

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

In today's gospel, Jesus encourages married couples to throw away the marriage rule book. Rules are for those with "hardened hearts." Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love . . . a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, October 8

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 9

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 10

8:30 a.m. David & Ivy
McAstocker+
6:30 p.m. Jack Frueh +
Louis Acerro +

Thursday, October 11

8:30 a.m. Fr. Tom Lacey +

Friday, October 12

8:30 a.m. Laurie Zerante Snider +
Victoria Singian +

Saturday, October 13

8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of
the Bryan & Stippich
Families

Sunday, October 14

8:30 a.m. Richard & Angela
Knott+
11:00 a.m. Joseph & Ruth Sullivan+
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, October 7

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, October 8

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 9

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 10

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena
6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 6:30 p.m.
7:15 p.m. - Handbell Choir Practice in church

Thursday, October 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:30 p.m. - Holy Name Meeting in the Parish Hall

Friday, October 12

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Saturday, October 13

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Mass at 5:00 p.m.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

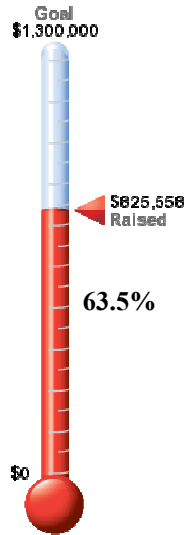
<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
September, 4th week On-line: \$ 1,755.00	\$ 10,555.25	\$ 11,001.40
# of Envelopes	250	258
YTD Totals:	\$ 141,283.09	\$ 135,913.25

ON-LINE GIVING: Just visit our website to give online at: www.stgerardchurch.org. It's very easy to enroll.

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.



**\$825,558.54
pledged!**

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.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS:



In honor of St. Francis, our annual Blessing of Animals will take place **TODAY**, October 7th at 3:00 p.m. Gather with your pets near the east entrance of Church near the Risen Christ statue. All pet owners and their furry friends are invited.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of our Rosary/Altar Society will gather in church on Tuesday, October 16th at noon to pray the rosary. They will then go to Fat Jacks for lunch. All ladies of the parish that are able, are encouraged to attend.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE SANCTUARY ON SATURDAY MORNINGS:



We are in desperate need of volunteers to help keep the sanctuary clean and sparkling for church services on Sunday and throughout the week. You only need to commit to one hour, once a month on a Saturday morning following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. It is not back breaking cleaning, but simply sweeping, dusting, and tidying up. Won't you please consider helping with this most important ministry? What a great way to work & pray!

*The Feast of St. Gerard
will be celebrated at the
11:00 a.m. Mass on
Sunday, October 14, 2018.*



Come celebrate our Patron Saint!



spiritual formation
CONNECTING WITH GOD

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OCTOBER the MONTH
of the
HOLY ROSARY

*During the month of October,
we will be saying the Rosary before
all the weekend Masses.
Please join us!*

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION:**

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



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

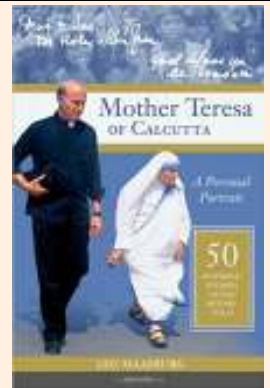
FOR OCTOBER:



During this month of October, we pray for the mission of all religious men and women. May all consecrated religious men and women rouse themselves to be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

**UPCOMING BOOK READING
ON SATURDAY MORNINGS:**

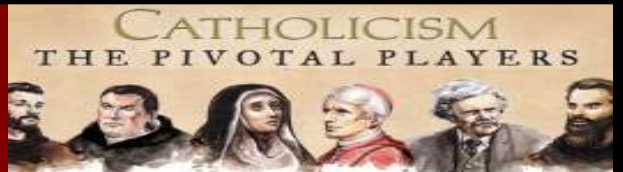
Mother Teresa of Calcutta, A Personal Portrait. In this personal portrait of the beloved nun, Fr. Leo Maasburg presents fifty amazing stories about her that most people have never heard. Wonderful and delightful stories about miracles, small and great, that he was privileged to experience at Mother Teresa's side. Stories of how, without a penny to her name, started an orphanage in Spain, and at the same time, saved a declining railroad company from ruin. More information will be coming soon ...



October Feast Days:

- Oct. 11 - St. John XXIII*
- Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Avila*
- Oct. 18 - St. Luke Evangelist*
- Oct. 22 - St. John Paul II*

Join us for this DVD Series presented by Bishop Robert Barron. It begins on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 from 6pm to 7:30 pm in St. Gerard Parish Hall.



