

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 30

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 1

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 2

8:30 a.m. Robert Wagner +
6:30 p.m. Joseph McCormick +

Thursday, May 3

8:30 a.m.

Friday, May 4

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 5

8:30 a.m. Joseph McCormick +
5:00 p.m. Clarence Helmig +
Paul Schlagbaum +

Sunday, May 6

8:30 a.m. Robert Ellinger +
Steve & Rosena
Verhoff +
Ralph & Rosemary
Sroufe & Mary Lyle +
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Cira & Glancy
Families
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, April 29 - First Communion

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
12:00-1:30 p.m. - Community Meal in the Parish Hall
9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
12:30-2:00 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, April 30

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 1

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 2

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, May 3 - 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, May 4

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
4:00-6:00 p.m. - First Friday Devotions

Saturday, May 5 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 6 - May Crowning at all the Masses

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
11:00 a.m. - High School Senior Mass/Brunch
12:30-2:00 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
6:00 - 7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
April, 4th week On-line: \$ 1,455.00	\$ 10,205.91	\$ 10,337.16
# of Envelopes	265	274
YTD Totals:	\$ 466,700.73	\$471,055.38

Easter Collection: \$11,949.15



PRAYER FOR 1ST COMMUNICANTES:

*May you always feel as close to **JESUS**
as you do today.*

*May you always count on **HIM**
to gently guide you on your way.*

*May you always trust in **God**
to answer every single prayer.*

*May you always feel **HIM** bless you
with tender loving care.*

Ava Armstead

Isabella Bennett

Brielle Bourk

Brayden Brostrom

Claire Butler

Makenna Carder

Cade Dahill

Colten Graham

Carter Helmig

Jocelyn Hohenbrink

Delaynee Jenkins

Brian Kalnins

Carter Lester

Alanna Newbury

Olivia Rizor

Jackson Sheets

Dustin Sherrick

Jena Dershem-Stevenson

Nathan Warner

Cameron Werling



Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for May: EVANGELIZATION - The Mission of Laity:

That the lay faithful may fulfill their Specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

MAY -

*Month dedicated to
Mary and Marian
Devotions.*



FIRST FRIDAY

DEVOTIONS:

Remember: We are truly blessed here at St. Gerard, to have 1st Friday Adoration and confessions this coming Friday, May 4, 2018 from 4-6 p.m.



NEW TIMES FOR EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Adoration hours at St. Gerard are now 12-5pm every

Thursday. Come and experience some quiet, personal time with the Lord.

ST. GERARD PARISH FESTIVAL

The 40th Annual St. Gerard Festival is right around the corner. Please mark your calendars for June 1-2-3rd.

RAFFLE TICKETS:

Raffle tickets have been printed and have been distributed to sellers. If you would like to purchase a ticket for \$20.00 and be offered a chance to win \$10,000.00, please see one of our many ticket sellers or stop by the rectory office to purchase one. Please return all sold tickets to the rectory office.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS:

We have sign-up sheets available in the back of church and we are encouraging you to sign up for multiple booths. We will need some 4300 hours of volunteering for the festival. Our Booth Chairs will call each person that signs up. We have spots available for everyone and really need your help.

DUCK RACE CHAIR NEEDED:

We are in need of someone to chair our new Duck Race Booth. This person would need to line-up volunteers and help run the duck races. Please call Michael Mays at 419-222-0431 if you would be interested in chairing this booth.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

