

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family, the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These "ordinary" moments contain the "Extraordinary."*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, April 16**

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, April 17**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, April 18**

8:30 a.m. Pete Leugers +  
Alvin Kaufman, Sr. +

6:30 p.m. John Grumblis +

**Thursday, April 19**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of  
the Joseph & Carolyn  
Doorley Family

**Friday, April 20**

8:30 a.m. Twylah Hoehn +

**Saturday, April 21**

8:30 a.m.  
5:00 p.m. James & Nancy  
Bogner +  
Edmundo Singian +

**Sunday, April 22**

8:30 a.m. Dean Tousley +  
Nancy Woodbury +  
11:00 a.m. Poor Souls  
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, April 15 - CONFIRMATION AT 11:00 A.M. MASS**

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Holy Name Breakfast 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.

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

12:30-2:00 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall

**Monday, April 16**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. - Widows/Widower's Support Group Mtg. in P. Hall

**Tuesday, April 17 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

12:00 Noon - Rosary/Altar to meet in church to pray the rosary,  
followed by lunch at the Casa Lu Al

**Wednesday, April 18 - 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, April 19 - 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, April 20 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, April 21 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, April 22**

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

12:30-2:00 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

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

**MARRIAGE BANNES:**

Lindsey Baker and Chase Hughes, II



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
April, 2nd week On-line: \$ 1,225.00	\$ 12,091.46	\$ 12,027.65
# of Envelopes	310	263
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 447,651.82</b>	<b>\$449,095.47</b>

**Easter Collection: \$10,998.15**

## THANK YOU

### **MARY'S MEALS:**

Our Lenten Project was a huge success! We were able to send the organization of Mary's Meals \$3,117.60! We thank you for all of your efforts to raise this money for some of the world's poorest children. Through your generosity, over 160 children have been fed. What a gift you have provided. Thank you.

### **ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY NEWS:**

All ladies that are available are encouraged to come and pray the rosary on Tuesday, April 17th at noon in church. Following the rosary, we will go to lunch at the Casa Lu Al. Hope to see many of you there.

### **HOME MISSION APPEAL:**

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Right now, over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered home mission territory because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

### **COMMUNITY MEAL:**

St. Gerard Church will be hosting the next community meal on Sunday, April 29th from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m.

### **HOLY NAME BREAKFAST:**

The Holy Name Men will be offering their monthly breakfast TODAY, April 15th following the Masses in the Parish Hall. Come and enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage and a beverage. It's a great meal and a chance to have fellowship with members of our parish. Don't miss it!

### **COOK FOR THE RECTORY:**

Have a little extra time on Tuesday's & Thursday's? Our priests are looking for someone to help them out by cooking two meals for them a week. They receive all of the groceries needed from "Hello Fresh" meals. So this requires NO shopping on your part. You would just prepare the meal and clean-up after. They would like to have the meal ready by 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday's, and 4:45 p.m. on Thursday's. The salary is to be determined. We anticipate this taking approximately 1.5 hours each day, so a total of 3 hours per week. Please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 if this is something you would like to try.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT RESTORE:**

There is a great need for additional volunteers at the Lima Area Habitat ReStore (550 W. Elm St). Because of recent cuts in various social programs, we have lost a fair number of people who worked at our ReStore. Jobs for volunteers include: Customer service, produce 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 for just a couple of hours one or two days a week/month. 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 donation of time.

**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 or drop us a note and help keep our records as up-to-date as possible. Thank you.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:**

Gear up for five days of super-hero training where kids discover their strength in God! St. John's, Lima, will be having VBS June 11th through June 15th in St. John's Hall, 8 am until noon each day. Registration forms are available in the rectory office. Mark your calendars now.

**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.

**YEARLY ENVELOPES:**

Have you picked up your envelopes yet? If not, stop by the rectory at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**SENIOR GRADUATION**

**MASS:**

Our Senior Graduation Mass will be here before you know it. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 6, 2018. We will recognize all of our graduating seniors



from St. Gerard Church at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, with a brunch to follow in the Parish Hall. We have compiled the list of those from St. Gerard Parish who may be graduating. Please review the list and if we missed your child's name, please call Cheryl at the rectory office at 419-224-3080 or email her at [cheryl@sgslima.org](mailto:cheryl@sgslima.org). If we have listed your child's name and they should be removed, please let us know that as well. In the near future, your daughter/son will be receiving a letter outlining the details. Please watch for it and respond as soon as possible. Thank you.

