

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Jesus tells us in the gospel: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me!" The point is: God is in each one of us, in our relationships and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the divine gift which is already in and around us.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, May 15**

8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +

**Tuesday, May 16**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 17**

8:30 a.m. Joe Silone +

6:30 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Kaple & Becker Families

**Thursday, May 18**

8:30 a.m. Jack Frueh +

**Friday, May 19**

8:30 a.m. Mary Rita Doorley +

**Saturday, May 20**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Mark Thompson & Moyer Families

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

**Sunday, May 21**

8:30 a.m. Theresa, Joe & Fran Goedde +

11:00 a.m. Judy Brennan +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, May 14**

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, May 15**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

**Tuesday, May 16**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 17**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass in church

**Thursday, May 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, May 19**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, May 20**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, May 21**

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**MARRIAGE BANNES:**

Julie Baker & Matt Boatman, III



**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
May, 2nd week On-line: \$ 1,335.00	\$ 10,948.25	\$ 13,023.07
# of Envelopes	275	268
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 514,070.36</b>	<b>\$ 489,820.66</b>

**ONLINE GIVING:**

If you would like to give online, just go to our website at: [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and click on the "On-line Giving" tab at the top. It's a safe and convenient way to donate to St. Gerard.

### **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:**

Mother's Day can bring a mix of emotions for many women. There are those anticipating the birth of their first child, step-moms wondering what their place is, those who have lost their mother and are faced with grieving on Mother's Day, there are moms who encounter feelings of hurt because their children have turned from God and have turned away from their families, there are those who have children that are dealing with addictions and then there are those overwhelmed with pain from the loss of a child. No matter what you face this Mother's Day, you can turn to God and experience peace and healing through prayer.

### **A Mother's Day Prayer:**

*Dear Father, we approach your throne on behalf of the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your most precious little ones. We thank you for creating each mom with a unique combination of gifts and talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children.*

*We thank you for the gift of time moms give for their kids, whether it's stay-at-home moms, working moms, and moms who have some combination of the two. We thank you for the flexibility of moms, for their tirelessness, their perseverance, and their devotion.*

*We especially pray for single moms, who must lean solely on you for the fathering of their children. We thank you that you're big arms surround children who may never know their earthly father. We also pray for those who never have had the honor of bearing children, but whose nurturing extends to the many poor and needy who cross the threshold of their lives.*

*We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water. We ask you to be their source of spiritual and physical strength. We pray that the same grace that flowed from Father to Son to us in salvation*

*will flow from mothers to their children. We pray that each mother rejects perfectionism and instead embraces the goodness of the gospel. We pray the rhythms of repentance and forgiveness shape every home.*

*We pray for those who grieve today. We ask for your comfort to surround those who weep. We pray for the peace of your presence to cover our minds and thoughts, as you remind us, that we will one day be with our loved ones again in paradise.*

*Lord, give each mother a worshipful reverence of you, the Creator and Sustainer of life. Help each mother to rest in the knowledge that they are but stewards of your children and that only your Spirit can produce change into the hearts of each child. May each mother find rest in you. Most of all, Lord, on this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, who formed and knitted each of us in our mother's womb.*





### **VOTIVE CANDLE**

#### **REMINDER:**

Just as a reminder, **PLEASE**, make sure that when you light a votive candle, that the stick you lit it with is completely extinguished in the container provided. The "live matches" are in one container and a container of "water" is on the other side. We have found quite a few of the "used" matches in the "unused" container. This poses the opportunity for a fire. We are currently looking at the safest way of disposing the used matches without risking another fire. We ask you to please double check to be sure your lit match is indeed "out" and properly discarded. Thank you.

### **DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE**

#### **CHANGE:**

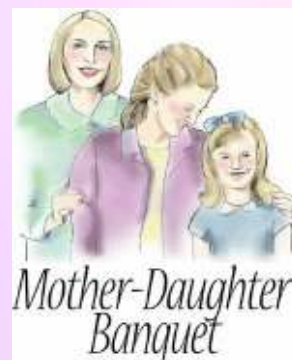
Please note, that during the week of our festival, we will be canceling the Wednesday Novena Devotions at 1:00 p.m. We will also be canceling Adoration on Thursday afternoon, as well as First Friday devotions. Thank you.

### **PARISH DIRECTORY/HISTORY ALBUM:**

The 100th Anniversary History Albums will be here soon! Many additional photographs were contributed in February, and we missed our deadline to have all families photographed by Thanksgiving. But the results are better than ever! The publisher should have them finished in about a month. Thank you for your patience! Any questions or to purchase one of the remaining copies, please call or text Michael Ayers at 419-236-8418.

