

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Jesus is saying to you what he said to Zacchaeus, "I must stay at your house today." It doesn't matter if in today's gospel Jesus "intended to pass through Jericho to another town." In families we sometimes stop at the wrong places. It is wisdom to "pass through" annoying family situations so we can enjoy the goodness of each other.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, November 4

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 5

8:30 a.m. Daniel Michel +

Wednesday, November 6

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Rick & Ryan Young +

Thursday, November 7

8:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Gerard

Friday, November 8

8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 9

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Mary Gasperetti +
Joe Barnes +

Sunday, November 10

8:30 a.m. Twylah Hoehn +
Dolores Whitacre +

11:00 a.m. John & Stella Sullivan +
John Dodge +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Nov. 3

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

9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria

9:30-10:45 - Parish School of Religion Classes in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

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

Monday, Nov. 4

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - Spirituality Meeting in the Gathering Space

Tuesday, Nov. 5

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

7:00-8:30 p.m. - Bible Study in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 6

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena Devotions

6:00-6:30 p.m. - Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30

Thursday, Nov. 7

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

Friday, Nov. 8

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 9

Mass at 8:30 a.m. **(Mass for the Deceased of the Parish)**

4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 10

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

9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria

9:40 a.m. - First Communion Meeting for Parents &
Communicants in church

9:30-10:45 - Parish School of Religion Classes in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

FINANCIAL REPORT:

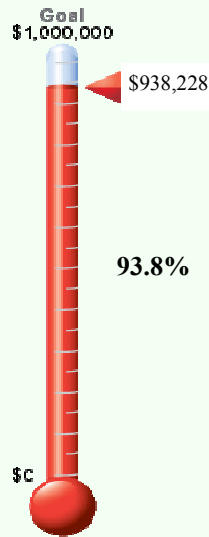
<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
October, 3rd week	\$ 10,196.00	\$ 10,657.59
On-line: \$1,626.00		
# of Envelopes	235	236
YTD Totals:	\$ 178,154.51	\$ 181,583.19

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

As many of you know, we have now completed Phase I and Phase II of our Building Project. Now we are focused on securing the contract for the addition of classrooms to our school. Together, we can make this a reality!

To help us reach our goal, we are asking every family to participate. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is truly appreciated.

Pledge cards are available in the church or at the parish & 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.



\$938,228.12

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged:	\$938,228.12
Amount Paid:	\$754,320.55
Outstanding Balance:	\$183,907.57



2020 MASS BOOK:

The 2020 Mass Book is now open. As in the past, due to the limited number of Sunday Masses available, we ask that you limit your number of weekend Masses to two. There are plenty of Masses available during the week, so feel free to have as many Mass intentions as you would like scheduled through the weekdays. Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.

CONSTRUCTION ZONE:

As a reminder, we ask that everyone stay clear of the fenced off area in the parking lot. This is for the safety of everyone. No one should be going into the fenced in area for any reason. Thank you.





**HOLY FATHER'S
PRAYER INTENTION
FOR NOVEMBER:**

UNIVERSAL:

dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East. That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.



According to tradition, Jesus told St. Gertrude in a vision that the following prayer would release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said.

The prayer was later extended to include living sinners as well.

“Eternal Father, I offer thee the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.”



FORMED* - PICK OF THE WEEK - Episode 4: St. Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd

“This presentation is great at teaching so many truths of our faith and the challenges of their times. Inspiring!”

- Theresa B., Harbor Springs, MI

A Cardinal Dedicated to Reform:

WATCH ON FORMED.ORG

As the nephew of Pope Pius IV, Charles Borromeo was one of the most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reform, and spent himself in the service of his flock.

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 is held on Sundays from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria Building.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

If you or someone you know would like the congregation to pray for you, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080 to be added to the list. Confidentiality will be respected and your permission is required to publish your name in the bulletin.



Please remember to pray for our parishioners who are ill, recovering from surgery and those with continuing health concerns. We offer our prayers for healing and strength to those who are in need of our prayers, especially: ***Vince Koza.***

SCHOOL NEWS:

LIVE - Protecting Youth & Vulnerable Adults and Those Who Serve Them Workshop:

Thursday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m.
Holy Trinity Parish (Holy Family Room)
2649 U.S. Highway 20
Swanton, OH 43558
Please RSVP to Sharon Hall, 419-644-4014

There is no cost for the workshop and it counts as your protecting youth/vulnerable adult Safe Environment requirement.

FALL FESTIVAL:

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Ottawa is having its annual Fall Festival today, Nov. 3rd. Chicken and roast beef dinners will be served family style from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Carry-out dinners are available. All are invited.

TRAVEL WITH FR. CHARLES OBINWA (pastor of St. Joseph's Fort Jennings & Chaplain at Lima, St. Rita's. June 3rd-June 13th, 2020:

PORGUGAL (Tour of the city of Lisbon, Our Lady of Fatima) FRANCE (Our Lady of Lourdes), SWITZERLAND (Tour of the city of Geneva; St. John Vianney place at Ars-Sur-Formans) & POLAND (Auschwitz: Concentrations Camps/ Holocaust Memorial; Lagiewniki: Shrine of Divine Mercy, St. Faustina's convent; Wadowice: Birthplace of Pope John Paul II; Visit to Our Lady of Czestochowo, Poland's greatest pilgrimage shrine).

