

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

In today's gospel Jesus describes the vocation of parents: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, November 6

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Hugh Hasson & Joseph P. Doorley Families

Tuesday, November 7

8:30 a.m. Robert Kohnen + Bill McFall

Wednesday, November 8

8:30 a.m. Deceased of the Eley & Mooney Families +
6:30 p.m. Louis Acerro +

Thursday, November 9

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Moyer & Mark Thompson families

Friday, November 10

8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +

Saturday, November 11

8:30 a.m. Robert Ellinger +
5:00 p.m. John & Stella Sullivan + Thomas A. Macke +

Sunday, November 12

8:30 a.m. Paul Keiffer + Robert & Leona Keiffer & Family +
11:00 a.m. Jim Taflinger + Virgil Thines +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, November 5

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
4:00 p.m. - Confirmation Sponsor & Parent Mtg. in Church
6:00 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

Monday, November 6

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m. - Sex in America Talk in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 7 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 8

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 9

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

Friday, November 10

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. - Men's Night Out in the Parish Hall

Saturday, November 11

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

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.
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MARRIAGE BANNS:

Joe Burnett & Kendall Kaskocsak, II

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Oct., 4th week	\$ 9,593.36	\$ 11,559.28
On-line: \$ 1,500.00		
# of Envelopes	243	269
YTD Totals:	\$ 182,354.51	\$ 184,317.94



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.

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.



COMMUNITY MEAL THANK YOU:

Thank you to all of our parishioners who helped with the community meal and also those of you who baked brownies, cookies and cakes. We had a great response and appreciate all of your hard work.

ST. GERARD YOUTH GROUP:

St. Gerard Youth Group is starting to meet again. Their first meeting is schedule for TODAY, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. The Youth Group will be meeting regularly and their meetings will be the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. We will meet in the Parish Hall. All high school students are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Shandra Parker at the parish office, 419-224-3080.

FALL FESTIVAL:

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Ottawa is having its annual Fall Festival TODAY, Nov. 5th. Chicken and roast beef dinners will be served family style from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Carry-out dinners are available. Other features include country store with crafts, baked goods, holiday items, games and raffles. All are invited.

SAUERKRAUT DINNER:

St. John the Baptist Church will be having their annual Sauerkraut and Sausage Dinner on TODAY, Nov. 5th from 3:30-7:00 p.m. in the Landeck church basement. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children.

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>.

CONFIRMATION MEETING:

Sponsors & parent meeting for students making their Confirmation will be held **TODAY**, November 5th at 4:00 p.m. in church.

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. Thank you.

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.

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.

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.

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: _____



MEN'S NIGHT OUT:

Our annual Men's Night Out will be held on Friday, November 10th in the Parish Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. Admission price is \$15.00 which includes a chicken dinner, snacks, beverages and door prizes. Carry-out dinners will be available. Raffle tickets are available from any Holy Name member or at the rectory office. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. Winner need not be present to win. 1st prize is \$1,000, 2nd prize is \$500 and 3rd prize us \$200. All monies raised go to the parish for special projects. Please plan on attending!

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, November 11:

5:00 p.m. *M. DeVita, C. Diaz, M. Hinegardner,
Mike Hinegardner, J. Stewart,
J. Wolff, D. Griffo, B. Flynn,
L. Makley, B. Peebles*

Sunday, November 12:

8:30 a.m. *C. Altenbach, L. Hahn, J. Inskeep,
J. Korzan, E. Orwick, R. Orwick,
P. Huffman, M. King, S. Martin,
T. Martin*

11:00 a.m. *D. Vondrell, R. Carder, J. Kahle,
R. Karbowiak, G. Vondrell,
F. Thompson, C. Wreede, T. Meyer,
S. Morrisey, J. Neville*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Nov. 11: 5:00 p.m. - *D. Mack*

Nov. 12: 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd*
11:00 a.m. - *Children's Mass*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Nov. 11: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Smith, H. Lamb,
G. Gandy*

Nov. 12: 8:30 a.m. - *D. Martin, E. Martin,
K. Rigg*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Hahn, G. & M. Sutton*

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.



PURSE BINGO

Fabulous Designer Purses

Sat. Nov. 11 ~ at the K of C, Lima

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Buffet Dinner ~ 5:30 to 7:00 pm

20 Games of Bingo starting at 7:00 pm

Bingo ~ Raffles ~ Cash Bar ~ 50/50 & more

Tickets ~ \$35.00 per person

Reserve a table for 8 - Call 419-223-0761

Tickets are available at the K of C or
call Bob Whitlatch at 419-234-6730

**A portion of the proceeds to benefit the
Fr. Herr Scholarship Fund**

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.

THANK YOU:

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Sex in America - The Rules Have Changed!

**St. Gerard Parish Hall
Monday Nov. 6, 2017 - 7pm**

This presentation could change the life of someone you love. If your child goes to a typical middle class Jr. High or High School, already 1 in 4 are infected with a Sexually Transmitted Disease, and don't even know. As a parent or student, you need to know how to deal with this rampant epidemic. More importantly, we need to help our youth deal with the social, emotional, and spiritual consequences of taking sex out of the setting in which it was originally designed.

In this impactful presentation, Dr. Bill & Lori Scherger pull no punches as they give real-world answers regarding the current culture of "free love." Your teen will be presented with valuable tools to help them make wise choices. Our youth do not have to fall victim to the consequences of "sexual freedom." The presentation will include strategies to help you deal with these "sensitive issues" at home.

For the future of your children - don't miss this presentation!

TOPICS:

- Differences between guys and girls re: sex
- Mastering the Media and Culture of Today
- Science of Sex and its effects in the brain
- Meaning and Practice of Sexual Integrity
- Young women's battles: Body image, modesty, flirting, boundaries and tools to win the battle.
- Young men's battles: Lust, porn, "code of silence" about struggles, attitude, "addiction" & tools to win the battle.
- Sexting
- Breaking the Cycle of Sexual Abuse
- Alcohol and Sex
- Four epidemic STDs. HPV, Herpes, Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and their effects on body and soul.
- The myth of "safe sex"
- Winning the battle: Abstinence till Marriage

THIS PRESENTATION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

**PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND IF YOU: ARE A PARENT OR GRANDPARENT,
ARE A TEENAGER OR COLLEGE STUDENT!**