

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Because the deaf man in today's gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children ("Oh dad, not that again"), in parents ("It is just a stage"), and in spouses ("Are you listening?"). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, September 10

8:30 a.m. James Bogner +

Tuesday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Larry Cox +
Kamryn Cunningham +
Pam Converse +

Wednesday, September 12

8:30 a.m. Mary Rita Doorley +
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Fr. Tom Lacey +

Friday, September 14

8:30 a.m. Fr. Dave Beck +

Saturday, September 15

8:30 a.m. David Steinbrunner +
5:00 p.m. Evelyn Speaker +
Robert Wagner +

Sunday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Korzan & Muhlen-
kamp Families
Ed Nixon +
11:00 a.m. Virgil Thines +
Daniel & Terrence
O'Brien +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, September 9

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

Monday, September 10

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 11

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Wednesday, September 12

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, September 13

Mass at 8:30 a.m. (School Mass)
12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

Friday, September 14 – Day of Prayer, Fasting & Reparation

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00-7:00 p.m. - Holy Hour

Saturday, September 15

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 16 - Holy Name Breakfast following Masses

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1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
6:00-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

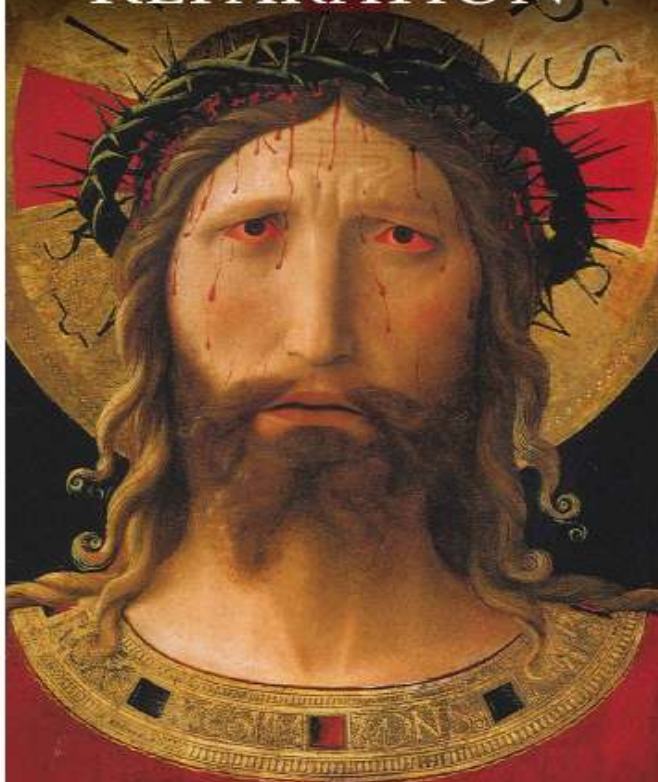
The Holy Name Men will be serving breakfast next weekend in the Parish Hall. Plan on attending!

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
August 4th week On-line: \$ 1,590.00	\$ 10,016.60	\$ 10,543.57
# of Envelopes	247	255
YTD Totals:	\$ 98,779.38	\$ 94,274.09




DAY OF
PRAYER,
FASTING AND
REPARATION



*In the Diocese of Toledo
for the Sins of Our Hierarchy,
Clergy and Us All*

**"For What We Have Done and
What We Have Failed to Do"**



**Diocese
of Toledo**

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

All Catholics of the Diocese of Toledo are kindly invited to spend some time throughout the day in prayer before our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament imploring His mercy upon the Church at this most difficult time. Let us humble ourselves before Him, begging His forgiveness for the sins which have caused such pain and injury to so many victims. May the Holy Spirit purge the Church of all sin and sanctify and unite her members under Christ her head and shepherd.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from
9:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Holy Hour - 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Prayer ~ Homily ~ Benediction

IN REPARATION FOR

All sins of sexual abuse and sexual immorality, especially by members of the catholic hierarchy and clergy.



All sins of cowardice, deception, sloth and self-protection, especially among those in positions of authority in the Church.



Our collective indifference to Christ's teachings on human sexuality



All forms of scandal and infidelity, including our own personal sins, through which we have offended God and neighbor.

IN PETITION FOR THE GRACES OF

Healing for the victims of sexual abuse



Purgation of the Church from all evil



Rooting out of all compromise, infidelity and lukewarmness in our own lives and in those of our bishops and priests



New outpouring of the Holy Spirit to set the Church aflame with holiness, fidelity and zeal for the Gospel



Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program
THE MASS



Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you'll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

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DATE, TIME, LOCATION

**Please join us Tuesdays,
starting September 11th.**

Time: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Gerard Parish Hall

COST / REGISTRATION

No cost to attend. Please plan on joining us for this **FAITH SHARING DVD** with dialogue. The DVD last 60 minutes followed by 30 minutes of discussion.

CONTACT

Please contact Melinda at: 567-242-8748 or email her at: mblanch997@gmail.com with any questions that you may have. Come and enrich

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 will be starting on **Sunday, September 9th** from 9-10:30 a.m. and is held in the Cafeteria Building. If you have any questions, please call Deb at 419-516-4415 and leave a message.



