

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In today's gospel, Jesus encourages parents to bravely "give testimony" and trust He will give us the "wisdom" to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting, God is with you.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, November 18**

8:30 a.m. William McFall +  
Peg Hunt McKenna +

**Tuesday, November 19**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, November 20**

8:30 a.m. Hugh & Mary Hanson +  
6:30 p.m. Tom E. Gremling +

**Thursday, November 21**

8:30 a.m. Staff & Teachers of  
St. Gerard School

**Friday, November 22**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of  
the Falk, Ruen, and  
Pentenberg Families

**Saturday, November 23**

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St.  
Gerard  
5:00 p.m. Philip & Mary Swisser +  
Bob & Ginny Gorman +

**Sunday, November 24**

8:30 a.m. Eloise Maag +  
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Sherrick  
& Family  
11:00 a.m. Robert Gremling +  
Living & Deceased of  
the Robert & Delores  
Whitacre Family  
Deceased of the Kolhoff  
& Harrington families +  
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, Nov. 17 - Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria  
9:30-10:45 - Parish School of Religion Classes in the Parish Hall  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass  
4:00 p.m. - Confirmation Meeting for Parents & Sponsors in  
Church  
6-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

**Monday, Nov. 18**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
5:00 p.m. - Widows/Widowers group to meet at Westgate

**Tuesday, Nov. 19 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

Noon - Rosary/Altar to meet in church to pray the Rosary  
followed by lunch at the Elks  
7:00-8:30 p.m. - Bible Study in the Parish Hall

**Wednesday, Nov. 20**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena Devotions  
6:00-6:30 p.m. - Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30

**Thursday, Nov. 21**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
**12:00-5:00 p.m. – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Friday, Nov. 22 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, Nov. 23**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions  
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Nov. 24**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria  
9:30-10:45 - Parish School of Religion Classes in the Parish Hall  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**WEDDING BANNES:**

Kristen Werff & Jack Hale, I

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

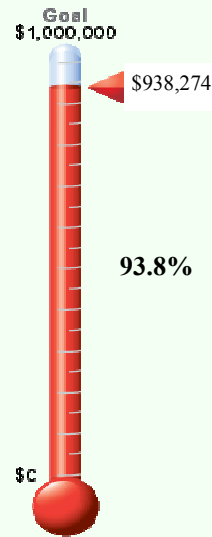
<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
November, 1st week On-line: \$1,716.00	\$ 13,352.52	\$ 10,063.70
# of Envelopes	277	240
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 200,948.62</b>	<b>\$ 202,367.76</b>

## **ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:**

As many of you know, we have now completed Phase I and Phase II of our Building Project. Now we are focused on securing the contract for the addition of classrooms to our school. Together, we can make this a reality!

To help us reach our goal, we are asking every family to participate. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is truly appreciated.

Pledge cards are available in the church or at the parish & school offices. You may also give online by visiting our website at: [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.



**\$938,274.12**

**Goal: \$1,000,000.00**

*Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.*

### **PLEDGES TO DATE**

Amount Pledged:	\$938,274.12
Amount Paid:	\$755,463.99
Outstanding Balance:	\$182,810.13

## **HOLY NAME**

### **NEWS:**

The Holy Name Society will be serving their delicious pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall following the 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses TODAY. Plan on stopping over and enjoy a breakfast consisting of pancakes, sausage, eggs and a beverage. Hope to see you there.



## **ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:**

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will be meeting at noon on Tuesday, November 19th to pray the rosary in church. They will then have lunch at the Elks Club in Lima. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

## **ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:**

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 families will process in with the Celebrant at each weekend Mass and will light the Advent Wreath candles. May they remind us that, as Christ gives us those four gifts, we are called to pass them on to each other.





