

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

The widow in today's gospel is praised for her

PERSEVERANCE. *In our homes perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person.*

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, October 21

8:30 a.m. Deceased of the Paul Lamb, Jr. family +

Tuesday, October 22

8:30 a.m. Katie Lamb +

Wednesday, October 23

8:30 a.m. Harold & Betty Moore +
Aley Joseph +

6:30 p.m. Jack Frueh +

Thursday, October 24

8:30 a.m. Henry Niese +

Friday, October 25

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

Saturday, October 26

8:30 a.m. Tom E. Gremling +
5:00 p.m. Norval & Cecilia
Wannemacher +
James Wiechart +

Sunday, October 27

8:30 a.m. Jack & Mildred
Pohlabel +

11:00 a.m. Dorothy Sullivan +
Rick & Ryan Young +
Living & Deceased of the
Robert & Dolores
Whitacre Family

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Oct. 20 - Holy Name Breakfast in the Parish Hall

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

7:00-8:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

Monday, Oct. 21

8:30 a.m. Mass

5:00 p.m. - Widows/Widowers Support Group Mtg. in P. Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 22

8:30 a.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, Oct. 23

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. 24

8:30 a.m. Mass

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

Friday, Oct. 25

8:30 a.m. Mass

Saturday, Oct. 26

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

WEDDING BANNS:

Maddie O'Connell & Tyler Bardo, III



FINANCIAL REPORT:

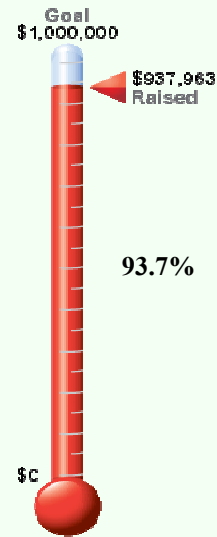
<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
October, 1st week On-line: \$1,741.00	\$ 10,114.04	\$ 10,852.25
# of Envelopes	251	245
YTD Totals:	\$ 157,254.79	\$ 160,641.59

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.



\$937,963.10

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged:	\$937,963.10
Amount Paid:	\$748,065.17
Outstanding Balance:	\$189,897.93

MASS Intentions

2020 MASS BOOK:

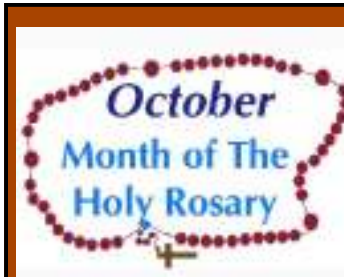
The 2020 Mass Book will open on Wednesday, October 30th. As in the past, due to the limited number of Sunday Masses available, we ask that you limit your number of weekend Masses to two. There are plenty of Masses available during the week, so feel free to have as many Mass intentions as you would like scheduled through the weekdays. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call ~ to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

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. Thank you.



During the month of October, we will recite the rosary 30 minutes before the weekend Masses. Please join us!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER:

"Spring" in the Church ~ that the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.



"The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given a new efficacy to the recitation of the Rosary to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families... that cannot be solved by the Rosary. There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary." - Lucia



The Toledo Diocese 40 Days for Life Campaign runs from 9/25-11/3. Join together in praying for this important cause.



A big "thank you" to all of those that supported our 40 Days for Life 24-hour Prayer Vigil. Whether you committed to a time by praying in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, or attended our prayer service ~ we appreciate all of you! A special thank you to Fr. Mike and John Christoff! You are such a blessing to St. Gerard Parish!

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.***

CATHOLIC EDUCATION: A PLAN TO SUSTAIN, RETAIN AND ENHANCE:

Over the past year a group of leaders from Lima Central Catholic, the LCC Foundation and our parish elementary schools have thoughtfully and prayerfully explored options to sustain and strengthen Catholic education in Lima.

Lima Central Catholic is currently experiencing a temporary dip in enrollment. Following enrollment trends of our parish elementary schools, LCC's enrollment began to decline in 2015. Again, following the current trends of our elementary schools, LCC's enrollment is projected to begin to increase in 2021, returning to full enrollment in 2025.

The plan that has emerged is a community-wide campaign effort over the next 12 to 24 months. The goal is to raise \$6 million to secure the financial viability of Lima Central Catholic High School, its Foundation and help to support our three elementary schools. Our plan is to secure the financial viability by:

- Supporting operations at the high school during the short-term period of projected low enrollment.
- Increase the assets in the High School's Education Foundation so that we can provide an affordable Catholic education for our local families now and in the long-term.
- Provide financial assets to strengthen the three parish elementary schools.

Watch the bulletin in the upcoming weeks to learn more about this important campaign. This campaign is about the *sustainability* and *growth* of Catholic education, K-12 in Lima, Ohio. Let's step up and make this effort a success for our Lima Catholic community for generations to come!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Oct. 26:

5:00 p.m. *W. Peebles, D. Santini, L. Taylor,
S. Parker, K. Canavan, M. Hinegardner,
Mike Hinegardner, L. Makley, D. Griffo,
V. Bigelow*

Sunday, Oct. 27:

8:30 a.m. *N. Jenkins, S. Martin, T. Martin, G. Merkel
J. Inskeep, M. Steman, B. Pinney,
M. Mays, C. Altenbach, P. Huffman*
11:00 a.m. *C. Coleman, S. Dew, V. Carter, M. Spears
K. Spears, R. Carder, J. Landwehr,
S. Young, R. Karbowskiak, M. Ayers*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Oct. 26: 5:00 p.m. - *T. Huffman*
Oct. 27: 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*
11:00 a.m. - *Children's Mass*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Oct. 26: 5:00 p.m. - *H. Lamb, J. Yahl,
M. Chambers*
Oct. 27: 8:30 a.m. - *K. Rigg, S. Santaguida,
A. Schultz*
11:00 a.m. - *M. & G. Sutton, D. Dawson*

SACRISTY WORKERS - October

J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, K. Long

USHERS SCHEDULE:

Oct. 26: 5:00p.m. - *L. Daley, D. Makley, T. Daley*
Oct. 27: 8:30 a.m. - *T. Sroufe, P. Thomas, T. Martin*
11:00 a.m. - *T. DeRose, J. Reaman,
S. Harkinrider*

SAVE THE DATE:

The next Free Community Meal will be held on Sunday, October 27th from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

The Holy Name Men will be serving their delicious pancake breakfast **TODAY** following the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Stop over to the Parish Hall and enjoy some fellowship and have a great breakfast.



ALL SOULS DAY:

The All Souls Day Mass for those who have been buried from St. Gerard Church since last October, will be remembered in a special Mass on Saturday, November 9th at 8:30 a.m. Families will be invited to come and light a candle in memory of their loved ones. A light reception will follow in the gathering space in church. All families who have buried a loved one in the last year will be receiving an invitation in the mail and we ask that you RSVP as soon as possible.

If you have a deceased loved one who has died from outside the parish who you would like to have included in the candle lighting at Mass, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080 and we would be happy to add their name to the list. Thank you.

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.

SERRA CLUB:

The Serra Club of The Lima Area invites you to come be their guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on Oct. 24th at LCC beginning at 5:45 p.m. Fr. Tony Vera, Associate Pastor of Delphos St. Johns & Landeck & Spencerville, will speak on his spiritual journey as a Philippine Priest in the U.S. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Marilyn Schmerge at 567-204-4745.

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

