

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

The healing of the woman and the child in today's gospel is a reminder we are all wounded. We retreat to those we love looking for acceptance, listening, understanding and support. Families must be healing communities where Jesus is present in our care for one another.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, July 2

8:30 a.m. Tom Gremling +

Tuesday, July 3

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 4

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Evening Mass cancelled

Thursday, July 5

8:30 a.m. Don Hullinger +

Friday, July 6

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, July 7

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Charles & Rita Jacobs +
Steve Dotson & Family

Sunday, July 8

8:30 a.m. Joe & Theresa Goedde +
Fran Goedde +
(25th Anniv. Mass of Ann &
Tom Fischer)

11:00 a.m. Terry Tschuor, Jr.

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, July 1

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, July 2

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 3

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00-7:30 p.m. - NO CATHOLICISM Series ~ Will resume
July 10th

Wednesday, July 4

Parish office closed.

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - NO OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - NO Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 5

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

Friday, July 6

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

4-6:00 p.m. - First Friday Devotions with Confessions

Saturday, July 7

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 8

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

WEDDING BANNS:

Jacob Hines & Jessica Vorst, I

FINANCIAL REPORT

DATE	2017	2018
June, 4th week	\$ 9,027.16	\$ 8,648.50
On-line: \$ 1,380.00		
# of Envelopes	258	221
YTD Totals:	\$ 563,160.53	\$564,466.19

CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY?

Please be sure to let the parish office know if you have moved or have a new phone number!

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. Our projects are:

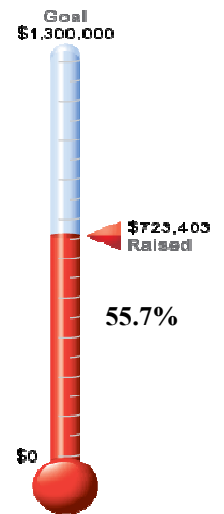
1. Church Gathering Space: Our church needs a gathering space. The gathering space will be used for after weekend Masses, baptisms, anniversaries, funeral viewings, and meeting space (i.e. prayer/study groups, RCIA). We propose to seal off our front doors and level out the partitioned walls and floor to create a sizable gathering space including a new handicap-accessible bathroom.

2. Parish Office Relocation: The current parish office location is inadequate and difficult for our aging and handicap parishioners (i.e. over a 100 yard walk from the church parking lot). We propose to relocate the parish office to our under-utilized parish hall entrance and small meeting room. This would allow for handicap and general parking in a close vicinity to better serve our parishioners.

3. Eight Additional Classrooms: St. Gerard School is in need of more classrooms. We propose to add eight additional classrooms and two bathrooms onto our new school building. St. Gerard Parish has looked at options of renovating our old school building. Estimated renovation costs are \$3.6 million which is financially out of reach for our parish (and this cost doesn't even include the six basement classrooms).

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.

**CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN**



**723,403.50
pledged!**

***Thank you to all who have turned in your pledge card.
If you haven't, please do so as soon as possible.***

Spiritual Growth



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Adoration hours at St. Gerard are 12-5pm every Thursday. Come and experience some quiet, personal time with the Lord.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JULY:



EVANGELIZATION:

Priests and their Pastoral Ministry.

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and their friendship with their brother priests.

INDEPENDENCE

DAY

is a time to remember our freedoms and thank God for them.



DID YOU KNOW?

St. Gerard has 1st Friday Devotions - this coming Friday July 6th from 4-6 p.m. with Confessions? 1st Saturday - join us for 8:30 a.m. Mass with rosary following.

ST. GERARD SCHOOL NEWS:

Pre-K Registration



St. Gerard School still has openings in our Pre-K class for the 2018-2019 school year. Students must be 4 by August 1st. St. Gerard Pre-K is a 5 star rated through the Step-Up to Quality Program. There are a limited number of scholarships still available. If you are interested in enrolling your child or have any questions, please contact the school office at 419-222-0431.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence collection. As a parish, we collected \$1,288.35. Our contributions will be combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world to help Pope Francis provide essential relief to people in need.

ROSARY AND MASS AT OUR LADY'S GROTTTO:

During the summer on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., Rosary and Mass will be held at the Grotto of Our Lady on the west lawn of St. Gerard Church. Rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Chairs will be available, but feel free to bring your own lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, services will be held in the church. Come spend a summer evening with Our Lady and others who love her.

