

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

The apostles were just being practical when they asked Jesus to “dismiss the crowds to go buy food.” Jesus knew there is always enough when we place our trust in the Father, even with just five loaves and fishes. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, August 7**

8:30 a.m. James Wiechart +

**Tuesday, August 8**

8:30 a.m. Robert Falk +  
Special Intention

**Wednesday, August 9**

8:30 a.m.  
6:30 p.m. Vince DeVita +

**Thursday, August 10**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, August 11**

8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, August 12**

8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +  
5:00 p.m. Louis Acerro +

**Sunday, August 13**

8:30 a.m. Pete Leugers +  
Ed Nixon +  
11:00 a.m. Ryan Cirra +  
Harriet Glancy +  
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

*Please note that the parish office is open from Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We are closed on Friday's. Enjoy your summer!*

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, August 6**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, August 7**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, August 8**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
7:00 p.m. - Liturgy Committee Meeting in the Rectory

**Wednesday, August 9**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena  
6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at the grotto

**Thursday, August 10**

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

**Friday, August 11**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, August 12**

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

**Sunday, August 13**

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**WEDDING BANNS:**

Patrick Kesner & Colleen Creamer, II  
Nick Huffman & Jordan Walsh, I

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

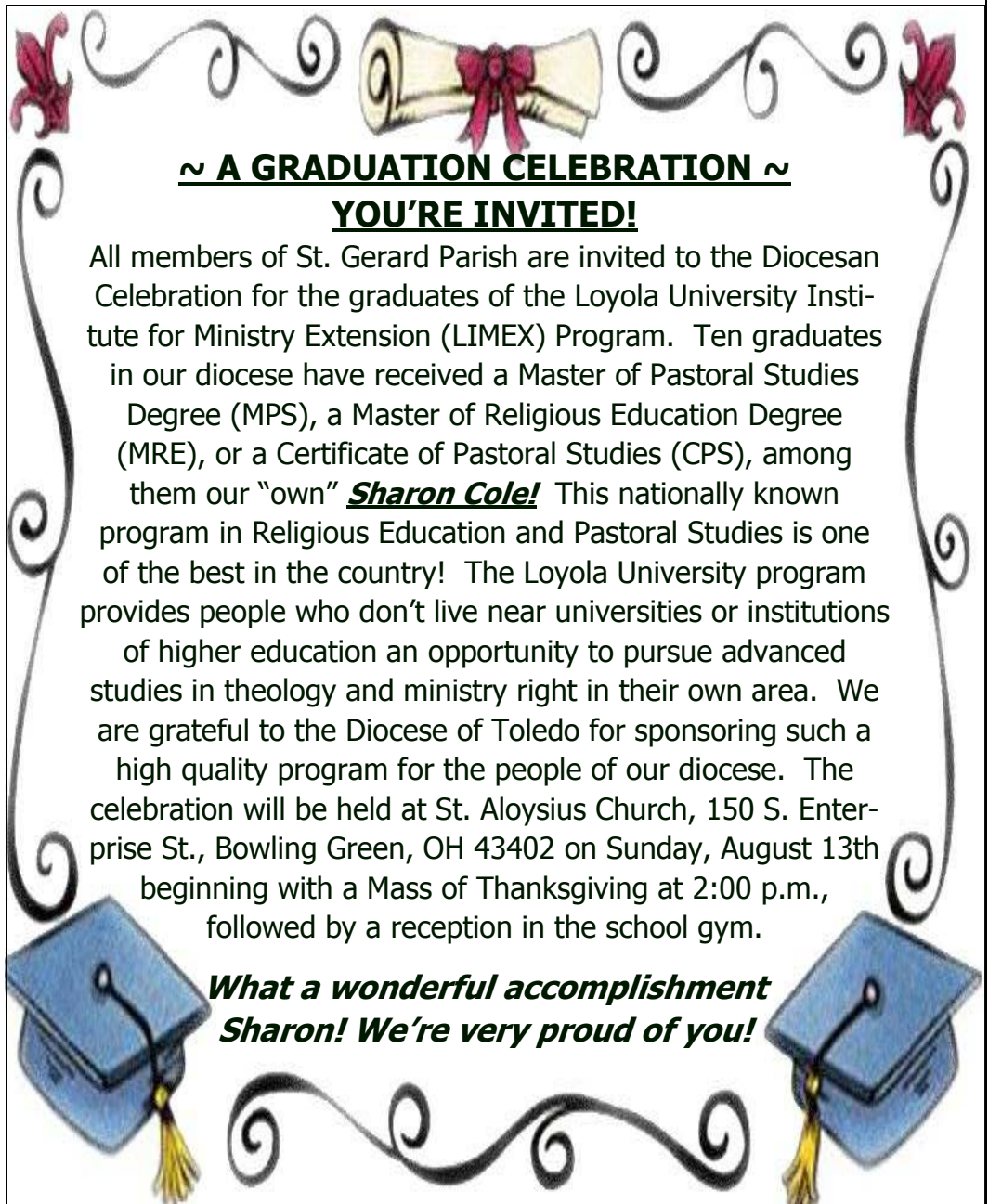
<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
July, 4th week	\$ 10,041.46	\$ 10,531.18
On-line: \$ 1,580.00		
# of Envelopes	256	262
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 42,849.54</b>	<b>\$ 44,609.00</b>

**ONLINE GIVING:** Go to [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and click on the Online Giving link - it's quick and easy!



