

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

Relationships live in careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel, Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support, may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, September 4**

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 5**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, September 6**

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Louis Acerro +

**Thursday, September 7**

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

**Friday, September 8**

8:30 a.m. Jack Frueh +

**Saturday, September 9**

8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +

5:00 p.m. Emilie & Gene  
Hullinger +

**Sunday, September 10**

8:30 a.m. Jack & Mildred  
Pohlabel +

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased  
of the Korzan &  
Muhlenkamp Families

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, September 3**

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**3:00 p.m. - RCIA classes in the Parish Hall**

**Monday, September 4 - LABOR DAY**

**Parish Office Closed in observance of Labor Day**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 5**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, September 6**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

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

**Thursday, September 7**

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

7:30 p.m. - Holy Name Meeting in the Parish Hall

**Friday, September 8**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, September 9**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 10 - PSR BEGINS**

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

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**3:00 p.m. - RCIA classes in the Parish Hall**

**WEDDING BANNS:**

Kyle Anderson & Mary Singian, I



**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Aug., 3rd week On-line: \$ 1,750.00	\$ 9,269.41	\$ 11,723.15
# of Envelopes	264	278
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 83,161.81</b>	<b>\$ 88,762.78</b>



**BLESSING OF ATHLETES AND BAND MEMBERS:**

We will be having a special blessing for all student athletes and band members of St. Gerard Parish who play on any sports team or participate in any band at any school ~ grade school or high school, both boys and girls. The blessing will be given at all the Masses this weekend. This includes fall, winter and spring sports.

**BLESSING OF BIKES:**

Fr. Mike Houston will have a blessing of motorcycles and bikers on Sunday, September 10th at 3:00 p.m. near the statue of the Risen Christ outside of St. Gerard Church. Although Jesus did not ride the roads of Palestine on a motorcycle, he walked the roads bringing blessings and good news to all He met. Come and be blessed as you ride the roads and carry the good news of Christ to the people you encounter on your journeys.

**BLESSING OF CATECHISTS:**

We will be giving a special blessing to all of our PSR Teachers, Religion Teachers at any Catholic School and a blessing to our RCIA leaders and teachers on the weekend of September 16th and 17th. These are all members of our parish who serve as Catechists and will be called forth to be commissioned for their Ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



## **SAVE THE DATE**

***St. Gerard School  
Purse Bingo  
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017***

***More information  
coming soon ...***



## **HOLY NAME BREAKFASTS RETURNING THIS MONTH:**

The Holy Name men will once again be offering breakfast following the Masses on the third Sunday of the month, beginning September. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 17th! They serve up a delicious breakfast with all the trimmings. It's a great chance to visit with your fellow parishioners, as well as helping them raise funds for the parish.

## **SCHOOL NEWS:**

### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED:**

St. Gerard School is seeking substitute teachers for the current school year. Candidates must be licensed with the Ohio Department of Education or must hold a Bachelor's Degree in any field in order to obtain a substitute teaching license from the Department of Education. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 419.222.0431 or email Natalie Schoonover at: [nschoonover@sgslima.org](mailto:nschoonover@sgslima.org).



### **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.



### **SEPARATED/DIVORCED - NOW WHAT?**

Support group now forming. **Receive these great blessings: healing, wisdom, peace, hope, confidence, resilience.** The meetings will be held at St. Charles Catholic Church/School Library, 2200 W. Elm St., Lima on Tuesdays, Sept. 5th through December 13th. For more information, call Rosalyn Liston at 419-999-4210 or email [auntroro@wcoil.com](mailto:auntroro@wcoil.com).

### **NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES:**

Every 9 minutes, volunteers help the American Red Cross bring help and hope to people in need. Be a hero and make a difference in your community by volunteering today! Contact us today at [westcentralohio@redcross.org](mailto:westcentralohio@redcross.org) or by phone at 419-905-8302. Come and help make a difference in our community.



**PSR REGISTRATION NEWS:**

Attention all public school families of St. Gerard. Our Parish School of Religion will begin September 10th. Registration is required. All past students should have received their registrations in the mail. All families who have not previously attended St. Gerard PSR or did not receive a registration are welcome to register by contacting Shandra Parker at the parish office, (419) 224-3080 or email at: [sparker@sgslima.org](mailto:sparker@sgslima.org).

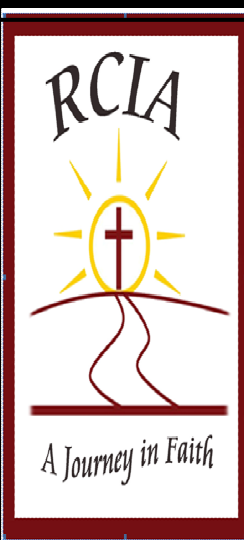
**ST. GERARD ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:**

Would you like your child to become more involved in the church? We are currently looking for new altar servers to be added to our schedule of weekend Masses. All children in the fourth grade and older who are willing to commit to serving weekend Masses are invited to contact Shandra Parker at (419) 224-3080 or email at: [sparker@sgslima.org](mailto:sparker@sgslima.org).