***Letzly Arellano, Alenna Bible, Sarah Blevins,  
Quinnlyn Conley, Andrew Cook, Skyler Corso,  
Nelson Denson, Bryce Goedde, Trevor Hooker,  
Lauren Huysman, Yasmine Jones,  
Christian Kleman, Connor Knippen,  
Stephanie LaRotonda, Daniel Lowe,  
Merri Merkel, Madelyn O'Connell,  
Samuel Santaguida, Kolleen Shafer,  
Logan Shultz, Alissa Stahler, Brendan Stolly***

**SCRIP:**

Please remember that by utilizing SCRIP, you are helping to support our school! Purchase SCRIP for all of your shopping needs. Available in the school office or after the weekend Masses. Thank you!



**A CONFIRMATION PRAYER FOR ST. GERARD CONFIRMANTS:**

*Caiden Bush, Nicholas Chambers, Jackson Davis, Delaney Dawson, Kaiden Finn, Elizabeth Hahn, Karlee Helmig, Zain Hile, Drew Hubbard, Kira Mason, Anthony Parker, Brittain Smith, Andrew Stahr, Brayden Truex, Rachel Wilcox . . .* Each moment of your life, may you feel the Lord's embrace. May you sense His guiding presence in each challenge that you face. May His peace and light be with you and may you realize how deeply loved and precious you are within His eyes.



**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for April:**  
*For those who have responsibility in economic matters:*

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

**NEW TIMES FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Adoration hours at St. Gerard are now 12-5pm every Thursday. Please take time out of your busy day, to come and spend some quiet, personal time with the Lord.



**APRIL:** Month dedicated to devotion to the *Eucharist* and devotion to the *Holy Spirit*.

**5 Spiritual Effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation**

from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1303

**EFFECT 1: CHILD OF GOD**  
It roots us more deeply as children of God which makes us cry, "Abba, Father!"

**EFFECT 2: GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**  
It unites us more firmly to our Savior Jesus Christ.

**EFFECT 3: FULLY CATHOLIC**  
It increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us: wisdom, counsel, understanding, knowledge, fortitude, piety, fear of the Lord. It renders our bond with the Catholic Church more perfect.

**EFFECT 4: DEFEND THE FAITH**  
It gives us a special strength to spread and defend the Faith as true witnesses of Jesus Christ.

**EFFECT 5: CLOSER TO CHRIST**  
It unites us more firmly to our Savior Jesus Christ.

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**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, April 21:**

5:00 p.m. *M. DeVita, B. Flynn, J. Stewart, S. Tschuor,  
J. Wolff, J. Hollingsworth, D. Hollingsworth,  
M. Hinds, C. Hinds, C. Diaz*

**Sunday, April 22:**

8:30 a.m. *J. Inskeep, N. Jenkins, S. Martin, T. Martin,  
B. Pinney, M. Mays, J. Place, T. Place,  
C. Wright, M. King*

11:00 a.m. *M. Ayers, T. Meyer, R. Vagedes, S. Young,  
K. Wreede, J. Kahle, S. Morrissey, F. Gallegos,  
S. Dew, R. Carder*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**April 21:** 5:00 p.m. - *D. Mack*

**April 22:** 8:30 a.m. - *M. Hickey*  
11:00 a.m. - *D. Karbowskiak*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**April 21:** 5:00 p.m. - *H. Chambers, N. Chambers,  
J. Yahl*

**April 22:** 8:30 a.m. - *J. Hahn, E. Hahn, A. Fay*  
11:00 a.m. - *A. Schultz, G. Sutton, M. Sutton*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR APRIL:**

*Jean Sroufe, Annette Moorman*

**LCC PURSE BINGO:**

Saturday, April 21st at LCC. Tickets are \$30 per person. Doors open at 6pm. Bingo starts at 7pm. Must be 21 to enter. Includes dinner & 20 games of bingo. Contact Stephanie Watkins at LCC for tickets (419-230-2659 or [swatkins@apps.lcchs.edu](mailto:swatkins@apps.lcchs.edu)).

