

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Jesus sent out His apostles without a lot of "things" because THINGS distract. We collect, argue about and protect our "things." Garage sales only transfer "things." We even ignore each other because we have "things" to do. What "things" are separating you from your family?

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, July 16

8:30 a.m. Mary & William Behrns+

Tuesday, July 17

8:30 a.m. Deceased of the Sliemers, Nungester & Wukusick Families +

Wednesday, July 18

8:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 19

8:30 a.m. James Bogner +

Friday, July 20

8:30 a.m. Fr. Dave Beck +

Saturday, July 21

8:30 a.m. David Steinbrunner +
5:00 p.m. Deceased of the Bob & Ida Bowersick Family +

Sunday, July 22

8:30 a.m. Mary Celeste Christoff+
11:00 a.m. Virgil Thines +
Living & Deceased of the Moyer, Devlin, Thompson & Mansfield Families
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, July 15

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, July 16

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 17

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00-7:30 p.m. - CATHOLICISM Series - A Vast Company of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints (Parish Hall)

Wednesday, July 18

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, July 19

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, July 20

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 21

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

Sunday, July 22

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

WEDDING BANNES:

*Jacob Hines & Jessica Vorst, III
Matthew Metzger & Shelly Mooney, I*



FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
July, 2nd week On-line: \$ 1,375.00	\$ 10,632.35	\$ 10,969.02
# of Envelopes	279	256
YTD Totals:	\$ 22,598.34	\$21,807.38

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:

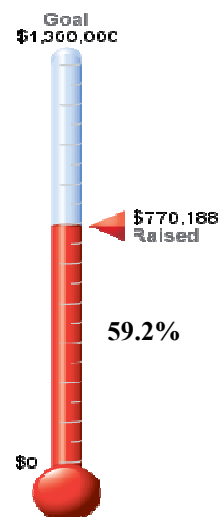
1. Church Gathering Space: Our church needs a gathering space. The gathering space will be used for after weekend Masses, baptisms, anniversaries, funeral viewings, and meeting space (i.e. prayer/study groups, RCIA). We propose to seal off our front doors and level out the partitioned walls and floor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



**770,188.50
pledged!**

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

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH



July MONTH OF THE
MOST PRECIOUS
BLOOD OF
OUR LORD



COMING SOON:
Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

**HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER
INTENTIONS
FOR JULY:**



EVANGELIZATION:
*Priests and their
Pastoral Ministry.*

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and their friendship with their brother priests.

My flesh and my heart
may fail, but God is the
strength of my heart
and my portion forever.
Psalm 73:26



God loves you & has chosen
you as his own special people.
So be gentle, kind, humble,
meek, & patient.

COL 3:12



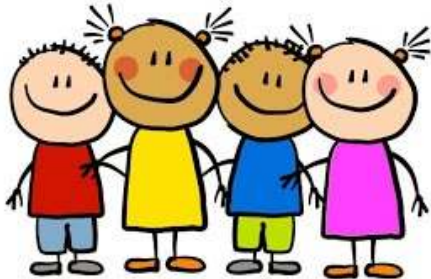
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

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



ST. GERARD SCHOOL NEWS:

Pre-K Registration



St. Gerard School still has openings in our Pre-K class for the 2018-2019 school year. Students must be 4 by August 1st. St. Gerard Pre-K is a 5 star rated through the Step-Up to Quality Program. There are a limited number of scholarships still available. If you are interested in enrolling your child or have any questions, please contact the school office at 419-222-0431.



******If you are making a payment towards your Capital Campaign***

Pledge, please be sure your envelope is clearly marked. Thank you.***

ROSARY AND MASS AT OUR LADY'S GROTTO:

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.



Summer Office Hours

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

During the summer months, our 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 closed the month of July, however, they will be checking their voice mail for messages.

