

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*The bridesmaids in today's gospel were considered "foolish" because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, November 13**

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 14**

8:30 a.m. Robert Falk +

**Wednesday, November 15**

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Jack Frueh +

**Thursday, November 16**

8:30 a.m. Mary Jane Mead +

**Friday, November 17**

8:30 a.m. Twylah Hoehn +

**Saturday, November 18**

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Mary Gasperetti +  
Deceased of Kolhoff &  
Harrington Families +  
Thomas Macke +

**Sunday, November 19**

8:30 a.m. Garry Tabler +

11:00 a.m. Joe Silone +

Living & Deceased of  
the O'Connell, Flick &  
Christen Families

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, November 12**

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

**Monday, November 13**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. - Widows/Widowers Support Group Mtg. in P. Hall

**Tuesday, November 14**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 15 - MASS BOOK OPENS**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, November 16**

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, November 17**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, November 18**

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - Spanish Healing Mass

**Sunday, November 19**

**Holy Name Breakfast in the Parish Hall following 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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

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

**MARRIAGE BANNS:**

Joe Burnett & Kendall Kaskocsak, III

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Nov. 1st week	\$ 10,547.69	\$ 9,651.61
On-line: \$ 1,345.00		
# of Envelopes	275	242
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 192,902.20</b>	<b>\$ 193,969.55</b>



**ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:**

On the four Sundays of Advent, starting December 2/3, we will have the Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony at the beginning of Mass. Families, or groups of friends, or grandparents with their grandchildren are invited to take part in the ceremony ~ to

light the Advent candles at the beginning of Mass. The ceremony will take place at all weekend Masses. If you will take part in this service, please contact John Christoff at (419) 203-7881 and let him know which weekend and which Mass is best for you. He will then give you details of the ceremony and what you will do. Thank you.

**2018 MASS BOOK:**

The 2018 Mass book will open on Wednesday, November 15th. 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. Thank you.

**FINANCE COUNCIL:**

St. Gerard Parish is looking for additional members for our finance council. Normal meeting times are on the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the rectory. Anyone interested in becoming a member of this council should contact Marta Truex at 419-222-0431. You may also email her with your letter of interest at: [mtruex@sgslima.org](mailto:mtruex@sgslima.org).

**HOLY NAME BREAKFAST:**

Make plans to attend the Holy Name Breakfast being offered at St. Gerard next Sunday, November 19th following the morning Masses in the Parish Hall. Eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon and beverages will be served. Please plan on stopping over and enjoy this delicious breakfast.

**SPIRITUAL  
FORMATION  
COMMITTEE:**

St. Gerard Parish is seeking individuals who feel called by the Spirit to minister to this parish in deepening our faith and spiritual development. Those interested in joining the Spiritual Formation Committee are asked to please call the Rectory at 419-224-3080.

**ROSARY/ALTAR SOCIETY  
NEWS:**

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will meet on Tuesday, November 21st at noon in church to pray the Rosary. Following the rosary, they will go to the Golden Corral for lunch. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend.

**ST. GERARD PARISH DIRECTORIES:**

The St. Gerard Parish Directories/History Album is here and can be picked up at the rectory office. Our hours are Monday-Thursday from 8-4 p.m. On Fridays, we are open from 8-1 p.m. If you have a shut-in that ordered the book, and needs it delivered, please let us know.

**DONATIONS ACCEPTED:**

As many of you have noticed, we offer free rosaries, pamphlets and holy water bottles at the Blessed Virgin Mary's alcove. We are happy to offer these items for free, however, it is an added expense for the parish. Sometimes we have parishioners that would like to donate for "extras" that we need. If this is something you feel called to help with, please feel free to do so. Thanks in advance for considering to help underwrite this expense.

**POTLUCK:**

Please "Save the Date" . . . Start your Advent Season with us by attending a Parish Potluck on Sunday, December 3rd at noon in the parish hall. Please bring your favorite main dish, casserole, salad or dessert to share. The parish will supply the drinks and tableware. Any questions, please contact Shandra Parker at the parish office, 419-224-3080.



*Please join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass  
on Thursday, November 23rd at 8:30 a.m.  
What are you thankful for?*

**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.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to be an usher!      Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mass I usually attend: \_\_\_\_\_      Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:**

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 beginning next weekend and continuing through Thanksgiving Day. Look for donation boxes near the front altar of church on each wing. We greatly appreciate and welcome all donations.

