

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of "Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc." Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 22

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 23

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 24

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Fran Wienken +

Thursday, January 25

8:30 a.m.

Friday, January 26

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 27

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Keith Wolff +

Sunday, January 28

8:30 a.m. Clyde & Marion
Mefferd +

11:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, January 21

Holy Name Breakfast in the Parish Hall following the Masses

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

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

Monday, January 22

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, January 23

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, January 24

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, January 25

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, January 26

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 27

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 28

12:00-1:30 - Community Meal in the Parish Hall

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

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

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan. 1st week	\$ 17,951.07	\$ 9,907.00
On-line: \$ 1,195.00		
# of Envelopes	299	227
YTD Totals:	\$ 305,538.19	\$ 313,993.52

DOORS CLOSED:

Due to the inclement weather, the front doors of church facing Robb Avenue will be closed until further notice. We apologize for this inconvenience but it is for the safety of all.



ONLINE GIVING: To give on-line, just go to our website at: www.stgerardchurch.org and click on the On-line Giving tab.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Festival Committee is looking for volunteers for three booths this year.

1. CAKE WHEEL:

Looking for motivated and organized volunteers to help co-chair the cake wheel. They would organize volunteers, help make baked goods, and receive/organize baked goods that are donated. The family that has chaired this booth for many years is willing and would love to help you this year and show you the ropes.

2. FUNNEL CAKE BOOTH:

Looking for a volunteers that would be willing to co-chair the funnel cake booth. They would be working with the current booth chair, helping take over a few shifts and helping find volunteers.

3. DUCK RACE BOOTH:

This is a new booth that will be located in the gambling tent. They will be organizing volunteers and in charge of the hourly duck race.

If you are interested or have any questions about helping with the festival, please contact Michael Mays at: mmays@sgslima.org or call 419-604-9526.

HEARTBEAT DONATIONS:

If you would like to contribute to Heartbeat for the purchase of an ultrasound machine, please place your donations in the baskets at church. Thank you.

CALENDAR UPDATE:

All parish organizations are encouraged to stop by the rectory office to be sure your dates for meetings, etc. are on the parish calendar which includes the use of the Parish Hall. Thank you.

ATTENTION SENIORS:

If you are over the age of 70 1/2 and have an IRA or retirement account that requires you to take a minimum distribution, might you consider a gift to St. Gerard Parish? We are a qualified charity and it would help your tax burden. Contact your financial advisor today!

FINANCE COUNCIL:

St. Gerard Parish is looking for additional members for our finance council. Normal meeting times are on the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the rectory. Anyone interested in becoming a member of this council should contact Marta Truex at 419-222-0431. You may also email her with your letter of interest at: mtruex@sgslima.org.

LCC NIGHT

**AT THE
RACES:**

All are invited
to attend



"Night at the
Races" being held at LCC on
Saturday, February 10, 2018.
Tickets are \$30 per person or
\$35 at the door. Table of 8
available for \$250. Doors open
at 6:00 p.m. First race starts
at 7:00 p.m. For more info.,
contact 419-223-2411.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE
SICK OF ST. RITA'S:**

St. Rita's Medical Center is look-
ing for volunteer Extraordinary
Ministers of the Eucharist to
share the sacrament with
patients, and are especially in
need on weekends. The Medical
Center would provide orientation
and training. If you are inter-
ested in serving the sick, please
contact Deb Miller, Spiritual Care
Office Coordinator at 419-226-
9481.

THANK YOU:

The family of ***Peg Good*** would
like to thank the ladies of the
Rosary/Altar Society for prepar-
ing and serving the luncheon on
the day of her funeral. Also a
special thanks to Fr. Mike Sergi
for such a beautiful Mass.



**FREE COMMUNITY
MEAL**

Date: January 28, 2018

Time: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Place: St. Gerard Parish Hall

1311 N. Main St.

Lima, Ohio

ALL ARE INVITED.

Attention St. Gerard Parishioners:

**We will be accepting donations of
"NEW" hats, gloves & socks (both men and
women's socks). Just drop them off at the
rectory office before January 26th or at the
Parish Hall on January 28th.**

THANK YOU!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

COMMITTEE:

St. Gerard Parish is seeking individuals who feel called by the Spirit to minister to this parish in deepening our faith and spiritual development. Those interested in joining the Spiritual Formation Committee are asked to please call the Rectory at 419-224-3080.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

1. New Year's Resolution: THE POPE FRANCIS LIST



2. Holy Father's Intentions for the month of January:

Evangelization: Religious minorities in Asia... that Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

3. January - Month dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.

BOOK READING AND BIBLE STUDY:

Are you interested in Bible Study? Members of St. Gerard will be reading and discussing the book, "The Names of Jesus" by Stephen J. Binz. It is a book from the Threshold Bible Study and is highly acclaimed. If you would like to join us in doing so, the book can be purchased via Amazon or many Catholic bookstores. This is open to those who want to deepen and enrich their faith! More information to come!

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, January 27:

5:00 p.m. *B. Flynn, L. Makley, W. Peebles,
S. Tschuor, K. Canavan, C. Hinds,
Mike Hinegardner, M. Hinegardner,
M. Hinds, J. Stewart*

Sunday, January 28:

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

11:00 a.m. *R. Karbowski, F. Thompson, R. Vagedes,
D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, M. Ayers,
S. Dew, S. Morrissey, F. Gallegos,
C. Wreede*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Jan. 27: 5:00 p.m. - *C. Schmenk*

Jan. 28: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Kleffner*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Jan. 27: 5:00 p.m. - *S. Parker, A. Parker, J. Yahl*

Jan. 28: 8:30 a.m. - *K. Rigg, A. Dackin, E. Gamble*
11:00 a.m. - *S. Santaguida, L. Wreede,
K. Meyer*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR FEBRUARY:

*Helen Neise, Carol Helmig, Sue Nocera,
Lisa Ruble*

HOLY NAME BREAKFAST:

The next Holy Name Breakfast will be held today, January 21st following the morning Masses in the Parish Hall. Eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon and your favorite beverages will be served.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 11, 2018. All encountered couples are invited to attend the celebration hosted by St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parishes. Mass will be held at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Wapak, with a dinner & dance to follow from 5-9 p.m. at St. Joseph School, 1101 Lincoln Highway, Wapak. Presale tickets are \$30 a couple. For tickets, contact the St. Gerard Rectory office by Jan. 30th. (All tickets are presale only.)

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

If you would like to have a copy of your 2017 contributions to St. Gerard Church, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080 and we would be happy to mail you a copy. Thank you.

CHURCH SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE:

Most of us consider our churches safe places and don't think about security and safety on a daily basis. Often, safety and security is not addressed until an incident occurs. After recent tragedies, we realize that the time is now to develop a plan for violence on our church property.

St. Gerard Church is in the early stages of forming a Church Safety/Security Committee. We are hoping to have parishioners who may have a background in law enforcement, risk management or security to become a part of this committee. If you would be interested in becoming a part of this team, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080. We will be planning our first meeting in early 2018.





Have you moved, changed your phone number or email?

Please remember to let the parish office know if your contact information changes!

We do our best to keep all of our parish's census data current and accurate ... so it's important to hear from you when you move, change your phone number or set-up a new email address. Correct addresses are needed in order to provide year-end tax statements, etc. Thanks so much!

Please feel free to use the form below if you need to update your current information:

Name: _____

New Address: _____

New Phone: _____

New Email: _____

Just drop this information in the collection basket and we will update your information. Thank you!