**spiritual formation**  
CONNECTING WITH GOD

***I am grateful for ...***

1. *Early wakeups* = Children to love
2. *House to clean* = Safe place to live
3. *Laundry* = Clothes to wear
4. *Dirty dishes* = Food to eat
5. *Crumbs under the table* = Family meals
6. *Shopping to do* = Money to use
7. *Toilets to clean* = Indoor plumbing
8. *Lots of noise* = Kids having fun
9. *Endless questions* = Kids learning
10. *Getting into bed sore and tired* = I'm still alive



**"Spend as much time as possible in front of the Blessed Sacrament and He will fill you with His strength and His power." -Mother Teresa**

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:**

***UNIVERSAL:***

dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East. That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

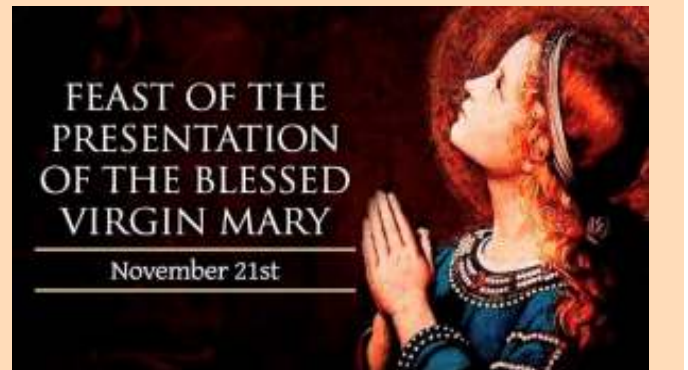


**MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**  
NOVEMBER



**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

November 21st



**SAINT CECILIA**

**PRAY FOR US**

NOVEMBER 22ND

(3RD CENTURY)



**RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS):**

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 is held on Sundays from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria Building.*

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

If you or someone you know would like the congregation to pray for you, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080 to be added to the list. Confidentiality will be respected and your permission is required to publish your name in the bulletin.



Please remember to pray for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from surgery and those with continuing health concerns. We offer our prayers for healing and strength to those who are in need of our prayers, especially: **Vince Koza**.

**SCHOOL NEWS:**

**LIVE - Protecting Youth & Vulnerable Adults and Those Who Serve Them Workshop:**

Thursday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m.  
Holy Trinity Parish (Holy Family Room)  
2649 U.S. Highway 20  
Swanton, OH 43558  
Please RSVP to Sharon Hall, 419-644-4014

There is no cost for the workshop and it counts as your protecting youth/vulnerable

**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 29th Annual Tree of Remembrance Service on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019. This community event is held at our Shawnee Chapel, located at 1170 Shawnee Rd. in Lima.

Guests may start to arrive at 2pm and a Service will begin at 3pm led by area clergy. There is no charge to attend, however, reservations are requested. To make a reservation, order your free personalized 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 ornament. Please call by November 30th.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS:**

*Please bring your family and join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass on Thursday, November 28, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.*

*What are you thankful for?*



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, Nov. 23:**

5:00 p.m. *D. Hollingsworth, J. Hollingsworth,  
L. Makley, S. Parker, D. Griffo,  
M. Hinegardner, Mike Hinegardner,  
D. Santini, B. Bigelow, K. Canavan*

**Sunday, Nov. 24:**

8:30 a.m. *M. Meyer, M. Mays, B. Pinney, C. Wright,  
S. Martin, T. Martin, N. Jenkins,  
J. Inskip, M. Hickey, C. Altenbach*  
11:00 a.m. *V. Carter, C. Coleman, S. Urban,  
S. Young, R. Karbowski, D. Vondrell,  
G. Vondrell, A. Montoya, S. Dew,  
M. Ayers*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Nov. 23:** 5:00 p.m. - *D. Bilbrey*  
**Nov. 24:** 8:30 a.m. - *F. Morman*  
11:00 a.m. - *Children's Mass*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Nov. 23:** 5:00 p.m. - *M. Chambers, N. Chambers,  
H. Chambers*  
**Nov. 24:** 8:30 a.m. - *S. Santaguida, A. Schultz,  
A. Fay*  
11:00 a.m. - *D. Noble, K. Meyer, G. Sutton*

**SACRISTY WORKERS - November**

*J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,  
L. Curry, M. Dew, S. Dew*

**USHERS SCHEDULE:**

**Nov. 23:** 5:00p.m. - *L. Daley, D. Makley, T. Daley*  
**Nov. 24:** 8:30 a.m. - *S. Martin, S. Doepker, J. Hartley*  
11:00 a.m. - *M. Dew*

**CHRISTIAN VOCAL**

**GROUP SELAH:**

Today, Nov. 17th, St. John's Catholic Church in Lima will be hosting the award-winning Christian vocal group, Selah. The concert is being sponsored by the Celebrate Recovery program hosted at St. John's in celebration of their 10-year anniversary of bringing this Christ-centered 12-step program to Lima. The concert will begin at 7:00 p.m., with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. There will be limited tickets at the door for \$15.



