

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Parenting is a lot like the story of the farmer in the gospel parable today. All growth is the Lord's work. We have no control over the process. In fact, the farmer doesn't even understand it, for the seed grows even when he sleeps. As parents, we can influence our children, but nothing we do can guarantee results.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, June 18

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

Tuesday, June 19

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

Wednesday, June 20

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

6:30 p.m. Father's Day Novena

Thursday, June 21

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena
Jim Taflinger +

Friday, June 22

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

Saturday, June 23

8:30 a.m. Father's Day Novena

5:00 p.m. Francis Guagenti +
Living & Deceased of
the Kaple & Becker
families

Sunday, June 24

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

11:00 a.m. Virgil Thines +
Doug Baker +
Richard & Dorothy
Taylor +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, June 17 - Father's Day

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, June 18

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Widows/Widower's Support Group meet
in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, June 19

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00-7:30 p.m. - CATHOLICISM Series in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, June 20

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 21

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 22

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 23

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 24

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
June, 2nd week On-line: \$ 1,275.00	\$ 13,673.13	\$ 12,539.14
# of Envelopes	300	287
YTD Totals:	\$ 544,084.27	\$546,068.68

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 the tab titled: "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:

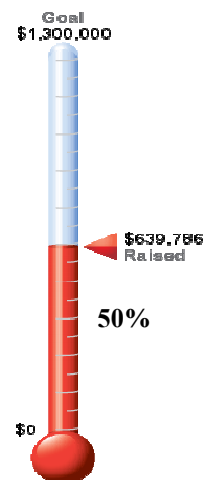
1. Church Gathering Space: Our church needs a gathering space. The gathering space will be used for after weekend Masses, baptisms, anniversaries, funeral viewings, and meeting space (i.e. prayer/study groups, RCIA). We propose to seal off our front doors and level out the partitioned walls and floor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

**CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN**



**\$639,786.00
pledged!**

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

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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 6-7:30 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.

A Prayer For Fathers

God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you made all things.

Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting.

Bless those who have lost a spouse to death, separation, or divorce, and who are parenting their children alone.

Strengthen all Dads by your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

**Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen!**

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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



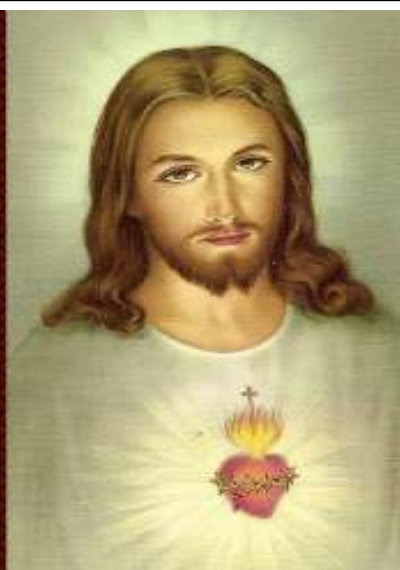
Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for June: **UNIVERSAL:**

Social Networks

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



June
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Devotion
to the
Sacred
Heart
of Jesus



CatholicSistas.com

JUNE - Month dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Our St. Gerard Library is open for your Summer reading. We are open every day, including Sunday's! Stop by and pick up something to fill your summer down time!



NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP:

At the weekend Masses of June 30th and July 1st, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Mother of Perpetual Help. In preparation for the feast, we will pray a Novena to our Lady each day at the morning Mass starting, Friday, June 22nd through Saturday, June 30th.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression and disasters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

DIOCESAN EMAIL SCAM - IPHONE/ITUNES GIFT CARDS:

In this age, when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please use extra caution before sharing your personal information. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Toledo, clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools, do not regularly solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information, exercise extreme caution. Contact the entity that requested your information by using official contact information only to verify the legitimacy of the request. Do not use contact information provided in the potentially fraudulent request.

MARIA STEIN COUNTRY FEST:

On June 22, 23 & 24th, the Maria Stein Country Fest will be held on the grounds of the Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein, OH. Free admission, parking and entertainment. Mass on the patio. For more information, visit www.mscountryfest.com or call 419-202-6255.

ROSARY AND MASS AT OUR LADY'S GROTTTO:

During the summer on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., Rosary and Mass will be held at the Grotto of Our Lady on the west lawn of St. Gerard Church. Rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Chairs will be available, but feel free to bring your own lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, services will be held in the church. Come spend a summer evening with Our Lady and others who love her.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, June 23:

5:00 p.m. *B. Flynn, W. Peebles, J. Wolff, D. Griffo,
K. Smith, M.J. Miller, S. Tschuor,
S. Parker, L. Makley, M. DeVita*

Sunday, June 24:

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

11:00 a.m. *S. Morrissey, K. Spears, M. Spears,
K. Wreede, M. Ayers, R. Ayers,
F. Gallegos, D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell,
R. Carder*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

