

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of one's enemy.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, November 25**

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Gerard

**Tuesday, November 26**

8:30 a.m. Tom Gremling +

**Wednesday, November 27**

8:30 a.m. Poor Souls  
6:30 p.m. William McFell +

**Thursday, November 28**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Robert & Delores Whitacre Family  
Thomas Houseworth +

**Friday, November 29**

8:30 a.m. Laura Pierce +

**Saturday, November 30**

8:30 a.m. David Steinbrunner + Bob Brinkman +  
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Taylor & Wiechart Families +

**Sunday, December 1**

8:30 a.m. Louis Acerro + Living & Deceased of the Kahle, Ellerbrock, Clement & Ardner Families & Baby Jesse +  
11:00 a.m. Laura Pierce + Terry Tschuor, Jr. + Living & Deceased of The Robert & Delores Whitacre families  
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, Nov. 24**

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

**Monday, Nov. 25**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, Nov. 26**

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 27**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena Devotions  
6:00-6:30 p.m. - Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30

**Thursday, Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
**NO Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Friday, Nov. 29**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
Parish Office Closed

**Saturday, Nov. 30**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions  
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 1**

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 a.m. - NO Parish School of Religion  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass



**WEDDING BANNES:**

Kristen Werff & Jack Hale, II



**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

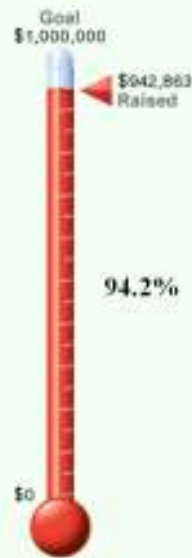
<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
November, 2nd week On-line: \$1,246.00	\$ 11,264.96	\$ 8,677.52
# of Envelopes	221	214
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 212,213.58</b>	<b>\$ 211,045.28</b>

## 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 completing the addition of classrooms to our school. Together, we can make this a reality!

As you can see, we are ever so slowly inching up to meet our goal. 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](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.



**\$942,863.06**

**Goal: \$1,000,000.00**

*Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.*

### PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged:	\$942,863.06
Amount Paid:	\$769,273.31
Outstanding Balance:	\$173,589.75

**Christmas Novena**  
*Say 15 times a day from St. Andrew's Day (30 November) until Christmas*

Hail, and blessed be the hour and moment at which the Son of God was born of a most pure Virgin at a stable at midnight in Bethlehem in the piercing cold. At that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, to hear my prayers and grant my desires.  
*(Mention your intentions here)*  
Through Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother.

### BREAKFAST:

St. Johns, Lima is offering their breakfast on Sunday, Dec. 1st from 8-1 p.m. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages will be served. Adults \$4 and children \$2.

### SCRIP AVAILABLE:

With the busy holiday season fast approaching, don't forget to purchase SCRIP for all of your baking and shopping needs. Gift cards are available for purchase after the Sunday Masses, as well in the school office. Please support our school and utilize SCRIP.



spiritual formation  
CONNECTING WITH GOD

## Can We Pray For You?



### St Gerard Prayer Chain

We will be reactivating the St Gerard Prayer Chain with the beginning of Advent, Dec. 1st. Requests for prayer may be emailed to [Stgprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:Stgprayerchain@gmail.com) or called into the parish office at **419-224-3080** after Dec. 1st. Because of privacy laws, requests for prayer must be made by the person needing them or an immediate family member. All requests will be kept confidential within the prayer chain. Requests will be kept on the prayer list for 30 days. If additional prayer is wanted, please resubmit.

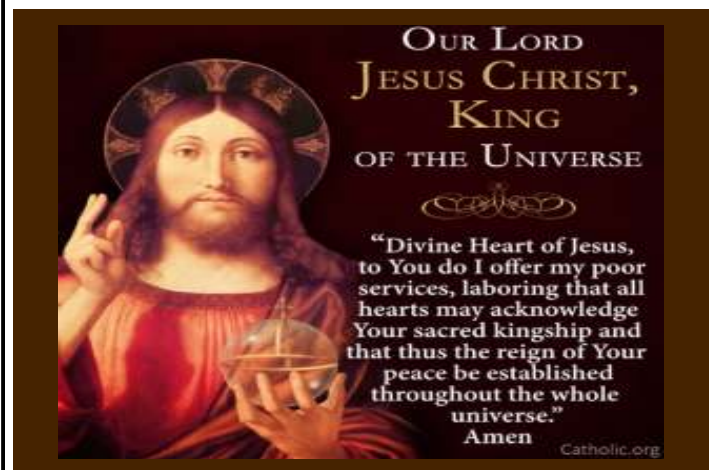
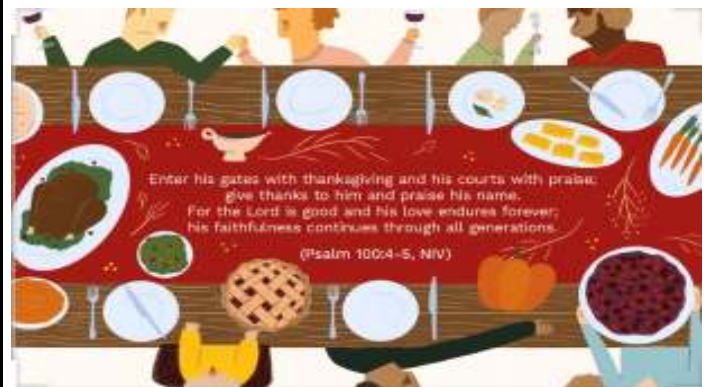
### **Prayer Warriors Needed ...**