**ELDER ABUSE:**

**Concerned about elder abuse?** One in ten elders has likely been victimized in the past year. The best method for avoiding elder abuse is to keep watch over and regularly check in with our vulnerable neighbors. **Are You OK?** Program volunteers make weekly calls to check on elders in the Lima/Allen County area. Phone in referrals to **Are You OK?** Coordinator Evelyn Davis Smith at 419-222-8666.

**NORTHWEST OHIO SCHOLARSHIP**

**FUND:**

Need-based Scholarships are available for private schools for students who reside in *Allen and surrounding counties* for grades K-8 for the 2018-2019 school year. To apply online or for more information about the program, visit [www.nosf.org](http://www.nosf.org) or contact the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund office at 419-720-7048. **The deadline to apply is Friday, April 27, 2018.**

**PART-TIME MANAGER FOR SOUP**

**KITCHEN:**

As many of you are aware, St. Charles Church has operated an outreach soup kitchen for some twenty years. The Christian Corner Community Center (CCCC) is located at 1601 S. McClain in south Lima. The center is open Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This position oversees the activities of the center, which include providing a warm lunch to approximately 75 recipients on these days. The manager coordinates the food, donations, volunteers and employees. This is a paid position and requires a valid driver's license and adequate computer skills. If you wish to apply or would like more information, please contact St. Charles Parish Office at 419-228-7635. Resumes can be dropped off or mailed to the office at 2200 W. Elm St., Lima, OH 45805 or emailed to: [kaufmank@stcharleslima.org](mailto:kaufmank@stcharleslima.org)

**LCC CLASS OF 1973:**

In celebration of their 45th Class Reunion, the LCC Class of 1973 is planning "The Gathering 2018", on Saturday, August 4th. The event will be held at LCC and details are being finalized. Please send contact info. For classmates to Patti Frueh Briggs: [LCC1973@yahoo.com](mailto:LCC1973@yahoo.com).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Store is in need of volunteers to help sort and display clothing and household items in the store. An hour or two once a week or once a month would be a great help. Store hours are noon to 3:40 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**CURSILLO:**

Cursillo will have an Ultreya get-together at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 22nd, in the St. Charles Gathering Space on the south side of the church located on the corner of Elm Street and Cable Road in Lima. Those who have attended a Cursillo weekend and any other interested persons are invited. Please bring a snack to share. If you have any questions, please call Dale and Karen Fair at 419-339-1516.

**RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER SPAGHETT**

**DINNER FUNDRAISER:**

Please join us on April 21st from 4-7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Delphos for a Spaghetti Dinner. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased up to April 21st by calling 419-222-8915 or 419-692-1955.

**THE HOLY LAND:**

***The Holy Land with Fr. Kent Kaufman  
October 18-28, 2018***

Have you every wanted to walk in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus? To pray the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa? To visit the room in which Jesus celebrated His Last Supper and instituted the Holy Eucharist? To "watch with our Lord" for one hour in the Garden of Olives? To stand in the spot where the Blessed Mother watched her Son give His life on the Cross for us? For more info. or to join this group of Lima pilgrims, contact Maggie at 419-290-8782 or Maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com or visit CatholicFaithJourneys.com.

**THE ARC ENCOUNTER:**

The Fort Jennings Memorial Hall announces a one day bus trip to "The Ark Encounter" in Williamstown, KY on Wednesday, July 18, 2018. The trip includes motor coach transportation, buffet lunch, admission to the ark and all gratuities. \$150 per person: \$75 due at registration and the balance by May 31, 2018. Please call or text Judy Schroeder to reserve your seat at: 419-303-7366. All proceeds are being used to restore our 100+ year old building and to improve the grounds.

**HEARTBEAT SILENT AUCTION AND DINNER:**

Heartbeat of Lima's 6th Annual Fundraising Silent Auction and Chicken Dinner is coming up on April 22nd at the K of C building located behind Happy Daz on S. Cable Road, Lima. This year it will be bigger and better than ever! We have over 50 wonderful baskets for you to bid on! Contact our office now for your chicken dinner tickets and plan to stop in with your family and friends and spend the afternoon at our Silent Auction and take home a great item... or two or three. Dinner tickets are \$8 and include 1/2 BBQ chicken, southwestern corn, fresh fruit cup, dinner roll and cookie. Dine-in or carry-out. **ALL DINNER TICKETS ARE PRESALE ONLY!** Orders for dinner tickets must be placed by **April 16th**. Questions, call Heartbeat at 419-222-7945.