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

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

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

June 23: 5:00 p.m. - *D. Dawson, M. Chambers,
J. Yahl*

June 24: 8:30 a.m. - *J. & E. Hahn, S. Santaguida*
11:00 a.m. - *C. Raines, A. Schultz,
K. Helmig*

SACRISTY WORKERS:

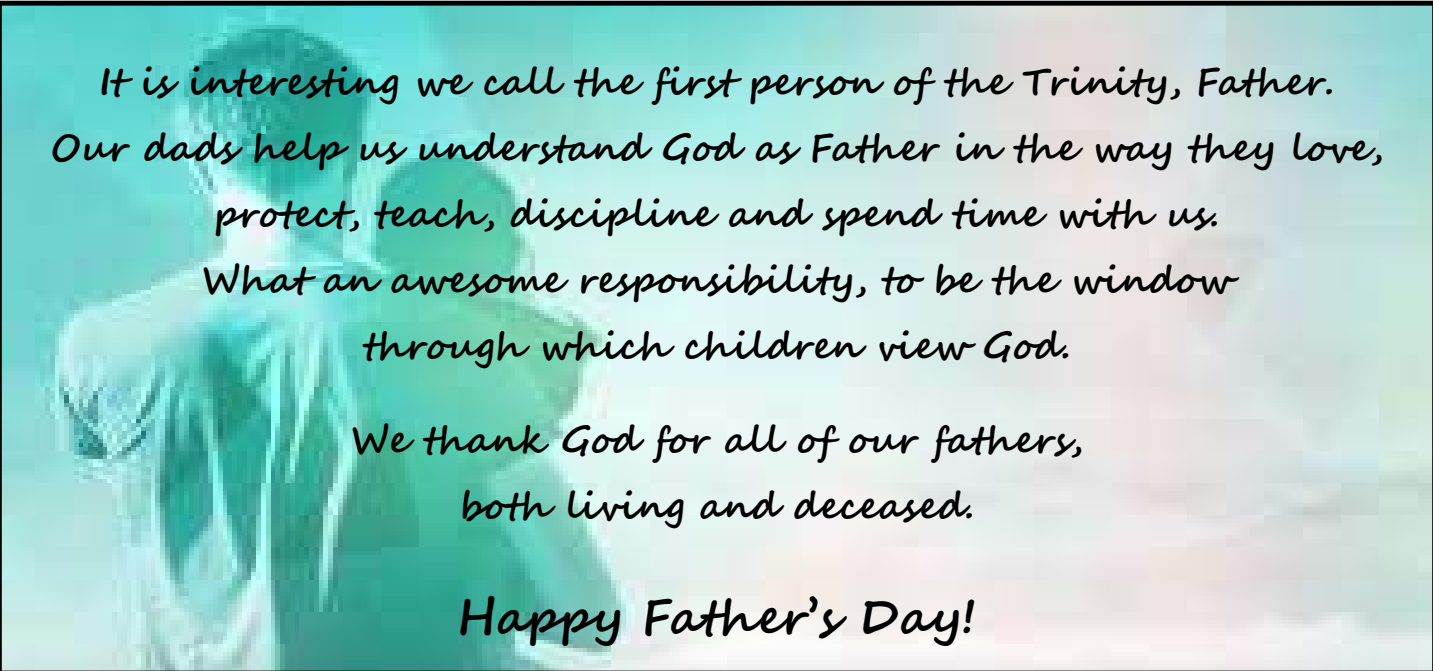
P. Azzarello (Pls. volunteer)

ONE DAY BUS PILGRIMAGE:

A one-day bus pilgrimage to Blessed Solanus Casey Center and Sainte Anne de Detroit Church, Detroit, Michigan on July 18, 2018 will leave Kalida K of C parking lot at 7am and return at 8:30pm. Cost is \$70. Included is a tour of the Center, confession, Mass, lunch, a Healing Service followed by a tour of Sainte Anne de Detroit, the second oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in America.

Fr. Solanus Casey, a native of Wisconsin, Capuchin friar, and known as "Detroit's Miracle Worker" was recently beatified in Detroit with 70,000 people in attendance. By his gentle, cheerful example, he taught others to have that same trust in God. Visitors flocked to the humble monastery doorkeeper, seeking physical cures, his wise advice, and spiritual renewal.

Deadline is July 1, 2018. Please contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 or



*It is interesting we call the first person of the Trinity, Father.
Our dads help us understand God as Father in the way they love,
protect, teach, discipline and spend time with us.*

*What an awesome responsibility, to be the window
through which children view God.*

*We thank God for all of our fathers,
both living and deceased.*

Happy Father's Day!

"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 Thursday, June 21st from 7-8:30 in the Great Hall at LCC.

PARISH 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**



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

The school office will be open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. through the month of June.

LCC CLASS OF 1973:

In celebration of their 45th Class Reunion, the LCC Class of 1973 is planning "The Gathering 2018", on Saturday, August 4th. The event will be held at LCC and details are being finalized. Please send contact info. For classmates to Patti Frueh Briggs: LCC1973@yahoo.com.

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*