A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.
Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.
We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.
We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.
And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.
Amen

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******If you are making a payment towards your Capital Campaign Pledge, please be sure your envelope is clearly marked. Thank you.******



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, July 7:

5:00 p.m. *K. Canavan, B. Flynn, M. Hinegardner,
Mike Hinegardner, D. Griffio, B. Peebles,
S. Tschuur, J. Wolff, V. Biglow, L. Makley*

Sunday, July 8:

8:30 a.m. *L. Dodge, S. Ellinger, P. Huffman,
J. Korzan, S. Martin, G. Merkel, M. Meyer,
R. Orwick, J. Sroufe, T. Sroufe*

11:00 a.m. *R. Ayers, M. Ayers, S. Dew, J. Neville,
G. Vondrell, D. Vondrell, C. Wreede,
D. Warner, T. Meyer, F. Gallegos*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

July 7: 5:00 p.m. - *D. Mack*

July 8: 8:30 a.m. - *F. Morman*
11:00 a.m. - *S. Cira*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

July 7: 5:00 p.m. - *G. Langhals, M. Chambers,
G. Gandy*

July 8: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Miller, C. Wagoner,
M. Lewis*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Meyer, K. Helmig, L. Wreede*

SACRISTY WORKERS:

P. Azzarello (Pls. volunteer)

FATIMA, USA:

The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein will commemorate Our Lady's apparition and message at Fatima on Friday, August 10 at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Alexander Witt, ordained in 2017 and parochial vicar of Holy Trinity Parish, Coldwater, Ohio will celebrate the Mass. There will be confessions and a candlelight rosary procession. All First Communicants are welcome to join in the procession in their attire. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating and dress appropriately. Come join us for this Fatima Celebration!



LIBRARY BOOK REVIEW (By Fr. Mike Sergi):

I have placed a small book in the library entitled: "**Venerable Joseph Passerat.**" He served as a drum major and quartermaster in Napoleon's army until he fled to Germany. Experiencing a call to religious life, he went to Warsaw, Poland where under the direction of Clement Hofbauer, he entered the Redemptorists. With his skill and Clement's zeal, the two proved a great team. For 20 years, they collaborated in the expansion of the Redemptorists. Clement chose Passerat to succeed him as Vicar General of the Redemptorists in northern Europe. As Vicar General, he sent the first six Redemptorists to the U.S. in 1832 and for 28 years, fostered the American mission. St. Clement called him "The Great Pray-er."

**HEARTBEAT OF
LIMA CHARITY**

CAR SHOW:

Heartbeat of Lima is having their Annual Car Show on August 11th at Tom Ahl Family of Dealerships. Pre-registration by July 23rd includes car entry, car show shirt, dash plaque, lunch (drink, chips & hot dog) all for \$20. Open to all vehicles & cycles. Over 20 awards and top 3 "Best of Show" and "Kid's Choice Award." Many raffle items as well as family fun and a jump house. All proceeds benefit Heartbeat of Lima. For more information, call Trevor Howery at 419-371-0290 or email him at trevorhowery@tomahl.com.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

PARISH FESTIVAL, Ottoville, OH:

The parish will have their annual summer festival on Saturday, July 14th and Sunday, July 15th. Family style chicken and beef dinners will be served on Sunday. Raffles, games, rides and entertainment will be provided for the entire family. All are invited!

ONE DAY BUS PILGRIMAGE:

A one-day bus pilgrimage to Blessed Solanus Casey Center and Sainte Anne de Detroit Church, Detroit, Michigan on July 18, 2018 will leave Kalida K of C parking lot at 7am and return at 8:30pm. Cost is \$70. Included is a tour of the Center, confession, Mass, lunch, a Healing Service followed by a tour of Sainte Anne de Detroit, the second oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in America.

Fr. Solanus Casey, a native of Wisconsin, Capuchin friar, and known as "Detroit's Miracle Worker" was recently beatified in Detroit with 70,000 people in attendance. By his gentle, cheerful example, he taught others to have that same trust in God. Visitors flocked to the humble monastery doorkeeper, seeking physical cures, his wise advice, and spiritual renewal.

Deadline is July 1, 2018. Please contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637 or hborgelt@bright.net for more details.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Beginning June 4th, our parish office hours will be:

***Monday - Thursday
8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.
Closed on Friday***



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:

The school office will be closed the month of July, however, they will be checking their voice mail for messages.

LCC CLASS OF 1973:

In celebration of their 45th Class Reunion, the LCC Class of 1973 is planning "The Gathering 2018", on Saturday, August 4th. The event will be held at LCC and details are being finalized. Please send contact info. For classmates to Patti Frueh Briggs: LCC1973@yahoo.com.

MATRIMONY: A CALLING TO FORGIVE:

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope; hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage. Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises. For more information about our July 13-15th Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: Jeff & Robyn at 419-481-1116 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.com.