**ADULT ALTAR SERVERS WANTED:**

Would you be willing to become an Altar Server as an adult? We would love to have you! Adults interested in being altar servers for the Wednesday evening Mass and also to serve Funeral Masses are asked to contact Shandra Parker at (419) 224-3080 or email at: [sparker@sgslima.org](mailto:sparker@sgslima.org).



**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.

***RCIA has begun. There is still time to join the group. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080.***



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, September 9:**

5:00 p.m. *J. Wolff, Mike Hinegardner,  
M. Hinegardner, L. Makley,  
M. DeVita, B. Flynn, J. Stewart,  
D. Hollingsworth, J. Hollingsworth,  
M. Hinds*

**Sunday, September 10:**

8:30 a.m. *M. Hickey, P. Huffman, M. King,  
J. Korzan, L. Hahn, C. Wright,  
T. Martin, S. Nocera, B. Pinney,  
M. Meyer*

11:00 a.m. *R. Carder, K. Wreede, M. Ayers,  
S. Morrissey, C. Coleman, K. Ladden,  
J. Landwehr, J. Neville, K. Spears,  
M. Spears*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Sept. 9:** 5:00 p.m. - *C. Schmenk*

**Sept. 10:** 8:30 a.m. - *F. Morman*  
11:00 a.m. - *A. Neville*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Sept. 9:** 5:00 p.m. - *B. Smith, G. Gandy,  
J. Yahl*

**Sept. 10:** 8:30 a.m. - *D. Martin, E. Martin,  
A. Dackin*  
11:00 a.m. - *A. Carter, A. Shultz,  
K. Meyer*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR SEPT.:**

*Barb Geise, Sue Graham*

**SIMPLY GIVE:**

Meijer is matching donations to St. Vincent DePaul Food Panty through Meijer's Simply Give program. Pick up the "Simply Give" cards, at each of the church entrances, take them to Meijer with \$10 per card between Aug. 20 and Sept. 16th, and SVDP will receive \$20 per card. On Sept. 1 & 2, Meijer will double match donations. (St. Vincent DePaul will receive \$30 per every \$10 card). Please help fight local hunger.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION:**

St. Gerard Parish, along with all parishes in the Diocese of Toledo, will have a special collection next weekend for those affected by the devastating flooding of Hurricane Harvey. All checks may be made payable to "Catholic Charities". Again, we ask you to come prepared to make a donation to all our brothers and sisters in Texas and the surrounding areas. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

**KIDS CLOSET:**

Are you talented in sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.? Do you want to help an abused child feel safe? The Child Advocacy Center of West Central Ohio provides minors who are victims of crime with new clothes, undergarments, toys and blankets following traumatic events. If you are interested in donating any of these items to the youth in our area that need them, please contact Crime Victim Services, 330 N. Elizabeth St., Lima. You can make a donation online at: [www.crimevictimservices.org/child-advocacy-center](http://www.crimevictimservices.org/child-advocacy-center).

**ALLISON PALOOZA ~ "PAYING IT FORWARD":**

Allison Palooza is a fund raising family event to helping another breast cancer warrior. It will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 5-11:00 p.m. at the LCC Gym/Commons Area. Night will feature a gourmet hot dog bar, drinks, children's activities/prizes, live music, games of chance and fun for all. **The live auction begins around 7:00-7:30 p.m.** Broadcasting on big screen TV for the Ohio State vs Oklahoma game, as well as the Notre Dame vs Georgia game. This is an annual event honoring the memory of Allison (Lee) Buehler.

**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)

**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.



**ENGAGED COUPLES**

**WORKSHOP:**

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

**ST. RITA'S PATIENT INFORMATION:**

St. Rita's Medical Center recently adopted a new patient registration system. Upon admission to the hospital, patients can give information regarding their religion, church affiliation, and whether or not they want their pastor notified for visitation. This process will continue. Please be assured that we are working through any issues and are still asking every patient these questions. During this transition, we ask for your patience and understanding as we optimize this new system. Our aim is to make this information more easily accessible and complete. In the meantime, please feel free to contact our chaplain for any assistance. The chaplain contact number is: 419-234-6249.

**UPCOMING SEMINARS:**

**POEMS, PRAYERS AND PRAISE:**

Come and explore the link between poetry and prayer, and see how often a poem is really a prayer dressed up in fresh words and metaphors. You'll experience how your religious imagination is, in fact, a poetic gene that you may not have yet acknowledged! With Sr. Pat Schnapp, you'll look at some poems that look innocent, but explode into praise and petition to God. This seminar will be held on October 18, 2017 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center. Cost is \$15.00 which includes lunch. To register, go to [www.pinesretreat.org/programs](http://www.pinesretreat.org/programs).

**2017 DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF WEDDING**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

Join Bishop Daniel Thomas and the Office of Marriage and Family Life to commemorate 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage for couples in the Diocese of Toledo. The Mass will be held at Our Lady Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral on October 1, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. Registered couples will receive a commemorative certificate. To register, go to: [toledoanniversarymass.org](http://toledoanniversarymass.org), contact Marsha Rivas, 419-214-4938, or call the parish office.

The registration deadline is September 15, 2017.