

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, Feb. 3

8:30 a.m. - Poor Souls

Tuesday, Feb. 4

8:30 a.m. -

Wednesday, Feb. 5

8:30 a.m. - Robert & Eloise Maag +
6:30 p.m. - People of St. Gerard Parish

Thursday, Feb. 6

8:30 a.m. - Tom Gremling +

Friday, Feb. 7

8:30 a.m. - Jeff Geise +

Saturday, Feb. 8

8:30 a.m. -
5:00 p.m. - Irene Peebles +
Jeff Geise +

Sunday, Feb. 9

8:30 a.m. - Ralph & Rosie Sroufe +
Mary Lyle +
11:00 a.m. - Rick & Ryan Young +
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

PRAYER CLOTHS:

Pray cloths are available in the Parish Office, as well as the gathering area in church. Feel free to pick one up and give to someone who needs healing in mind or body.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Feb. 2

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, Feb. 3

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. - Spirituality Meeting in the Gathering Space

Tuesday, Feb. 4

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00-7:30 p.m. - The Bible and The Sacraments DVD Session in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 5 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena Devotions
6:00-6:30 - Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 6

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:30 p.m. - Holy Name Meeting in the Parish Hall

Friday, Feb. 7 - FIRST FRIDAY

Mass at 8:30 a.m. **Immediately following Mass, there will be First Friday Rosary for Life**
4:00-6:00 p.m. - 1st Friday Devotions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with confessions

Saturday, Feb. 8

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 9

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 - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
January, 3rd week	\$ 3,687.25	\$ 8,538.85
On-line: \$1,636.00	(Snow storm)	
# of Envelopes	78	215
YTD Totals:	\$ 317,969.94	\$ 316,010.69



ST. GERARD PRAYER CHAIN:

Requests for prayer may be emailed to Stgprayerchain@gmail.com or called into the Parish Office at 419-224-3080.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY:

Listen to the Migrants' Cries:

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.



First Friday Devotions

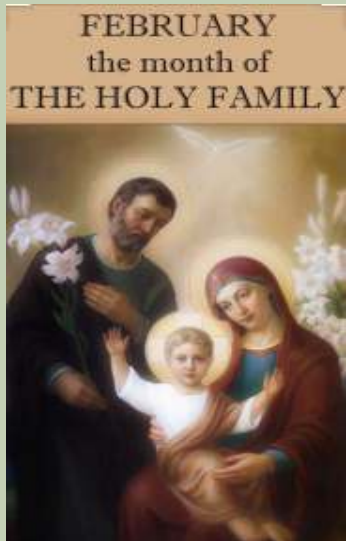
The First Friday Devotions are a set of Catholic devotions to especially recognize the Sacred Heart of Jesus and through it offer reparations for sins.

In the visions of Christ reported by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, several promises were made to those who practiced the First Fridays Devotions, one of which included final perseverance.

"In the excess of the Mercy of my Heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to those who receive Communion on the First Fridays for 9 consecutive months the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure nor without receiving the sacraments and my Heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.

The devotion consists of several practices that are performed on the first Fridays of nine consecutive months. On these days, a person is to attend Mass and receive Communion in a state of grace. A person should also make use of the sacrament of Reconciliation. The practice of the Holy Hour of mediation during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is encouraged.

**First Friday Morning Mass 8:30 followed by
Rosary for Life
Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions 4:00-6:00pm**



Join us at 6pm on Tuesday evenings in February for our newest DVD session by the St. Paul Center.

The DVD will be shown in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

WELCOME BROTHER DANIEL HALL:

An introduction:

Br. Daniel Hall, C.Ss.R., chose a life of service when he joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists), a world-wide group of missionaries who minister to the poor and most abandoned throughout the world. He had more than an inkling of what was in store for him when he chose his religious vocation, as he was born in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho and grew up in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, which was staffed by the Redemptorists.



The Redemptorists showed a great deal of interest in the education of students at the local parochial school Br. Daniel attended, and introduced them to the work of Redemptorists around the world. By the time Br. Daniel was old enough to help serve Mass, he wanted to join a missionary congregation. He attended a minor seminary in Santa Barbara, CA and professed first vows as a Redemptorist Brother in 1977 and perpetual vows in 1980.

Like most Brothers in the Congregation, Br. Daniel has been appointed to communities that need his special talents and practical skills. His dream of serving as a missionary came true in 1987 when he and three other Redemptorists were sent to Nigeria to establish a foundation. He held staff positions and served as treasurer in Satellite Town, and Bodija and Kolodi Village in the State of Ibadan, and ministered to the people in a variety of ways, from leading communion services in remote areas priests could visit only once a month to actually overseeing the building of churches. He often was asked to pray with people and visit the sick in their homes. As the mission grew, Br. Daniel encouraged young men to apply to the formation program and become Redemptorist missionaries. Today, the mission is thriving.

