

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

The question of the Sadducees to Jesus is framed in a story about a family with seven brothers and their sister-in-law. Through story telling families remember their shared past and expose the companionship of God in your family from generation to generation.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, November 11

8:30 a.m. Robert Ellinger +

Tuesday, November 12

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 13

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Parishioners of St. Gerard

Thursday, November 14

8:30 a.m. Rose Alma Sliemers +

Friday, November 15

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 16

8:30 a.m. Jason Patterson +

5:00 p.m. William Schimpf +
Bill & Carolyn Bailey +

Sunday, November 17

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Christen, O'Connell & Flick Families
Elizabeth DeCurtins +

11:00 a.m. Mary Jane Mead +
Rick & Ryan Young +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Nov. 10

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 - Parish School of Religion Classes in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

4:00 p.m. - Confirmation Meeting for Parents & Sponsors in Church

Monday, Nov. 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m. - Liturgy Meeting in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 12

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

7:00-8:30 p.m. - Bible Study in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 13

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena Devotions

6:00-6:30 p.m. - Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30

Thursday, Nov. 14

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

Friday, Nov. 15

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 16

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 17 - Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall

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4:00 p.m. - Confirmation Meeting for Parents & Sponsors in Church

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

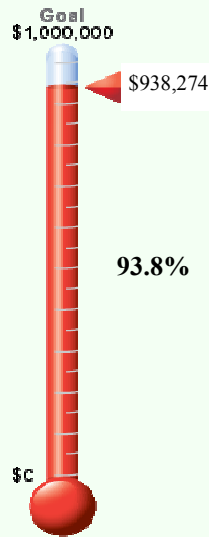
<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
October, 4th week On-line: \$1,716.00	\$ 9,441.59	\$ 10,720.87
# of Envelopes	266	231
YTD Totals:	\$ 187,596.10	\$ 192,304.06

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

As many of you know, we have now completed Phase I and Phase II of our Building Project. Now we are focused on securing the contract for the addition of classrooms to our school. Together, we can make this a reality!

To help us reach our goal, we are asking every family to participate. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is truly appreciated.

Pledge cards are available in the church or at the parish & 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.



\$938,274.12

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged:	\$938,274.12
Amount Paid:	\$755,463.99
Outstanding Balance:	\$182,810.13

HOLY NAME NEWS:

Next weekend, the Holy Name will be serving their delicious



pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall following the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Plan on stopping over and enjoy a breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage, eggs and a beverage. Hope to see you there.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will be meeting at noon on Tuesday, November 19th to pray the rosary in church. They will then have lunch at the Elks Club in Lima. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

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 your phone number, or possibly dropped your land line, we need to update our records. Please give us a call at 419-224-3080 and help keep our records up-to-date.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE:

As a reminder, we ask that everyone stay clear of the fenced off area in the parking lot. This is for the safety of everyone. Thank you.





40 DAYS FOR LIFE

UPDATE:

The largest 40 Days for Life campaign ever has come to an end . . . and we have

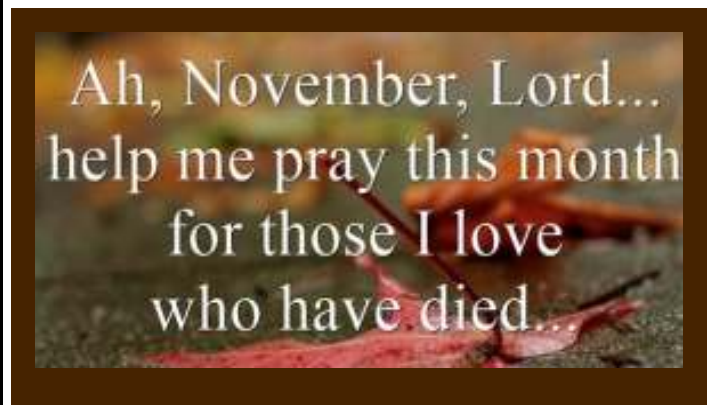
454 confirmed reports of babies saved from abortion. This last campaign was worldwide and we in the Toledo Diocese will continue to pray for those considering abortion. May the witness of all your people through these **40 Days for Life** bear abundant fruit.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:

UNIVERSAL:

dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East. That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



FORMED* - PICKS OF THE WEEK

11/9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Read and study - Footprints of God

11/13 - Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini - Listen to St. Frances Cabrini

11/16 - Saint Guiseppe Moscati - Watch St. Guiseppe Moscati - Doctor to the Poor

WATCH ON FORMED.ORG

Any questions signing up or using FORMED, please call the Parish office and talk with Shandra at 419-224-3080.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

If you or someone you know would like the congregation to pray for you, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080 to be added to the list. Confidentiality will be respected and your permission is required to publish your name in the bulletin.



Please remember to pray for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from surgery and those with continuing health concerns. We offer our prayers for healing and strength to those who are in need of our prayers, especially: ***Vince Koza.***

SCHOOL NEWS:

LIVE - Protecting Youth & Vulnerable Adults and Those Who Serve Them Workshop:

Thursday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Parish (Holy Family Room)
2649 U.S. Highway 20
Swanton, OH 43558
Please RSVP to Sharon Hall, 419-644-4014

There is no cost for the workshop and it counts as your protecting youth/vulnerable

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE:

The holiday season is normally a time of joy, but when someone you love has died, it can be a time of loneliness and pain. If you are experiencing grief, your neighbors at Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services will host their 29th Annual Tree of Remembrance Service on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019. This community event is held at our Shawnee Chapel, located at 1170 Shawnee Rd. in Lima.

