

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, August 13**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of  
the Holtz, Sunderhaus &  
Jackson Families

**Tuesday, August 14**

8:30 a.m. Virgil Thines +

**Wednesday, August 15**

8:30 a.m. Bob Pearson +  
Living & Deceased of the  
Moyer, Thompson, Devlin  
& Mansfield Families  
12:10 p.m. Agnes Warnement +  
6:30 p.m. Jack Frueh +  
Mary Celeste Christoff +

**Thursday, August 16**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, August 17**

8:30 a.m. James & Nancy Bogner+

**Saturday, August 18**

8:30 a.m.  
5:00 p.m. Jim Taflinger +  
Living & Deceased of the  
Kaple & Becker Families

**Sunday, August 19**

8:30 a.m. Pete Leugers +  
Living & Deceased of the  
Metzger & Gremling  
families  
11:00 a.m. Francis Sullivan +  
Heinrich Kuhner +  
Richard & Dorothy Taylor +  
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, August 12**

**Blessing of Athletes & Band Members at all Masses**  
Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, August 13**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, August 14**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
6:00-7:30 p.m. - Word on Fire's - Seven Deadly Sins, Seven  
Lively Virtues in the Parish Hall  
7:00 p.m. - Liturgy Meeting in the Rectory

**Wednesday, August 15 - Feast of the Assumption**

Masses at 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.  
NO OLPH Novena  
6:30 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, August 16**

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, August 17**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, August 18**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, August 19**

**Blessing of Teachers, Staff & Students at all Masses**  
Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**WEDDING BANNIS:**

*Michael Weber & Marlene Miller, III*



<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
July, 5th week On-line: \$ 1,785.00	\$ 9,607.43	\$ 8,864.40
# of Envelopes	246	248
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	\$ 54,216.43	\$52,539.25

**SAVE THE DATE**

**IMPORTANT EUCHARISTIC  
MINISTER MEETINGS:**

*Tuesday, August 28th or  
Thursday, August 30th at  
7:00 p.m. in church.*

ADULT SPIRITUAL GROWTH



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



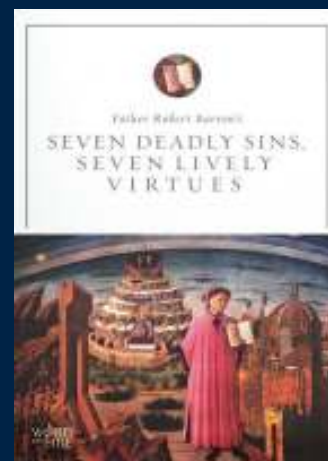
**UNIVERSAL:**

***The Treasure of Families ...***

That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasure of humanity.

**COME JOIN US!**

On Tuesdays thru August, we will explore Bishop Barron's *SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES*. This engaging series presents the seven deadly sins, those great spiritual blocks that inhibit our relationship with God and one another. Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through a conscious process of opposition, which are the seven lively virtues.



**AUGUST FEASTS:**



- 15 FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION  
(Masses will be said at 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.) Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m.
- 22 QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
- 23 ST. ROSE
- 24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

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



**PSR REGISTRATION NEWS:**

Attention all public school families of St. Gerard. Our Parish School of Religion will begin Sunday, September 9th. Registration is required. All past students should receive their registrations in the mail next week. All families who have not previously attended St. Gerard PSR are welcome to register in the back of church after all the Masses on August 25th and 26th. You may also contact Shandra Parker at 419-222-0431 or email her at: [sparker@sgrslima.org](mailto:sparker@sgrslima.org).

**THANK YOU:**

Thank you to all who donated items to the immigrant workers. Your generosity was overwhelming. We have fulfilled their needs at the current time and ask that you no longer bring items in. If you have items that you were planning on bringing in, please donate them to the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store.



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:**

The Feast of the Assumption is Wednesday, August 15th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We offer Masses at 8:30am, 12:10 & 7:00pm.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL NEWS:**

The St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry exists to provide food to our neighbors in need. Last year the pantry provided food to 627 individuals on average each month. The pantry is a collaboration effort of all four Catholic Parishes in Lima. It is governed by a board that meets for one hour each month.

The Board is in need of representatives from St. Gerard Parish. Please give it prayerful consideration. Additionally, we are looking for people with accounting or financial backgrounds to assist in these areas and people with a few minutes a month to assist with getting back with those who call for assistance with utilities.

If you have questions or to join our efforts, please call Alice Giesken at 419-979-9638 or Deb Bartlett-Karbowiak at 419-516-4415 and leave messages. They will get back to you as soon as they can.

**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 will be starting on **Sunday, September 9th** 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. She will return your call. You may also call the Rectory at 419-224-3080 and we will pass your name along to Deb.



