

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Jesus "went up the mountain to pray" and he was "changed."  
Prayer has the power to change us. This Lent, set aside a few minutes each day to pray for members of your family. Pray before each meal and if you are married, spend five minutes in prayer together.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, March 18**

8:30 a.m. Ron Pitson +

**Tuesday, March 19**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, March 20**

8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 21**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, March 22**

8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, March 23**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of  
the Moyer, Devlin, Thompson  
& Mansfield Families

5:00 p.m. Jack Wolff, Sr. +

**Sunday, March 24**

8:30 a.m. Catalina Pichay +  
Living & Deceased of  
the Reyes & Singian Families

11:00 a.m. Patrick & Mary  
Sullivan +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, March 17 - Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

**Holy Name Breakfast in the Parish Hall following the Masses**

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

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - RCIA Classes in the Cafeteria

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**7:00 p.m. - PARISH MISSION IN CHURCH**

**Monday, March 18**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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**Tuesday, March 19**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon - Rosary/Altar to pray rosary in church followed with  
lunch @ the Eagles

**7:00 p.m. - PARISH MISSION IN CHURCH**

**Wednesday, March 20**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, March 21**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

6:00 p.m. - Genesis to Jesus DVD Series in the Parish Hall

**Friday, March 22**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 23**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 24**

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

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - RCIA Classes in the Cafeteria

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

| <u>DATE</u>          | <u>2018</u>          | <u>2019</u>          |
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| March 1st week       | \$ 12,411.86         | \$ 12,301.64         |
| On-line: \$ 2,010.00 |                      |                      |
| # of Envelopes       | 250                  | 256                  |
| <b>YTD Totals:</b>   | <b>\$ 398,616.71</b> | <b>\$ 386,643.40</b> |

**ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:**

As many of you know, we have now completed Phase I and Phase II of our Building Project. Now we are focused on securing the contract for the addition of classrooms to our school. Together, we can make this a reality!

To help us reach our goal, we are asking every family to participate. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is truly appreciated.

Pledge cards are available in the church or at the parish & school offices. You may also give online by visiting our website at: [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please remember that the second collection at each of our weekend Masses during Lent will be for our Capital Campaign. In order to post these contributions to your account, please either write a check or put your cash contributions in the envelopes in the pews with your name clearly written on the envelope.

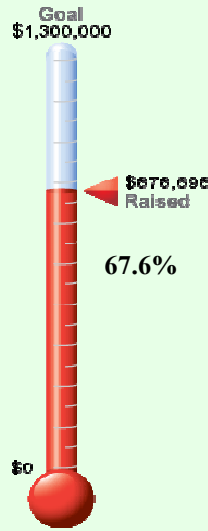
Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.

*Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.*

**PLEDGES TO DATE**

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Amount Pledged:      | \$878,698.13 |
| Amount Paid:         | \$588,935.19 |
| Outstanding Balance: | \$289,762.94 |

3/10/19 Second Collection: \$2,672.38



**FRIDAY'S OF LENT SERIES:**



"Walking The Way of The Cross With Christ and With Each Other."

**St. Gerard Church  
6:00-7:00 p.m.**

*We walk with Christ along the way of the Cross and listen to speakers who lead us into a deeper understanding of the deep love of Christ who calls us to love and serve and walk with each other.*

**MARCH 22**

*Speaker: Deacon Elias Pina*  
**ST. ALPHONSUS' STATIONS:**

Our traditional Stations of the Cross. We walk with Christ as He carries His cross just as He walks with us as we carry our crosses.

**ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:**

The Rosary/Altar Society will meet on Tuesday,



March 19th at noon to pray the rosary in church. Following the rosary, they will have lunch at the Eagles. All ladies of the parish that can make it are encouraged to attend.



### What are you doing for Lent?

Jesus beckons us to come,  
to be in His presence;

He does truly speak to our souls when  
we give Him an opportunity.