**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. The next meeting is October 7th.

HANDBELL CHOIR:

Are you looking for a Ministry to participate in here at St. Gerard? Our Handbell Choir 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.

A NIGHT OF HEALING:

All are invited to a Night of Healing on Thursday, October 11, from 7-8:00 p.m. at St. Jerome Church, 300 Warner St., Walbridge, OH. They will offer: Witness of Healing, Adoration with Praise & Worship, Teaching from Fr. Tom Odey and Group Prayers for Healing. All are welcome.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

World Mission Sunday, October 20/21, 2018, is a special moment of encounter with the Pope's missions throughout the world. While only some are called to go to the missions to serve, all of us are called, by our Baptism, to support the Church's missionary work by our prayers and financial help. Please offer what you are able.

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.



LCC REVERSE RAFFLE:

Tickets are now on sale for the Athletic and Band Booster Reverse Raffle on Friday, October 12th at the Knights of Columbus. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and raffle begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$75.00 per couple and includes Hors D'oeuvres and drinks all night. All proceeds benefit LCC Junior High and High School Boys and Girls Athletics and Band Boosters. Only 200 tickets are available so reserve your ticket now to ensure your spot. Tickets are available in the LCC Business Office from 7:30-4pm daily.

LIFE CHAIN:

The Allen County Right to Life Society will be having a Life Chain **TODAY**, October 7th in Delphos on 5th Street from 2-3:00 p.m. This is a hour of prayer to pray for the respect for all life and the end to abortion. Please come out and show your support and spend this time in prayer for the dignity of all human life. Chairs and strollers are welcome!



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, October 13:

5:00 p.m. *C. Hinds, M. Hinds, B. Flynn, D. Griffo,
K. Canavan, J. Stewart, B. VonLehmden,
W. Peebles, M. Hinegardner, V. Bigelow*

Sunday, October 14:

8:30 a.m. *L. Hahn, S. Martin, M. Mays, B. Pinney,
C. Altenbach, J. Inskeep, M. King,
T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe, S. Nocera*

11:00 a.m. *D. Warner, R. Carder, K. Spears,
M. Spears, J. Neville, R. Karbowiak,
C. Coleman, T. Meyer, F. Mansfield,
S. Young*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Oct. 13: 5:00 p.m. - *D. Mack*

Oct. 14: 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*
11:00 a.m. - *Children's Mass*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Oct. 13: 5:00 p.m. - *J. Yahl, N. & H. Chambers*

Oct. 14: 8:30 a.m. - *A. Dackin, M. Miller,
C. Wagoner*
11:00 a.m. - *C. Truex, E. Truex, B. Truex*

USHER SCHEDULE:

Oct. 13: 5:00 p.m. - *D. VonLehmden, G. Kiel,
B. VonLehmden*

Oct. 14: 8:30 a.m. - *G. Merkel, B. Hahn, B. Polser*
11:00 a.m. - *R. Stolly, B. Walsh, S. Dackin*

SACRISTY WORKERS - OCTOBER:

Beth Webb - Volunteers needed!!!

COMMUNITY MEAL:

A special "thanks" to all who helped with our recent "Community Meal". The gift of sharing your time and talent for the betterment of the community is greatly appreciated. The next meal is scheduled for January, 2019.



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.

ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES:

During the month of October, we will be praying the rosary 25 minutes prior to the Mass. This is a wonderful chance for you to arrive early for Mass and have some quiet time mediating on the rosary. Please make time, as a family, to come and pray the rosary with us.

DELPHOS ST. JOHNS FALL FESTIVAL:

We invite you to attend the Delphos St. John's 106th Fall Festival on October 20 and 21 in the St. John's Cafeteria and Gymnasium. Come enjoy food, games of chance, fellowship and family fun. Home-cooked chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings and homemade cakes for dessert are available for \$8.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children (5th grade and younger). Dinners will be served in the Little Theatre from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 4-6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Carry-outs available from 4-7:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 3:30-7:00 p.m. on Sunday. There is also a Children's Festival on Wednesday, October 17th and is open to the public.

Designer Purse Bingo Time!

**St. Gerard Catholic School
announces our 5th Annual**



Ladies' Night Out!



Saturday, October 20, 2018

*St. Gerard Catholic School Gym
1311 N. Main St., Lima*

Doors open 6:00 p.m./BINGO begins 7:00 p.m.

\$35 per ticket

(ticket prices include: 20 Bingo cards and light dinner)

****Extra Bingo cards \$5 each ****

*** 50/50 ** ~ ** Silent Auction ***

*Soft drinks, water and adult beverages will be available for purchase
throughout the evening.*

MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER TO ATTEND.

Tickets available at the school office - 419-222-0431

A limited number of tickets will be sold – tables of 8 available when paid in advance.