Guests may start to arrive at 2pm and a Service will begin at 3pm led by area clergy. There is no charge to attend, however, reservations are requested. To make a reservation, order your free personalized ornament or for additional information, please do not hesitate to call 419-228-5474. If your loved one passed away this year, your family is welcome to receive one complimentary ornament. Please call by November 30th.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:

Please bring your family and join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 28, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

What are you thankful for?

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Nov. 16:

5:00 p.m. *K. Canavan, B. VonLehmden, J. Wolff,
B. Muskus, B. Flynn, G. Gandy,
J. Stewart, W. Peebles, C. Hinds,
M. DeVita*

Sunday, Nov. 17:

8:30 a.m. *T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe, P. Huffman,
G. Merkel, H. Dai, J. Nguyen, C. Wright,
M. Stemen, J. Korzan, L. Hahn*
11:00 a.m. *R. Carder, J. Landwehr, M. Spears,
K. Spears, S. Morrissey, J. Neville,
T. Meyer, C. Coleman, F. Mansfield,
F. Gallegos*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Nov. 16: 5:00 p.m. - *C. Schmenk*

Nov. 17: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Kleffner*
11:00 a.m. - *M. Spears*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Nov. 16: 5:00 p.m. - *G. Langhals, B. Smith, J. Yahl*

Nov. 17: 8:30 a.m. - *E. Hahn, J. Hahn, E. Snow*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex, B. Truex, C. Truex*

SACRISTY WORKERS - November

*J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,
L. Curry, M. Dew, S. Dew*

USHERS SCHEDULE:

Nov. 16: 5:00p.m. - *R. Bigelow, B. Langhals,
S. Custer*

Nov. 17: 8:30 a.m. - *G. Merkel, B. Hahn, B. Polser*
11:00 a.m. - *V. Ludwick, R. Karbowskiak,
K. Raines*

OLPH SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS AVAILABLE:

We now have Spiritual cards available in the office for sending to your family and friends who are celebrating a birthday, have lost a loved one or are in need of healing. They are enrolled and will be remembered in a Mass on the first Friday of each month for one year. You can mail the beautiful card to the recipient and then mail your donation and name to the Redemptorist Fathers. These are available in the Parish Office.

ST. JOHN'S BIG BREAKFAST:

St. John's, Lima will be offering their breakfast **TODAY**, November 10th from 8-1pm in the church hall at 777 S. Main St., Lima. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages will be served. Carry-outs available.

CHRISTIAN VOCAL

GROUP SELAH:

On November 17th, St. John's Catholic Church in Lima will be hosting the award-winning Christian vocal group, Selah. The concert is being sponsored by the Celebrate Recovery program hosted at St. John's in celebration of their 10-year anniversary of bringing this Christ-centered 12-step program to Lima. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m., with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general admission and can be purchased in advance through tickets.com. There will be limited tickets at the door for \$15.



For the past 20 years, the music and ministry of Selah has inspired and encouraged audiences with their timeless and worshipful songs of hope. With over 4 million album and single units sold, this 8-time-Dove-Award winning trio comprised of Todd Smith, Allan Hall and Amy Perry have set a standard for Christian Music that transcends the multiple genres with their effortless and signature blending of classical, pop, Gospel, bluegrass and world-beat textures. This concert will also feature several selections from Selah's newest album, just released on November 1st! Feel free to visit www.selahonline.com for more information about Selah. Questions about the concert can be directed to Kelly at 419-966-1636.

MASS Intentions

2020 MASS BOOK:

The 2020 Mass Book is now open. As in the past, due to the limited number of Sunday Masses available, we ask that you limit your number of weekend Masses to two. There are plenty of Masses available during the week, so feel free to have as many Mass intentions as you would like scheduled through the weekdays. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.

ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:

On the four Sundays of Advent, starting November 30/December 1, we will have the Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony at the beginning of Mass. Families, or groups of friends, or grandparents with their grandchildren are invited to take part in the ceremony - to light the Advent candles at the beginning of Mass. The ceremony will take place at all weekend Masses. If you would be willing to take part in this service, please contact John Christoff at (419) 203-7881 and let him know which weekend and which Mass is best for you. He will then give you details of the ceremony and what you will do. Thank you.



SAVE THE DATE:

Coming to St. Gerard Church, The Mustard Seed Shop from Glandorf will be selling religious goods after the weekend

Masses November 16th and 17th. There will be plenty to choose from and will include Advent and Christmas items.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF TOLEDO MISCARRIAGE MINISTRY:

The Zelig Ministry: Are you grieving from a miscarriage or stillbirth? Are you or someone you know, in need of prayer support, resources or someone to listen who has been there before? We would love to "comfort you with the comfort we have received." (2 Cor. 1:4) We know this deep pain that many do not understand. We would love to send you a free care package of helpful resources, meaningful connections and a special gift in memory of your little one. Email us at zelieministry@gmail.com or call 419-769-4427. Sponsored by Office for Life and Justice.

TRAVEL WITH FR. CHARLES OBINWA

(pastor of St. Joseph's Fort Jennings & Chaplain at



Lima, St. Rita's. June 3rd-June 13th, 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: Concentrations Camps/ Holocaust Memorial; Lagiewniki: Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's convent; Wadowice: Birthplace of Pope John Paul II; Visit to Our Lady of Czestochowo, Poland's greatest pilgrimage shrine).

Cost: \$4,699.00

For more information and registration, contact: Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890. Email: Jennifer@procatholicstours.com. Website: www.procatholicstours.com.