

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, August 14

8:30 a.m. Armida Wisco +

Tuesday, August 15 - THE

ASSUMPTION

8:30 a.m. Bob Pearson +

12:10 p.m. Our Lady's Intention

7:00 p.m. Jack Frueh +

Wednesday, August 16

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Steve Mansfield
Family

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 17

8:30 a.m. Marge Debacher +

Friday, August 18

8:30 a.m. Francis Sullivan +

Saturday, August 19

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Metzger &
Gremling Families
Living & Deceased of
the Mark Thompson &
Moyer Families

5:00 p.m. Jim Taflinger +
Bob Mack +

Sunday, August 20

8:30 a.m. Paul Keiffer +
Living & Deceased of
The Robert & Leona
Keiffer Family

11:00 a.m. Joe Silone +
Living & Deceased of
the Blanchard &
O'Brien Families

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, August 13

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, August 14

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, August 15 - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Masses at 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, August 16

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at the grotto

Thursday, August 17

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

2:00-5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Friday, August 18

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, August 19

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 20

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

WEDDING BANNS:

Patrick Kesner & Colleen Creamer, III

Nick Huffman & Jordan Walsh, II

Adam Rector & Mary Wiechart, I



FINANCIAL REPORT:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| July, 5th week On-line: \$ 1,315.00 | \$ 10,051.33 | \$ 9,607.43 |
| # of Envelopes | 262 | 246 |
| YTD Totals: | \$ 52,900.87 | \$ 54,216.43 |

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
IS AUGUST 15TH. IT IS A
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.**

ONLINE GIVING: Go to www.stgerardchurch.org and click on the Online Giving link - it's quick and easy!

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: "Lord, save me."

BLESSING OF STUDENTS, TEACHERS & SCHOOL STAFF:

There will be a special blessing for all students and all teachers and administrative staff. The blessing is for all students, all teachers and administrative staff of **all area schools**, as they begin the new school year ~ a prayer for growth in intellect, spirit and body throughout the year. The blessing will be given at all the Masses on the weekend of **August 19/20th**.

PSR REGISTRATION NEWS:

Attention all public school families of St. Gerard. Our Parish School of Religion will begin September 10th. Registration is required. All past students should receive their registrations in the mail next week. All families who have not previously attended St. Gerard PSR are welcome to register in the back of church after all Masses on August 26th and 27th or contact Shandra Parker directly at (419) 230-2926 or email at: sparker@sgslima.org.

ST. GERARD ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:

Would you like your child to become more involved in the church? We are currently looking for new altar servers to be added to our schedule of weekend Masses. All children in the fourth grade and older who are willing to commit to serving weekend Masses are invited to contact Shandra Parker at (419)230-2926 or email at: sparker@sgslima.org.

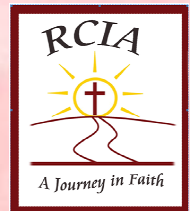
ADULT ALTAR SERVERS WANTED:

Would you be willing to become an Altar Server as an adult? We would love to have you! Adults interested in being altar servers for the Wednesday evening Mass and also to serve Funeral Masses are asked to contact Shandra Parker at (419) 230-2926 or email at: sparker@sgslima.org.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic faith. RCIA is for anyone who:

- Is a non-baptized adult.
- Baptized in another Christian Church and is interested in knowing more about the Catholic Church, with or without the intention of becoming a member.
- A baptized Catholic who never received Reconciliation, Eucharist, or Confirmation.



RCIA will be starting on Sunday, August 27th from 3-4:30 p.m. We will meet at 3:00 p.m. in church in the gathering space (Robb Ave. entrance). If you have any questions, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 and they will get you in touch with one of our RCIA team members. Thank you.

Our RCIA Core Team members are: Deb Bartlett-Karbowiak, Chris Diaz, Clarice Coleman and Lisa Taylor.



August 15, 2017
Masses at 8:30 a.m.,
12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED:

Summer is here and Christian Corner Community Center is looking for volunteers. Their two main needs are people to help in the kitchen and to help with yard work. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bethany by email at: christiancornercc@wcoil.com.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Gerard School
Purse Bingo
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017

More information
coming soon ...

SCHOOL NEWS:

The school office will be open from 9am until 2pm during the month of August. The first day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22nd. If you need tuition or enrollment information, please call the school office at 419-222-0431.



SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED:

St. Gerard School is seeking substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. Candidates must be licensed with the Ohio Department of Education or must hold a Bachelor's Degree in any field in order to obtain a substitute teaching license from the Department of Education. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 419.222.0431 or email Natalie Schoonover at: nschoonover@sgslima.org.

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.



ALLISON PALOOZA ~ "PAYING IT FORWARD":

Allison Palooza is a fund raising family event to helping another breast cancer warrior. It will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 5-11:00 p.m. at the LCC Gym/ Commons Area. Night will feature a gourmet hot dog bar, drinks, children's activities/prizes, live music, games of chance and fun for all. Broadcasting on big screen TV for the Ohio State vs Oklahoma game, as well as the Notre Dame vs Georgia game. This is an annual event honoring the memory of Allison (Lee) Buehler.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, August 19:

5:00 p.m. *B. Flynn, L. Makley, S. Parker,
K. Canavan, B. Muskus, D. Griffo,
C. Hinds, M. Hinds, J. Wolff,
B. VonLehmden*

Sunday, August 20:

8:30 a.m. *C. Altenbach, T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe,
M. Meyer, S. Nocera, E. Orwick,
R. Orwick, M.J. Miller, L. Hahn,
P. Huffman*

11:00 a.m. *M. Mays, K. Ladden, J. Landwehr,
R. Karbowski, S. Dew, K. Spears,
M. Spears, F. Thompson,
F. Gallegos, V. Carter*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Aug. 19: 5:00 p.m. - *C. Schmenk*

Aug. 20: 8:30 a.m. - *F. Morman*
11:00 a.m. - *D. Karbowski*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Aug. 19: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Smith, C. Bacome,
D. Wilson*

Aug. 20: 8:30 a.m. - *A. Dackin, E. Gamble,
R. Moore*
11:00 a.m. - *A. Christoff, N. Stolly,
B. Bourk*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR AUGUST:

Need volunteers!!! Please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 if you would like to sign-up for cleaning the church in August.