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS:

Please be aware that we are ***NO LONGER*** accepting Campbell Soup Labels. We have discontinued this fundraiser. Thank you.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, July 21:

5:00 p.m. *J. Stewart, S. Parker, B. Peebles,
S. Tschuor, K. Canavan, B. Flynn,
Mike Hinegardner, M. Hinegardner,
L. Makley, D. Griffio*

Sunday, July 22:

8:30 a.m. *M. Hickey, S. Martin, G. Merkel,
M. Meyer, R. Orwick, C. Wright,
S. Ellinger, P. Huffman, J. Korzan, M. King*

11:00 a.m. *C. Coleman, S. Morrissey, F. Mansfield,
D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, J. Neville,
K. Wreede, J. Landwehr, K. Ladden,
S. Dew*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

July 21: 5:00 p.m. - *T. Huffman*

July 22: 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

July 21: 5:00 p.m. - *S. Parker, A. Parker, M. Lewis*

July 22: 8:30 a.m. - *D. Martin, E. Martin,
M. Chambers*
11:00 a.m. - *B. Dahill, A. Dackin, A. Carter*

SACRISTY WORKERS -JULY:

Linda Dodge, Joyce Cira, Carol Helmig

FATIMA, USA:

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein will commemorate Our Lady's apparition and message at Fatima on Friday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Alexander Witt, ordained in 2017 and parochial vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, Coldwater, Ohio will celebrate the Mass. There will be confessions and a candlelight rosary procession. All First Communicants are welcome to join in the procession in their attire. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating and dress appropriately. Come join us for this Fatima Celebration!

HEARTBEAT OF LIMA CHARITY CAR

SHOW:

Heartbeat of Lima is having their Annual Car Show on August 11th at Tom Ahl



Family of Dealerships. Pre-registration by July 23rd includes car entry, car show shirt, dash plaque, lunch (drink, chips & hot dog) all for \$20. Open to all vehicles & cycles. Over 20 awards and top 3 "Best of Show" and "Kid's Choice Award." Many raffle items as well as family fun and a jump house. All proceeds benefit Heartbeat of Lima. For more information, call Trevor Howery at 419-371-0290 or email him at trevorhowery@tomahl.com.

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.

CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY:

We do our best to keep all of our parish's census data current and accurate . . .

So it's important to hear from you when you move, change your phone number or set-up a new email address. Correct addresses are needed in order to provide year-end tax statements, etc. So please remember to let the parish office know if any of your information has changed. Thank you!



JOB OPENING:

FULL TIME COORDINATOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION is needed at Immaculate Conception Parish in Ottoville. Candidate should possess education, training and experience that provides the required knowledge to perform duties of the position. Teaching experience helpful but not mandatory. Should have a well-developed knowledge of Scripture, Catechism of the Catholic Church, Church documents, Church history, etc. Responsibilities include but not limited to: organizing and implementing Religious Education programs for all members of the Parish (children through adult), plan summer programs, coordinate, teach and implement sacramental preparation for youth and parents, etc. To apply, submit a resume/cover letter to immac@bright.net or mail to Immaculate Conception, P.O. Box 296, Ottoville, Ohio 45876.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MEXICO PILGRIMAGE:

Join Fr. Ron Schock and Toledo pilgrims as we travel to Mexico Nov. 28th through Dec. 4th to learn the nation's vibrant Catholic cultural heritage. We will visit three apparition sites: Our Lady of Guadalupe (viewing the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego), Our Lady of Ocotlan, and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro where St. Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lázaro. In addition to the many stunning - beautiful Mexican Catholic shrines, we will experience Teotihuacan, the most visited archeological site in Mexico, the Pyramids of the Moon and the Sun and the Quetzal-Butterfly Temple. Cost is \$2249 per person. Deadline for registration is August 20, 2018. Contact Maggie at 419-290-8782 or Maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com to register. Feel free to visit their website to learn more @ www.CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Mexico2018.

BOOK REVIEW:

In his book, **Rediscover Jesus**, Matthew Kelly invites Catholics to get to know Jesus in a deep, personal way through the Gospel. He outlines and explains in detail the following steps that will inspire:

- Read the four gospels on a daily basis
- Practice a prayer process
- Deny yourself daily
- Practice spontaneous prayer

Living the Gospel each day, whether a little more or a lot more, will certainly increase the joy and peace we're all looking for in our lives.

"People need inspiration for their souls like they need water for their bodies."

Check out this book in our own Parish Library for that very inspiration!

"Knowing about Jesus is not the same as knowing Jesus."