Since returning to the United States in 1998, Br. Daniel has held maintenance positions at The Redemptorist Renewal Center in Tucson and Villa Redeemer, the North American Novitiate for candidates discerning a religious vocation that was located in Glenview, IL. He also has served in a variety of capacities in internal Redemptorist ministries located in Liguori, Missouri: as a staff member of St. Clement Health Care Center for elderly and infirm Redemptorists; and at Liguori Publications, one of the largest Catholic publishing houses in the world.

Br. Daniel returned to the West Coast in 2017, when he was appointed director of Holy Redeemer Center in Oakland, CA. He was responsible for all aspects of the retreat center operations, and a constant Redemptorist presence for guests and visitors to the facility.

In January 2020, Br. Daniel became part of the parish staff here at St. Gerard where he hopes to be involved in many aspects of the parish life and community of Lima. Welcome Br. Daniel!

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 have printed our 2019 year-end statements. If you would like a copy of your 2019 donations, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080.

PATRIOTISM ESSAY CONTEST:

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting "patriotism" essays from High School Seniors. Applications are available from the high school guidance counselor or from the Parish Office. Essay deadline is February 15, 2020.

2020 PARISH MISSION:

St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Findlay, is proud to announce that Fr. Jim Sichko will present the 2020 Parish Mission on March 23, 24, and 25, 2020. Fr. Jim will present "60 Minutes for Jesus" each night through Scripture, storytelling, laughter and praise. Each evening's session will bring attendees to a closer connection with Christ. Fr. Jim is a full time preacher, evangelist and motivational speaker based in the Diocese of Lexington, KY. He was commissioned as a Papal Missionary of Mercy by Pope Francis in February, 2016, one of only 100 Papal Missionaries in the U.S. The parish mission will take place from 7-8 p.m. on March 23, 24 and 25 at the St. Michael East Campus on Bright Rd. All are welcome; child care will be available.

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.

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$969,715.67
Amount Paid: \$819,083.24

Outstanding Balance:
\$150,632.43

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Only \$30,284.33 to go before we reach our goal!

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.

ST. JOHNS BREAKFAST:

Breakfast will be held at St. John's, 777 S. Main St., Lima TODAY, Feb. 2nd from 8-1p.m. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages will be served. Adults \$4.00 and children 6-12 \$2.00. Under 6 eat free. Carry-outs available.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, 2/8 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 2/9 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 2/9 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 2/9 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	J. Stewart M. DeVita G. Gandy S. Parker B. Flynn W. Peebles B. VonLehmden J. Wolff D. Santini L. Kiel	S. Martin T. Martin N. Jenkins S. Ellinger M. Hickey G. Merkel B. Pinney C. Wright M. Stemen V. Nguyen	R. Carder J. Hale F. Mansfield C. Coleman S. Morrisey J. Neville K. Spears M. Spears D. Vondrell G. Vondrell	
LECTOR:	J. Montoya	B. VonLehmden	Children's Mass	
ALTAR SERVERS:	H. Lamb M. Yahl J. Yahl	D. Martin E. Martin A. Dackin	B. Hubbard K. Meyer C. Armstead	
USHERS:	R. Bigelow B. Langhals S. Custer	A. Mefferd B. K. Rigg	R. Blevins D. Ladden T. Brostrom	
SACRISTY WORKERS: (FEBRUARY)	J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, H. Niese, S. Nocera			

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

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEWS:

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store would love to have you come meet other wonderful parishioners from all parishes helping sort donations Wednesday noon to 3:30 or Saturday from 10-2pm. We help fund the SVDP Food Pantry, St. Gerard Utility Line, and other emergency miscellaneous needs of the community as funds allow. Another option is just to visit and shop! Contact Velma Kill at 419-738-4918 or Linda Jahnz at 419-339-1594. The store is located 2 blocks south of St. John Church at 928 S. Main St., Lima. Open Monday-Friday, noon to 3:30 and the first Saturday of the month 10-2pm. Any beneficial changes welcome.

LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION:

Thank you for your generous support of the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your donations will be used to share the faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean so they in turn can share the Good News with others.

TRAVEL WITH FR. CHARLES OBINWA:

(Pastor of St. Joseph's, Fort Jennings & Chaplain at Lima, St. Rita's)

JUNE 3-13, 2020 - **Portugal** (Tour of the city of Lisbon, Our Lady of Fatima), **France** (Our Lady of Lourdes) **Switzerland** (Tour of the city of Geneva; St. John Vianney place at Ars-Sur-Formans) & **Poland** (Auschwitz: Concentration Camps/ Holocaust Memorial; Lagiewniki: Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's convent; Wadowice: Birthplace of Pope John Paul II; Visit to Our Lady of Czestochowa, Poland's greatest pilgrimage shrine).

Cost: \$4,699.00 (Registration ends after the first week of February, 2020).

For more information and registration, contact: Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890. Email: Jennifer@pro-catholic-tours.com. Website: www.pro-catholic-tours.com. Address: Pro Catholic Tours, P.O. Box 561, Auburn, MA 01501.