**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 your phone number, or possibly dropped your land line, we need to update our records. Please give us a call at 419-224-3080 and help keep our records up-to-date.

**OLPH SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS AVAILABLE:**

We now have Spiritual cards available in the office for sending to your family and friends who are celebrating a birthday, have lost a loved one or are in need of healing. They are enrolled and will be remembered in a Mass on the first Friday of each month for one year. You can mail the beautiful card to the recipient and than mail your donation and name to the Redemptorist Fathers. These are available in the Parish Office.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS**

Looking for ways your family can enter into the Advent season together?  
Grow closer to Christ this season with reflections sent to you daily.

Sign up at [formed.org/advent](http://formed.org/advent) or [para español formed.org/adviento](http://formed.org/adviento)

FORMED Daily

## MASS Intentions

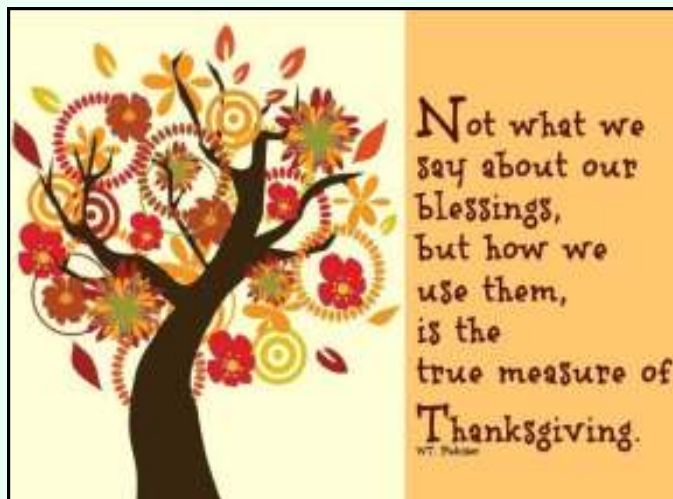
### **2020 MASS BOOK:**

The 2020 Mass Book is now open. As in the past, 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.

### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF TOLEDO**

#### **MISCARRIAGE MINISTRY:**

**The Zelig Ministry:** Are you grieving from a miscarriage or stillbirth? Are you or someone you know, in need of prayer support, resources or someone to listen who has been there before? We would love to "comfort you with the comfort we have received." (2 Cor. 1:4) We know this deep pain that many do not understand. We would love to send you a free care package of helpful resources, meaningful connections and a special gift in memory of your little one. Email us at [zelieministry@gmail.com](mailto:zelieministry@gmail.com) or call 419-769-4427. Sponsored by Office for Life and Justice.



**TRAVEL WITH FR. CHARLES OBINWA** (pastor of St. Joseph's Fort Jennings & Chaplain at Lima, St. Rita's. June 3rd-June 13th, 2020:

PORGUGAL (Tour of the city of Lisbon, Our Lady of Fatima) FRANCE (Our Lady of Lourdes), SWITZERLAND (Tour of the city of Geneva; St. John Vianney place at Ars-Sur-Formans) & POLAND (Auschwitz: Concentrations Camps/ Holocaust Memorial; Lagiewniki: Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's convent; Wadowice: Birthplace of Pope John Paul II; Visit to Our Lady of Czestochowo, Poland's greatest pilgrimage shrine).

Cost: \$4,699.00

For more information and registration, contact: Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890. Email: [Jennifer@procatholicitours.com](mailto:Jennifer@procatholicitours.com). Website: [www.procatholicitours.com](http://www.procatholicitours.com).



### **SERRA CLUB OF LIMA:**

The Serra Club of The Lima Area welcomes you to come be their guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on November 21st at LCC at 5:45 p.m. Fr. Steve Blum will be speaking on Life as a Retired Priest. The Serra Club exist to promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. For more information or to make a reservation, please call Marilyn Schmerge at 567-204-4745.

### **CONSTRUCTION ZONE:**

As a reminder, we ask that everyone stay clear of the fenced off area in the parking lot. This is for the safety of everyone. Thank you.

