

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, September 24**

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 25**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, September 26**

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Tom Gremling +

**Thursday, September 27**

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

**Friday, September 28**

8:30 a.m. Patricia Moore +

**Saturday, September 29**

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Robert Wagner +  
Joe McCormick +

**Sunday, September 30**

8:30 a.m. William McFall +

11:00 a.m. Laurie Zerante Snider +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, September 23**

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 24**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 25**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00-7:30 p.m. - Bishop Robert Barron's THE MASS in the P. Hall

**Wednesday, September 26**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 6:30 p.m.

7:15 p.m. - Handbell Choir Practice in church - new members  
welcome!

**Thursday, September 27**

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 28**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, September 29**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 30**

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

12:00 Noon - 1:30 - Community Meal in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

3:00 p.m. - Healing Mass

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
September, 2nd week On-line: \$ 1,385.00	\$ 10,122.94	\$ 10,869.30
# of Envelopes	245	286
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 120,144.84</b>	<b>\$ 115,048.39</b>

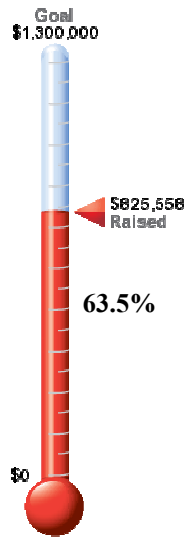
Happy Fall Y'all!



## **ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:**

### **The Scope of the Project:**

Our parish is proposing a 3-part building proposal to better serve the needs of our parish and local community and to strengthen our long-term financial viability. This proposal is estimated at \$2.4 million. We are asking our parishioners and friends of St. Gerard to donate a total of \$1.3 million.



**\$825,558.54  
pledged!**

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

***Pledge cards are available in the church and at the rectory or school offices. You may also give online by visiting our web-site at: [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.***

***Thank you to all who have turned in your pledge card.***

### **BLESSING OF ANIMALS:**



In honor of St. Francis, our annual Blessing of Animals will take place on Sunday, October 7th at 3:00 p.m. Gather with your pets near the east entrance of Church near the Risen Christ statue. All pet owners and their furry friends are invited.



### **PRIESTS CONVOCATION/SCHEDULE CHANGE:**

Our priests will be attending their Convocation the first week of October. Due to their absence, all weekday Masses, and all related services will be cancelled from **Monday, October 1st through Friday, October 5th.** This means that our OLPH Devotions, Eucharistic Adoration and First Friday Devotions are cancelled. Please note that all meetings in the rectory are cancelled for that week as well. We pray that they have a great week of meetings and that they come home re-energized. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **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.

### **COMMUNITY MEAL:**

We will be having our next Community Meal on Sunday, Sept. 30, 2018 from 12:00 noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. If

anyone in the parish would like to bake cookies or brownies and donate them to our dinner, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.





**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.



**St. Vincent de Paul Feast Day is September 27th**




**POWERFUL PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**  
Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host - by the Divine Power of God - cast into hell, satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael Feast Day is September 29th**



**THE MASS**  
*Join us for this new DVD presentation by Bishop Robert Barron Tuesday, September 25, 2018 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. St. Gerard Parish Hall*

**THE BEST TIME YOU WILL SPEND ON EARTH.** 

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
Adoration hours at St. Gerard are 12-5pm every Thursday. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord!

**ATTENTION YOUTH  
OF OUR PARISH:**

We would like to invite any high school student interested in deepening their faith to join our High School Youth Group. We meet the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6-7:30 in the Parish Hall.



**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.

**BOX TOPS LABELS:**

Help St. Gerard School earn money by saving your box tops. Ask your family members and friends to save as well.

**PURSE BINGO DONATIONS ACCEPTED:**

If you own a business or if the business you work at would be willing to donate items for our silent auction baskets, please drop off the items to the school office or contact the school office to arrange for someone to pick up the items. Thank you for your generosity!