**COMMUNITY MEAL:**

A very special "thanks" to everyone who helped with our recent Community Meal. It was very well attended and appreciated by so many in the Lima community. The meal was delicious and we would like to give special thanks to ***Keystone Meats*** for donating all of the beef for the dinner. Thanks also to all of our parishioners who donated school supplies. They will be put to good use.



**~ A GRADUATION CELEBRATION ~**  
**YOU'RE INVITED!**

All members of St. Gerard Parish are invited to the Diocesan Celebration for the graduates of the Loyola University Institute for Ministry Extension (LIMEX) Program. Ten graduates in our diocese have received a Master of Pastoral Studies Degree (MPS), a Master of Religious Education Degree (MRE), or a Certificate of Pastoral Studies (CPS), among them our "own" ***Sharon Cole!*** This nationally known program in Religious Education and Pastoral Studies is one of the best in the country! The Loyola University program provides people who don't live near universities or institutions of higher education an opportunity to pursue advanced studies in theology and ministry right in their own area. We are grateful to the Diocese of Toledo for sponsoring such a high quality program for the people of our diocese. The celebration will be held at St. Aloysius Church, 150 S. Enterprise St., Bowling Green, OH 43402 on Sunday, August 13th beginning with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 2:00 p.m., followed by a reception in the school gym.

***What a wonderful accomplishment Sharon! We're very proud of you!***

**ROSARY AND MASS AT OUR LADY'S GROTTTO:**

During the summer on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., Rosary and Mass will be held at the Grotto of Our Lady on the west lawn of St. Gerard Church. Rosary will begin at 6:00 p.m. with Mass at 6:30 p.m. Chairs will be available, but feel free to bring your own lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, services will be held in the church. Come spend a summer evening with Our Lady and others who love her.



**FATIMA, USA:**

On Friday, August 11th at 7:30 p.m. outdoors on the grounds of The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein, they will be celebrating the 100th year Anniversary of Fatima. Bishop Joseph Binzer will celebrate the Mass. There will be confessions and a candlelight rosary procession. Please bring your own lawn chair for seating and dress appropriately. Come join us for this Centennial Celebration!

**VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED:**

Summer is here and Christian Corner Community Center is looking for volunteers. Their two main needs are people to help in the kitchen and to help with yard work. Kitchen volunteers are needed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Yard work can be done Monday, Wednesday or Friday anytime between 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. To volunteer, please contact Bethany by email at: christiancornercc@wcoil.com.



**SAVE THE DATE**

***St. Gerard School  
Purse Bingo  
Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017***



**SCHOOL NEWS:**

The school office will be open from 9am until 2pm during the month of August.

The first day of school is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22nd. If you need tuition or enrollment information, please call the school office at 419-222-0431.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED:**

St. Gerard School is seeking substitute teachers for the upcoming school year. Candidates must be licensed with the Ohio Department of Education or must hold a Bachelor's Degree in any field in order to obtain a substitute teaching license from the Department of Education. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 419.222.0431 or email Natalie Schoonover at: nschoonover@sgslima.org.

**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.



**MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN ...**

St. Barbara Parish, 160 Main St., Cloverdale, will be having a 5-week video study on Mary. The first night, Sunday, August 6th at 6:00pm, we will be blessed with a mother-daughter team from Luminous Ministries who will energize our faith life and revitalize our souls with song, stories and scripture in "Who is this Woman Who Simply Said Yes?" The four following Sundays, (Aug. 13, 20, 27 & Sept. 3) sessions will begin at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome and are invited to attend.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, August 12:**

5:00 p.m. *D. Hollingsworth, J. Hollingsworth,  
D. Griffo, M. Hinegardner, C. Diaz,  
K. Canavan, M. DeVita, B. Peebles,  
J. Stewart, B. Flynn*

**Sunday, August 13:**

8:30 a.m. *C. Wright, M. King, J. Korzan,  
S. Ellinger, T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe,  
S. Martin, T. Martin, G. Merkel,  
M. Meyer*

11:00 a.m. *C. Wreede, F. Thompson, M. Ayers,  
D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, T. Meyer,  
S. Morrissey, R. Vegeadas, S. Young,  
C. Coleman*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Aug. 12:** 5:00 p.m. - *M. Hinegardner*

**Aug. 13:** 8:30 a.m. - *M. Hickey*  
11:00 a.m. - *J. Kahle*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Aug. 12:** 5:00 p.m. - *G. Gandy, S. Parker,  
A. Parker*

**Aug. 13:** 8:30 a.m. - *J. Hahn, E. Hahn,  
M. Chambers*  
11:00 a.m. - *A. Carter, A. Schultz,  
K. Helmig*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR AUGUST:**

