

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

One gets the impression there was always a lot of sharing, discussion and learning during the many meals Jesus and his disciples ate together. How does this compare to the meals in your home? Today's gospel challenges us to make our meals more than physical functions and more a time for sharing.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, June 4

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 5

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, June 6

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Jack Frueh +

Thursday, June 7

8:30 a.m.

Friday, June 8

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 9

8:30 a.m. Bob Debo +

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Kaple & Becker Families +
Living & Deceased of the Michael Brands family

Sunday, June 10

8:30 a.m. Vern & Pat Muhlenkamp +
Living & Deceased of the Gremling & Metzger Families
11:00 a.m. James & Clair Hartin +
Jim Ladden +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, June 3 - St. Gerard Festival begins at noon

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

9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, June 4

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 5

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00-7:30 p.m. - NO CATHOLICISM Series - Will resume
June 12th

Wednesday, June 6

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, June 7

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Friday, June 8

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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Mass at 5:00 p.m.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
May, 4th week	\$ 10,129.97	\$ 8,723.85
On-line: \$ 1,370.00		
# of Envelopes	251	225
YTD Totals:	\$ 520,682.14	\$525,335.78

ONLINE GIVING: On-line giving allows you to make donations while you're away. It's easy and convenient to do. Just visit our website at www.stgerardchurch.org and click "On-Line Giving."

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

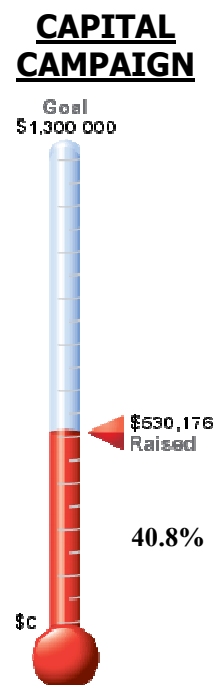
The Scope of the Project: Our parish is proposing a 3-part building proposal to better serve the needs of our parish and local community and to strengthen our long-term financial viability. This proposal is estimated at \$2.4 million. We are asking our parishioners and friends of St. Gerard to donate 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.



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



**Holy Father's Prayer
Intentions for June:**

UNIVERSAL:

Social Networks

**That social networks
may work toward
inclusiveness which
respects others for
their differences.**



*"By the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart
and through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners."*

*Excerpt of the prayer the Angel of Portugal
taught to the three children of Fatima*

JUNE - Month dedicated to the
Sacred Heart of Jesus.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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



CATHOLICISM - FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM:

Journey around the world and deep into the faith. With creator and host Father Robert Barron, you will learn what Catholics believe and why while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition. The ***CATHOLICISM Faith Formation Program*** brings the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church to life so that you can better understand and share your faith.

We meet every Tuesday from 6-7 pm in the Parish Hall. Join us for one or all of the sessions. There is no cost to attend. Call Melinda at 567-242-8748 if you have any questions.



St. Gerard Festival ~ June 1-2-3



ST. GERARD SUMMER FESTIVAL, 2018

Menu featuring our own
**BBQ CHICKEN DINNER OR
PULLED PORK DINNER**
in our air-conditioned Parish Hall:

**One-half BBQ chicken or our
delicious pulled pork
Potato salad or baked beans
Applesauce
Roll & butter**

Drive-up carry-outs are available.

Our food booth features: ***Bratwurst,
Italian Meatball, Shredded Chicken,
Cheeseburgers*** and more!

RIDES-RIDES-RIDES

Get to ride ALL the rides from noon
until 8:00 p.m. for only \$20.00. Purchase
the special wristband on the grounds
today and enjoy!

**FREE ENTERTAINMENT
under the
big tent all day!**

**GRAND PRIZE
RAFFLE DRAWING**
Sunday Evening at 9:00 p.m.!

It's never too late to bake your cakes,
cupcakes, brownies, pies,
breads and cookies and drop them off at
the **CAKE WHEEL** today!

