

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude life.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, November 27**

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 28**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 29**

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, November 30**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, December 1**

8:30 a.m. Terry Tschuor, Jr. +  
Louis Acerro +

**Saturday, December 2**

8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +  
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of  
the Kaple & Becker  
Families  
Thomas A. Macke +

**Sunday, December 3**

8:30 a.m. Ed Nixon +  
11:00 a.m. Janet Funni +  
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, November 26**

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

**Monday, November 27** - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 28** - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 29**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
1:00 p.m. - OLP Novena  
6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, November 30** - 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, December 1** - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

4:00-6:00 p.m. - First Friday Devotions

**Saturday, December 2**

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

**Sunday, December 3 - 1st Sunday of Advent**

**12:00 noon - PARISH POT-LUCK IN THE PARISH HALL**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Nov. 2nd week	\$ 11,380.50	\$ 12,971.34
On-line: \$ 1,485.00		
# of Envelopes	283	286
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 204,282.70</b>	<b>\$ 206,940.89</b>

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Nov. 3rd week	\$ 11,489.86	\$ 19,655.36
On-line: \$ 1,105.00		(includes one large gift)
# of Envelopes	264	257
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 215,772.56</b>	<b>\$ 226,659.25</b>



YOU ARE INVITED TO A CELEBRATION IN HONOR OF

**OUR LADY OF**  
*Guadalupe*  
*Patroness of all the Americas*

CELEBRANT: BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS

SCHEDULE	7 a.m.	Mañanitas (church)
	8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
	10:30 a.m.	Bilingual Rosary (church)
	11:15 a.m.	Procession (outside-weather permitting)
	12 p.m.	Mass (church)
	1:30 p.m.	Lunch & Performance by El Corazón de México Ballet folklórico (parish hall / gym)

SATURDAY  
**DECEMBER 9, 2017**  
Saint Gerard Parish | 240 West Robb Ave., Lima



Diocese of Toledo

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

Help will be needed to set-up the gym and serve the meals. If you would like to help, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 and leave your name with Sue Nocera. Thank you.

**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.

**HOLY NAME WINNERS:**

Thanks to all who made our Holy Name Men's Night Out a success. We thank all of those who purchased raffle tickets. Congratulations to the lucky winners:

- \$1,000.00 ~ Becky Morris, Elaine Riepenhoff & Sheila Riepenhoff
- \$500.00 ~ Dorothy Woods
- \$200.00 ~ Cindy Wright

**HEALING MASS:**

There will be a Healing Mass on Sunday, December 10th at 3:00 p.m. invoking the intercession of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a Redemptorist Priest who lived and worked in America. He is known for his powerful intercession for the sick. There will be the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and a blessing with the relic of Blessed Seelos. All who need healing of mind, body and spirit are encouraged to attend. Please note this will satisfy your Sunday obligation.

**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.

**POTLUCK:**

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.



**LADIES OF THE PARISH:**



*Advent by Candlelight*

We will be hosting "Advent by Candlelight" on Monday, December 4th beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Come share faith and fellowship as we take time out of our busy schedules to remember the true meaning of the season. Invite your family and friends. If you would like to host a table, please call the rectory at 419-224-3080. Hope to see many of you there!

**SCRIP:**

With the holidays upon us, don't forget that Scrip is available for all of your grocery or gift needs. Please support SCRIP!



**ROSARY ALTAR BAKE SALE:**

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will be hosting their annual Bake Sale and Raffle on Sunday, December 10th following the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. This will be held in the Parish Hall. Baked goods may be dropped off before the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, or before any of the Masses on Sunday. Look for raffle tickets in the bulletin next weekend. Now would be a great time to start getting your baked goods ready for the sale.

**"GIVE A CHRISTMAS - TO A FAMILY IN NEED":**

Joining the other Catholic parishes of Lima, you are invited to take one of the bags near the Angel tree, fill it with groceries and return it on December 10th or 17th. All of the groceries will be taken to a centralized location, and prepared for distribution to families through Samaritan House, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Cheryl Allen Community Center. This joint effort by the entire Catholic Community of Lima will be a great witness of our faith.



**ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:**

Advent starts on December 3rd. 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 candles. May they remind us that, as Christ gives us those four gifts, we are called to pass them on to each other.

**Dec. 2/3 - Hope**

5:00 p.m. ~ The Tim & Shandra Parker Family  
8:30 a.m. ~ Sanna and Dan Rohrbach  
11:00 a.m. ~ The Josh & Jennifer Szimpl Family

**Dec. 16/17 - Joy**

5:00 p.m. ~ Barb & Mike Flynn  
8:30 a.m. ~ The Kevin & Lisa Rigg Family  
11:00 a.m. ~ The Chris & Paige Fay Family

**Dec. 9/10 - Peace**

5:00 p.m. ~ The Tom & Kelly Huffman Family  
8:30 a.m. ~ The Steve & Louise Martin Family  
11:00 a.m. ~ The Mike & Sue Dew Family

**Dec. 23/24 - Love**

5:00 p.m. ~ The Brent & Heather Dawson Family  
8:30 a.m. ~ Jennifer Inskeep & Family  
11:00 a.m. ~ The Matt & Rachel Spencer Family



**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.

***Call the rectory office if you are interested in joining.***



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, December 2:**

5:00 p.m. *C. Hinds, M. Hinds, M. Hinegardner,  
Mike Hinegardner, M. DeVita,  
C. Diaz, D. Griffo, B. Flynn,  
J. Stewart, S. Parker*

**Sunday, December 3:**

8:30 a.m. *E. Orwick, R. Orwick, J. Korzan,  
S. Ellinger, L. Hahn, P. Huffman,  
M. Meyer, S. Nocera, S. Martin,  
M. King*

11:00 a.m. *S. Young, K. Ladden, J. Landwehr,  
M. Spears, K. Spears, J. Kahle,  
V. Carter, F. Gallegos, T. Meyer,  
F. Thompson*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Dec. 2:** 5:00 p.m. - *J. Wolff*

**Dec. 3:** 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*

11:00 a.m. - *D. Karbowskiak*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Dec. 2:** 5:00 p.m. - *I. Langhal, G. Langhal,  
B. Smith*

**Dec. 3:** 8:30 a.m. - *C. Wagoner, M. Miller,  
K. Riggs*

11:00 a.m. - *B. Truex, E. Truex,  
B. Dahill*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR DECEMBER:**

*Brenda Santaguida, Melinda Taflinger,  
Barb Markham*

**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).

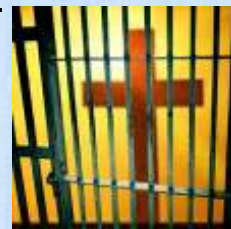
After Thanksgiving Mass, the trees will be moved to the sanctuary. Please take the entire tag, purchase your gifts and return them to the tree with the tag attached securely to the gift. Please, DO NOT WRAP the gifts.

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.



**PARISH MISSIONARY PROJECT:**

Beginning today, there will be blank Christmas cards at each of the entrances for you to write notes to inmates at Allen Correctional. Sign your first name and return them to baskets provided before December 14th. The cards will be taken to the inmates December 15th, at their Christmas retreat. They very much appreciated the kind words last year. For some men, the card they get from you is the only card they receive. Thanks in advance for giving them some encouraging words and helping them to experience just a little bit of Christmas spirit.



**MUSTARD SEED GIFT SHOP:**

Christmas items are now on display at the Mustard Seed Gift Shop. All are invited to shop for the special gift for someone on their list.

**2018 MASS BOOK:**

The 2018 Mass book is now open. 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).

**ATTENTION ALUMNI OF ST. ROSE HIGH SCHOOL & GRADE SCHOOL:**

On Saturday, Dec. 16th, at 4:00 p.m., you are invited to join us as we celebrate the Restoration of the Church and the Dedication of the new School Gym and Parish Center. A reception will follow. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by December 5th by calling Liz Parker at 419-227-0845.

**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 do 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.