S-T-R-E-T-C-H YOUR DOLLAR:

Shop the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store. Hours are Monday thru Friday from noon until 3:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. The store is open to everyone. Your purchase helps us to help those in need in our community. We help fund the food pantry and more. This is also a great place to **volunteer your time!**

MICHAEL RUSSELL O'BRIEN TO PERFORM:

WOW! Michael Russell O'Brien is coming to St. Mary's Parish in Leipsic. Michael is an inter-generational entertainer through and through. He appeals to all ages, from grandmas and grandpas to moms and dads to adolescents and young children. Michael readily shares his faith story including a conversion experience that led him from a successful career in secular music to a Catholic/Christian singer who has no hesitation in sharing his beliefs and convictions. It truly is an event for the entire family.

When: Sunday, August 13, 2017

Events: 5:00 p.m. Mass at Leipsic St. Mary's
5:45 p.m. light meal in Parish Center
6:30 p.m. doors open to the public
7:00 p.m. Concert

If you plan to come for the meal, a courtesy RSVP is appreciated to the Parish Office at (419) 943-2952 or email: jtinkrott@metalink.net.

SILENT KNIGHT, HOLY KNIGHT:

Friday, Aug. 18th at 7:00 p.m., noted Catholic author and scholar Dr. Scott Hahn will present a talk on "Silent Knight, Holy Knight: St. Joseph for Our Times." This event will be held at the Winner Harvest Barn, 7317 St. Rte. 47 West, DeGraff, Ohio. Advance tickets must be purchased at St. Mary's of the Woods Catholic Church, 464 Madison Ave., Russell's Point, Ohio (\$10 per adult). Children are free, but must have a ticket. No tickets at the door. Dr. Hahn will do a book signing afterwards. Seating limited to 700 persons. On-site parking is free.

AREA FESTIVALS:

St. Joseph Festival, Fort Jennings, will have their annual festival TODAY, August 13th. Family style fried chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings served from 11-1 pm and 4-6pm. Hamburger stand is open 11-7pm. Raffles, kids games, country store and more will be offered.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION:

Sanctify & Empower Us! Let Us Proclaim!

Celebrating 50 years of the Holy Spirit's Power in the Church and our lives - continue to lead us! Join inspirational, international speakers Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR and James "Butch" Murphy. October 6-7th, 2017 at St. Jerome Parish Center Gym, 300 Warner St., Walbridge, Ohio. For more information, please visit: www.mccrholyspirit.org, call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal at 419-691-6686 or please email: mccrholyspirit@gmail.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Please note that the parish office is open from Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We are closed on Friday's.



ENGAGED COUPLES WORKSHOP:

Schedule and registration for Engaged Couples Workshops "Joy-Filled Marriage" and "Cana II" can now be found most easily by visiting the website at: <http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>.

ST. RITA'S PATIENT INFORMATION:

St. Rita's Medical Center recently adopted a new patient registration system. Upon admission to the hospital, patients can give information regarding their religion, church affiliation, and whether or not they want their pastor notified for visitation. This process will continue. Please be assured that we are working through any issues and are still asking every patient these questions. During this transition, we ask for your patience and understanding as we optimize this new system. Our aim is to make this information more easily accessible and complete. In the meantime, please feel free to contact our chaplain for any assistance. The chaplain contact number is: 419-234-6249.

UPCOMING SEMINARS:

PRISON MINISTRY AS SOUL WORK:

In some ways, a prison is like a monastery ~ most are all male, have a strict daily schedule, and long stretches for reflection. And the "monks" are a fascinating and diverse group. Come and meet many of them through the eyes of Sr. Pat Schnapp, a jail and prison volunteer for over 40 years. This seminar will be held August 30, 2017 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 which includes lunch. To register, go to www.pinesretreat.org/programs.

POEMS, PRAYERS AND PRAISE:

Come and explore the link between poetry and prayer, and see how often a poem is really a prayer dressed up in fresh words and metaphors. You'll experience how your religious imagination is, in fact, a poetic gene that you may not have yet acknowledged! With Sr. Pat Schnapp, you'll look at some poems that look innocent, but explode into praise and petition to God. This seminar will be held on October 18, 2017 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center. Cost is \$15.00 which includes lunch. To register, go to www.pinesretreat.org/programs.

Interested in reading more about what Sr. Pat has to say? Check out Sr. Pat Schnapp's books, available in the Pines Gift Shop.



ST. GERARD PRE-KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION
OPEN

St. Gerard Catholic School....

Is now accepting enrollment in our Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2017-2018 school year. This is an excellent way for your child to be introduced to school in a fun, play-based learning environment. Students will focus on cognitive skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, language and literacy skills, and spiritual skills and Catholic values. Please contact us to for more information on enrollment and scholarship availability.



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