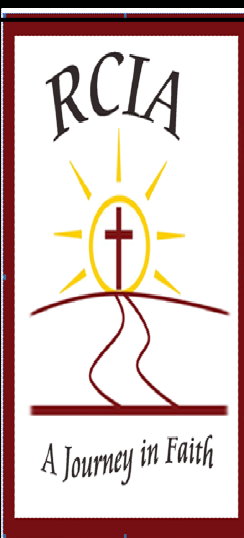
**ST. GERARD ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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, November 18:**

5:00 p.m. *B. Muskus, D. Griffo, S. Tschuor,  
D. Hollingsworth, J. Hollingsworth,  
K. Canavan, L. Makley, C. Hinds,  
M. Hinds, S. Parker*

**Sunday, November 19:**

8:30 a.m. *M. Hickey, M. King, J. Sroufe,  
T. Sroufe, S. Nocera, M. Meyer,  
S. Ellinger, B. Pinney, J. Korzan,  
M. Mays*

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

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Nov. 18:** 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*  
**Nov. 19:** 8:30 a.m. - *T. Parker*  
11:00 a.m. - *S. Silone*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Nov. 18:** 5:00 p.m. - *A. Parker, Addie Parker,  
M. Lewis*  
**Nov. 19:** 8:30 a.m. - *G. Langhal, I. Langhal,  
M. Chambers*  
11:00 a.m. - *A. Carter, L. Wreede,  
S. Santaguida*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR NOVEMBER:**

*Kathy Long*

**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.

**ANGEL TREE**

Our gift-giving drive for children through the Salvation Army will be held November 25th through December 10th. Beginning next weekend, you will find two trees decorated with "Angel Tags" in the back of church near the gathering space (center aisle).



After Thanksgiving Mass, the trees will be moved to the sanctuary. Please take the entire tag, purchase your gifts and return them to the tree with the tag attached securely to the gift. Please, DO NOT WRAP the gifts.

We have always had a tremendous support and participation in this project, and we hope that we can continue this tradition. Just think of the joy your gifts will bring to many of our area children. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 and we will try to help you.

**CATHOLIC-LUTHERAN COMMEMORATION:**

A Joint Commemoration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation: Sunday, November 19th, 2:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 209 W. North St., Lima.

Lutherans and Roman Catholics from Lima and the surrounding area will gather together in prayer as we commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on Sunday, November 19th at 2:00 p.m. All are invited - please attend!

**FAMILY PROMISE:**

St. Gerard Parish, along with St. Rose/St. John Parishes, will be hosting families through the Family Promise program. We are hosting the families the week of November 19th to November 26th. If you can help with providing a meal, fellowship, or spending the night, please contact Shandra Parker at 419-230-2926 or Vicki Ludwick at 419-302-4977.

**YARN REQUEST:**

The inmates at ACI are asking for donations of yarn to help them with their many projects they do for the Lima community. They can use any kind and size of yarn, including no. 10 thread with which they make our prayer cloths. The men greatly appreciated you past donations of yarn because it enables them to give back to the community. Please leave your donated yarn in the west entrance of the church or at the rectory. Thank you.

**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>.

**PLASTIC BAGS:**

In case you might be wondering, St. Gerard Parish is still collecting plastic grocery bags and giving them to the inmates at the prison to make mats for the homeless in the area. Please drop off your bags in the back of church or the rectory office.

**THANK YOU:**

This bulletin is furnished to the Parish without charge. The advertisements that appear completely defray all publishing costs with which the church would otherwise be burdened. Please patronize these sponsors.

**TREE OF REMEMBRANCE:**

The holiday season is normally a time of joy, but when someone you love has died, it can be a time of loneliness and pain. If you are experiencing grief, your neighbors at Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services will host their 27th Annual Tree of Remembrance Service on Saturday, December 2, 2017. This community event is held at our Shawnee Chapel, located at 1170 Shawnee Rd. in Lima.

Guests may start to arrive at 2:00 p.m. and the Remembrance Service will begin at 3:00 p.m., being led by area clergy. Light refreshments will be served following the service at 4:00 p.m.

This Service is presented as a gift to our community from the Chiles-Laman families. Anyone is welcome to attend, regardless of which funeral home provided the services for their loved one.

There is no charge to attend, however, reservations are requested. To make a reservation, order your free personalized crystal ornament or for additional information, please to not hesitate to call 419-228-5474.

If your loved one passed away this year, your family is welcome to receive one complimentary personalized crystal ornament at no charge. Additional ornaments for loved ones who have passed away in any previous year will be available for \$25 each. To place your order, please call 419-228-5474 prior to November 27th.