### **MOTHER/DAUGHTER DINNER:**

The Rosary/Altar Society will be hosting their annual Mother/Daughter Dinner on Tuesday, May 23rd. The dinner will be held at the Old Barn Out Back in Lima beginning at 5:30 p.m. All women are invited and encouraged to invite your moms, daughters, aunts, sisters, grandmothers, etc. to attend with them. Come enjoy a great meal and some fellowship with the women of the parish.



### **PRAYER CLOTH:**

In the rectory office, we have "PRAYER CLOTHS" available to anyone wishing to have one. These cloths were crocheted by a parishioner and were donated to the church. Each cloth is about 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.

### **MEMORIAL DAY MASS:**

The Annual Memorial Day Mass at Gethsemani Cemetery will be Monday, May 29th at 11:30 a.m. under the tent by the mausoleum. Please bring your lawn chairs and come honor your deceased loved ones at this Mass.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, May 20:**

5:00 p.m. *B. Muskus, B. VonLehmden,  
J. Stewart, S. Tschuor, K. Canavan,  
B. Peebles, D. & J. Hollingsworth,  
D. Griffo, C. Diaz*

**Sunday, May 21:**

8:30 a.m. *M. King, M. Mays, S. Nocera,  
B. Pinney, C. Wright, J. Sroufe,  
T. Sroufe, G. Merkel, S. Ellinger,  
C. Altenbach*

11:00 a.m. *C. Coleman, K. Ladden, J. Landwehr  
J. Neville, V. Carter, F. Gallegos,  
S. Morrissey, F. Thompson, T. Meyer,  
R. Vagedes*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**May 20:** 5:00 p.m. - *J. Wolff*

**May 21:** 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd*  
11:00 a.m. - *A. Neville*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**May 20:** 5:00 p.m. - *I. Langhals, G. Langhals,  
M. Taflinger*

**May 21:** 8:30 a.m. - *A. Dackin, E. & J. Hahn*  
11:00 a.m. - *N. Stolly, K. Meyer,  
S. Santaguida*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR MAY:**

*Chris Diaz, Sadie Bourk, Pat Flick*

**ACT JUSTLY, LOVE TENDERLY, WALK  
HUMBLY - LUNCH & LEARN:**

In preparation for the feast of Pentecost, join Fr. Ritter for lunch and reflection on Micah 6:8 "To act justly ... to love tenderly ... to walk humbly with your God." This reflection may help you on your spiritual journey of becoming more "available" to God, more open to the working of the Holy Spirit. This workshop will be held on Wednesday, May 24th, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, 1250 Tiffin St., Fremont, Ohio. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch.



**ST. GERARD PARISH FESTIVAL**

The 39th Annual St. Gerard Festival is coming up on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. In the back of the Church, as well as in this bulletin, are sign-up sheets for each booth for the festival. They are also included in this bulletin! Please leave your name and phone number and the booth chair would be glad to call and set up a time that works for you to volunteer.

**SET-UP & TEAR-DOWN CREWS NEEDED:**

It's that time of year again where we are working hard to plan out this year's festival. The Festival is the biggest fundraiser for the parish and is not possible without the help of many volunteers. **We are asking you to consider to be a part of the crew that helps set up for the festival, as well as tear down the festival. Please, please consider joining this crew. If we don't have help in this area, the festival will be in big trouble!**

If you are interested helping with this crew, please contact Michael Mays at 419-604-9526 or [mmays@sgslima.org](mailto:mmays@sgslima.org).

**RAFFLE TICKETS:**

The raffle tickets have been distributed to all of our sellers. 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 your sold tickets to the rectory office, or feel free to put them in the collection basket on Sunday's. Thanks!





**Review from Fr. Mike Sergi.**

**"COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY: SKILLS AND GUIDELINES":**

If anyone is interested in getting involved in ministry, I suggest that you read this book. It is written by Br. Loughlan Sofield, ST and Sr. Carroll Juliano, SHCJ. It is entitled, "Collaborative Ministry: Skills and Guidelines." Working from the premise that all the baptized are called to ministry, this book addresses the necessity and desirability for sharing the work and for shifting from individual to mutual endeavors. I found this book very informative and challenging in my own ministry. I also found that many of the skills and guidelines can also help us in our everyday lives. I hope you pick up this book or another one from our library to read during this Easter season.

