

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Listen to Jesus in today's gospel: "who humbles himself will be exalted." It is not the occasional big events, but the daily humble routine of family life which creates bonds and relationships which last a life-time.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, October 28**

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Gerard Parish

**Tuesday, October 29**

8:30 a.m. Fr. Beck +

**Wednesday, October 30**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Kahle, Ellerbrock, Clement, Ardner Families & Baby Jesse

6:30 p.m. David Steinbrunner +

**Thursday, October 31**

8:30 a.m. Twylah Hoehn +

**Friday, November 1 - All Saints Day**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Moyer, Thompson, Devlin & Mansfield Families

Living & Deceased of the Metzger & Gremling families

12:10 p.m. Dan Sunderhaus

7:00 p.m. Tina Reed & Family

David & Cheryl Sherrick

**Saturday, November 2 - All Souls**

8:30 a.m. Dan Walsh +

5:00 p.m. Terry & Dan O'Brien + David Steinbrunner +

**Sunday, November 3**

8:30 a.m. Pete Leugers + Kathleen Coffee +

11:00 a.m. Jack Frueh + Roy Tobe +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, Oct. 27**

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

12:00 Noon - 1:30 p.m. - Community Meal in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, Oct. 28** - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 29** - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

**Wednesday, Oct. 30 - 2020 Mass book opens**

8:30 a.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena Devotions

6:00-6:30 p.m. - Confessions

6:30 p.m. - Mass

**Thursday, Oct. 31**

8:30 a.m. Mass

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

**Friday, Nov. 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY**

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

**8:30 a.m. - Immediately following the AM Mass, there will be our 1st Friday Rosary for Life**

**4:00-6:00 p.m. - 1st Friday Devotions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Confessions**

**Saturday, Nov. 2 - ALL SOULS DAY**

**Mass at 8:30 a.m. followed by our First Saturday Rosary**

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

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 3**

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

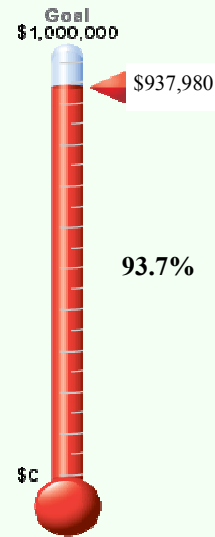
<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
October, 2nd week On-line: \$1,506.00	\$ 10,730.72	\$ 10,284.01
# of Envelopes	256	247
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 167,958.51</b>	<b>\$ 170,925.60</b>

## **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](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.



**\$937,980.12**

**Goal: \$1,000,000.00**

*Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.*

### **PLEDGES TO DATE**

Amount Pledged:	\$937,980.12
Amount Paid:	\$750,534.09
Outstanding Balance:	\$187,446.03



### **2020 MASS BOOK:**

The 2020 Mass Book will open on Wednesday, October 30th. 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.

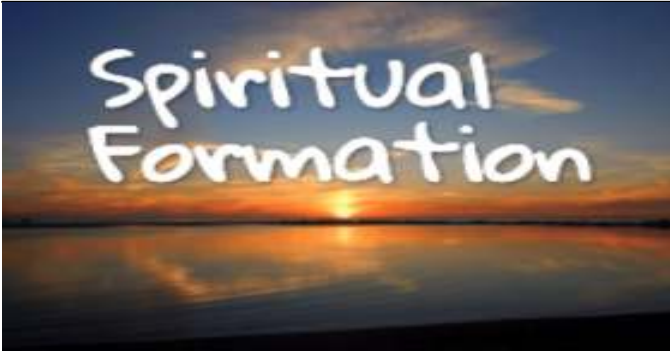
### **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:**

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. As we conclude this Extraordinary Missionary Month later this week, Pope Francis encourages us to reflect on how we can commit ourselves to the practice of *missionary charity* all year round (MISSIO.org).

### **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. No one should be going into the fenced in area for any reason.





### First Friday & Saturday Devotions

Have you ever heard the terms "First Friday" and "First Saturday" thrown around in Catholic circles, without knowing why there was something special about these particular days at the start of each month?

The First Friday devotion and the First Saturday devotion are both reparatory devotions in the Catholic Church that arose from separate private revelations. The First Friday devotion is associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, while the First Saturday devotion is associated with the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Incidentally, these are two of the most widely popular devotions to Jesus and Mary. Both devotions involve receiving Holy Communion on a certain number of consecutive first Fridays (9) or first Saturdays (5) of the month. You can think of it almost like a novena which is prayed on consecutive days for a particular intention, but instead, these devotions are performed on consecutive months for the particular intention of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, respectively.

The devotions are similar in that they call on the faithful to "stand in the gap" by doing penance for sinners, and both give a special promise of Divine assistance at the hour of death, that is, the promise of dying in a state of grace and therefore obtaining heaven.

**First Friday Morning Mass 8:30 followed by Rosary for Life. Eucharistic Adoration & confessions 4:00-6:00.**

**First Saturday Morning Mass 8:30 followed by the Rosary and Consecration to Mary prayer.**



*In this Respect Life Month and in these 40 Days for Life, on Saturday, Oct. 12, at St. Catherine Parish in Toledo, Bishop Thomas offered Mass,*

*then processed with the Holy Eucharist to Capital Care Network Abortion Clinic where people prayerfully witnessed and advocated against abortion for the right to life of the unborn child, the first and most fundamental human right! Blessed are those who hear the word of God and act on it!*



**Masses on All Saints Day are at 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

**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.***



**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.



**COMMUNITY MEAL:**

For all those who would like to attend, St. Gerard Parish is hosting our Community Meal ***TODAY***, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m.