*Need volunteers!!! Please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 if you would like to sign-up for cleaning the church in August.*

**S-T-R-E-T-C-H YOUR DOLLAR:**

Shop the St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store. Hours are Monday thru Friday from noon until 3:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. The store is open to everyone. Your purchase helps us to help those in need in our community. We help fund the food pantry and more. This is also a great place to **volunteer your time!**

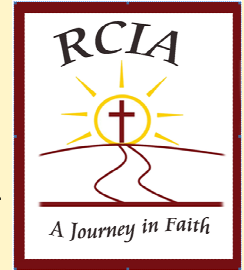
**RITE OF CHRISTIAN  
INITIATION OF ADULTS**

**(RCIA):**

RCIA is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults into the Catholic faith. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please watch the bulletin for information regarding meeting dates, etc. 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.

If you are interested in knowing more about our RCIA program, feel free to call the parish office and we will get you in touch with an RCIA team member.



**MICHAEL RUSSELL O'BRIEN TO PERFORM:**

WOW! Michael Russell O'Brien is coming to St. Mary's Parish in Leipsic. Michael is an inter-generational entertainer through and through. He appeals to all ages, from grandmas and grandpas to moms and dads to adolescents and young children. Michael readily shares his faith story including a conversion experience that led him from a successful career in secular music to a Catholic/Christian singer who has no hesitation in sharing his beliefs and convictions. It truly is an event for the entire family.

**When:** Sunday, August 16, 2017  
**Events:** 5:00 p.m. Mass at Leipsic St. Mary's  
5:45 p.m. light meal in Parish Center  
6:30 p.m. doors open to the public  
7:00 p.m. Concert

If you plan to come for the meal, a courtesy RSVP is appreciated to the Parish Office at (419) 943-2952 or email: [jtinkrott@metalink.net](mailto:jtinkrott@metalink.net).

**JUBILEE CELEBRATION:**

**Sanctify & Empower Us! Let Us Proclaim!**

Celebrating 50 years of the Holy Spirit's Power in the Church and our lives - continue to lead us! Join inspirational, international speakers Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR and James "Butch" Murphy. October 6-7th, 2017 at St. Jerome Parish Center Gym, 300 Warner St., Walbridge, Ohio. For more information, please visit: [www.mccrholyspirit.org](http://www.mccrholyspirit.org), call the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal at 419-691-6686 or please email: [mccrholyspirit@gmail.com](mailto:mccrholyspirit@gmail.com)

**LCC CLASS OF 1962**

**REUNION:**

The LCC class of 1962 will have their reunion on August 18th and 19th at the K of C Hall. For more information, please call Tom Mulcahy at 419-236-8528 or Mike Bosch at 419-236-5168.

**ENGAGED COUPLES**

**WORKSHOP:**

Schedule and registration for Engaged Couples Workshops "Joy-Filled Marriage" and "Cana II" can now be found most easily by visiting the website at: <http://ToledoMarriagePrep.org>.



**THE RHYTHM OF LIFE, by Matthew Kelly.**

Do you want to become the best version of yourself? In the **Rhythm of Life**, Matthew Kelly writes about the challenges and problems that we face in this age of obsessed noise, speed and perpetual activity. He writes about simply daily changes that can be easily made a part of your day and that can help you get the most out of each day of your life. It is filled with interesting, informative ideas to help you live a happier, healthier, rewarding life and become the-best-version-of-yourself. If you have read any of Matthew Kelly's books, you will definitely want to read this one.

**SILENT KNIGHT, HOLY KNIGHT:**

Friday, Aug. 18th at 7:00 p.m., noted Catholic author and scholar Dr. Scott Hahn will present a talk on "Silent Knight, Holy Knight: St. Joseph for Our Times." This event will be held at the Winner Harvest Barn, 7317 St. Rte. 47 West, DeGraff, Ohio. Advance tickets must be purchased at St. Mary's of the Woods Catholic Church, 464 Madison Ave., Russell's Point, Ohio (\$10 per adult). Children are free, but must have a ticket. No tickets at the door. Dr. Hahn will do a book signing afterwards. Seating limited to 700 persons. On-site parking is free.

**AREA FESTIVALS:**

**St. Joseph Festival, Fort Jennings,**

will have their annual festival on Sunday, August 13th. Family style fried chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings served from 11-1 pm and 4-6pm. Hamburger stand is open 11-7pm. Raffles, kids games, country store and more will be offered. A 5K race is scheduled for Saturday, August 12th at 6pm. Sign-up at <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/FortJennings/MAB5K>.





**ST. GERARD PRE-KINDERGARTEN  
REGISTRATION  
OPEN**

**St. Gerard Catholic School....**

Is now accepting enrollment in our Pre-Kindergarten program for the 2017-2018 school year. This is an excellent way for your child to be introduced to school in a fun, play-based learning environment. Students will focus on cognitive skills, fine motor skills, gross motor skills, language and literacy skills, and spiritual skills and Catholic values. Please contact us to for more information on enrollment and scholarship availability.



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