Cost: \$4,699.00

For more information and registration, contact: Jennifer Wadsworth at 612-730-2890. Email: Jennifer@procatholic tours.com. Website: www.procatholic tours.com.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Nov. 9:

5:00 p.m. *V. Bigelow, D. Griffo, M. & M. Hinegardner
L. Makley, S. Parker, L. Taylor,
J. & D. Hollingsworth*

Sunday, Nov. 10:

8:30 a.m. *C. Altenbach, N. Jenkins, S. Martin,
T. Martin, M. Mays, B. Pinney, V. Nguyen,
M. Steman, S. Ellinger, M. Hickey*
11:00 a.m. *M. Ayers, S. Dew, r. Karbowskiak, S. Urban,
A. Montoya, D. Warner, J. Landwehr,
S. Young, C. Coleman, V. Carter*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Nov. 9: 5:00 p.m. - *J. Wolff*

Nov. 10: 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Gerken*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Nov. 9: 5:00 p.m. - *G. Gandy, N. & H. Chambers*

Nov. 10: 8:30 a.m. - *K. Rigg, D. Martin, E. Martin*
11:00 a.m. - *D. Dawson, L. Wreede,
C. Raines*

SACRISTY WORKERS - November

*J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,
L. Curry, M. Dew, S. Dew*

USHERS SCHEDULE:

Nov. 9: 5:00p.m. - *G. Kiel, D. Watkins*

Nov. 10: 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd, K. Rigg*
11:00 a.m. - *D. Ladden, R. Blevins,
T. Brostrom*

OLPH SPIRITUAL BOUQUET CARDS NOW

AVAILABLE:

We now have Spiritual cards available in the office for sending to your family and friends who are celebrating a birthday, have lost a loved one or are in need of healing. They are enrolled and will be remembered in a Mass on the first Friday of each month for one year. You can mail the beautiful card to the recipient and then mail your donation and name to the Redemptorist Fathers. These are available in the Parish Office.

SAUSAGE & SAUERKRAUT DINNER:

Landeck St. John the Baptist is having their 60th Anniversary making their delicious Homemade Sausage & Sauerkraut Dinner on TODAY, November 3, 2019. They will be serving from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the church basement.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

The Knights of Columbus are asking all members to attend their Council meeting and help in the Council activities and programs. This is vital to the preservation of the Loyalty Counsel 2661 in Lima. We are meeting the first Tuesday every month. Our next meeting will be on Nov. 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the Quatman Room at LCC High School. Hope to see you there.

ST. JOHN'S BIG BREAKFAST:

St. John's, Lima will be offering their breakfast on Sunday, November 10th from 8-1pm in the church hall at 777 S. Main St., Lima. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage and beverages will be served. Carry-outs available.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK:

November 3rd begins National Vocation Awareness Week, a special time in which the Church prays for the renewal and strengthening of vocations of dedicated people as married and single people, men to serve as priests, deacons, brothers, and women as religious sisters. Let your life proclaim good news!

LADIES NIGHT OUT EVENT:

On Saturday, Nov. 9, St. Anthony School will be hosting a Bingo for Bags. The event will take place in the St. Anthony Church basement in Columbus Grove. All purses are designer bags. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. with bingo beginning at 7:00p.m. Tickets are \$30 each. Must be 18 years old. Contact Kate Morman at 419-303-1198 for more information or for tickets.

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Christian Gifts & Educational Resources

SAVE THE DATE:

Coming to St. Gerard Church, The Mustard Seed Shop from Glandorf will be selling religious goods after the weekend Masses



November 16th and 17th. There will be plenty to choose from and will include Advent and Christmas items.

MARCUS GRODI TO ADDRESS SERRA CLUB:

The founder of the Coming Home Network, Marcus Grodi, will be presenting a talk on the origins of the Coming Home Network and his conversion to the Catholic faith on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lima Central Catholic Great Hall. Admission is free. No reservations required.

Mr. Grodi started the Coming Home Network in 1993 following his conversion to Catholicism. As a former protestant minister, he observed many others like himself inquiring about the Catholic Church and choosing to come "home." His organization assists clergy and laity from other faith traditions seeking knowledge and encouragement as they consider coming home to the Catholic Church.

The Coming Home Network has been featured on EWTN television and radio, as well as many national Catholic publications. It also has its own YouTube Channel. Mr. Grodi's presentation is sponsored by The Serra Club of the Lima Area. If you would like additional information, please contact Kevin Kidd at 567-204-3126.

ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:

On the four Sundays of Advent, starting November 30/December 1, we will have the Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony at the beginning of Mass. Families, or groups of friends, or grandparents with their grandchildren are invited to take part in the ceremony - to light the Advent candles at the beginning of Mass. The ceremony will take place at all weekend Masses. If you would be willing to take part in this service, please contact John Christoff at (419) 203-7881 and let him know which weekend and which Mass is best for you. He will then give you details of the ceremony and what you will do. Thank you.

THANK YOU:

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF TOLEDO

MISCARRIAGE MINISTRY:

The Zelie Ministry: Are you grieving from a miscarriage or stillbirth? Are you or someone you know, in need of prayer support, resources or someone to listen who has been there before? We would love to "comfort you with the comfort we have received." (2 Cor. 1:4) We know this deep pain that many do not understand. We would love to send you a free care package of helpful resources, meaningful connections and a special gift in memory of your little one. Email us at zelieministry@gmail.com or call 419-769-4427. Sponsored by Office for Life and Justice.