

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, May 7**

8:30 a.m. Deceased of the  
Sliemers, Nungester  
& Wukusick Families+

**Tuesday, May 8**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 9**

8:30 a.m. Poor Souls  
6:30 p.m. Living & Deceased of  
the Martin & Utrup  
Families

**Thursday, May 10**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, May 11**

8:30 a.m. Bill Bourk +

**Saturday, May 12**

8:30 a.m. Poor Souls  
5:00 p.m. Mother's Day Novena

**Sunday, May 13**

8:30 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
11:00 a.m. Mother's Day Novena  
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, May 6 - May Crowning at all 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  
11:00 a.m. - High School Senior Mass/Brunch  
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

**Monday, May 7**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, May 8**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
6:00-7:30 p.m. - CATHOLICISM Faith Formation in the Parish Hall

**Wednesday, May 9**

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, May 10 - 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  
7:30 p.m. - Holy Name Meeting in the Parish Hall

**Friday, May 11**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, May 12 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
April, 5th week On-line: \$ 1,405.00	\$ 10,096.86	\$ 10,677.26
# of Envelopes	246	250
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 476,797.59</b>	<b>\$481,732.64</b>

**ONLINE GIVING:** Give on-line by visiting our website at:  
[www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org). It's easy and convenient.

**PRAYER FOR OUR NEWEST MEMBERS :**



Our Newest Members: (L-R) *Monica Hubbard, Matthew Chiles, Roger Allen and Debbie Santani*

*Father God, bless those who have come into the fullness of faith in You and full communion in the Life of our Catholic Family.*

*Protect them on their journey.*

*Continue to reveal to them the love of Your Son, Jesus. Empower them with the gifts of Your Holy Spirit. AMEN!*

*Welcome to St. Gerard Church!*



**Holy Father's Prayer**  
**Intentions for May:**  
***EVANGELIZATION -***  
***The Mission of Laity:***

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

**MAY -**

*Month dedicated to Mary and Marian Devotions.*

**NEW TIMES FOR**  
**EUCCHARISTIC**  
**ADORATION:**

Adoration hours at St. Gerard are now 12-5pm every Thursday. Come

and experience some quiet, personal time with the Lord.



***Since the month of May is dedicated to Mary, it's a great time to honor her with a Mary garden or a Mary altar!***

**FLOWERS:**

Everyone is welcome to adorn our Mary statue with flowers during the month of May. Potted plants are welcome, as well as cuttings from your garden or fresh flowers. Vases will be provided.

**ST. GERARD PARISH FESTIVAL**

The 40th Annual St. Gerard Festival is right around the corner. Please mark your calendars for June 1-2-3rd.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:**

Raffle tickets have been printed and have been distributed to sellers. If you would like to purchase a ticket for \$20.00 and be offered a chance to win \$10,000.00, please see one of our many ticket sellers or stop by the rectory office to purchase one. Please return all sold tickets to the rectory office.

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS:**

We have sign-up sheets available in the back of church and we are encouraging you to sign up for multiple booths. We will need some 4300 hours of volunteering for the festival. Our Booth Chairs will call each person that signs up. We have spots available for everyone and really need your help.

**DUCK RACE CHAIR NEEDED:**

We are in need of someone to chair our new Duck Race Booth. This person would need to line-up volunteers and help run the duck races. Please call Michael Mays at 419-222-0431 if you would be interested in chairing this booth.



**MOTHER/DAUGHTER**

**DINNER:**

The Rosary/Altar Society will be hosting their annual Mother/Daughter Dinner on Tuesday, May 15th. The dinner will be held at The Old Barn Out Back beginning at 5:30 p.m. All women are invited and are encouraged to invite your moms, daughters, aunts, sisters, grandmothers, etc. to attend with them. Come enjoy a great meal and some fellowship with the women of the parish.



