

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's turn-off the noise, apps and distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 21

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 22

8:30 a.m. David Steinbrunner +

Wednesday, May 23

8:30 a.m. Gary Tabler +

6:30 p.m. Joseph McCormick +

Thursday, May 24

8:30 a.m. Alvin Kaufman, Sr. +

Friday, May 25

8:30 a.m. Tom Gremling +

Saturday, May 26

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Jack Wolff, Sr. +

Robert Wagner +

Joe Barnes +

Sunday, May 27

8:30 a.m. James & Nancy Bogner +

Joseph McCormick +

11:00 a.m. Virgil Thines +

Mary Reaman +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, May 20

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

9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.

12:30-2:00 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

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

Monday, May 21

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

5-7:00 p.m. - Widows/Widowers Support Group in Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 22

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00-7:30 p.m. - CATHOLICISM Series - Episode #3 - The Ineffable Mystery of God - meet in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 23

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

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

Thursday, May 24 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

Friday, May 25

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 26 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 27

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

9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.

12:00 Noon - Farewell Reception for Sr. Judy & Sr. Leanne in the Gathering Space in church

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

WEDDING BANNES:

Ashley Follrod & Kevin Mott, III

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
May, 2nd week	\$ 9,707.04	\$ 11,965.04
On-line: \$ 1,340.00		
# of Envelopes	269	320
YTD Totals:	\$ 499,527.70	\$505,818.77



ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

The Scope of the Project: Our parish is proposing a 3-part building proposal to better serve the needs of our parish and local community and to strengthen our long-term financial viability. This proposal is estimated at \$2.4 million. We are asking our parishioners and friends of St. Gerard to donate a total of \$1.3 million. Our projects are:

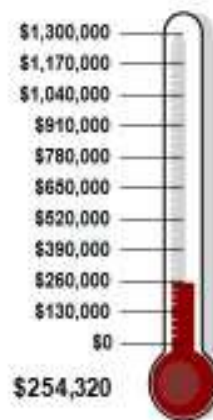
1. Church Gathering Space: Our church needs a gathering space. The gathering space will be used for after weekend Masses, baptisms, anniversaries, funeral viewings, and meeting space (i.e. prayer/study groups, RCIA). We propose to seal off our front doors and level out the partitioned walls and floor to create a sizable gathering space including a new handicap-accessible bathroom.

2. Parish Office Relocation: The current parish office location is inadequate and difficult for our aging and handicap parishioners (i.e. over a 100 yard walk from the church parking lot). We propose to relocate the parish office to our under-utilized parish hall entrance and small meeting room. This would allow for handicap and general parking in a close vicinity to better serve our parishioners.

3. Eight Additional Classrooms: St. Gerard School is in need of more classrooms. We propose to add eight additional classrooms and two bathrooms onto our new school building. St. Gerard Parish has looked at options of renovating our old school building. Estimated renovation costs are \$3.6 million which is financially out of reach for our parish (and this cost doesn't even include the six basement classrooms).

To help us reach our goal, we are asking every family to participate. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is appreciated. Pledge cards are available in the church and at the rectory or school offices. You may also give online by visiting our website at: www.stgerardchurch.org and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.

Capital Campaign



ST. GERARD PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS:

RAFFLE TICKETS:

If you would like to purchase a ticket for \$20.00 and be offered a chance to win \$10,000.00, please see one of our many ticket sellers or stop by the rectory office to purchase one. Please return all sold tickets to the rectory office.

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS:

We have sign-up sheets available in the back of church and we are encouraging you to sign-up for multiple booths. We will need some 4300 hours of volunteering for the festival. Our Booth Chairs will call each person that signs up. We have spots available for everyone and really need your help.



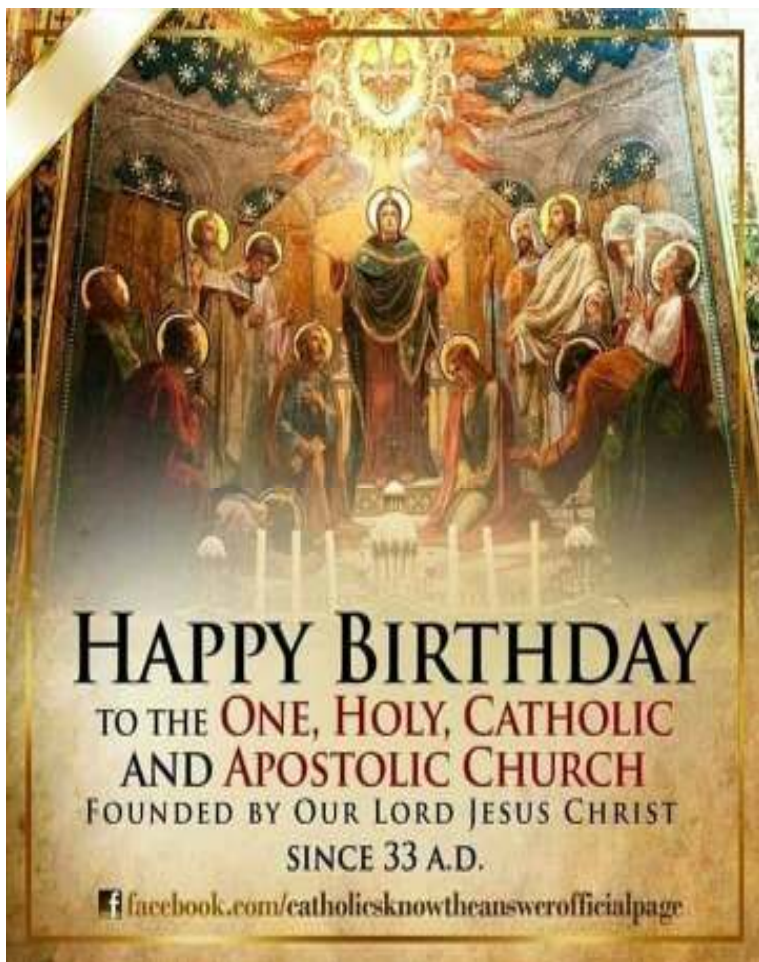
Holy Father's Prayer
Intentions for May:
EVANGELIZATION -
The Mission of Laity:

That the lay faithful may fulfill their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

MAY -
Month dedicated to Mary and Marian Devotions.

FLOWERS:
Everyone is welcome to adorn our Mary statue with flowers during the month of May. Potted plants are welcome, as well as cuttings from your garden or fresh flowers. Vases will be provided.

NEW TIMES FOR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:
Adoration hours at St. Gerard are now 12-5pm every Thursday. Come and experience some quiet, personal time with the Lord.



SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST:

By the grace of God, this year's Parish Festival will take place on June 1, 2 and 3, 2018. We solicit your whole hearted support by the means of:

- Sincere prayers for the success of the St. Gerard Festival
- Active participation in the booth's and supporting our Festival
- Prayers for good weather

The St. Gerard Festival exists to strengthen community through fun opportunities for people to connect with others outside the pews while supporting the mission of St. Gerard Parish. Please pray that our festival strengthens community connections and new friendships that lead people to Christ.



FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR SISTER JUDY & SISTER LEANNE



On Sunday, May 27th at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, we will be honoring and bidding farewell to Sr. Judy Leibengood and Sr. Leanne Kerschner. Sr. Judy and Sr. Leanne have been active in St. Gerard Parish for many years. Both have been very involved in the life of our parish and we are certainly going to miss them. They are moving back to Tiffin where Sr. Leanne has been elected to the leadership team with her order of Franciscan Sisters. Sr. Judy plans on helping some of the elderly sisters within her community.



After the 11:00 a.m. Mass on May 27th, all are invited to the gathering space in church to celebrate their time here at St. Gerard Parish and to wish them well in the next chapter of their lives. Thank you both for your love of St. Gerard Parish!



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, May 26:

5:00 p.m. M. Hinds, S. Parker, J. Stewart, J. Wolff,
M. Hinegardner, C. Hinds, B. Flynn,
C. Diaz, M. DeVita

Sunday, May 27:

8:30 a.m. M. Hickey, T. Martin, S. Nocera, M. Mays,
J. Korzan, R. Orwick, S. Martin,
C. Altenbach, P. Huffman, M. King

11:00 a.m. K. Spears, M. Spears, S. Morrissey,
T. Meyer, C. Coleman, S. Young,
R. Vagedes, K. Wreedede, V. Carter,
F. Thompson

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

May 26: 5:00 p.m. - C. Schmenk

May 27: 8:30 a.m. - T. Parker
11:00 a.m. - M. Kleffner

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

May 26: 5:00 p.m. - J. Yahl, H. & N. Chambers

May 27: 8:30 a.m. - S. Santaguida, E. Gamble,
M. Lewis
11:00 a.m. - G. & M. Sutton, A. Schultz

SACRISTY WORKERS: C. Diaz, S. Bourk, P. Flick

THANK YOU:

The family of **Dan O'Brien** would like to thank the ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society for preparing and serving the luncheon on the day of his funeral. It was appreciated by all. A special thanks also to Fr. Jim for celebrating the funeral Masses for both **Terry & Dan O'Brien**. They were beautiful ceremonies and meant so much to all of us.

THANKS FROM LINDA LEUGERS:

Thank you to Fr. Mike Houston, John Christoff, John Keller, Pat Buzard, Mary Hickey, Shirley Ellinger, Kay Smith and our altar servers for helping to give my sister, **Kathleen Coffey's** family and myself a beautiful funeral Mass. Also, thanks to the Rosary/Altar Society ladies for a very good luncheon. May God bless each of you.

