

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Mary and Joseph must have been proud when their village "all spoke well of Jesus and were amazed at his words." But they probably felt shame when the same people drove him out of town. Like Mary and Joseph, the highs and lows of parenting are our path to being a Holy Family.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, February 4

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 5

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Falk, Ruen & Pentenberg Families

Wednesday, February 6

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Tom Gremling + Ryan & Rick Young +

Thursday, February 7

8:30 a.m. Jason Patterson +

Friday, February 8

8:30 a.m. Irene Peebles +

Saturday, February 9

8:30 a.m. Patricia Moore +

5:00 p.m. Ryan & Rick Young +

Sunday, February 10

8:30 a.m. Poor Souls in Purgatory

11:00 a.m. Ruth Ann Monfort +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**44 Days till
Spring . . .**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, February 3

Blessing of Throats 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

Monday, February 4

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Tuesday, February 5

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9:00 a.m. - Military Breakfast in the Parish Hall

6:00 p.m. - Theology of the Body in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 6

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, February 7

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon-5:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, February 8

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Saturday, February 9

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Mass at 5:00 p.m.

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6:00-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
January, 3rd week	\$ 10,166.52	\$ 3,687.25
On-line: \$ 1,615.00		(snow storm)
# of Envelopes	266	78
YTD Totals:	\$ 333,991.31	\$ 317,969.94

ONLINE GIVING:

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



Please join us on Thursdays from 12-5 pm for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

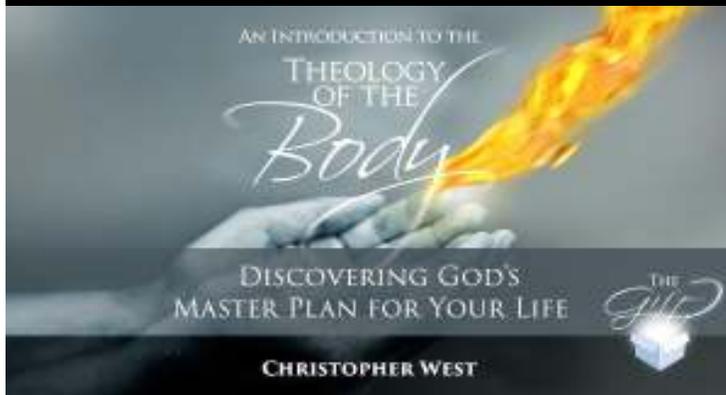


You Say... God Says...

You Say	God Says	Bible Verses
I can't figure it out.	I will direct your steps.	Proverbs 3:5-6
I'm too tired.	I will give you rest.	Matthew 11:28-30
It's impossible.	All things are possible.	Luke 18:27
Nobody loves me.	I love you.	John 3:16
I can't forgive myself.	I forgive you.	Romans 8:1
It's not worth it.	It will be worth it.	Romans 8:28
I'm not smart enough.	I will give you wisdom.	I Corinthians 1:30
I'm not able.	I am able.	II Corinthians 9:8
I can't go on.	My grace is sufficient.	II Corinthians 12:9
I can't do it.	You can do all things.	Philippians 4:13
I can't manage.	I will supply all you needs.	Philippians 4:19
I'm afraid.	I have not given you fear.	II Timothy 1:7
I feel all alone.	I will never leave you.	Hebrews 13:5

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

UNIVERSAL: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

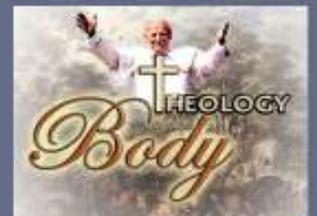


Theology of the Body

-John Paul II's 129 weekly audience addresses where he outlined the Church's teaching on sexuality.

-Our bodies and sexual desire show us the meaning of our existence.

-It demonstrates why we are here and our purpose.