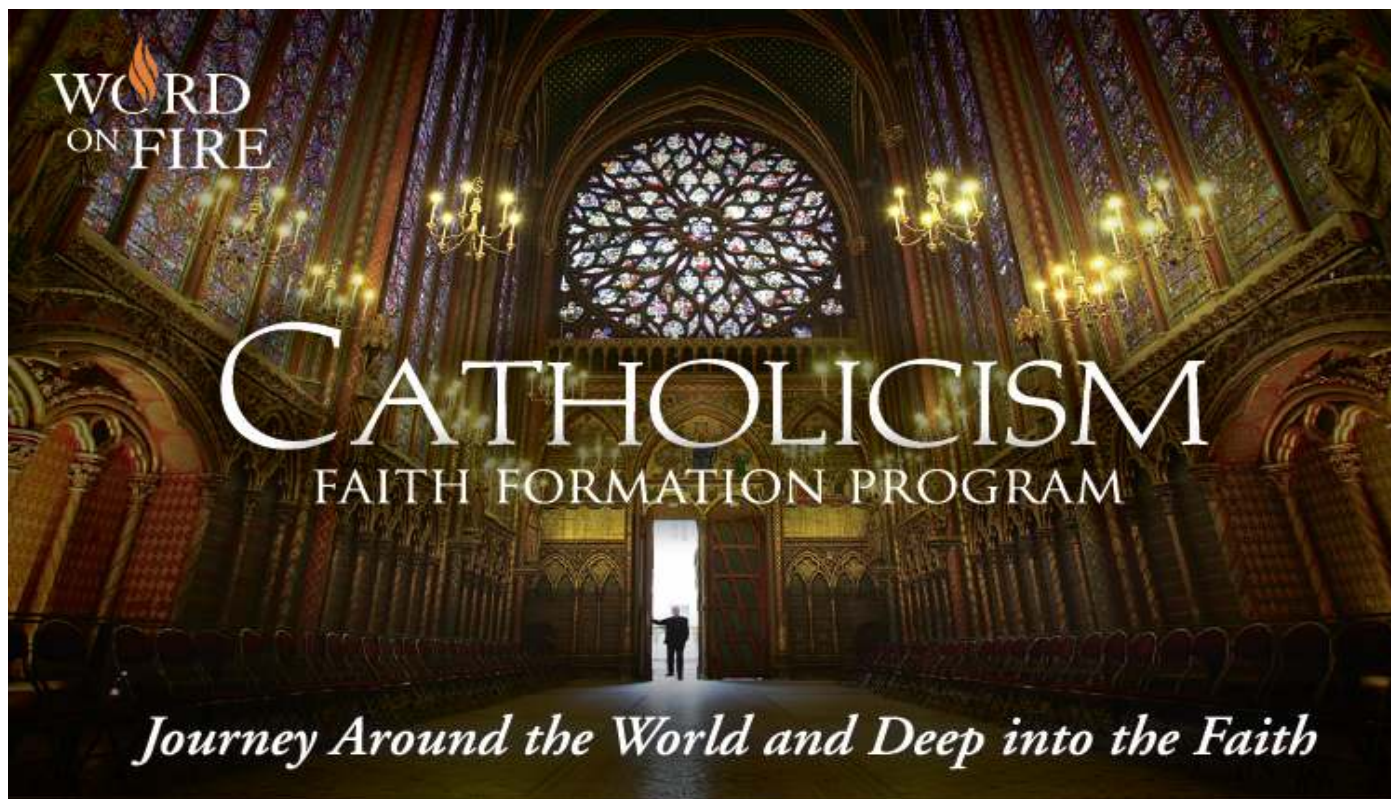
Please welcome our newest members to St. Gerard Church who were initiated at the Easter Vigil: ***Roger Allen, Glenn Bryant, Matthew Chiles, Monica Hubbard and Debbie Santini.***

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS:

Mother's Day cards are available on the tables at the church exits. There is a beautiful card to give to your mother, as well as an envelope for your donation to the Novena of Masses that will be offered for all mothers ~ both living and deceased. Please return your donation in the regular collection or to the rectory office. Thank you.

BROTHER KEVIN MCGRAW FEATURED ON FAMILY RADIO:

Tune in to Holy Family Radio WJTA on Thursday, May 10th from 2-3 p.m. as Bro. Kevin McGraw, C.Ss.R., will be a guest during that hour for the 2018 Spring Spirit Drive. Bro. Kevin is a Redemptorist student brother preparing for the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Bro. Kevin is a son of St. Gerard Parish. Listen at 88.9 FM, 88.7 FM in Findlay, or online at www.holyfamilyradio.fm (scroll down on the right side). During this hour, he will most likely be sharing about being a Redemptorist student brother, religious life/ seminary life, in general, and his passion/support of Catholic radio. Please tune in!



*"The Church has proclaimed the good, the true and the beautiful for two millenia.
I don't know of a project that has shown that in a more dazzling way than CATHOLICISM."*

-Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

With creator and host **Father Robert Barron**, you will learn *what* Catholics believe and *why* while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition.

The **CATHOLICISM Faith Formation Program** brings the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church to life so that you can better understand and share your faith.

Father Robert Barron is an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest from Chicago. An innovative teacher of the Catholic Faith who uses the tools of the new media to further the New Evangelization, Fr. Barron is also the founder of *Word on Fire Catholic Ministries*.