**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:

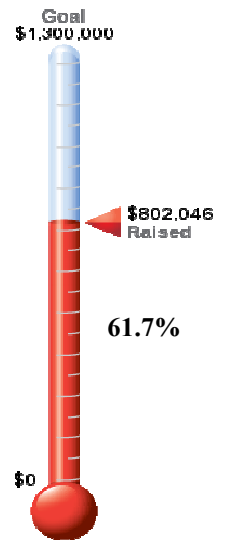
**1. Church Gathering Space:** Our church needs a gathering space. The gathering space will be used for after weekend Masses, baptisms, anniversaries, funeral viewings, and meeting space (i.e. prayer/study groups, RCIA). We propose to seal off our front doors and level out the partitioned walls and floor 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](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.*

**CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN**



**\$802,046.10  
pledged!**

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

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, August 18:**

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

**Sunday, August 19:**

8:30 a.m. *L. Dodge, P. Huffman, G. Merkel,  
J. Sroufe, T. Sroufe, R. Orwick,  
C. Altenbach, S. Ellinger, N. Jenkins,  
B. Pinney*

11:00 a.m. *M. Ayers, R. Ayers, S. Morrissey,  
R. Vagedes, F. Mansfield, D. Warner,  
J. Neville, D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell,  
K. Wreede*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Aug. 18:** 5:00 p.m. - *T. Huffman*

**Aug. 19:** 8:30 a.m. - *M. Hickey*  
11:00 a.m. - *S. Silone*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Aug. 18:** 5:00 p.m. - *J. Yahl, G. Gandy, H. Lamb*

**Aug. 19:** 8:30 a.m. - *E. Gamble, S. Santaguida,  
K. Rigg*  
11:00 a.m. - *B. Dahill, A. Schultz, K. Helmig*

**SACRISTY WORKERS - AUGUST:**

*Volunteers needed!*

**LCC OPENINGS:**

Lima Central Catholic High School has immediate openings for the following part-time positions: Maintenance Assistant, Custodian, and Food Service Associate. A full job description for each position can be found on the LCC website at <http://lcchs.edu/home/about-lcc/careers/>. Interested candidate should complete the application for employment in accordance with the instructions on the website.

**BLESSING OF TEACHERS, STAFF & STUDENTS:**

Join us for a special blessing of all students and all teachers and administrative staff. The blessing is for all students, all teachers and administrative staff of all area schools as they begin the new school year - a prayer for growth in intellect, spirit and body throughout the year. The blessing will be given at all the Masses on the weekend of August 18/19th.

**OUR LADY OF  
GUADALUPE MEXICO**

**PILGRIMAGE:**

Join Fr. Ron Schock and Toledo pilgrims as we travel to Mexico Nov. 28th through Dec. 4th to learn the nation's vibrant Catholic cultural heritage. We will visit three apparition sites: Our Lady of Guadalupe (viewing the miraculous tilma of St. Juan Diego), Our Lady of Ocotlan, and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro where St. Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro. In addition to the many stunning - beautiful Mexican Catholic shrines, we will experience Teotihuacan, the most visited archeological site in Mexico, the Pyramids of the Moon and the Sun and the Quetzal-Butterfly Temple. Cost is \$2249 per person. Deadline for registration is August 20, 2018. Contact Maggie at 419-290-8782 or email her at [Maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com](mailto:Maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com) to register. Feel free to visit their website to learn more @ [www.CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Mexico2018](http://www.CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Mexico2018).





**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:**

*The Lima Area Habitat affiliate is gearing up for another house build this fall. It will most likely take place in Elida. Once that starts, we will have more needs for construction workers, food preparation teams, and donors/sponsors. More information will be coming in the near future. We have also begun our Repair Program and have already helped a number of families in the area.*

*There is a continued great need for additional volunteers at the Lima Area Habitat ReStore (550 W. Elm Street). Jobs for volunteers include Customer service, Product preparation, Cashier, Donation pick-up, Maintenance, cleaning and more. One-time volunteers are very welcome, but regular volunteers are especially needed - even if it is just for a few hours one or two days a week. Please visit the Habitat website to sign up at: [www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/](http://www.habitatlima.org/volunteer/) or call the Habitat office at 419-222-4937. Thank you for considering this generous gift to those in need of decent, affordable shelter.*

**FORMING NOW:**

*The Divorced Catholic Recovering from Divorce Program is specifically designed to help **divorced/separated** Catholics. This 13 week program offers support and addresses the most pressing challenges of divorce. Participants focus on hope and faith in God's plan for recovery and receiving the blessings of our Catholic faith. An Introductory Session will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of St. Charles Church, Room 1. For more information and to register for the Introductory session, please contact Rosalyn Liston at 419-999-4210 or [auntroro@wcoil.com](mailto:auntroro@wcoil.com).*

**FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED:**

*There is a great need for foster parents to help children in our community. Children enter the temporary custody of Allen County Children Services when they cannot safely reside in the home of parents or relatives.*

*Allen County Children Services is recruiting new foster parents. If you ever have considered opening your heart and home to a child in need, please contact Allen County Children Services at 419-227-8590.*

**ANNIVERSARY MASS:**

*If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2018 - 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years - plan to join Bishop Daniel Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. This will be held on October 28, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in Toledo. Registered couples will receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception follow Mass. Register at [www.toledoanniversarymass.org](http://www.toledoanniversarymass.org) or contact the rectory office.*

**ELDER FRAUD:**

*On Thursday, August 16th, a representative from the Ohio Attorney General's office will present a program on **Elder Fraud** at Lochhaven Apartments. Attendees will learn how to look out for elder scams, the signs of a scam and ways to protect yourself and your pocketbook. Be aware and stay safe with this valuable information. The program starts at 1:30 p.m. in the Lochhaven dining room. Lochhaven Apartments is located at 1640 Allentown Road. The program is free and open to the public.*