**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.



**HEARTBEAT OF LIMA:**

The Heartbeat of Lima 2018 annual fundraising banquet will be held this year on Thursday, October 4, 2018. It will be held at the Veteran's Memorial Civic Center with a social hour from 6-7:00 p.m. and the dinner and program beginning at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker is Jor-El Godsey, President of Heartbeat International. He is a wonderful speaker with a powerful pro-life message to share. For more information, please call Heartbeat of Lima at 419-222-7945.



**LIFE CHAIN:**

The Allen County Right to Life Society will be having a Life Chain on Sunday, October 7th in Delphos on 5th Street from 2-3:00 p.m. This is a hour of prayer to pray for the respect for all life and the end to abortion. Please come out and show your support and spend this time in prayer for the dignity of all human life. Chairs and strollers are welcome!



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, September 29:**

5:00 p.m. *L. Makley, W. Peebles, S. Tschuor,  
B. VonLehmden, K. Canavan, D. Griffio,  
B. Flynn, C. Hinds, M. Hinds  
M. Hinegardner*

**Sunday, September 30:**

8:30 a.m. *M. Mays, B. Pinney, J. Sroufe, T. Sroufe,  
C. Altenbach, L. Hahn, P. Huffman,  
M. King, S. Martin, T. Martin*

11:00 a.m. *R. Karbowiak, R. Vagedes, C. Wreede,  
R. Carder, V. Carter, C. Coleman,  
T. Meyer, J. Neville, F. Mansfield,  
D. Warner*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Sept. 29:** 5:00 p.m. - *D. Mack*  
**Sept. 30:** 8:30 a.m. - *S. Doepker*  
11:00 a.m. - *S. Silone*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Sept. 29:** 5:00 p.m. - *J. Yahl, H. Chambers,  
N. Chambers*

**Sept. 30:** 8:30 a.m. - *S. Santaguida, A. Dackin,  
M. Lewis*  
11:00 a.m. - *G. Sutton, M. Sutton, A. Schultz*

**USHER SCHEDULE:**

**Sept. 29:** 5:00 p.m. - *L. Daley, D. Makley, T. Daley*  
**Sept. 30:** 8:30 a.m. - *J. Simindinger, B. Birkmeyer*  
11:00 a.m. - *S. Blanchard, M. Dew,  
T. Lamb*

**SACRISTY WORKERS - SEPTEMBER:**

*Barb Geise, Sue Graham*

**OTTOVILLE PARISH MISSION:**

Come Hold My Son Parish Mission will be held at Immaculate Conception Church in Ottoville **Tonight**, Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This event promises to be an inspiring, life changing mission for all Parishes and communities, especially FAMILIES OF ALL AGES. The presenter of this mission, Daniel Oberreuter, will make the Blessed Sacrament the main focus. Inspired by the song he wrote, "Come Hold My Son," he will take us on a journey through the mysteries of the rosary. It will be fun and upbeat. Join us at 5:30 p.m. at the gazebo next to church for free ice cream and entertainment before the mission.

**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 has begun and meets on Sundays 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.

**MUSTARD SEED GIFT SHOP:**

Customer Appreciation Week. Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Glandorf, will be hosting a Customer Appreciation Week. This event will take place from Sept. 25-29th. Come in for cookies and refreshments and save 10% on your entire purchase.



# *Designer Purse Bingo Time!*

**St. Gerard Catholic School  
announces our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual**



*Ladies' Night Out!*

*Saturday, October 20, 2018*



*St. Gerard Catholic School Gym  
1311 N. Main St., Lima*

*Doors open 6:00 p.m./BINGO begins 7:00 p.m.*

*\$35 per ticket*

*(ticket prices include: 20 Bingo cards and light dinner)*

*\*\*\*Extra Bingo cards \$5 each \*\*\**

*\*\* 50/50 \*\* ~ \*\* Silent Auction \*\**

*Soft drinks, water and adult beverages will be available for purchase  
throughout the evening.*

**MUST BE 21 YEARS OR OLDER TO ATTEND.**

**Tickets available at the school office - 419-222-0431**

*A limited number of tickets will be sold – tables of 8 available when paid in advance.*