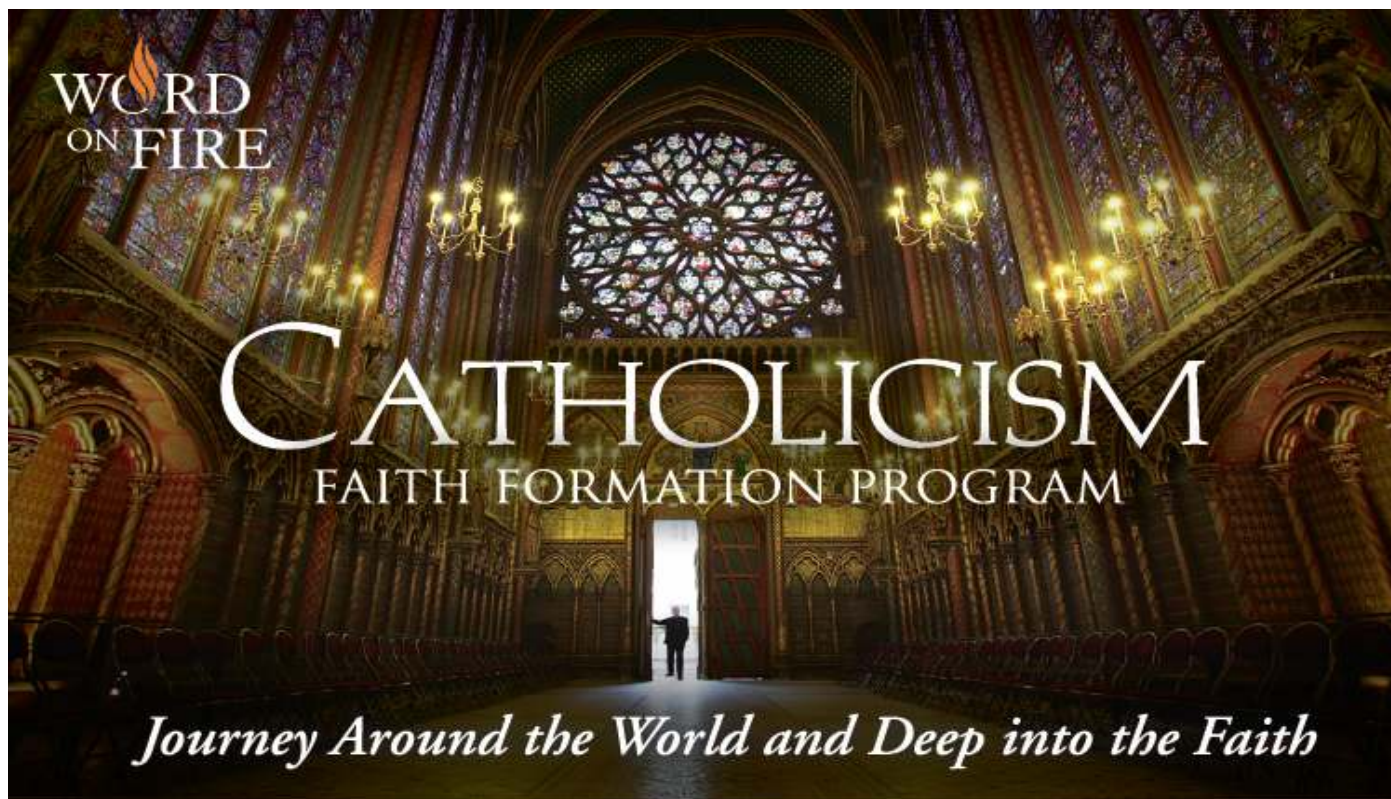
**MOTHER'S DAY CARDS:**

Mother's Day cards are available on the tables at the church exits. There is a beautiful card to give to your mother, as well as an envelope for your donation to the Novena of Masses that will be offered for all mothers ~ both living and deceased. Please return your donation in the regular collection or to the rectory office. Thank you.



**BUS PILGRIMAGE:**

A one day bus pilgrimage to Blessed Solanus Casey Center and Sainte Anne de Detroit Church, Detroit, MI on July 18, 2018 will leave Kalida K of C parking lot at 7am and return at 8:30pm. Cost is \$70. Included is a tour of the Center, confession, Mass, lunch, a Healing Service followed by a tour of Sainte Anne de Detroit, the second oldest continuously operating Catholic parish in America. If interested, please contact Rita Borgelt at 419-532-3637, or hborglet@bright.net for details.



*"The Church has proclaimed the good, the true and the beautiful for two millenia. I don't know of a project that has shown that in a more dazzling way than CATHOLICISM."*

-Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

With creator and host **Father Robert Barron**, you will learn *what* Catholics believe and *why* while being immersed in the art, architecture, literature, beliefs and practices of the Catholic tradition.

The **CATHOLICISM Faith Formation Program** brings the beauty, goodness and truth of the Church to life so that you can better understand and share your faith.

**Father Robert Barron** is an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest from Chicago. An innovative teacher of the Catholic Faith who uses the tools of the new media to further the New Evangelization, Fr. Barron is also the founder of *Word on Fire Catholic Ministries*.

**DATE, TIMES & LOCATION:**

Beginning May 8, 2018 from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Will meet on Tuesdays for the next 20 weeks.