**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS
FOR SEPTEMBER:**



UNIVERSAL:

Young People in Africa...

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

*Seven Sorrows of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*



1. The prophecy of Simeon. (St. Luke 2:34, 35)
2. The flight into Egypt. (St. Matthew 2:13, 14)
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (St. Luke 2: 43-45)
4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross.
5. The Crucifixion.
6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross.
7. The burial of Jesus.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Adoration hours at St. Gerard are
12-5pm every Thursday.

We are adding a table with a
few resource suggestions to use
during your adoration hour.



September Feasts

- 12 - Most Holy Name of Mary
- 13 - St. John Chrysostom
- 14 - Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows
- 20 - SS Andrew Kim & Companions
- 21 - St. Matthew, Apostle
- 27 - St. Vincent de Paul
- 29 - SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

SAVE THE DATE:

The Women's Fall Conference sponsored by Toledo Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. in Tiffin. If interested, please contact the rectory office at 419-224-3080, or Deb Bartlett-Karbowiak at 419-516-4415 and leave a message. Payments for registration can be handled through the Diocese. Deb Bartlett-Karbowiak is helping to coordinate transportation.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 15:

5:00 p.m. *M. DeVita, S. Parker, B. VonLehmden,
J. Wolff, B. Muskus, K. Canavan, D. Griffo,
L. Makley, S. Tschuor, V. Bigelow*

Sunday, September 16:

8:30 a.m. *J. Korzan, J. Inskeep, N. Jenkins,
M. Meyer, C. Altenbach, P. Huffman,
G. Merkel, B. Pinney, C. Wright, M. King*

11:00 a.m. *V. Carter, T. Meyer, J. Neville,
F. Mansfield, R. Ayers, M. Ayers,
C. Coleman, S. Morrissey, D. Vondrell,
G. Vondrell*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Sept. 15: 5:00 p.m. - *T. Huffman*

Sept. 16: 8:30 a.m. - *T. Parker*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Sept. 15: 5:00 p.m. - *J. Yahl, G. Gandy, E. Gamble*

Sept. 16: 8:30 a.m. - *D. Martin, E. Martin, K. Rigg*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex, B. Truex, C. Truex*

SACRISTY WORKERS - SEPTEMBER:

Barb Geise, Sue Graham

HEALING MASS:

We will be offering a Healing Mass on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. invoking the intercession of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a Redemptorist priest who lived and worked in America. He is known for his powerful intercession for the sick. There will be the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and a blessing with the relic of Blessed Seelos. All who need healing of mind, body and spirit are invited and are encouraged to attend.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

FOR
ST. GERARD SCHOOL'S
5TH ANNUAL DESIGNER PURSE
Bingo

Saturday, October 20th
7 p.m.
\$35 per ticket

Purchase tickets at:
St. Gerard School
1311 N. Main Street
Lima, OH 45801

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:

Anyone interested in advertising in our weekly Sunday bulletin many call Patrick Hanna at 614-813-7031. Patrick will be at our parish office working on the ads for the new year September 16th-28th. We thank our advertisers, especially those returning and Diocesan who prints our bulletin at no cost to St. Gerard. Please patronize our advertisers.

*Lima Life Teen
Mass/Life Night
Begins Sept. 9*

5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

St. Charles Church, Lima, OH

All high school students are welcome!

*Join us to worship, enjoy good food, praise,
make new friends, pray have fun!*



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 15th and 16th. 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.

BLESSING OF BIKES:

Fr. Mike Houston will have a blessing of motorcycles and bikers on Saturday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m. near the statue of the Risen Christ outside of St. Gerard Church. Come and be blessed as you ride the roads and carry the good news of Christ to the people you encounter on your journeys.

PSR BEGINS TODAY:

Our Parish School of Religion begins today. If you have not yet registered, please do so today. We will be meeting in the gym at 9:30-9:40 a.m.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will gather together at noon on Tuesday, September 18th to pray the rosary. Lunch will follow at Fat Jacks Pizza. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Gerard School is looking for qualified substitutes for the 2018-2019 school year. Applicants must have a sub license in the State of Ohio and BCI & FBI fingerprints on file. Please call (419-222-0431) or email (mtruex@sgslima.org) the school office if you would like to be on our sub list.

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST:

The Lima Chapter of Magnificat, a Ministry to Catholic Women, will be held on September 15th, at the Old Barn Out Back. Our speaker will be Pat Higginbotham. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. Please call Kay Smith at 419-339-8971 by September 12, 2018. Cost is \$10 which includes breakfast, speaker and hand-outs.

HANDBELL CHOIR:

Are you looking for a Ministry to participate in here at St. Gerard? Our Handbell Choir (also known as the "Ding-a-lings") is very much in need of some new ringers. No experience is necessary. Our talented ringers will show you what is involved and teach you what you need to know. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:15 until 8:45 in the choir loft. Anyone in 6th grade through adult is welcome to join us. **WE ARE IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL RINGERS.** Please come on Wednesday, Sept. 26th and see if this is something you might enjoy.