

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Can you say, "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, Jan. 20
8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 21
8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 22
8:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m. - Rick & Ryan Young +

Thursday, Jan. 23
8:30 a.m.

Friday, Jan. 24
8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25
8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. - Jeff Geise +

Sunday, Jan. 26
8:30 a.m. - Pete Leugers & Kathleen Coffee + The Kuss & Higgins Families
11:00 a.m. - People of the Parish
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED TAKE DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS LAST SUNDAY. WE TRULY APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED AND GAVE THE GIFT OF YOUR TIME!

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Jan. 19 - Holy Name Breakfast 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 - 10:45 a.m. - Parish School of Religion classes
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, Jan. 20
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. - Widow's/Widower's Support Group in the P. Hall

Tuesday, Jan. 21
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 noon - Rosary/Altar to meet in church to pray the rosary

Wednesday, Jan. 22
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena Devotions

Thursday, Jan. 23
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Jan. 24
Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 25
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 26 - Community Meal in the Parish Hall at Noon
Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria
9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Parish School of Religion classes
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
6:00-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
January, 1st week On-line: \$1,556.00	\$ 10,075.01	\$ 10,760.95
# of Envelopes	259	233
YTD Totals:	\$ 305,067.57	\$ 297,707.61

ON-LINE GIVING:

If you would like to give on-line, visit us at www.stgerardchurch.org and click the "On-line Giving" tab.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY:

We pray that Christians,
followers of other religions,
and all people of goodwill may
promote peace and justice in the world.

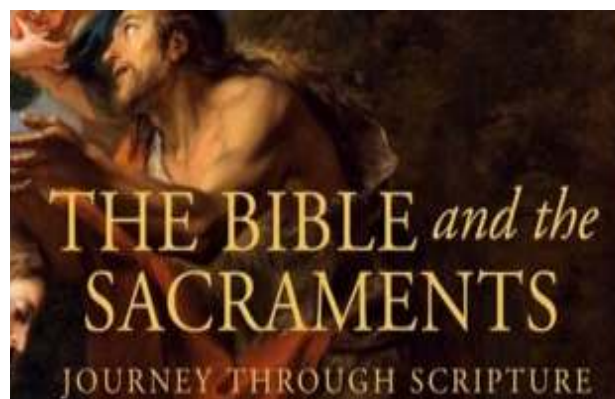


PRAYER REQUESTS:

Requests for prayer may
be emailed to [Stgprayer-
chain@gmail.com](mailto:Stgprayer-chain@gmail.com) or
called into the Parish
Office at 419-224-3080. A team of prayer
warriors will pray daily for all the requests for
30 days. Requests for prayers are kept confi-
dential and last name need not be given.



**Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament is
held every Thursday
from 12-5 p.m.**



Explore the Scriptural origins of the
Seven Sacraments and learn how they have
the power to transform our lives.

DVD Series from the St. Paul Center
starts Tuesday, January 28, 2020
at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
Please join us!!!

HOLY NAME NEEDS YOUR HELP!:

February is the month the Holy Name Society asks its members for dues of \$5.00. As you may know, all male parishioners have automatic membership in the Holy Name, regardless of activity. 2019 was not a good year in our fundraising efforts and as a result, we are seriously low on funds. While our fundraising suffered, our expenditures remained relatively constant as described below:

1. Purchased cushions for handicap accessible pews.
2. Purchased ice machine and drinking fountain for the Parish Hall.
3. Contributed \$800.00 for Fr. Jim's & Fr. Mike's Farewell Party.
4. Contributed (2) \$500.00 scholarships for students attending St. Gerard School and (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship for a St. Gerard graduate to attend LCC.
5. Sponsorship of the annual Father/Son breakfast.

If you wish to see the Holy Name Society remain a vibrant part of our Parish community, **PLEASE** consider a dues contribution in excess of the \$5.00 requested. **ANY** and **ALL** contributions would be greatly appreciated!

You can find envelopes in the pews or in the back of Church. Place your contribution in the envelope and return it in the offertory basket or to the parish office.

Thank you for your consideration,

Officers of the St. Gerard Holy Name Society

SCHOOL NEWS:

**MILITARY
APPRECIATION
BREAKFAST:**



All past or present Military personnel are invited to a special breakfast on Tuesday, January 28th at 9 a.m. in the parish hall. The students will be singing Patriotic songs and an amazing breakfast will be provided. Thank you for your service to this country.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT:

We invite all families out to a free fun-filled night on Wednesday, January 29th from 7pm until 8:30 pm. Hot dogs, chips and pop will be available for \$.50. Prizes will be given to all winners. This will be held in the parish hall.

TAXABLE DONATIONS:

If you are 70 1/2 or older and have an IRA or retirement account that requires you to take a minimum distribution, please consider a gift to St. Gerard Church, a qualified charity, to lighten your tax burden. Please consult your tax professional for further information.

