

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

*Today's gospel teaches us **UNCERTAINTY** is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows . . . only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.*

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, November 19

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Flick, O'Connell & Christen Families
Elizabeth DeCurtins +

Tuesday, November 20

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, November 21

8:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 22

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Falk, Pentenburg & Ruen Families

Friday, November 23

8:30 a.m. Susan Flores Sua +

Saturday, November 24

8:30 a.m. Susan Flores Sua +
5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Sherrick Family

Sunday, November 25

8:30 a.m. Paul Hahn +
11:00 a.m. Virgil Thines +
Robert Wagner +
Stan Sites +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, November 18 -

Holy Name Pancake Breakfast following Masses in the P. Hall

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

Monday, November 19

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, November 20

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon - Rosary/Altar to meet in Church to pray rosary followed by lunch at Fat Jacks
7:00 p.m. - Liturgy Meeting in the Rectory

Wednesday, November 21

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, November 22 - Thanksgiving

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
No Adoration

Friday, November 23

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, November 24

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

Sunday, November 25

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
NO RCIA Classes in the Cafeteria
NO Parish School of Religion
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass



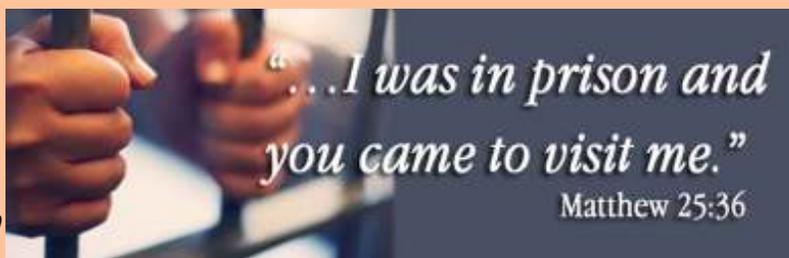
FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
November, 1st week On-line: \$ 1,755.00	\$ 12,971.34	\$ 13,352.52
# of Envelopes	286	277
YTD Totals:	\$ 206,940.89	\$ 200,948.62

ONLINE GIVING: If you would like to give online, visit our website at www.stgerardchurch.org & click on the "On-line Giving" tab at top. It's safe and convenient.

PRISON NEWS:

I recently was blessed to be able to attend the Allen Correctional Red Cross chapter banquet. You would probably be amazed at the number of men awarded certificates for volunteer hours from 100 to over 2,000 in the past year. Part of those hours are



for cross-stitching Saint Gerard baptismal stoles and crocheting our prayer cloths. They thank us for giving them an opportunity to serve us in those ways. To show their appreciation, they crocheted a wall hanging of the Lord's prayer, which hopefully will soon hang in our new gathering space.

I am now asking you to give to those men well wishes for Christmas. There are many men who have no family and believe that no one cares about them. As Christians, we know that these men are also made in God's image. The men who I know there have worked hard to reform their lives and make amends for past actions. I hope that you will think about what the Lord's prayer says: "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us," and show them your Christian love for them in a Christmas card.

Please write a note in the cards provided at each church entrance, sign at least a first name and return the cards to the boxes provided before Friday, December 14th. A simple expression of Christian love can change hearts. Please prepare as many cards as you can so that as many men as possible will get cards. On behalf of the men, thank you!!!

Submitted by: Sharon Cole, Prison Ministry



ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY:

On the four Sundays of Advent, starting December 1/2, 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 will 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.

FAMILY PROMISE:

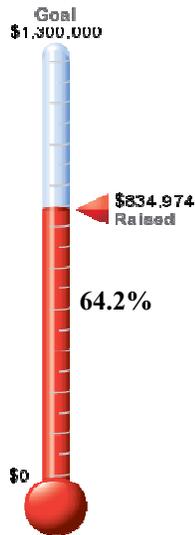
St. Gerard Parish, along with St. John/St. Rose Parishes will be hosting families for Family Promise November 25th thru November 30th. You can help by preparing a meal, visiting with the families between 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., spend the night, or make a monetary donation for food. If interested in helping, please contact Shandra Parker at 419-230-2926.



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.



**\$834,974.54
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 website at: 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.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE:

We will continue our tradition of giving to the less fortunate of the Lima area by accepting donations for our St. Vincent DePaul Society. Please bring any non-perishable food items to church on Thanksgiving Day. We greatly appreciate and welcome all donations.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will meet at noon on Tuesday, November 20th in church to pray the rosary. Following the rosary, they will go to Fat Jack's Pizza for lunch. All ladies are invited and are encouraged to attend.

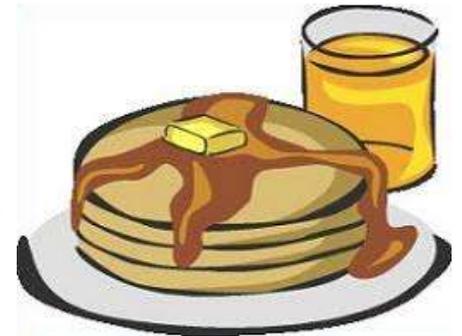
PRAYER CLOTH:

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.



HOLY NAME BREAKFAST:

Please join us for breakfast **TODAY** being served by our Holy Name men in the Parish Hall after the Sunday Masses.



Come and enjoy pancakes, eggs, sausage and a beverage and help support our Holy Name Men. You won't be disappointed and it is a great chance to visit with your fellow parishioners.

THANKSGIVING
FOOD DRIVE



spiritual formation
CONNECTING WITH GOD

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
INTENTIONS FOR
NOVEMBER:



UNIVERSAL:
IN SERVICE AND PEACE ...
That the language of love
and dialogue may always prevail over the
language of conflict.

