

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 25

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 26

8:30 a.m. Tom Gremling +

Wednesday, September 27

8:30 a.m. Judy Brennan +

6:30 p.m. Patricia J. Moore +
Jerome & Ruth
Pohlman +

Thursday, September 28

8:30 a.m. Robert Ellinger +

Friday, September 29

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 30

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Louis Acerro +
Les Kemper +

Sunday, September 24

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Recker & Mauceri
Families

11:00 a.m. Joe & Josephine Pike +
Virgil Thines +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, September 24

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

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Tuesday, September 26

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 27

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena
6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass

Thursday, September 28

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, September 29

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 30

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

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
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WEDDING BANNS:

Kevin Zapp & Nicole Cross, II
Curtis Johns & Elizabeth Goedde, I



FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Sept., 2nd week On-line: \$ 1,330.00	\$ 10,728.32	\$ 10,122.94
# of Envelopes	289	245
YTD Totals:	\$ 116,633.42	\$ 120,144.84

ONLINE GIVING: It's simple and easy to do. Go to our website at: www.stgerardchurch.org and register!



RECERTIFICATION OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

We will have the Recertification of Eucharistic Ministers at all the Masses this weekend. All distributors will be blessed during Mass and your certificates will be in the back of church by the gathering space. Thank you for serving your parish by being Eucharistic Ministers.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS:

In honor of St. Francis, our annual Blessing of Animals will take place on Sunday, 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.

HURRICANE RELIEF:

We are still accepting donations for the hurricane relief efforts. Thanks to all who donated thus far.

WORLD MISSION

SUNDAY:

World Mission Sunday is October 21/22, 2017. The theme for this year's Mission Sunday is "Mission at the Heart of the Christian Faith" and is truly a global effort for the entire Church. It is a central moment each year to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, parts of Latin American and Europe, an area that covers more than half of the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

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.

LIFE CHAIN:

"Please Let Me Live" Life Chain will be held Sunday, 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>.

RCIA NEWS:

RCIA would like to invite members of our Parish to remember our RCIA team and candidates in your prayers. We will be discussing the following topics this month:

- September 24th ~ The Bible

HANDBELL CHOIR:

The St. Gerard Handbell Choir has begun rehearsals on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 in the choir loft. We are always in need of more ringers and welcome anyone Grade 6 through adult. We will teach you everything you need to know. We have a bell that will just fit your hand.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS:

Please mark your calendar for an upcoming meeting for First Communion. The meeting will take place on Sunday, October 1st at 9:45 p.m. This is for all First Communicants and their parents. It will be held in church.

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.

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.

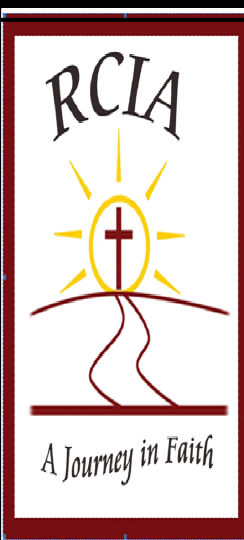
ST. GERARD ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:

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, September 30:

5:00 p.m. J. Wolff, M. Hinds, C. Hinds, Mike
Hinegardner, K. Canavan, M. DeVita
B. Flynn, D. Hollingsworth, L. Makley
J. Hollingsworth

Sunday, October 1:

8:30 a.m. J. Sroufe, T. Sroufe, C. Wright,
M. Mays, P. Huffman, M. King,
T. Martin, J. Korzan, J. Inskeep,
S. Martin

11:00 a.m. C. Coleman, S. Dew, J. Kahle,
J. Neville, R. Karbowski, D. Vondrell,
G. Vondrell, C. Wreede, R. Carder,
S. Morrissey

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Sept. 30: 5:00 p.m. - M. Hinegardner

Oct. 1: 8:30 a.m. - V. Koza
11:00 a.m. - D. Karbowski

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Sept. 30: 5:00 p.m. - D. Wilson, G. Gandy,
D. Dawson

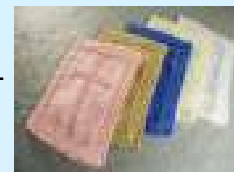
Oct. 1: 8:30 a.m. - E. Hahn, J. Hahn,
A. Parker
11:00 a.m. - N. Chambers, K. Helmig
H. Chambers

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR OCTOBER:

Beth Webb, Rose Jackson

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.

GREETINGS FROM VICTORY NOLL:

Dear Parishioners of St. Gerard,

As I re-read St. Gerard Vision Statement on the cover of the weekly bulletin, I realized how similar the core values of hospitality and availability to those in need expressed in our Victory Noll Mission Statement are reflected to the Vision Statement of the St. Gerard Faith Community. My long-term experience of belonging to a parish family that celebrates and serves "missionaries of the good, beautiful and joyful life of the gospel" was a spiritually enriching time of my life.

In gratitude,

Sister Regina Marie Morrissey

P.S. Our address at Victory Noll is now: 1900 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750

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.

