

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased," are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, Jan. 13

8:30 a.m. - Mass cancelled

Tuesday, Jan. 14

8:30 a.m. - Mass cancelled

Wednesday, Jan. 15

8:30 a.m. - Mass cancelled

Thursday, Jan. 16

8:30 a.m. - Mass cancelled

Friday, Jan. 17

8:30 a.m. - Mass cancelled

Saturday, Jan. 18

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Louis Acerro +
Rob Lamb & Family

Sunday, Jan. 19

8:30 a.m. Jeff Geise +

11:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

Due to our priests being gone this week (Jan. 13th-17th) to their chapter meetings, all 8:30 a.m. Masses, Monday through Friday have been cancelled. Also cancelled is the Novena and Mass on Wednesday. We will, however, be having adoration on Thursday.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Jan. 12

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

Monday, Jan. 13

NO Mass at 8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. - Liturgy Meeting in the Parish Office

Tuesday, Jan. 14

No Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

No Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - NO OLPH Novena Devotions

Thursday, Jan. 16

No Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

Friday, Jan. 17

No Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 19 - Holy Name Breakfast following the Masses

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
December, 4th week On-line: \$1,381.00	\$ 10,984.07	\$ 10,153.64
# of Envelopes	303	244
YTD Totals:	\$ 285,919.55	\$ 276,970.47

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.



DEVOTION OF THE MONTH



The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told

him that the Child's name should be called Jesus, meaning "God Saves." According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God's covenant people. According to the old Roman liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Circumcision of Jesus was celebrated on January 1st, eight days after Christmas, the same day that He was given His sacred name. Currently we celebrate the Solemnity of the Mother of God on January 1st and honor the Holy Name of Jesus on January 3rd. For Catholics, Jesus' sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram "IHS," (sometimes called Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Requests for prayer may be emailed to Stgprayerchain@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 confidential and last name need not be given.



MARCH FOR LIFE - JAN. 24, 2020

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is back for the New Year!!
12-5 p.m. Thursdays.

"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them".

St. Francis de Sales





BOY SCOUT TROOP 49
Super Bowl 6" Sub Sale



Your choice for \$7/sub:

*Turkey, Ham, Roast Beef or a Combo. All subs come with cheese.
Lettuce and onions are on the side.*

They will be taking orders through January 13, 2020.

Scouts will be in the gathering space after the 11:00 a.m. Mass TODAY to take orders. Flyers are also available in the gathering space if you would like to place your order. Scouts will pick them up after Mass. Payment is due at the time of order. Subs can be picked up at St. Rose Parish Hall on Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Name	Contact #	Roast beef	Ham	Turkey	Combo	#subs	Total

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AT

ST. RITA'S:

Visiting the sick is one of the corporal works of mercy, and bringing Holy Communion to people in the hospital is a great way to practice this. St. Rita's Medical Center is looking for volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to share the sacrament with patients. The Medical Center would provide orientation and training. If you are interested in serving the sick, please contact Matt Etkorn, Spiritual Care Director at 419-226-9531. Thank you.

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 next weekend following the 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses. Eggs, pancakes, sausage and beverages will be served. It's delicious!

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE AUDIT RESULTS:

Diocese of Toledo Safe Environment Program in Full Compliance with USCCB Norms:

Each year, the Diocese of Toledo is required to undergo an audit to ensure that it is in compliance with the articles of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. Bishop Daniel Thomas is pleased to announce that, for the fiscal year 2018-2019, the Diocese was found to be in full compliance with the requirements in the Charter.

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric, or any employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church, please report the abuse to your local police department, Child Protection Services, and Mr. Frank DeLallo, Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. DiLallo can be reached at 419-214-4880 or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604.



TODAY WE CELEBRATE THE
FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$966,769.98
Amount Paid: \$811,969.38

Outstanding Balance:
\$154,800.60

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Only \$33,230.02 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, 1/18 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 1/19 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 1/19 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 1/19 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	D. Hollingsworth J. Hollingsworth L. Makley B. Muskus K. Canavan C. Hinds M. Hinegardner S. Parker L. Taylor L. Kiel	J. Inskeep M. Mays T. Sroufe J. Sroufe J. Korzan P. Huffman C. Altenbach N. Jenkins M. Stemen M. Hickey	R. Carder T. Meyer M. Spears K. Spears M. Ayers V. Carter S. Dew R. Karbowskiak J. Landwehr S. Young	
LECTOR:	M. Hinegardner	V. Nguyen	M. Spears	
ALTAR SERVERS:	M. Chambers N. Chambers H. Chambers	K. Rigg D. Martin E. Martin	D. Dawson M. Mason C. Raines	
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			

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS COME DOWN TODAY AFTER THE 11:00 A.M. MASS.

If you have a little time to spare, we could sure use your help. 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. Please consult your tax professional for further information.

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.

ALPHA:

St. Charles Church, Lima is offering Alpha, starting Thursday, Jan. 16th, from 7-8:30 p.m. Sessions will be held each Thursday in the St. Charles Lower Level. All faiths are welcome to come explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their point of view. Dinner and child care provided. For more information and to make a reservation, please call St. Charles Parish Office at 419-228-7635.

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.

RETROUVAILLE:

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen

automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. The next weekend in our area is Jan. 24-26, 2020. for more information, contact registration team: Joe and Arlene @ 419-481-1116 or visit our website: helpourmarriage.com.



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 schoolchoicetoledo.org to find your families next steps in choosing a school where Jesus is known, loved and served.*