Join us for one or all of the 20 sessions.

**COST / REGISTRATION:**

No cost to attend. Please plan on joining us for this **FAITH SHARING DVD** with dialogue. The CD lasts 60 minutes followed by 30 minutes of discussion.

[WWW.WORDONFIRE.ORG](http://WWW.WORDONFIRE.ORG)

**CONTACT:**

Please contact Melinda at: 567-242-8748 or email her at: [mblanch997@gmail.com](mailto:mblanch997@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

Let's enrich our faith and walk with Christ together!

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, May 12:**

5:00 p.m. *C. Diaz, D. Griffo, B. Flynn, C. Hinds,  
M. Hinds, L. Makley, S. Parker, J. Wolff,  
J. Hollingsworth, D. Hollingsworth*

**Sunday, May 13:**

8:30 a.m. *C. Altenbach, N. Jenkins, T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe,  
R. Orwick, G. Merkel, M. Hickey, S. Martin,  
T. Martin, B. Pinney*

11:00 a.m. *F. Thompson, R. Karbowski, K. Ladden,  
J. Landwehr, C. Coleman, V. Carter,  
S. Morrissey, C. Wreede, S. Young,  
R. Vagedes*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**May 12:** 5:00 p.m. - *D. Mack*

**May 13:** 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd*  
11:00 a.m. - *K. Gerken*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**May 12:** 5:00 p.m. - *J. Yahl, G. Gandy, K. LaRotonda*

**May 13:** 8:30 a.m. - *C. Wagoner, M. Miller, K. Rigg*  
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex, B. Truex, B. Dahill*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR MAY:**

*Chris Diaz, Sadie Bourk, Pat Flick*

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Mother/Daughter Banquet hosted by the MOMS Group of St. Charles. Planting the Seeds of Faith will be held on Thursday, May 10th at 5:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$5 each and will include dinner from the Old Barn Out Back. Come join us for a special night of food, laughter, and making memories. Make sure to get tickets at St. Charles Parish Office. Girls will have a craft to take home and everyone will have a chance at door prizes. The guest speaker will be Bridget Bockey. All are invited from the Lima Community.

**HABITAT GUATEMALA TO VISIT**

**LIMA:**

The Lima Area Habitat for Humanity is excited to be hosting Makensie Brown, the Development Office of Habitat for Humanity Guatemala on Thursday,



May 10th. There will be a time to meet her at 10am in the Lima Habitat ReStore (550 W. Elm St.); and then, at 11am in the conference room of the Habitat Offices, there will be a presentation of the work that Habitat Guatemala is doing in their country. Light refreshments will be provided. The Lima Area Affiliate has been a partner of HFH Guatemala since 2005, and throughout these 12 years has tithed over \$91,000 towards reducing the housing deficit in Guatemala. This Christian connection is something that we want others to be able to be involved with in their lives. We build local, but we care globally. Please come and find out more.

**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.

**ENTERING CANAAN:**

An "Entering Canaan" Day of Prayer and Healing Retreat for women who are suffering as a result of an abortion will be held Saturday, May 19th. Please call 888-456-HOPE or 419-260-5811 for confidential reservations. Come and experience God's mercy!

**BROTHER KEVIN MCGRAW FEATURED ON FAMILY RADIO:**

Tune in to Holy Family Radio WJTA on Thursday, May 10th from 2-3 p.m. as Bro. Kevin McGraw, C.Ss.R., will be a guest during that hour for the 2018 Spring Spirit Drive. Bro. Kevin is a Redemptorist student brother preparing for the priesthood of Jesus Christ. Bro. Kevin is a son of St. Gerard Parish. Listen at 88.9 FM, 88.7 FM in Findlay, or online at [www.holyfamilyradio.fm](http://www.holyfamilyradio.fm) (scroll down on the right side). During this hour, he will most likely be sharing about being a Redemptorist student brother, religious life/seminary life, in general, and his passion/support of Catholic radio. Please tune in!

**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).



***Faith Knights***  
**at the 'K'**

**'Be Thou My Vision: Renewing Catholic Tradition Through Song'**

Michael Bialorucki will look at contemporary Catholic artists and their use of traditional prayers & scripture to re-present the familiar in an unfamiliar way. The hope would be to bring us to a deeper understanding, or take a deeper look, into prayers we're already familiar with.

**May 9th at the Lima Knights of Columbus**  
**6:30 Free pizza & salad 7:00 Program**

**All donations go to the Lima Deanery Serra Club**

**Join Us**

Michael Bialorucki  
Toledo Diocese Seminarian from Holy Angels in Sandusky