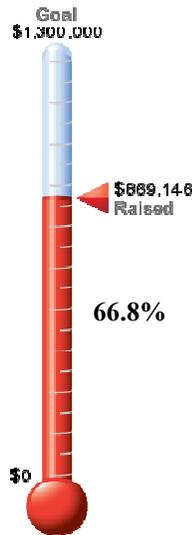
Please come and join us for the Study of Theology of the Body on Tuesdays in February! 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



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.



**869,145.75
pledged!**

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.

VETERAN'S BREAKFAST:

Please note that the Veteran's Breakfast has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall.



SERRA CLUB:

The Serra Club of the Lima Area welcomes you to be their guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on February 14 at LCC at 5:45 p.m. Stephanie Williams, Principal of LCC and Adam Lee, Principal of Delphos St. Johns Middle School and High School will be speaking on "Current issues in Catholic Education." The Serra Club exists to promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Marilyn Schmerge at 567-204-4745.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY NEWS & NEEDS:

Our mission states: "Seeking to put God's love into action: Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope." So, how can you help? Here are three ways: 1) Donate new or gently used household goods and building materials to the ReStore. The ReStore truck will even pick up larger items at your house at no cost to you. 2) Come volunteer at the ReStore (550 W. Elm St.) - visit the Habitat website to sign up at www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/ or call the Habitat office at 419-222-4937. 3) Donate funds to the affiliate and know that your donation goes to those in need of decent, affordable housing. You can send a check or donate online at <https://www.habitatlima.org/donate/donate-now.html>. Our next build will take place in Elida later this spring. Thank you for considering a generous gift of materials or time or money to those in need of decent, affordable shelter.

KEWPEE DRIVE:

St. Gerard students have kicked off the annual Kewpee Coupon Fundraising Drive. Kewpee coupons are in books of 5 coupons for \$5.00. Books may be purchased in the school and rectory offices.



CALENDAR REMINDER:

All groups and organizations are reminded to make sure their event is on our Parish Calendar. Events must be scheduled through our Business Manager, Marta Truex, by calling 419-222-0431. Please let the parish office know the dates once they are approved. Thank you.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

We now have our year-end contribution statements ready for 2018. If you would like a copy of your 2018 donations, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 and we will be happy to mail you a copy.

**YOUNG ADULT
RETREAT:**

What would you say if asked, "Why are you Catholic?" Unsure because you've always been Catholic? Come join other young adults aged 22-39 for the "Choosing to be Catholic Retreat" with Charis ministries on March 23-24 at the Parish Center in Ottoville. Ponder who Jesus Christ is to you. Hear young adults share what being Catholic means to them and experience Christian community. This retreat is for any young adult in the diocese. For information, send a message to CharisDioceseOfToledo@gmail.com.



WE'VE MOVED!

IT'S OFFICIAL!!!

St. Gerard Parish Offices are now located in the Parish Hall entrance. We are still transitioning and getting familiar with our new office surroundings but we already love our new space. We are open and ready to serve all of your needs. There is plenty of parking available. Stop by and see us when you have the need. An "Open House" will be scheduled as soon as we get settled.

New Hours:

Our parish office will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The only change is that we are staying open until 4:00 p.m. on Fridays. We will monitor this and make a decision whether to continue these hours or make any changes later in the year.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 9:

5:00 p.m. *D. Griffo, V. Bigelow, D. Hollingsworth,
J. Hollingsworth, J. Wolf, D. Santini,
B. VonLehmden, C. Hinds, M. Hinds,
K. Canavan*

Sunday, February 10:

8:30 a.m. *M. Hickey, P. Huffman, T. Martin,
G. Merkel, J. Korzan, M. Mays, C. Wright,
J. Inskip, L. Hahn, S. Ellinger*
11:00 a.m. *R. Carder, S. Dew, F. Mansfield,
D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, D. Warner,
S. Young, R. Karbowski, J. Landwehr,
K. Wreede*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Feb. 9: 5:00 p.m. - *T. Huffman*
Feb. 10: 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd*
11:00 a.m. - *Children's Mass*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Feb. 9: 5:00 p.m. - *H. Chambers, N. Chambers,
G. Gandy*
Feb. 10: 8:30 a.m. - *S. Santaguida, A. Schultz,
K. Rigg*
11:00 a.m. - *A. Carter, B. Dahill, K. Helmig*