**TRAVEL WITH FR. CHARLES OBINWA** (pastor of St. Joseph's Fort Jennings & Chaplain at Lima, St. Rita's. June 3rd-June 13th, 2020:

PORGUGAL (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@procatholic tours.com. Website: www.procatholic tours.com.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, Nov. 2:**

5:00 p.m. *M. DeVita, B. Flynn, C. Hinds, J. Stewart,  
B. VonLehmden, J. Wolff, D. Santini,  
G. Gandy, S. Urban, S. Parker*

**Sunday, Nov. 3:**

8:30 a.m. *S. Ellinger, L. Hahn, M. Hickey, N. Jenkins  
J. Korzan, M. Meyer, S. Nocera, C. Wright  
J. Nguyen, H. Dai*

11:00 a.m. *F. Mansfield, T. Meyer, S. Morrissey,  
F. Gallegos, D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell,  
D. Warner, J. Neville, M. Spears, K. Spears*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Nov. 2:** 5:00 p.m. - *A. Montoya*

**Nov. 3:** 8:30 a.m. - *S. Doepker*  
11:00 a.m. - *S. Cira*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Nov. 2:** 5:00 p.m. - *J. Yahl, A. Parker, M. Lewis*

**Nov. 3:** 8:30 a.m. - *C. Wagner, E. Snow,  
A. Dackin*  
11:00 a.m. - *K. Meyer, A. Carter, B. Dahill*

**SACRISTY WORKERS - November**

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

**USHERS SCHEDULE:**

**Nov. 2:** 5:00p.m. - *D. Hollingsworth, R. Yahl*

**Nov. 3:** 8:30 a.m. - *B. Birkmeier, J. Simindinger,  
T. Fischer*  
11:00 a.m. - *R. Stolly, B. Walsh, S. Dackin*

**OLPH SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS NOW  
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 than mail your donation and name to the Redemptorist Fathers. Stop by the parish office if you would like one.

**SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER:**

Landeck St. John the Baptist is having their 60th Anniversary making their delicious Home-made Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner on Sunday, November 3, 2019. They will be serving from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:**

The Knights of Columbus are asking all members to attend their Council meeting and help in the Council activities and programs. This is vital to the preservation of the Loyalty Counsel 2661 in Lima. We are meeting the first Tuesday every month. Our next meeting will be on Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Quatman Room at LCC High School. Hope to see you there.

**ST. JOHN'S BIG BREAKFAST:**

St. John's, Lima will be offering their breakfast on Sunday, 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.

**VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK:**

Mark your calendars! The week of Nov. 3-9, parish communities across the U.S. will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week. You are invited to renew your baptismal commitment and to pray for a strengthening of all vocations.

**LADIES NIGHT OUT EVENT:**

On Saturday, Nov. 9, St. Anthony School will be hosting a Bingo for Bags. The event will take place in the St. Anthony Church basement in Columbus Grove. All purses are designer bags. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with bingo beginning at 7:00p.m. Tickets are \$30 each. Must be 18 years old. Contact Kate Morman at 419-303-1198 for more information or for tickets.

## Sex in America - The Rules Have Changed!

**St. Gerard Parish Hall  
Monday Oct. 28, 2019 - 7pm**

This presentation could change the life of someone you love. If your child goes to a typical middle class Jr. High or High School, already 1 in 4 are infected with a Sexually Transmitted Disease, and don't even know. As a parent or student, you need to know how to deal with this rampant epidemic. More importantly, we need to help our youth deal with the social, emotional, and spiritual consequences of taking sex out of the setting in which it was originally designed.

In this impactful presentation, Dr. Bill & Lori Scherger pull no punches as they give real-world answers regarding the current culture of "free love." Your teen will be presented with valuable tools to help them make wise choices. Our youth do not have to fall victim to the consequences of "sexual freedom."

The presentation will include strategies to help you deal with these "sensitive issues" at home.

**For the future of your children - don't miss this presentation!**

### TOPICS:

*Differences between guys and girls re: sex*  
*Mastering the Media and Culture of Today*  
*Science of Sex and its effects in the brain*  
*Meaning and Practice of Sexual Integrity*  
*Young women's battles: Body image, modesty, flirting, boundaries*  
*and tools to win the battle.*  
*Young men's battles: Lust, porn, "code of silence" about struggles,*  
*attitude, "addiction" & tools to win the battle.*  
*Sexting*  
*Breaking the Cycle of Sexual Abuse*  
*Alcohol and Sex*  
*Four epidemic STDs. HPV, Herpes, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea*  
*and their effects on body and soul.*  
*The myth of "safe sex"*  
*Winning the battle: Abstinence till Marriage*



**THIS PRESENTATION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!**

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND IF YOU:**  
**ARE A PARENT OR GRANDPARENT**  
**ARE A TEENAGER OR COLLEGE STUDENT**

