Please plan on joining us for this **FAITH SHARING DVD** with dialogue. The DVD last 60 minutes followed by 30 minutes of discussion.

CONTACT

Please contact Melinda at: 567-242-8748 or email her at: mblanch997@gmail.com with any questions that you may have. Come and enrich our faith together!



**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 treasures of humanity.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Adoration hours at St. Gerard are 12-5pm every Thursday. We are adding a table with a few resource suggestions to use during your adoration hour.



SAVE THE DATE:

The Women's Fall Conference sponsored by Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Tiffin. If interested, please contact the rectory office at 419-224-3080, or Deb Bartlett-Karbowiak at 419-516-4415 and leave a message. Payments for registration can be handled through the Diocese. Deb Bartlett-Karbowiak is helping to coordinate transportation.

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic faith. RCIA is for anyone who:

- Is a non-baptized adult.
- Baptized in another Christian Church and is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, with or without the intention of becoming a member.
- A baptized Catholic who never received Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation.



RCIA will be starting on **Sunday, September 9th** from 9-10:30 a.m. and is held in the Cafeteria Building. If you have any questions, please call Deb at 419-516-4415 and leave a message. She will return your call. You may also call the Rectory at 419-224-3080 and we will pass your name along to Deb.

Join us for 1st Saturday 9/1/2018, for 8:30 a.m. Mass with rosary following.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 1:

5:00 p.m. *K. Canavan, B. Flynn, L. Makley,
S. Tschuor, M. DeVita, M. Hinegardner,
J. Wolff, S. Parker, W. Peebles,
V. Bigelow*

Sunday, September 2:

8:30 a.m. *C. Altenbach, S. Ellinger, P. Huffman,
J. Inskeep, S. Nocera, N. Jenkins,
J. Korzan, G. Merkel, C. Wright, M. Mays*

11:00 a.m. *R. Ayers, M. Ayers, F. Gallegos,
S. Morrissey, J. Neville, R. Vagedes,
G. Vondrell, D. Vondrell, C. Wreede,
D. Warner*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

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

Sept. 2: 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*
11:00 a.m. - *S. Cira*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1: 5:00 p.m. - *G. Gandy, D. Dawson, J. Yahl*

Sept. 2: 8:30 a.m. - *D. Martin, E. Martin, C. Raines*
11:00 a.m. - *L. Wreede, A. Dackin, A. Carter*

SACRISTY WORKERS - SEPTEMBER:

Barb Geise, Sue Graham

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.

THANK YOU:

The family of ***Carmen Kollars*** wish to thank all the ladies of the parish who provided the delicious lunch for our family on the day of her funeral. Your kindness was deeply appreciated.

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. 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.

LCC NEWS:

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

ORGANIST/CHOIR DIRECTOR:

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Spencerville, is currently seeking an Organist/Choir Director. The position will be approximately 10 hours per week, including a weekly choir rehearsal and a Sunday Mass at 10:30 a.m. Salary based on education and experience. Candidates are asked to send a letter of interest to Sr. Immacolata Scarogni at stpats45887@gmail.com or PO Box 63, Spencerville, OH 45887-0063.

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:

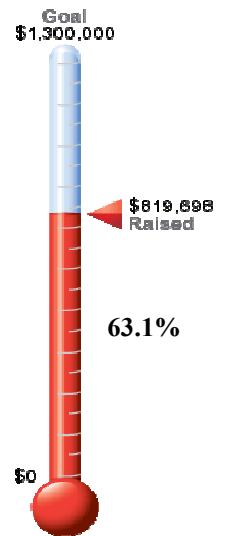
1. Church Gathering Space: Our church needs a gathering space. The gathering space will be used for after weekend Masses, baptisms, anniversaries, funeral viewings, and meeting space (i.e. prayer/study groups, RCIA). We propose to seal off our front doors and level out the partitioned walls and floor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



**\$819,698.54
pledged!**

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