Come visit Him in adoration, and  
receive graces to be able to keep your  
Lenten purposes and sacrifices.



### REASONS FOR FASTING

- **P**rotection from evil: on the Lord's mission (Ezra 8:21), of the Lord's people (Esther 4:16)
- **R**elease from demons, bondage: Mark 9:29, Isaiah 61:1
- **A**fflict Soul: 1 Kings 21:27-29; 1 Samuel 7:6; Joel 2:12-15; Daniel 9:3
- **Y**ield to God's will: Is 58:5,6; Matt 26:39
- **E**mpower God's leaders: Acts 13:3,14:23
- **R**epentance: Daniel 9:5, Nehemiah 9:1-3
- **S**alvation: 2 Samuel 12:16, Jonah 3:5-9, Luke 2:37

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:



**UNIVERSAL:** *That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.*

Dear St. Joseph,  
 You felt the tribulation and worry of a parent when the child Jesus was lost. Protect our families for time and eternity.  
 May you be our father and counselor.  
 Let all children, like Jesus, grow in age as well as in wisdom and grace before God.  
 Preserve our families from the corruption of this world, and give us the grace one day to be united with them in Heaven forever.  
 Amen



*Please join us for our  
Lenten DVD Series  
Thursday, March 21st at 6pm  
in the Parish Hall*

*March dedicated to St. Joseph*





*St. Gerard Parish Mission  
Return ~ Renew ~ Rejoice  
March 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2019  
7:00 p.m.*

*Come join us for our Lenten Parish Mission, **BEGINNING TONIGHT** for one or more, or all evening services where we'll examine various topics that will rejuvenate your faith and membership in our Catholic Community! Reverend Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R., from St. Louis, MO will be our guest and presenter for our Lenten Mission. Please join us for the this renewal in our Catholic faith! You will be amazed to discover how putting aside an hour each evening will create a lifetime of enrichment for your faith.*

*Refreshments will be served at both morning and evening services. Babysitting is available for nightly services and transportation is available if needed.*

**DVD SERIES AVAILABLE:**

We have had people ask if they could view the DVD's that the Spiritual Formation has been presenting. We are making these DVD's available to sign out for up to 30 days so that you can view them. You would need to come to the parish office to sign them out.

The DVD's we have in inventory consist of: CATHOLICISM by Word on Fire, THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS, by Word on Fire and Theology of the Body, by Christopher West.

**HOLY NAME BREAKFAST:** Join us TODAY for the Holy Name Breakfast being served in the Parish Hall following the Sunday Masses. Eggs, pancakes & sausage will be served, along with your favorite beverage. Join us for some great fellowship and a delicious meal.



**Thank you!**

*Thanks to everyone who stopped by the new gathering space, as well as the new parish offices last weekend during our Open House. We heard nothing but great reviews of how beautiful the areas were and what a great way it was to utilize space that we already had available. If you didn't have time to stop by, please feel free to do so anytime!*

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, March 23:**

5:00 p.m. *M. Hickey, D. Griffio, B. VonLehmden,  
J. Wolff, K. Canavan, C. Hinds, M. Hinds,  
S. Parker, M. & M. Hinegardner*

**Sunday, March 24:**

8:30 a.m. *N. Jenkins, J. Sroufe, T. Sroufe, L. Hahn,  
C. Altenbach, S. Ellinger, M. Hickey,  
P. Huffman, S. Martin, T. Martin*

11:00 a.m. *F. Mansfield, D. Warner, C. Wreede,  
D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, M. Ayers,  
F. Gallegos, T. Meyer, R. Vegedes,  
J. Kahle*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Mar. 23:** 5:00 p.m. - *C. Schmenk*

**Mar. 24:** 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*  
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Mar. 23:** 5:00 p.m. - *M. Chambers, M. Lewis,  
H. Lamb*

