

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

In today's gospel, Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, October 2

8:30 a.m. David Steinbrunner +

Tuesday, October 3

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, October 4

8:30 a.m. Pete Leugers +

6:30 p.m. Richard & Angela

Knott +

Dominic Azzarello +

Thursday, October 5

8:30 a.m. Dominic Azzarello +

Friday, October 6

8:30 a.m. Deceased of the

Sliemers Family +

Saturday, October 7

8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +

5:00 p.m. Louis Acerro +

Sunday, October 8

8:30 a.m. Ed Nixon +

11:00 a.m. Deceased of the

Joseph Silone Family +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, October 1

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

9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

3:00 p.m. - Blessing of Animals at Risen Christ Statue

Monday, October 2 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, October 3

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, October 4

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass

Thursday, October 5

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

2:00-5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Friday, October 6

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

5:00-7:00 p.m. - First Friday Devotions

Saturday, October 7

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 8 - Little Sisters of the Poor Collection

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

9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion

9:45 a.m. - First Communion Parent Meeting in Church

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

3:00 p.m. - Healing Mass

WEDDING BANNS:

Kevin Zapp & Nicole Cross, III

Curtis Johns & Elizabeth Goedde, II

Jack Niese & Andrea Thomas, I



FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Sept., 3rd week	\$ 12,686.27	\$ 10,583.00
On-line: \$ 1,		
# of Envelopes	263	277
YTD Totals:	\$ 129,319.69	\$ 130,727.84

BLESSING OF ANIMALS:

In honor of St. Francis, our annual Blessing of Animals will take place **TODAY**, October 1st 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.

HEALING MASS:

We will be offering a Healing Mass on Sunday, October 8th at 3:00 p.m. invoking the intercession of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a Redemptorist priest who lived and worked in America. He is known for his powerful intercession for the sick. There will be the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and a blessing with the relic of Blessed Seelos. All who need healing of mind, body and spirit are invited and are encouraged to attend.

**ST. GERARD
DIRECTORIES/
HISTORY ALBUM:**

The St. Gerard Church Directories/History Album will be here and ready for pick-up approximately October 15th at the rectory



office. Michael Ayers is so grateful for your contributions and patience in completing this worthwhile project. Please watch for the next update in the bulletin before stopping by. All books will be labeled for each individual family.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR COLLECTION:

The mission of the Little Sisters of the Poor is ... "To share their lives with the needy elderly, offering them a home where they may find rest and refreshment as they journey towards eternal life in the Father's house." The Little Sisters of the Poor will be in our parish next weekend. The cost of caring for the Elderly in a manner respectful of their dignity far exceeds the income received from the residents. To cover the constant deficit, they rely on your generosity. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity.

WORLD MISSION

SUNDAY:

On World Mission Sunday, October 22, 2017, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas will celebrate the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral. Parishioners of the many cultures represented in our diocese are invited to participate in their native garb as a living sign of our support of the Mission efforts. Contact Sister Nancy Mathias, OSU at nmathias@toledodiocese.org or 419-214-4920 if you and/or families would like to participate in the liturgy.

ITEMS FOR SALE:

Don't forget that we have numerous items for sale in the gathering space of church. We have the beautiful music CD by John Keller available for \$10 and we also have the Collection of Memories Book and the Lil Duke book available for \$5 each. These would make great gifts for any occasion.

HURRICANE RELIEF:

Our 2nd collection this weekend will be for those affected by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Our prayers go out to everyone still dealing with the wrath of these storms.

LIFE CHAIN:

"Please Let Me Live" Life Chain will be held **today**, October 1, 2017 in Delphos. This is being held by the Right to Life Society of Lima and Allen County. This is to be a silent, prayerful witness that is scheduled in hundreds of cities across the U.S. It will last from 2-3 pm, regardless of the weather.

Participants are asked to gather on the corner of East Second and Pierce Streets in Delphos. Lawn chairs and strollers are welcome. We thank you in advance for caring for the most helpless among us.

ENGAGED COUPLES WORKSHOP:

Schedule and registration for Engaged Couples Workshops "Joy-Filled Marriage" and "Cana II" can now be found most easily by visiting the website at: <http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS:

Please mark your calendar for an upcoming meeting for First Communion. The meeting will take place on Sunday, October 8th (new date) at 9:45 p.m. This is for all First Communicants and their parents. It will be held in church.

WELDER NEEDED:

We are looking for a parishioner that is a Welder for a small project for the parish. If you have welding experience and would like to volunteer to help us, please call John at 419-230-7318. We have all of the equipment for the job. Thank you.

RALLY FOR THE ROSARY CRUSADE:

In this historic year of the Fatima Centennial (1917-2017), the world is at a historic crossroad. Please join us for the 2017 Rally for the Rosary Crusade. It will be held at Lima Central Catholic on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at noon. We ask that you please bring a chair if you need to sit. If you would like more information, please call Rita Gremling at 419-225-8270 or 419-303-0447.

DELPHOS ST. JOHN'S 105TH FALL FESTIVAL:

Everyone is welcome to attend the Delphos St. John's Fall Festival on October 21st and 22nd in the St. John's Cafeteria and Gym. Enjoy food, games of chance and have some family fun. Home-cooked chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings and even homemade cakes for dessert are available for \$8.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children.

