

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning the injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 18

8:30 a.m. Poor Souls

Tuesday, September 19

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 20

8:30 a.m. Mary Reaman +
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 21

8:30 a.m. Robert Falk +

Friday, September 22

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 23

8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +
5:00 p.m. Angela Knott +
Randy Aversch +

Sunday, September 24

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Kuss & Decker
Families
11:00 a.m. Doug Baker +
Janet Funni +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, September 17 - Blessing of Catechists

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Holy Name Breakfast in the Parish Hall
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

Monday, September 18

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. - Widows/Widower's Support Group Mtg. in P. Hall

Tuesday, September 19

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon - Rosary/Altar meet in church to pray Rosary,
followed by lunch at Fat Jacks
7:00 p.m. - Liturgy Meeting in the Rectory

Wednesday, September 20

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

Thursday, September 21

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 22

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, September 23

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

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

WEDDING BANNS:

Kyle Anderson & Mary Singian, III
Kevin Zapp & Nicole Cross, I



FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Sept., 1st week On-line: \$ 1,375.00	\$ 12,083.09	\$ 11,242.52
# of Envelopes	276	271
YTD Totals:	\$ 105,905.10	\$ 110,021.90



BLESSING OF CATECHISTS:

We will be giving a special blessing to all of our PSR Teachers, Religion Teachers at any Catholic School and a blessing to our RCIA leaders and teachers this weekend. These are all members of our parish who serve as Catechists and will be called forth to be commissioned for their Ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

RECERTIFICATION OF EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

We will have the Recertification of Eucharistic Ministers at all the Masses on September 23/24th. 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.





HOLY NAME BREAKFAST:

The Holy Name men will be serving breakfast **TODAY** in the Parish Hall. Please join us for pancakes, sausage, eggs and coffee/juice. Please stop over after Mass.

**The breakfast will run from
9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.
and will be held in the
Parish Hall.**

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The next meeting of the Rosary/Altar Society will be held on Tuesday, September 19th. We will gather in church at noon to pray the rosary. We will have lunch together at Fat Jacks following the rosary. All ladies of the parish who can attend are encouraged to do so.



A Prayer for
the Hurricane
Victims

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 17th ~ Divine Revelation
- September 24th ~ The Bible

HANDBELL CHOIR:

The St. Gerard Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 20th 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.

THANK YOU:

The church Decorating Committee would like to say "thank you" to the many parishioners who give to the envelopes for Christmas and Easter flowers. This money is used not only for these two church "Seasons", but also for decorating the church throughout the liturgical year.

We have been very grateful and thankful for private donations that have helped with some of our bigger projects. God bless you all for your generosity.

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.



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.

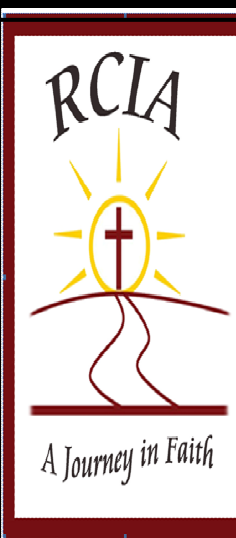
ST. GERARD ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:

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 23:

5:00 p.m. *B. Peebles, J. Stewart, S. Tschuor,
B. VonLehmden, D. Griffio, C. Hinds,
M. Hinds, M. Hinegardner, K. Smith,
S. Parker*

Sunday, September 24:

8:30 a.m. *S. Martin, T. Martin, E. Orwick,
R. Orwick, L. Hahn, C. Wright,
S. Nocera, B. Pinney, C. Altenbach,
M. Mays*

11:00 a.m. *M. Spears, K. Spears, K. Ladden,
J. Landwehr, R. Carder, K. Wreede,
M. Ayers, T. Meyer, F. Thompson,
C. Coleman*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Sept. 23: 5:00 p.m. - *J. Wolff*

Sept. 24: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Kleffner*
11:00 a.m. - *S. Silone*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Sept. 23: 5:00 p.m. - *I. Langhals, G. Langhals,
J. Yahl*

Sept. 24: 8:30 a.m. - *K. Rigg, D. Martin,
E. Martin*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex, A. Shultz,
B. Truex*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR SEPT.:

Barb Geise, Sue Graham



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>.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

We are still taking donations for the recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida. Your financial support will help with long-term recovery efforts. Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo will pass on all donations, dollar for dollar, to sister Catholic Charities agencies in impacted areas. Checks can be made out to Catholic Charities Diocese of Toledo. If you would like to mail in your donation, please send it to 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo, OH 43604. Please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters affected by these violent storms.

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.

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.

