

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

If we want to be happy at home, we must commit ("lose ourselves") to our family. If we try to be independent from others ("save ourselves") we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!



MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 17

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 18

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 19

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 20

8:30 a.m. Jack McNamara +

Friday, September 21

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 22

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Wolff, Hiss & Eckler Families

Sunday, September 23

8:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m. Doug Baker +

Maureen Schaefer +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, September 16 - Holy Name Breakfast following 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

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



Monday, September 17

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

5:00-7:00 p.m. - Widows/Widower's Support Group Mtg. in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 18

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon - Rosary/Altar Society to meet in church to pray the rosary followed by lunch at Fat Jack's Pizza

6:00-7:30 p.m. - Bishop Robert Barron's THE MASS in the P. Hall

Wednesday, September 19

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 20

Mass at 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

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

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

Friday, September 21

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 22

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 23

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FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
September, 1st week On-line: \$ 1,655.00	\$ 11,242.52	\$ 9,905.00
# of Envelopes	271	258
YTD Totals:	\$ 110,021.90	\$ 104,179.09

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

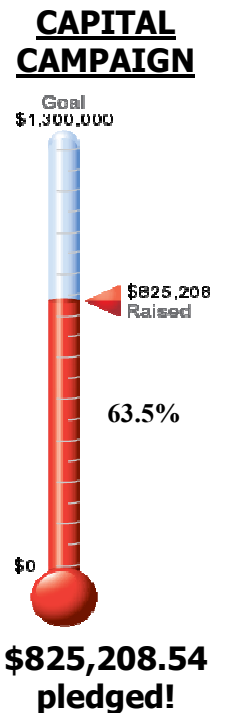
The Scope of the Project: Our parish is proposing a 3-part building proposal to better serve the needs of our parish and local community and to strengthen our long-term financial viability. This proposal is estimated at \$2.4 million. We are asking our parishioners and friends of St. Gerard to donate 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.



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



Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program
THE MASS



Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

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DATE, TIME, LOCATION

Please join us each Tuesday!

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Gerard Parish Hall

COST / REGISTRATION

No cost to attend. Please plan on joining us for this **FAITH SHARING DVD** with dialogue. The DVD last 60 minutes followed by 30 minutes of discussion.

CONTACT

Please contact Melinda at: 567-242-8748 or email her at: mblanch997@gmail.com with any questions that you may have. Come and enrich

RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):

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 has begun and meets on Sundays from 9-10:30 a.m. and is held in the Cafeteria Building.

If you have any questions, please call Deb at 419-516-4415 and leave a message.



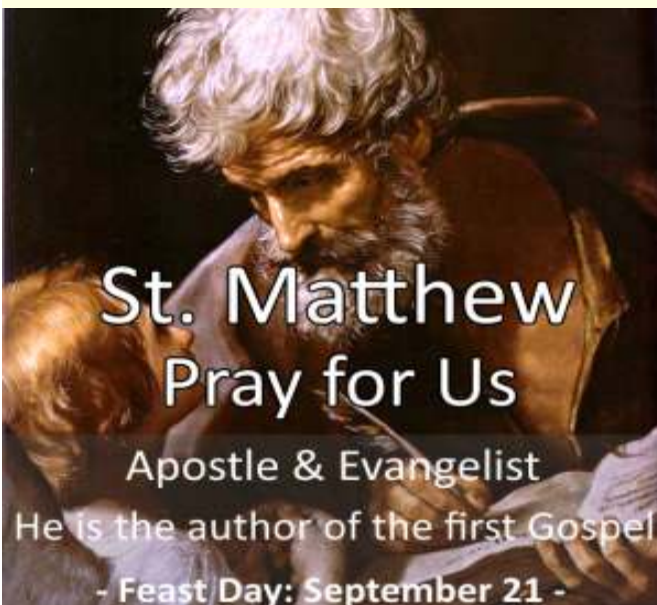
**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
FOR SEPTEMBER:**



UNIVERSAL:
Young People in Africa...
That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

September Feasts

- 20 - SS Andrew Kim & Companions
- 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle
- 27 - St. Vincent de Paul
- 29 - SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael



THE MASS

*Join us for this new DVD
presentation by
Bishop Robert Barron
Every Tuesday
6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
St. Gerard Parish Hall*



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Adoration hours at St. Gerard are 12-5pm every Thursday. We are adding a table with a few resource suggestions to use during your adoration hour.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 22:

5:00 p.m. *M. & M. Hinegardner, V. Bigelow,
K. Canavan, M. DeVita, B. Flynn,
C. Hinds, M. Hinds, L. Makley, S. Parker*

Sunday, September 23:

8:30 a.m. *G. Merkel, T. Martin, C. Wright, R. Orwick,
J. Korzan, S. Ellinger, L. Hahn,
J. Inskoop, N. Jenkins, S. Martin*

11:00 a.m. *S. Dew, K. Spears, M. Spears,
D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, K. Ladden,
J. Landwehr, K. Wreede, S. Young,
F. Gallegos*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Sept. 22: 5:00 p.m. - *M. Hinegardner*

Sept. 23: 8:30 a.m. - *F. Morman*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Gerken*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Sept. 22: 5:00 p.m. - *M. Lewis, B. Smith,
G. Langhals*

Sept. 23: 8:30 a.m. - *E. Hahn, J. Hahn, A. Fay*
11:00 a.m. - *A. Carter, B. Dahill, K. Meyer*

SACRISTY WORKERS - SEPTEMBER:

Barb Geise, Sue Graham

OTTOVILLE PARISH MISSION:

Come Hold My Son Parish Mission will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Ottoville on Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This event promises to be an inspiring, life changing mission for all Parishes and communities, especially FAMILIES OF ALL AGES. The presenter of this mission, Daniel Oberreuter, will make the Blessed Sacrament the main focus. Inspired by the song he wrote, "Come Hold My Son," he will take us on a journey through the mysteries of the rosary. It will be fun and upbeat. Join us at 5:30 p.m. at the gazebo next to church for free ice cream and entertainment before the mission.

HEALING MASS:

We will be offering a Healing Mass on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. invoking the intercession of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a Redemptorist priest who lived and worked in America. He is known for his powerful intercession for the sick. There will be the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and a blessing with the relic of Blessed Seelos. All who need healing of mind, body and spirit are invited and are encouraged to attend.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

FOR
ST. GERARD SCHOOL'S
5TH ANNUAL DESIGNER PURSE
Bingo

Saturday, October 20th
7 p.m.
\$35 per ticket

Purchase tickets at:
St. Gerard School
1311 N. Main Street
Lima, OH 45801

COMMUNITY MEAL:

We will be having our next Community Meal on Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If anyone in the parish would like to bake cookies or brownies and donate them to our dinner, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.



**ATTENTION YOUTH
OF OUR PARISH:**

We would like to invite any high school student interested in deepening their faith to join our High School Youth Group. We meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6-7:30 in the Parish Hall. Our first meeting of this school year will be Sunday, September 16th. All are welcome!



ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will gather together at noon on Tuesday, September 18th to pray the rosary. Lunch will follow at Fat Jacks Pizza. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

HANDBELL CHOIR:

Are you looking for a Ministry to participate in here at St. Gerard? Our Handbell Choir (also known as the "Ding-a-lings") is very much in need of some new ringers. No experience is necessary. Our talented ringers will show you what is involved and teach you what you need to know. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 until 8:45 in the choir loft. Anyone in 6th grade through adult is welcome to join us. **WE ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL RINGERS.** Please come on Wednesday, Sept. 26th and see if this is something you might enjoy.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Be sure to stop by the Parish Hall following all the Masses today to enjoy a breakfast served by our Holy Name Men. Enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage and your favorite beverage. It's a great chance to catch up with some of your fellow parishioners.

**3RD ANNUAL
ALLISON PALOOZA
"A PAY IT
FORWARD EVENT"**



The Allison Palooza started 2 years ago in the fall of 2016 after Allison lost her 5 ½ year battle with breast cancer in January, 2016. The Allison Palooza has raised nearly \$20,000.00 for 4 local young cancer warriors. This year two more cancer warriors have been selected & these funds again will help with travel, hotels, food to & from hospitals near & far. Please stop out for some friendship, comradery & most importantly "PAYING IT FORWARD" to help someone less fortunate.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

5:00 pm to 11:00 pm
LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC
720 S. CABLE RD., LIMA

SUPPORTING 2 LOCAL WARRIORS

The band: SaMaX Playing from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Auction Items/Activates:

**1972 Cincinnati Reds Signed Baseball
Hilton Head Condo
Ohio State/ Notre Dame/ Cincinnati
Bengals Tickets
Live Auctions / Raffles
50/50 Drawing
Bounce Houses / Kids Activities
BIG SCREEN TV / FOOD /
DRINKS / FUN**