USHER'S NEEDED!!!

We are looking to recruit both men and women who would be willing to be Ushers at the weekend Masses, along with special Holy days. Please consider joining our wonderful team of ushers. We would love to have enough people sign up to help lighten the load for everyone! There will be a training meeting once we have enough people signed up. Please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket or to the rectory office. Thanks for serving St. Gerard Parish in this most important ministry. Questions? Please call the rectory at 419-224-3080.

_____ Yes, I would like to be an usher! Name: _____
Mass I usually attend: _____ Phone: _____



LUMINOUS MYSTERIES BY CANDLELIGHT:

All women are invited to attend "Luminous Mysteries by Candlelight" on October 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We are asking for hostesses to bring a snack and invite guests. To host a table, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080. Please come even if you are not hosting a table ~ there will be plenty of room. We will spend the evening discussing the luminous rosary mysteries, apply lessons from these mysteries to our lives and enjoy some snacks and fellowship. All are welcome.

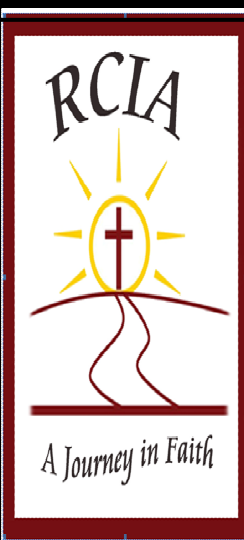
ST. GERARD ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:

Would you like your child to become more involved in the church? We are currently looking for new altar servers to be added to our schedule of weekend Masses. All children in the fourth grade and older who are willing to commit to serving weekend Masses are invited to contact Shandra Parker at (419) 224-3080 or email at: sparker@sgslima.org.



ADULT ALTAR SERVERS WANTED:

Would you be willing to become an Altar Server as an adult? We would love to have you! Adults interested in being altar servers for the Wednesday evening Mass and also to serve Funeral Masses are asked to contact Shandra Parker at (419) 224-3080 or email at: sparker@sgslima.org.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):

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. There is still time to join the group. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, October 7:

5:00 p.m. *D. Griffo, D. Hollingsworth, S. Parker
J. Hollingsworth, C. Hinds, M. Hinds,
L. Makley, B. Peebles, J. Stewart,
S. Tschuor*

Sunday, October 8:

8:30 a.m. *S. Ellinger, M. Hickey, G. Merkel,
M. Meyer, B. Pinney, L. Hahn,
J. Korzan, S. Nocera, E. Orwick,
R. Orwick*

11:00 a.m. *M. Ayers, V. Carter, F. Gallegos,
K. Ladden, J. Landwehr, M. Spears,
K. Spears, F. Thompson, K. Wreedede,
R. Vagedes*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Oct. 7: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*

Oct. 8: 8:30 a.m. - *S. Doepker*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Gerken*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Oct. 7: 5:00 p.m. - *H. Lamb, K. LaRotonda,
D. Dawson*

Oct. 8: 8:30 a.m. - *A. Parker, M. Miller,
C. Wagoner*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex, A. Schultz,
C. Raines*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR OCTOBER:

Beth Webb, Rose Jackson

CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY:

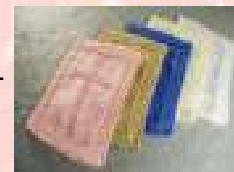
So many times changes happen within our parish families and the parish office is usually not aware of them. If you have moved, changed phone numbers, or dropped your land line, we need to update our records. Please give us a call at 419-224-3080 and help keep us up-to-date.

SCRIP:

Please remember that by utilizing SCRIP, you are helping to support our school! Purchase SCRIP for all of your shopping needs.

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.



HOLY LAND PRAYER PILGRIMAGE:

You are invited to join Fr. Charles Obinwa (the Pastor of Fort Jennings St. Joseph's and the Chaplain at St. Rita's, Lima) on an elite tour planned just for you.

Trip: Holy Land Prayer Pilgrimage w/Fr. Charles

Dates: August 22-31, 2018

Cost: \$3,799.00.

This elite tour includes airfare, 5-star hotel accommodations, taxes, tips, fees, transportation, breakfasts, dinners and wine. Places you'll visit: Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Cana, Galilee, Gethsemane, Mount of Olives, Via Dolorosa - Stations of the Cross, etc. All inclusive trip by Pro Catholic Tours. Please register at www.procatholictours.com or call 769-233-6515 or 769-220-2702.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EUCHRE

TOURNAMENT:

The K of C will be holding their 1st Euchre Tournament **TODAY**, October 1st at the K of C Hall, 810 S. Cable Rd. Check in starts at **noon**. Bracket draw will start at **12:45** p.m. Must be 18 years or older. Double elimination - best 2 out of 3. Losers will advance to loser bracket. \$20.00 buy in gets you in the tournament. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Prize money will be determined on number of teams participating.

Designer Purse Bingo Time!

**St. Gerard Catholic School
announces our 4th Annual**



Ladies' Night Out!

Saturday, October 21, 2017



*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.

