

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, January 15**

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, January 16**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, January 17**

8:30 a.m. Deceased of the Zink & Warnement Families +

6:30 p.m. Louis Acerro +

**Thursday, January 18**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, January 19**

8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, January 20**

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Sliemers Family

**Sunday, January 21**

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

11:00 a.m.

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, January 14**

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

**Monday, January 15**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. - Widows/Widower's Support Group Mtg. in the P. Hall

**Tuesday, January 16**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon - Rosary/Altar Society to meet in Church to pray the Rosary followed by lunch at the Eagles

**Wednesday, January 17**

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, January 18**

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, January 19**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, January 20**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, January 21**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Dec. 5th week	\$ 11,397.42	\$ 9,275.76
On-line: \$ 1,025.00		
# of Envelopes	221	253
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 287,587.12</b>	<b>\$ 304,086.52</b>

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:**

**2016 ~ \$17,510.01**

**2017 ~ \$22,936.59**

**THANK YOU!**

**ONLINE GIVING:** To give on-line, just go to our website at: [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and click on the On-line Giving tab.

## OUR HEARTFELT



### **THANK YOU:**

A heartfelt "thank you" goes out to all who were able to stay after Mass last weekend and help with the removal of our Christmas decorations. We had young and old who really stepped up and helped to make a daunting task go very smoothly. We had everything put away in just a little over an hour! Thank you to all who volunteered their time. We certainly appreciate it.

### **ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:**

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will gather to pray the rosary on Tuesday, January 16th at noon in church. Following the rosary, they will go to the Eagle's for lunch. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

### **HOLY NAME BREAKFAST:**

The next Holy Name Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 21st following the morning Masses in the Parish Hall. Eggs, pancakes, sausage, bacon and your favorite beverages will be served. Please plan on stopping over and enjoy this delicious breakfast.

### **MARCH FOR LIFE - LIMA:**

Heartbeat of Lima would like to invite you to the annual "March for Life - Lima" on Sunday, January 21st. The March for Life will begin at 2:00 p.m. at Heartbeat of Lima's Satellite office at 226 S. Elizabeth St. and it will conclude before 4:00 p.m. The March for Life will be a peaceful, prayerful way of offering the community a positive pro-life message. Please consider joining us, in support of Life!

### **CALENDAR UPDATE:**

All parish organizations are encouraged to top by the rectory office to be sure your dates for meetings, etc. are on the parish calendar which includes the use of the Parish Hall. Thank you.

### **ATTENTION SENIORS:**

If you are over the age of 70 1/2 and have an IRA or retirement account that requires you to take a minimum distribution, might you consider a gift to St. Gerard Parish? We are a qualified charity and it would help your tax burden. Contact your financial advisor today!

### **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).

**PARISH DIRECTORIES/  
HISTORY ALBUMS:**

We have a limited supply of Parish Directories/History Albums available. If you are interested in purchasing one, please call or text Michael Ayers at, 419-236-8418. Please note that these are **NOT** available at the rectory office. You must contact Michael Ayers to purchase one. Thank you.

**HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE  
SICK OF ST. RITA'S:**

St. Rita's Medical Center is looking for volunteer Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to share the sacrament with patients, and are especially in need on weekends. The Medical Center would provide orientation and training. If you are interested in serving the sick, please contact Deb Miller, Spiritual Care Office Coordinator at 419-226-9481.

**LCC NIGHT AT  
THE RACES:**

All are invited to attend "Night at the Races"



being held at LCC on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$35 at the door. Table of 8 available for \$250. For more information, contact 419-223-2411.



**FREE COMMUNITY  
MEAL**

**Date: January 28, 2018**

**Time: 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.**

**Place: St. Gerard Parish Hall  
1311 N. Main St.**

**Lima, Ohio**

**ALL ARE INVITED.**

**Attention St. Gerard Parishioners:**

**We will be accepting donations of  
"NEW" hats, gloves & socks (both men and  
women's socks). Just drop them off at the  
rectory office before January 26th or at the  
Parish Hall on January 28th.**

**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.

### **WEBCASTING DONATIONS:**

It is time for our annual fee to host the "live" broadcast of our Masses at St. Gerard. The cost for a year is over \$1,100.00. If you are one of the many people who benefit from this and would like to make a donation towards this expense, it would be greatly appreciated. Please make the check payable to St. Gerard Church and in the memo line, put "webcasting". These donations will, of course, be added to your yearly statements. Every little bit helps!



### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:**

We will soon be preparing our year-end contribution statements for 2017. If you would like a copy of you 2017 donations, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 and we will be happy to mail you a copy once they have been printed.

### **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, January 20:**

5:00 p.m. *D. Griffo, D. Hollingsworth, B. Muskus,  
J. Hollingsworth, M. Hinds, B. Flynn,  
L. Makley, S. Parker, J. Stewart, J. Wollf*

**Sunday, January 21:**

8:30 a.m. *G. Merkel, M. Meyer, S. Nocera, M. Mays,  
J. Korzan, B. Pinney, J. Place, T. Place,  
C. Wright, M. King*

11:00 a.m. *C. Coleman, K. Ladden, J. Landwehr,  
J. Neville, K. Wreede, V. Carter, T. Meyer,  
K. Spears, J. Kahle, R. Carder*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Jan. 20:** 5:00 p.m. - *D. Mack*

**Jan. 21:** 8:30 a.m. - *S. Doepker*  
11:00 a.m. - *M. Spears*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Jan. 20:** 5:00 p.m. - *H. Lamb, B. Smith, G. Gandy*

**Jan. 21:** 8:30 a.m. - *E. Hahn, J. Hahn, A. Fay*  
11:00 a.m. - *B. Dahill, A. Carter, K. Helmig*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR JANUARY:**

*Pat Iven, Mary Hickey*

**LCC ACT PREP COURSE:**

LCC is offering its 10th ACT Prep Course beginning Feb. 3, 2018 for the April 14, 2018 ACT Test. This course will especially benefit all current high school Juniors who will be required to take the ACT Test next year. For more specific information, please go to the LCC school website at [www.lcchs.edu](http://www.lcchs.edu) or contact Stephanie Evans at 419-230-5040. Pre-registration is required and forms are due January 19, 2018. The course is open to LCC, as well as non-LCC students.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter celebrates World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 11, 2018. All encountered couples are invited to attend the celebration hosted by St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parishes. Mass will be held at 3:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, Wapak, with a dinner & dance to follow from 5-9 p.m. at St. Joseph School, 1101 Lincoln Highway, Wapak. Presale tickets are \$30 a couple. For tickets, contact the St. Gerard Rectory office by Jan. 30th. (All tickets are presale only.)

**CHURCH SAFETY/SECURITY COMMITTEE:**

Most of us consider our churches safe places and don't think about security and safety on a daily basis. Often, safety and security is not addressed until an incident occurs. After recent tragedies, we realize that the time is now to develop a plan for violence on our church property.

St. Gerard Church is in the early stages of forming a Church Safety/Security Committee. We are hoping to have parishioners who may have a background in law enforcement, risk management or security to become a part of this committee. If you would be interested in becoming a part of this team, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080. We will be planning our first meeting in early 2018.





## **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!