LCC EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

Would you like to host an International/ Exchange student for Lima Central Catholic High School? Here are some benefits to consider:

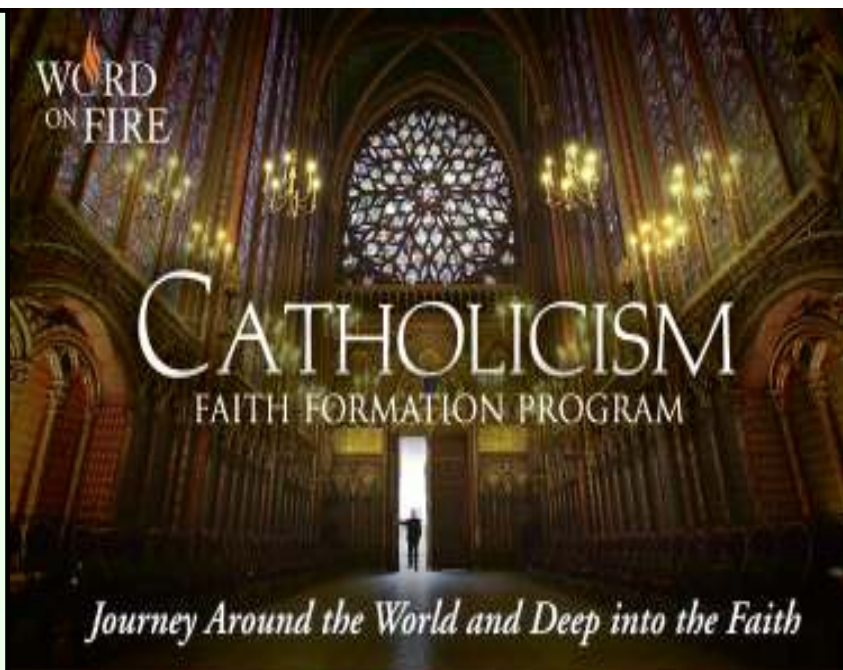
- Learn about another culture without leaving home
- Learn a new language (you and/or your kids)
- Learn a broader perspective of the world
- Develop a compassion for others
- Learn about geography
- Break the stereotypes, broaden your views
- Become a citizen diplomat
- Fosters mutual understanding & respect

If you or someone you know would be a good fit for this program, PLEASE call or email Trudy Thompson at 419-204-7001 or tthompson@apps.lcchs.edu

THE HOLY LAND:

***The Holy Land with Fr. Kent Kaufman
October 18-28, 2018***

Have you every wanted to walk in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus? To pray the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa? To visit the room in which Jesus celebrated His Last Supper and instituted the Holy Eucharist? To "watch with our Lord" for one hour in the Garden of Olives? To stand in the spot where the Blessed Mother watched her Son give His life on the Cross for us? For more info. or to join this group of Lima pilgrims, contact Maggie at 419-290-8782 or Maggie@catholicfaithjourneys.com or visit CatholicFaithJourneys.com.



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-Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York

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DATE, TIMES & LOCATION:

**Every Tuesday
from 6-7 pm in the
Parish Hall.
Join us for one or
all of the sessions.**

COST / REGISTRATION:

**No cost to attend.
Please plan on
joining us for this
FAITH SHARING
DVD with dialogue.**

CONTACT:

**Contact Melinda at:
567-242-8748 or
email her at:
mblanch997@gmail.com with any ques-
tions you may have.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Gear up for five days of super-hero training where kids discover their strength in God! St. John's, Lima, will be having VBS June 11th through June 15th in St. John's Hall, 8 am until noon each day. Registration forms are available in the rectory office. Mark your calendars now.

JOURNEYS GRIEF SUPPORT

GROUP:

Journeys is a group for men and women who have experienced the death of a loved one. Journeys will help family and friends learn to live with the isolation and loneliness by providing an opportunity to meet together and develop supportive relationships that will encourage sharing of feelings in a safe environment. Through sharing similar circumstances with a group facilitator, the group will find emotional support and encouragement along with a better understanding of the grieving process. Journeys is offered free of charge to anyone in the community. **They meet the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at Primrose Retirement Community Wellness Center in Lima.** If you have any questions, please call Julie at 419-523-4449 or email jmason@pchh.net.

ST. ROSE PARISH FESTIVAL:

Our friends and neighbors at St. Rose will be hosting their annual Parish Festival this weekend. Adult Night is Saturday, May 19th. Must be 21 and there is a \$2 admission charge. DJ Music will be played from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and Brother Believe Me begins at 7:30 p.m. until 11:30 p.m.

Sunday is Family Day beginning at noon and running until 8:00 p.m. Live entertainment all day. BBQ chicken dinners will be served or can be carried out. \$9.00 each. Rides, games, raffle items and plenty of food and beverages will be available. Get your ticket for the big \$5,000.00 raffle. See you there!

LCC CLASS OF 1973:

In celebration of their 45th Class Reunion, the LCC Class of 1973 is planning "The Gathering 2018", on Saturday, August 4th. The event will be held at LCC and details are being finalized. Please send contact info. For classmates to Patti Frueh Briggs: LCC1973@yahoo.com.

Time to start baking for the festival!
Can we count on you?

SUMMER PURSE

**Thursday
June 21st**



at the K of C in Lima on North Cable Rd.

Doors open at 5pm • Bingo at 6:30pm

Tickets - \$35 per person includes 20 games of Bingo plus buffet supper (5-6:30pm) plus snacks • cash bar

Reserved tables for 8 are available

Designer purses • Raffles • Auctions • 50/50 & More

For tickets call 419-223-0761 or 419-234-6730

***A portion of the proceeds to benefit
The Equestrian Therapy Program***