

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

The stress and anxieties of family life are like “thorns which choke off” any opportunity to reflect on God’s presence in our lives. Notice in today’s gospel Jesus “left the house” so He could connect with His Father. Grasp five minutes each day to appreciate God walking with you.

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, July 17**

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 18**

8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +

**Wednesday, July 19**

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Mary & William  
Behrens +

**Thursday, July 20**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, July 21**

8:30 a.m. Deceased of the  
Sliemers family +

**Saturday, July 22**

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Gilbert Hyland +  
Louis Acerro +

**Sunday, July 23**

8:30 a.m. Paul Keiffer +  
Living & Deceased of  
the Robert & Leona  
Keiffer Family

11:00 a.m. Jack Frueh +

Grace Kimmet +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, July 16**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, July 17**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, July 18**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, July 19**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

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

**Thursday, July 20**

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, July 21**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, July 22**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, July 23**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
July, 1st week On-line: \$ 1,660.00	\$ 12,644.21	\$ 11,965.99
# of Envelopes	304	264
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	\$ 12,644.21	\$ 11,965.99

**ONLINE GIVING:**

Going on vacation? Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory. Go to [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and click on the Online Giving link - it’s quick and easy! Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish!



**COMMUNITY MEAL:**

We will be having our next Community Meal on Sunday, July 30th from noon until 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We are asking for donations of school supplies for the upcoming school year. Feel free to donate crayons, pencils, paper, notebooks, glue, boxes of Kleenex, wipes, markers, folders or any other school supplies a child might need. Boxes will be provided at the exits of church. Thank you!

**SPANISH HEALING MASS/MISA DE SANACION:**

St. Gerard Parish will offer a Spanish Healing Mass on Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in church. All are invited to attend.

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

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic faith. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please watch the bulletin for information regarding meeting dates, etc. 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.

If you are interested in knowing more about our RCIA program, feel free to call the parish office and we will get you in touch with an RCIA team member.



**VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED:**

Summer is here and Christian Corner Community Center is looking for volunteers. Their two main needs are people to help in the kitchen and to help with yard work. Kitchen volunteers are needed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Yard work can be done Monday, Wednesday or Friday anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bethany by email at: christiancornercc@wcoil.com.

**ROSARY AND MASS AT OUR LADY'S GROTTO:**

During the summer on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., Rosary and Mass will be held at the Grotto of Our Lady on the west lawn of St. Gerard Church. Rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Chairs will be available, but feel free to bring your own lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, services will be held in the church. Come spend a summer evening with Our Lady and others who love her.





**VOTIVE CANDLE REMINDER:**

Just as a reminder, **PLEASE**, make sure that when you light a votive candle, that the stick you lit it with is completely extinguished in the container provided. The "live matches" are in one container and a container of "water" is on the other side. We have found quite a few of the "used" matches in the "unused" container. This poses the opportunity for a fire. We are currently looking at the safest way of disposing the used matches without risking another fire. We ask you to please double check to be sure your lit match is indeed "out" and properly discarded. Thank you.

**FATIMA, USA:**

On Friday, August 11th at 7:30 p.m. outdoors on the grounds of The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, they will be celebrating the 100th year Anniversary of Fatima. Bishop Joseph Binzer will celebrate the Mass. There will be confessions and a candlelight rosary procession. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating and dress appropriately. Come join us for this Centennial Celebration!

**PRAYER CLOTH:**

In the rectory office, we have "PRAYER CLOTHS" available to anyone wishing to have one. These cloths were crocheted by three of our parishioners and were donated to the church. 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.



**150TH ANNIVERSARY:**

On July 23, 2017, St. John the Baptist Parish in Landeck will celebrate their 150th anniversary. The day will begin with Mass, with Bishop Daniel Thomas, at 11:30 a.m. followed by a parish luncheon which will include fried chicken, rolls, baked potato, green beans, salad and many desserts. Also, the day will feature a live auction, silent auction, gift baskets, music, beverage tent, kids' activities and much more. Tickets for the luncheon \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. This will be a great day for families to thank God for our parish, parishioners and heritage. For more information, please go the parish website at [stjohnthebaptistchurchlandeck.org](http://stjohnthebaptistchurchlandeck.org) or call the parish office at 419-692-0636. All are welcome!

**LIMA TOWERS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:**

Lima Towers is currently accepting applications for their waiting list. Lima Towers is federally assisted under the Section 8 rental assistance program, and is an elderly preference community. This is not a voucher program.