DEVOTION OF THE MONTH

MONTH ^{OF THE}
HOLY SOULS

NOVEMBER



St. Cecilia
patron saint of music

Dear St. Cecilia,
May you inspire musicians
to gladden the hearts of people
by filling the air with
God's gift of music and
reminding them of
the Divine Musician
who created all beauty.
Amen.

MEMORIAL: NOVEMBER 22

www.anchorcelia.org

**What are YOU
Thankful For?**



Please bring your family and
join us for Thanksgiving Day
Mass at 8:30 a.m.



*"Not what we say about our
blessings, but how we use them, is the
true measure of our thanksgiving."
-W.T. Purkiser*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, November 24:

5:00 p.m. *M. Hinegardner, D. Hollingsworth, J. Wolff,
B. VonLehmden, K. Canavan, B. Flynn,
L. Makley, W. Peebles, S. Parker,
M. DeVita*

Sunday, November 25:

8:30 a.m. *P. Huffman, T. Martin, J. Sroufe,
T. Sroufe, C. Altenbach, M. Hickey,
S. Martin, M. Mays, S. Ellinger, C. Wright*

11:00 a.m. *C. Coleman, R. Karbowski, F. Mansfield,
D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, C. Wreede,
K. Spears, S. Dew, S. Morrissey, J. Neville*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Nov. 24: 5:00 p.m. - *M. Hinegardner*
Nov. 25: 8:30 a.m. - *S. Doepker*
11:00 a.m. - *M. Spears*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Nov. 24: 5:00 p.m. - *H. Chambers, N. Chambers,
J. Yahl*
Nov. 25: 8:30 a.m. - *E. Hahn, J. Hahn, A. Dackin*
11:00 a.m. - *A. Carter, K. Meyer, L. Wreede*

USHER SCHEDULE:

Nov. 24: 5:00 p.m. - *L. Daley, D. Makley, T. Daley*
Nov. 25: 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd, K. Rigg, B. Orwick*
11:00 a.m. - *D. Ladden, R. Blevins,
T. Brostrom*

SACRISTY WORKERS - NOVEMBER:

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

HOLY NAME

RAFFLE WINNERS:

WINNERS

Thanks to all who made our Holy Name Men's Night Out a success. We thank all of those who purchased raffle tickets. Congratulations to the lucky winners:
\$1,000.00 ~ Bill Fender
\$500.00 ~ Bill Fender (yes, he won twice)
\$200.00 ~ Cindy Wright

LCC ACT PREP COURSE:

LCC is offering its 11th ACT Prep Class. Classes start January 5, 2019 and will be held each Saturday until February 23, 2019. This class is designed to help students improve their performance when taking the ACT Test and will include eight, three-hour sessions covering Math, Science and English, two practice tests and test taking tips. The cost of the course is \$225.00 for LCC students and \$300.00 for non-LCC students. For more specific information, please go to the LCC website at www.lcchs.edu or contact Stephanie Evans at 419-230-5040. Pre-registration is required and forms are due January 2, 2019. The class is open to LCC, as well as non-LCC students.

ELITE TOURS TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE:

Travel with **Fr. Charles Obinwa** of Ft. Jennings St. Joseph's & Lima St. Rita's to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Tlaxcala, Ocotlan, Puebla San Jan Teotihuacan, Acolman. May 11th-17th, 2019. Cost is \$2500.00 (Airfare included from anywhere in the U.S.) For more information and registration, contact: 612-730-2890. Or visit them online at www.procatholic tours.com. You may also email them with questions at: Office@procatholic tours.com.

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SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:

Mission Statement

"A network of friends, inspired of Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need."

We are fortunate to have all four parishes in Lima to be part of the St. Vincent de Paul Society in various ways. Volunteers from all four parishes participate in all areas where needed. We are very grateful to have them.

Food Panty (All parishes help to staff) accessible by appointment for a three day supply of food.

Thrift store (St. Rose & St. John) in addition to the Thrift Store, they also may occasionally assist with a portion of rent after research.

St. Charles supports the Food Pantry, gives to annual Christmas, and Christian Corners Soup Kitchen.

St. Gerard assists food pantry if needed and assists with utilities (electricity, gas, water up to \$100 once a year). We are in need of a small group of people to oversee this activity. Here is what is involved:

1. *Get persons information from messages.*
2. *Call the person and get necessary information. Remind them we can only help once a year.*
3. *Mail check directly to the utility company with necessary information on check.*
4. *Maintain a log book.*

Our needy neighbors need your help. Please pray about this. For questions, more information, or to **VOLUNTEER**, please contact Deb Bartlett-Karbowiak at 419-516-4415 (may need to leave a message) or Alice Giesken at 419-979-9638.

TREE OF REMEMBRANCE:

The holiday season is normally a time of joy, but when someone you love has died, it can be a time of loneliness and pain. If you are experiencing grief, your neighbors at Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services will host their 28th Annual Tree of Remembrance Service on Saturday, December 8, 2018. This community event is held at our Shawnee Chapel, located at 1170 Shawnee Road, in Lima.

Guests may start to arrive at 2:00 p.m. and the Remembrance Service will begin at 3:00 p.m., being led by area clergy. Light refreshments will be served following the service at 4:00 p.m.

The 28th Annual Tree of Remembrance Service is presented as a gift to our community from Chiles-Laman families. Anyone is welcome to attend, regardless of which funeral home provided the services for their loved one.

There is no charge to attend, however, reservations are requested. To make a reservation, order your free personalized crystal ornament or for additional information, please do not hesitate to call 419-228-5474.

If your loved one passed away this year, your family is welcome to receive one complimentary personalized crystal ornament. Additional ornaments for loved ones who have passed away in any previous year will be available for \$25 each. To place your order, please call 419-228-5474 prior to November 30th.