SACRISTY WORKERS - FEBRUARY:

*J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,
H. Niese, S. Nocera*

USHERS SCHEDULE:

Feb. 9: 5:00 p.m. - *R. Bigelow, B. Langhals,
S. Custer*
Feb. 10: 8:30 a.m. - *T. Sroufe, P. Thomas,
T. Martin*
11:00 a.m. - *V. Ludwig, R. Karbowski,
K. Raines*



BRICK WORK ON OLD SCHOOL

BUILDING:

We are pleased to announce a generous gift from the Redemptorists will help with the costs of repairing and maintaining the roof and brick work needed for our old school building. You may have noticed a fence in front of the middle school building as preliminary work has begun. The students will also no longer enter through the ramp door, but rather the door with the steps that leads into the cafeteria. We are blessed to have this Redemptorist financial support to help us keep our campus up-to-date and looking good. We just wanted to keep you informed even though the work should not interfere with our school routine.

ELITE TOURS TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

Travel with **Fr. Charles Obinwa** of Ft. Jennings St. Joseph's & Lima St. Rita's to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tlaxcala, Ocotlan, Puebla San Jan Teotihuacan, Acolman. May 11th-17th, 2019. Cost is \$2500.00 (Airfare included from anywhere in the U.S.) For more information and registration, contact: 612-730-2890. Or visit them online at www.procatholictours.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 10, 2019. All encountered couples are invited to attend the celebration hosted by Sts. Peter & Paul Parish, Ottawa. A collection will be taken at Mass to assist with Marriage Encounter events. Mass will be held at 3:00 p.m. with dinner and dance to follow at the Ottawa K of C. Presale tickets are \$30 per couple. Contact the parish office for more information at 419-224-3080.



LCC NIGHT AT THE RACES:

Come join us at the LCC Night at the Races on Saturday, February 9th. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$40 at the door. Tables of 8 are available for \$300. Tickets may be purchased at St. Gerard School office or the LCC athletic office. For more information, contact (419) 223-2411.

GRIEF SHARE:

St. Charles Catholic Church is offering Grief-Share, a 13 week program starting Thursday, Feb. 7th, 2:30-4:30 p.m. Sessions will be held each Thursday in the St. Charles Gathering Space at 2200 W. Elm St. Grief Share is an adult support group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one. All faiths are welcome.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE:

World Day for Consecrated Life is celebrated TODAY, February 2nd. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Please pray for our women and men in consecrated life.

CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY?:

So many times changes happen within our parish families and the office staff is not usually aware of it. If you have changed your address, dropped your land line or have made any other changes, please let us know so we can update our records. Thank you.

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. St. Gerard Church is a 501c(3) and therefore any donations made potentially could provide a tax deduction. Please consult your tax professional as to whether or not your donation will receive a tax deduction.

PRAYER CLOTH:

In the rectory office, we have "PRAYER CLOTHS" available to anyone wishing to have one. Each cloth is about 4-6 inches square and have been blessed with the relic of St. Blessed Francis Seelos and also comes with a prayer card. Whether you need healing in mind or body, this prayer cloth is a reminder of God's love for each one of us. It is also a reminder that St. Gerard Parish is praying for you too.



NIGHT OF HEALING:

A Night of Healing will take place on Thursday, Feb. 14th from 7-8 pm at St. Jerome Church, 300 Warner St., Walbridge, OH. Witness of Healing will be given by Debbie Kemp, followed by Adoration with Praise and Worship. A teaching from Fr. Tom Oedy and group prayers for healing. After the service, you will have the opportunity for Reconciliation.