**to offer a daily prayer for the names on the list. If you are willing to serve the Lord and our parish as a prayer warrior, please send your name and email address to the above email address or call the parish office. Prayer requests will be emailed to you. All requests for prayer are to be kept confidential. God bless you for your consideration.**

### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:

#### **UNIVERSAL:**

dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East. That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



## Thanksgiving Day:

*Please bring your family and join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 28th at 8:30 a.m.*

*We will continue our tradition of giving to the less fortunate of the Lima area by accepting donations for our St. Vincent DePaul Society. Please bring any non-perishable food items to church through Thanksgiving Day. Look for donation boxes near the front altar of church on each wing. We greatly appreciate and welcome all donations.*

### **LIMA CHAPTER OF MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST:**

The Lima Chapter of Magnificat, a ministry to Catholic women, will be held on December 7th at the Old Barn Out Back. Our speaker will be **Joan Nunnery** from Port Clinton, Ohio.

Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Please call Kay Smith at 419-339-8971 by December 4th to register.

Cost is \$10.00 which includes breakfast, speaker and handouts. All women from the Lima area are invited. Please join us.

### **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:**

We will be celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on



Sun., Dec. 8th at our regular 1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. John Church in Delphos. We will be starting with a Spanish rosary at 12:45 p.m. After Mass there will be a procession with our Lady from church to the cafeteria with the Guadalupanos Dancers from Norwalk performing shortly before. There will be a reception after Mass in the cafeteria. We will be serving Spanish Pozole soup and tamales with champurrado and horchata which are authentic Mexican drinks. Please join us in this unique celebration in honor of our Lady.

*Give  
Thanks  
to the Lord  
for He is good!*  
Psalm 106:1

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, 11/30 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 12/1 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 12/1 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 12/1 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	W. Peebles L. Taylor S. Urban J. Stewart V. Bigelow B. Flynn D. Hollingsworth J. Hollingsworth M. DeVita M. Hinegardner	M. Stemen J. Nguyen V. Nguyen B. Pinney P. Huffman J. Korzan G. Merkel S. Ellinger J. Sroufe T. Sroufe	K. Spears M. Spears J. Neville D. Vondrell M. Ayers S. Dew R. Karbowiak J. Landwehr S. Morrisey R. Carder	
<b>LECTOR:</b>	M. Hinegardner	M. Hickey	D. Karbowiak	
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	G. Gandy A. Parker H. Lamb	D. Martin E. Martin A. Dackin	D. Dawson B. Dahill A. Carter	
<b>USHERS:</b>	D. Hollingsworth R. Yahl	G. Merkel B. Hahn B. Polser	T. DeRose J. Reaman S. Harkenrider	
<b>SACRISTY WORKERS: (DECEMBER)</b>	J. Blackburn, J. Wolf, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, B. Markham, M. Taflinger, B. Santaguida			

### ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:

Again this year, we will have the lighting of the Advent wreath, with four candles signifying four gifts that Christ brings to us: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. The following families of the parish will process in with the Celebrant at each weekend Mass and will light the Advent wreath candles. May they remind us that, as Christ gives us those four gifts, we are called to pass them on to each other.



#### Nov. 30/Dec. 1 - Peace

5:00 p.m. - The Megan & James Faye Family

8:30 a.m. - The Steve Martin Family

11:00 a.m. - RCIA candidates

#### Dec. 7/8 - Hope

5:00 p.m. - Barb & Mike Flynn

8:30 a.m. - The Kevin & Lisa Rigg Family

11:00 a.m. - The Wendy & Dwayne Snow Family

## MASS Intentions

### **2020 MASS BOOK:**

The 2020 Mass Book is now open. 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.

### **TRAVEL WITH FR. CHARLES OBINWA**

(pastor of St. Joseph's Fort Jennings & Chaplain at Lima, St. Rita's. June 3rd-June 13th, 2020:

Portugal, France, Switzerland, Poland and more.  
Cost: \$4,699.00

For more information and registration, contact: Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890.  
Email: Jennifer@procatholic tours.com.  
Website: www.procatholic tours.com.

### **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. Thank you.



### **COME & BE FOR WOMEN:**

Before the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, the Sisters of Notre Dame invite women ages 20-45 to step away for prayer and reflection at a FREE retreat! Our Come & Be weekend is a chance to learn about the life, spirituality and mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame, while taking time for personal prayer and rest. The retreat is being held in Chardon, Ohio from

Dec. 6-8th, 2019. Please contact Sister Jenny Zimmerman, SND at vocations@snd1.org for more information.

### **LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC ACT PREP COURSE:**

LCC will be offering its 12th ACT Prep Class beginning Jan. 4, 2020 for the April 4, 2020 ACT test. Students who have previously taken this class have stated this class "helped to decrease my text anxiety prior to taking the actual ACT test" and "I was a little skeptical at first that the course would help but my ACT score raised from a 29 to a 33." On average, most students ACT scores do raise 2-4 points.

For more specific information, please go to the LCC website at [www.lcchs.edu](http://www.lcchs.edu) or contact Stephanie Evans at 419-230-5040. Pre-registration is required and forms are due January 2, 2020. The class is open to LCC, as well as non-LCC students.

### **TREE OF REMEMBRANCE:**

If you are experiencing grief, your neighbors at Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services will host their 29th Annual Tree of Remembrance Service on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019. This community event is held at our Shawnee Chapel, located at 1170 Shawnee Rd. in Lima.

Guests may start to arrive at 2pm and a Service will begin at 3pm led by area clergy. There is no charge to attend, however, reservations are requested. To make a reservation, order your free personalized ornament or for additional information, please do not hesitate to call 419-228-5474.