If you would like to see if you qualify for their waiting list, please call Jamie Dixon, Resident Service Coordinator at 419-227-7712. The on-site Management Office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call to arrange a tour or for additional information.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, July 22:**

5:00 p.m. *K. Canavan, M. DeVita, S. Parker,  
B. Peebles, C. Diaz, C. Hinds,  
M. Hinds, M. Hinegardner, J. Wolff,  
J. Stewart*

**Sunday, July 23:**

8:30 a.m. *E. Orwick, G. Merkel, M.J. Miller,  
B. Pinney, S. Ellinger, L. Hahn,  
N. Jenkins, R. Orwick, S. Martin,  
S. Nocera*

11:00 a.m. *K. Wreede, V. Carter, K. Ladden,  
J. Landwehr, R. Vagedes, S. Young,  
G. Vondrell, D. Vondrell, K. Spears,  
M. Spears*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**July 22:** 5:00 p.m. - *C. Schmenk*

**July 23:** 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd*  
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**July 22:** 5:00 p.m. - *D. Dawson, G. Gandy,  
K. LaRotonda*

**July 23:** 8:30 a.m. - *N. & H. Chambers,  
C. Bacome*  
11:00 a.m. - *G. Sutton, K. Meyer,  
S. Santaguida*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR JULY:**

*Joyce Cira, Carol Helmig, Linda Dodge*

**PARISH FESTIVAL:**

Immaculate Conception Parish Festival in Ottoville will be held this weekend, July 15th and 16th. They will be offering family style beef and chicken dinners with all the trimmings and are serving from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the air conditioned banquet hall of the Parish Center. Raffles, entertainment, food booths, games for all ages and plenty of fun for the whole family. All are invited to attend!



All are invited to stop by the Parish Hall and wish ***Sr. Elizabeth Marie*** a "Happy 90th Birthday!" on Sunday, July 16th following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. As many of you will recall, Sr. Elizabeth Marie was the former principal at St. Gerard School. Come and reminisce with her! Light refreshments will be provided.

**LCC CLASS OF 1962 REUNION:**

The LCC class of 1962 will have their reunion on August 18th and 19th at the K of C Hall. For more information, please call or email Tom Mulcahy at 419-236-8528 or email: [tmulcahyiii@aol.com](mailto:tmulcahyiii@aol.com); Mike Bosch at 419-236-5168 or email: [bosco2@woh.rr.com](mailto:bosco2@woh.rr.com). We would like to hear from you even if you don't want to come.



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Please note that the parish office is open from Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We are closed on Friday's.

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:**

The school office will be closed the month of July. They will, however, be checking their email and phone messages.



**JUBILEE CELEBRATION:**

**Sanctify & Empower Us! Let Us Proclaim!**

Celebrating 50 years of the Holy Spirit's Power in the Church and our lives - continue to lead us! Join inspirational, international speakers Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR and James "Butch" Murphy. October 6-7th, 2017 at St. Jerome Parish Center Gym, 300 Warner St., Walbridge, Ohio. For more information, please visit: [www.mccrholyspirit.org](http://www.mccrholyspirit.org), call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal at 419-691-6686 or please email: [mccrholyspirit@gmail.com](mailto:mccrholyspirit@gmail.com)

**RETROUVAILLE:**

***Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope.***

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help struggling marriages regain their health. It helps a husband and a wife rediscover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is highly successful in saving hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples who have already separated or divorced. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. For more information about our July 21-23rd Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact our registration team: Joe and Arlene at 419-841-1116 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites you to the Sauders Heritage Inn and Campground Event on August 4-6, 2017. You can stay at the campground or in the Inn, or even just come up for the fun and games, buffet, and Mass in the grass on Saturday. Reservations for a campsite or hotel room can be made by calling Sauder's Heritage Inn at 1-800-590-9755. Be sure to mention that you are with WME group. Questions? Please contact Todd & Michelle Pester at 419-523-5893 or [estimatortoddp@yahoo.com](mailto:estimatortoddp@yahoo.com).

**ENGAGED COUPLES WORKSHOP:**

Schedule and registration for Engaged Couples Workshops "Joy-Filled Marriage" and "Cana II" can now be found most easily by visiting <http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>.



**Need some summer reading?  
Check our church library for a large  
selection of books!**



## **Have you moved, changed your phone number or email?**

*Please remember to let the parish office know if your contact information changes!*

*We do our best to keep all of our parish's census data current and accurate ... so it's important to hear from you when you move, change your phone number or set-up a new email address. Correct addresses are needed in order to provide year-end tax statements, etc. Thanks so much!*

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Please feel free to use the form below if you need to update your current information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

New Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Just drop this information in the collection basket and we will update your information. Thank you!