

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

In today's gospel, Jesus warns "what comes from within can defile" a person. Families need to worry about "outside influences" but also about "inside influences." The value our children carry for a life time are learned at home. Habits of the Hearth are the most powerful influences on a child. That's the good news! That can also be the bad news!

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 3

8:30 a.m. David Steinbrunner +

Tuesday, September 4

8:30 a.m. Laurie Zerante Snider +

Wednesday, September 5

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Marcus Roof +

Thursday, September 6

8:30 a.m. David Steinbrunner +

Friday, September 7

8:30 a.m. Deceased of the
Sliemers, Wukusick &
Nungester families +

Saturday, September 8

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Jack Frueh +
James & Nancy Bogner+

Sunday, September 9

8:30 a.m. Jack & Mildred
Pohlabel +
Steve & Rosena
Verhoff +

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Moyer, Devlin,
Thompson & Mansfield
Families

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, September 2

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, September 3

Labor Day - Parish Office Closed

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 4

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 5

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, September 6

Mass at 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)

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

7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

7:30 p.m. - Holy Name Meeting in the Parish Hall

Friday, September 7

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

4:00-6:00 p.m. - First Friday Devotions

Saturday, September 8

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 9

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
August 3rd week On-line: \$ 1,700.00	\$ 11,723.15	\$ 11,238.25
# of Envelopes	278	258
YTD Totals:	\$ 88,762.78	\$ 83,730.52

ONLINE GIVING:

Go to www.stgerardchurch.org and click the Online Giving link - it's quick and easy!



BLESSING OF CATECHISTS:

We will be giving a special blessing to all of our PSR Teachers, Religion Teachers at any Catholic School and a blessing to our RCIA leaders and teachers on the weekend of September 15th and 16th. These are all members of our parish who serve as Catechists and will be called forth to be commissioned for their Ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

BLESSING OF BIKES:

Fr. Mike Houston will have a blessing of motorcycles and bikers on Saturday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. near the statue of the Risen Christ outside of St. Gerard Church. Come and be blessed as you ride the roads and carry the good news of Christ to the people you encounter on your journeys.

HANDBELL CHOIR:

Are you looking for a Ministry to participate in here at St. Gerard? Our Handbell Choir (also known as the "Ding-a-lings") 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. **WE ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL RINGERS.** Please come on Wednesday, Sept. 26th and see if this is something you might enjoy.

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 have received their registrations in the mail. All families who have not previously attended St. Gerard PSR are welcome to register by calling Shandra Parker at 419-222-0431 or emailing her at: sparker@sgslima.org.

SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Gerard School is looking for qualified substitutes for the 2018-2019 school year. Applicants must have a sub license in the State of Ohio and BCI & FBI fingerprints on file. Please call (419-222-0431) or email (mtruex@sgslima.org) the school office if you would like to be on our sub list.

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST:

The Lima Chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, will be held on September 15th, at the Old Barn Out Back. Our speaker will be Pat Higginbotham, Coordinator of the Morgantown, WV Magnificat Chapter and Regional Representative for Region 6. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Please call Kay Smith at 419-339-8971 by September 12, 2018. Cost is \$10 which includes breakfast, speaker and handouts.



Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program
THE MASS



Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

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DATE, TIME, LOCATION

**Please join us Tuesdays,
starting September 11th.**

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Gerard Parish Hall

COST / REGISTRATION

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

CONTACT

Please contact Melinda at: 567-242-8748 or email her at: mblanch997@gmail.com with any questions that you may have. Come and enrich our faith together!



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



UNIVERSAL:

Young People in Africa...

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

SAVE THE DATE:

The Women's Fall Conference sponsored by Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Tiffin. If interested, please contact the rectory office at 419-224-3080, or Deb Bartlett-Karbowiak at 419-516-4415 and leave a message. Payments for registration can be handled through the Diocese. Deb Bartlett-Karbowiak is helping to coordinate transportation.



***Seven Sorrows of the Blessed
Virgin Mary***

1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45)
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of Jesus.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Adoration hours at St. Gerard are 12-5pm every Thursday. We are adding a table with a few resource suggestions to use during your adoration hour.

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.



DID YOU KNOW???

Join us for 1st Friday Devotions - this Friday, September 7th, from 4-6 pm. Eucharistic Adoration with Confession.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 8:

5:00 p.m. *J. Stewart, D. Griffo, C. Hinds,
M. & M. Hinegardner, S. Parker,
W. Peebles, B. VonLehmden, J. Wolff*

Sunday, September 9:

8:30 a.m. *L. Hahn, M. King, S. Martin, T. Martin,
S. Ellinger, M. Meyer, M. Mays, R. Orwick,
T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe*

11:00 a.m. *K. Wreede, C. Coleman, K. Ladden,
J. Landwehr, R. Carder, S. Dew,
R. Karbowski, K. Spears, M. Spears,
S. Young*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Sept. 8: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*

Sept. 9: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Kleffner*
11:00 a.m. - *D. Karbowski*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Sept. 8: 5:00 p.m. - *See new schedule*

Sept. 9: 8:30 a.m. - *See new schedule*
11:00 a.m. - *See new schedule*

SACRISTY WORKERS - SEPTEMBER:

Barb Geise, Sue Graham

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. 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.

LCC NEWS:

LCC has immediate openings for a part-time Maintenance Assistant and a part-time Custodian. A full job description for each position can be found on the LCC website at <http://lcchs.edu/home/about-lcc/careers/>. Interested candidates should complete the application for employment on the website.

SAVE THE DATE:

Ladies Night Out Purse Bingo is scheduled for Saturday, October 20, 2018 at St. Gerard School. Tickets are \$35 each. More details coming soon.

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**Lima Life Teen
Mass/Life Night
begins Sept. 9
5:30-8:30pm
St. Charles Church, Lima, OH**

All high school students are welcome! Join us to worship, enjoy good food, praise, make new friends, pray and have fun!

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:

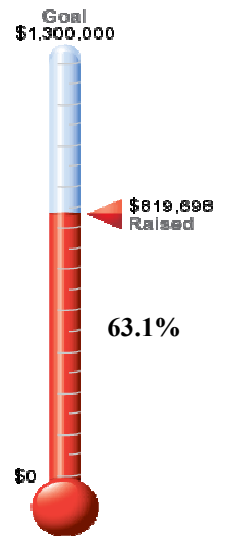
1. Church Gathering Space: Our church needs a gathering space. The gathering space will be used for after weekend Masses, baptisms, anniversaries, funeral viewings, and meeting space (i.e. prayer/study groups, RCIA). We propose to seal off our front doors and level out the partitioned walls and floor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

**CAPITAL
CAMPAIGN**



**\$819,698.54
pledged!**

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