***A special THANKS to all our
volunteers who are working so
hard this weekend! What a
wonderful parish we have!***

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST:

By the grace of God, this year's Parish Festival will take place this weekend. We solicit your whole hearted support by the means of:

- Sincere prayers for the success of the St. Gerard Festival & prayers for good weather
- Active participation in the booth's and supporting our Festival

The St. Gerard Festival exists to strengthen community through fun opportunities for people to connect with others outside the pews while supporting the mission of St. Gerard Parish. Please pray that our festival strengthens community connections and new friendships that lead people to Christ.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, June 9:

5:00 p.m. M. DeVita, S. Parker, S. Tschuor, J. Wolff,
K. Smith, M.J. Miller, V. Bigelow, M. Hinds
C. Hinds, B. Flynn

Sunday, June 10:

8:30 a.m. C. Altenbach, S. Martin, T. Martin,
M. Mays, P. Huffman, G. Merkel,
T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe, N. Jenkins, J. Korzan

11:00 a.m. V. Carter, K. Ladden, J. Landwehr,
F. Thompson, R. Vagedes, T. Meyer,
S. Morrissey, K. Spears, M. Spears,
S. Young

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

June 9: 5:00 p.m. - C. Schmenk

June 10: 8:30 a.m. - V. Koza
11:00 a.m. - M. Spears

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

June 9: 5:00 p.m. - H. Lamb, G. Gandy, M. Lewis

June 3: 8:30 a.m. - A. Dackin, M. Miller,
C. Wagoner
11:00 a.m. - C. Truex, E. Truex, B. Truex

SACRISTY WORKERS: P. Azzarello (Pls. volunteer)

THANK YOU:

Our hearts are full and heavy. We are grateful to you, people of St. Gerard Parish and community. You bless our lives over and over again. We are heavy with leaving this gracious and loving community. Thank you for the elegant gathering last Sunday, an opportunity to share with many of you and to once again experience your generosity and care. We carry you in our heart memories and in our everyday prayer.



*Love,
Sisters Judy and Leanne*

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

Congratulations to the scholarship winners from St. Gerard School:

Mittelkamp Legacy Scholarship (scholarship for a boy and girl entering 8th grade at St. Gerard):
\$500 each awarded to **Tyler Shipman** and **Madalynn Chambers**.

Holy Name Scholarship (8th grade boys going to LCC):
\$1000 each awarded to **Nicholas Chambers** and **Brayden Truex**.

Rosary Altar Scholarship (8th grade girl going to LCC):
\$1000 awarded to **Karlee Helmig**.

Holy Name Scholarship (Current 5th or 6th grade boy at St. Gerard):
\$500 awarded to **Josh Yahl**.

John Neumann Scholarship (Top Academic 8th grade boy and girl):
\$1000 each to **Kaseyana Glenn** and **Brayden Truex**.



Congratulations!

"THE VIRGIN MARY'S LAST HOME ON EARTH":

Bill Quatman, President of The American Society of Ephesus, Inc. is presenting "**The Virgin Mary's Last Home on Earth.**"

No, it wasn't in Jerusalem.

After persecutions broke out there against the Apostles, including the beheading of St. James, all of them left Jerusalem to begin their missions. St. John, the beloved disciple, made his way to Ephesus in Asia Minor (today Turkey). St. Paul spent three years in Ephesus, and wrote his letters to the "Ephesians" after nearly causing a riot in that city. Did the Apostles leave Mary behind, alone in Jerusalem? St. John tells us that after Christ entrusted Mary to his care at the foot of the Cross, "*from that hour, that disciple took Her into his own home.*" The home was discovered in 1891 in Ephesus by Lazarist priests in a fascinating search using "visions" of a German nun, Blessed Anna Catherine Emmerich. Come hear the compelling story of the house, it's amazing discovery and the million Christians and Muslims who make pilgrimages there each year. You won't forget his compelling story. All are invited.

**The event will be held on
Monday, June 21st from
7-8:30 in the Great Hall at LCC.**

ST. ROSE THANK YOU:

Thank you everyone who worked, donated and participated in the St. Rose Parish Festival. Winners of the main drawings were:

*50/50 Ticket - Dave Brown \$2,707.50
\$5,000 - Kendra Knight; \$1,000 - Jim Burden;
\$500 - Kevin Bruin; \$250 - Jane Elderidge;
\$250 - Milt Ganzer*

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Gear up for five days of super-hero training where kids discover their strength in God! St. John's, Lima, will be having VBS June 11th through June 15th in St. John's Hall, 8 am until noon each day. Registration forms are available in the rectory office. Mark your calendars now.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:

Beginning June 4th, our parish office hours will be:

***Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Closed on Friday***



SUMMER PURSE

**Thursday
June 21st**



at the K of C in Lima on North Cable Rd.

Doors open at 5pm • Bingo at 6:30pm

Tickets - \$35 per person includes 20 games of Bingo plus buffet supper (5-6:30pm) plus snacks • cash bar

Reserved tables for 8 are available

Designer purses • Raffles • Auctions • 50/50 & More

For tickets call 419-223-0761 or 419-234-6730

***A portion of the proceeds to benefit
The Equestrian Therapy Program***