DATE, TIMES & LOCATION:

Beginning May 8, 2018 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Will meet on Tuesdays for the next 20 weeks.

Join us for one or all of the 20 sessions.

COST / REGISTRATION:

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

WWW.WORDONFIRE.ORG

CONTACT:

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

Let's enrich our faith and walk with Christ together!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, May 5:

5:00 p.m. *D. Hollingsworth, J. Hollingsworth, M. DeVita,
K. Canavan, W. Peebles, J. Stewart,
S. Tschuor, B. VonLehmden, J. Wolff,
M. Hinegardner*

Sunday, May 6:

8:30 a.m. *S. Ellinger, P. Huffman, M. King, S. Martin,
B. Pinney, C. Wright, L. Hahn, M. Mays,
M. Meyer, T. Martin*

11:00 a.m. *M. Ayers, R. Ayers, S. Dew, F. Gallegos,
K. Ladden, J. Landwehr, T. Meyer,
J. Neville, M. Spears, K. Spears*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

May 5: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*

May 6: 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*
11:00 a.m. - *S. Cira*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

May 5: 5:00 p.m. - *Please see new schedule*

May 6: 8:30 a.m. - *Please see new schedule*
11:00 a.m. - *Please see new schedule*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR MAY:

Chris Diaz, Sadie Bourk, Pat Flick

CANCER MASS:

Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio will offer a Mass for Victims of Cancer on Friday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all to come and pray together. Following Mass, visitors are invited to participate in special prayers for healing. The Shrine Gift Shop will be open until 7:00 p.m.

FAITH KNIGHT AT THE K OF C:

Renewing Catholic Tradition Through Song! Toledo Diocese Seminarian Michael Bialorucki will lead the presentation on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 p.m. He will look at contemporary Catholic artists and their use of traditional prayers & scripture to re-present the familiar in an unfamiliar way. The hope would be to bring us to a deeper understanding, or take a deeper look, into prayers we're already familiar with. 6:30 p.m. - free pizza & salad. 7:00 p.m. is the presentation. All are welcome to attend

SAVE THE DATE:

Mother/Daughter Banquet hosted by the MOMS Group of St. Charles. Planting the Seeds of Faith will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 each and will include dinner from the Old Barn Out Back. Come join us for a special night of food, laughter, and making memories. Make sure to get tickets at St. Charles Parish Office. Girls will have a craft to take home and everyone will have a chance at door prizes. The guest speaker will be Bridget Bockey. All are invited from the Lima Community.

THE HOLY LAND:

***The Holy Land with Fr. Kent Kaufman
October 18-28, 2018***

Have you every wanted to walk in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus? To pray the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa? To visit the room in which Jesus celebrated His Last Supper and instituted the Holy Eucharist? To "watch with our Lord" for one hour in the Garden of Olives? To stand in the spot where the Blessed Mother watched her Son give His life on the Cross for us? For more info. or to join this group of Lima pilgrims, contact Maggie at 419-290-8782 or Maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com or visit CatholicFaithJourneys.com.

CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY:

So many times, changes happen within our parish families and the parish office is usually not aware of them. If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or dropped your land line, we need to update our records, Please give us a call or drop us a note and help keep our records as up-to-date as possible. Thank you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Gear up for five days of super-hero training where kids discover their strength in God! St. John's, Lima, will be having VBS June 11th through June 15th in St. John's Hall, 8 am until noon each day. Registration forms are available in the rectory office. Mark your calendars now.

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.

SENIOR GRADUATION

MASS:

Our Senior Graduation Mass will be here before you know it. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 6, 2018. We will recognize all of our graduating seniors



from St. Gerard Church at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, with a brunch to follow in the Parish Hall. Your son/daughter should have received a letter outlining the details. We ask that you respond promptly. Thank you.

2018 CYO SUMMER KICKBALL:

This program is for girls currently in grades 2-8 and boys currently in grades 2-6 who are enrolled at St. Gerard, St. Rose, St. Charles and/or the PSR Program. All kickball teams play on Tuesday and Thursday mornings on the **ST. GERARD** softball diamond and the season runs from June 5 - July 11. The cost is \$10 and each participant receives a team shirt. Please have registration and money in no later than **FRIDAY, MAY 4TH**. Students should have received a registration form. Extra registration packets can be picked up in the school office. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Kelly at gronask@scclima.org.

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.

COMING SOON: News about our upcoming Capital Campaign . . .