PARISH OFFICE ADDRESS CHANGE:

Please update your records! St. Gerard Parish has a new mailing address. It is:

1307 N. Main St., Lima, OH 45801

This was necessary due to the parish office moving to our new location.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

We will be printing our reports for the 2019 year-end statements soon. If you would like a copy of your 2019 donations, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will be meeting on Tuesday, January 21st at noon to pray the rosary in church. They will then head to Fat Jack's for lunch. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

HOLY NAME BREAKFAST:

Join us for breakfast TODAY, following the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses. Eggs, pancakes, sausage and beverages will be served. It's delicious!

MARCH FOR LIFE LIMA:

The March for Life will be held **TODAY**, Jan. 19th at 2:00 p.m. at the Heartbeat of Lima Satellite Office, 226 S. Elizabeth St. in Lima. The Lima March will be a prayerful, peaceful March in support of Life! We will walk to The Meeting Place on Market St., where Dr. Kindig will share several inspirational stories of recent clients that were in our office seeking an abortion. After everyone is warmed up and Dr. Kindig is finished talking, we will walk back to the office, where we will end in prayer.

COMMUNITY MEAL:

The Community Meal will take place next Sunday from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Everyone who is need of a hot meal are welcome to attend.



ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$967,677.58
Amount Paid: \$815,648.98

Outstanding Balance:
\$152,028.60

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Only \$32,322.42 to go before we reach our goal!

KEWPÉE DRIVE:

St. Gerard students have kicked off their annual Kewpee Drive. Kewpee coupons are in books of 5 coupons for \$5.00. Books will be available at the school and parish offices.

WEBCASTING

DONATIONS:

It's time for our annual fee to host the "live" broadcast of our Masses at St. Gerard Church. The cost for a year is over \$1,200.00. That does not include the upgrading of software and equipment used to stream our live video. If you are one of the many parishioners who benefit from this and would like to make a donation to help with these expenses, that would be greatly appreciated. Just put "webcasting" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, 1/25 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 1/26 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 1/26 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 1/26 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	W. Peebles B. VonLehmden J. Wolff D. Santini M. DeVita G. Gandy J. Stewart S. Urban J. Montoya B. Flynn	N. Jenkins C. Wright M. Stemen V. Nguyen C. Altenbach S. Ellinger S. Martin T. Martin G. Merkel B. Pinney	C. Coleman S. Morrisey J. Neville D. Vondrell G. Vondrell J. Hahn R. Carder D. Warner F. Mansfield J. M. Hole	
LECTOR:	B. Flynn	T. Parker	S. Cira	
ALTAR SERVERS:	M. Yahl B. Smith J. Yahl	E. Hahn J. Hahn C. Rummel	E. Truex B. Truex C. Truex	
USHERS:	See new schedule	See new schedule	See new schedule	
SACRISTY WORKERS: (JANUARY)	J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, P. Iven, L. Taylor			

LIVING WITH ALZHEIMER'S:

In the middle stage of Alzheimer's disease, needs change and care partners become hands-on caregivers. Join us for this three-part series to hear caregivers and professionals discuss helpful strategies to provide safe, effective and comfortable care in the middle stage of Alzheimer's. The series will be held on Thursdays, Jan. 23rd, 30th, & Feb. 6th at 2pm at Otterbein Senior Life, Cridersville, 100 Red Oak Drive. Register online at alz.org/CRF or call 1-800-272-3900.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Marriage Encounter Dinner Dance will be held on Sunday, February 9th, 2020. St. Anthony's Church, Columbus Grove, will be hosting the celebration. The Mass is scheduled at 3:00 p.m. at the Ottawa Knights of Columbus Hall with a dinner and dance to follow, at 4:30 p.m. Enjoy a beautiful evening with the love of your life. For tickets, contact the parish office at 419-224-3080.



MEET YOUR NEW TEACHER

The Edchoice Scholarship Program - New scholarships available!

- *Free or dramatically reduced tuition at your local Catholic School.*
- *EdChoice is now available in every county throughout the Diocese of Toledo.*
- *Contact your local Catholic School or visit school-choicetoleado.org to find your families next steps in choosing a school where Jesus is known, loved and served.*

JOIN BISHOP DANIEL THOMAS IN SPAIN & ITALY!

October 11-23, 2020. Seats still available! Join Bishop Thomas on a pilgrimage to our sister city of Toledo, Spain! We will tour Toledo, Avila, Madrid and Segovia, before departing for Rome, Italy! Spend 2 nights in Assisi and 5 nights in Rome. LAND ONLY price starting \$3999, roundtrip airfare from Detroit will be added once available. This is an incredible opportunity to get to know our Bishop and to increase solidarity with our Sister Diocese of Toledo, Spain! Visit CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Tours or contact Maggie at 419-290-8782.

LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION:

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

SERRA CLUB:

Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on January 23 at 5:45 p.m. at LCC High School. Fr. Mark Hoying, C.P.P.S., Pastor of Kalida St. Michael Catholic Church, will be speaking on his vocational call and journey. The evening is sponsored by The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To make a reservation, please call Kathy McGraw at 419-303-0339.

OPEN HOUSE:

Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center in Fremont, Ohio is having an "Open House" on Monday, Jan. 20th from 12:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Get to know the house on the hill and experience retreat life. Enjoy tours, the gift shop and delicious refreshments. All are welcome. The Retreat House is located at 1250 Tiffin St., Fremont, Ohio.