**HOMESCHOOLING MASS:**

Are you a Catholic homeschooling family in the Toledo Diocese? Then please join us at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo for our 13th Annual Diocesan Homeschooling Mass. The Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, will be celebrating our Mass.

If you have a student who will be graduating 8th grade, or a graduating high school senior, and would like your graduate to participate in the ceremony after the Mass, please email Lisa-Ann Brickner at oyc81@yahoo.com by May 26th. We can't wait to see you there!!!

*Have you started baking  
for the festival yet?*



**LCC NEWS:**

The Lima Central Catholic Board of Governors seeks candidates to fill three-year terms beginning August, 2017. If you are interested, please send a letter of intent and your resume by May 22 to John Neville, Chair, Governance Committee, at jneville@bright.net. For more information, call John at 419-236-2038.

**SILVER ROSE:**

The Lima K of C Hall at 810 S. Cable Rd. will be a stop along the route of the Silver Rose Pilgrimage across North America from Canada to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, near the site of the apparitions to St. Juan Diego in December 1531. A program for the "Our Lady of Guadalupe Silver Rose" will be held at the Lima K of C Hall on Thursday May 18th. The reception will start at 6:30 p.m. with the Rose being presented at 7:00 p.m. for a powerful expression of Marion devotion and intercontinental unity centered on the spiritual renewal of the rosary. All are welcome.

**ST. ROSE FESTIVAL:**

St. Rose is having their annual parish festival next weekend on the parish grounds. It begins on Saturday, May 20th following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. This is the adult day with live music and dancing, along with your favorite food and beverages. Sunday is family day with plenty of activities for the entire family. There are rides, blow-up slides & jumping tents. Plan on stopping by and enjoying all the festival has to offer.



## St. Gerard Festival Volunteers June 2<sup>ND</sup>, 3<sup>RD</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

During the festival we need lots of help at all of our booths. If you have not finished your 20 hours for this school year this is a great way to get them finished and we would greatly appreciate it! Please indicate which area(s) you want to work and we will have the booth chairman contact you. This is also a great time to start baking and freezing items for the festival. The more that you can bring in the longer the cake wheel can operate and the more money they will generate.

<p><b>Set-up or Tear-down</b> We need help with set up on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup> and/or tear down June 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p><b>Cake Wheel</b> This booth is under the big game tent. We need people to make change/watch bets. We could use people to call out the numbers.</p>	<p><b>Games &amp; Kiddie Land</b> These are in the game tent. People are needed to monitor each game area.</p>
<p><b>Information Booth</b> Make announcements on PA system, sell raffle tickets.</p>	<p><b>ID Booth</b> We need people to check ID's and sell drink tickets.</p>	<p><b>Instant Bingo</b> This booth is under the big game tent. We need people to sell instants.</p>
<p><b>Tip Books 50/50</b> We are looking for people to walk through the big entertainment tent selling chances on items.</p>	<p><b>Pot of Gold</b> This booth is under the big game tent. We need to sell chances.</p>	<p><b>Ride Tickets</b> This is a separate booth set up to sell ride tickets on the grounds.</p>
<p><b>Pepsi Booth</b> Help serve Pepsi and make change.</p>	<p><b>Big Six Bingo</b> This booth is under the big game tent. We need people to make change/watch bets.</p>	<p><b>Festival 5K</b> This is on Saturday at 10 a.m. We need road guards, registration, finish line &amp; refreshment workers.</p>
 <p><b>Food Booths</b></p>		
<p><b>Chicken Dinner</b> We are looking for people to work on Sunday either in the kitchen putting meals together or helping at the carryout side.</p>	<p><b>Funnel Cakes</b> People are needed to make the funnel cakes, elephant ears, corn dogs, and Gerrie Bars and serve customers.</p>	<p><b>Snack Tent</b> This is by the big entertainment tent. People are needed to wait on customers.</p>
<p><b>French Fries</b> People are needed to make the fries &amp; wait on customers.</p>	<p><b>Pizza</b> People are needed to make the pizzas and wait on customers.</p>	<p><b>Tenderloins</b> People are needed to make the tenderloins and wait on customers.</p>
<p><b>Mexican Food</b> People are needed to prepare food, cook food, and wait on customers.</p>	<p><b>The Grill</b> People to help make and serve hamburgers and hot dogs.</p>	<p><b>Chicken Wings</b> People are needed to cook the wings and serve customers.</p>

Please return to the Parish or School Office as soon as possible! We need your help

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_