**Mar. 24:** 8:30 a.m. - *S. Santaguida, A. Schultz,  
K. Rigg*  
11:00 a.m. - *D. Dawson, K. Meyer, L. Wreede*

**SACRISTY WORKERS - MARCH**

*J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,  
M. Dew, S. Dew*

**USHERS SCHEDULE:**

**Mar. 23:** 5:00 p.m. - *D. Hollingsworth, R. Yahl*

**Mar. 24:** 8:30 a.m. - *T. Sroufe, P. Thomas, T. Martin*  
11:00 a.m. - *M. Dew*

**CHURCH  
ENVELOPES:**

Don't forget to  
pick up your  
church envelopes

in church. They are located at the back of the  
center aisle and need to be picked up as soon  
as possible. Thank you.



**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:**

A letter from Bishop Thomas was sent out asking for your gift and/or pledge to support the ministries of the Diocese of Toledo. This letter gives all registered parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the Appeal, especially those who are unable to attend Mass. The Annual Catholic Appeal will be very successful if every member of our parish carefully considers their circumstance and truly strives to give a significant gift. Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by the Appeal.

**SPIRITUAL CARE**

**VOLUNTEERS:**

The Spiritual Care Department of St. Rita's Medical Center is looking for dedicated, faithful volunteers to aid in the spiritual care ministry offered to the patients and families who seek care at their medical center.



We are looking for people who have a deep faith, a warm heart and a passion for serving others. If you think this is something you may be interested in, please attend one of the following sessions:

***Location: Café Conference Room***

***Time/Date: 6:30-8:30 pm***

***April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and June 7***

Please RSVP to Janice Burns-Watson at:  
Jbburns-watson@mercy.com or call (740) 417-6584.

**HEALING MASS:**

We will be offering a Healing Mass on Sunday, March 31, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. invoking the intercession of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a Redemptorist priest who lived and worked in America. He is known for his powerful intercession for the sick. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and a blessing with the relic of Blessed Seelos will be offered. All who need healing of mind, body and spirit are invited and are encouraged to attend. Please note that this Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.



**FESTIVAL CO-CHAIR NEEDED:**

The Festival Committee is looking for someone who would be willing to co-chair the Funnel Cake Booth. You would be working on getting volunteers to work the booth, as well as coordinating the workers in your booth. The good news is that you would be "co-chairing" the booth so you would have someone to help you and show you the ropes. If you think this is something you might be interested in volunteering for, please call Michael Mays at 419-604-9526. Thank you.

**SPRING BUS PILGRIMAGE:**

You are invited to join the Lenten Religious Retreat Pilgrimage to Alabama. Visit 3 shrines, a successful rehab center, 5 beautiful church & EWTN. You will be able to attend daily Mass, as well as opportunities for the rosary, Penance, and private prayer. This 6 day/5 night pilgrimage costs \$650 per person with 2 people in a room. For details, contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637. Deadline is March 10th.

**NOSF:**

A faith-based education is not out of reach with a scholarship from the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund.



Need-based Scholarships worth up to \$1,500 per child are available for private schools or \$500 for homeschooling expenses for students who reside in Allen and surrounding counties for grades K-8th for the 2019-2020 school year. For example, a family of five with a household income of \$79,434 is eligible. To apply online or for more information about the program visit [www.nosf.org](http://www.nosf.org) or contact the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund office at (419) 720-7048. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 26, 2019.

**WILD WEST AUCTION:**

Join us as we travel to the "Wild West"! It will be held at Delphos St. Johns All Saints Building on Saturday, April 27, 2019. Doors will open at 5:30 with dinner being served from 6-7:30 pm. Tickets are \$75, which includes dinner for two and one Reverse Raffle number. The first place cash prize winner will take home \$5,000; second place will receive \$1,500. Over 100 oral, silent and Chinese Auctions will be available to bid on. Please contact the Ministry Center at 419-695-4050 for more information and/or to purchase your ticket.

