

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*The words in today's gospel, "Whoever gives a cup of water in the name of Christ will not lose their reward" hits us at home. As parents, we gain our "reward" when we bring water to a frightened child in the middle of the night, or Kool Aid to parched five-year olds, or hold ice chips to the fevered lips of a spouse. It is that simple and that sacred. In our homes, we give until it hurts "in the name of Christ."*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, October 1**

8:30 a.m. Mass cancelled

**Tuesday, October 2**

8:30 a.m. Mass cancelled

**Wednesday, October 3**

8:30 a.m. Mass cancelled

6:30 p.m. Mass cancelled

**Thursday, October 4**

8:30 a.m. Mass cancelled

**Friday, October 5**

8:30 a.m. Mass cancelled

**Saturday, October 6**

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Norval & Cecelia  
Wannamacher +

**Sunday, October 7**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of  
the Recker & Mauceri Families +

11:00 a.m. Richard & Dorothy  
Taylor +

Mary Celeste Christoff +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**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

**Monday, October 1**

Mass cancelled due to Priest Convocation

**Tuesday, October 2**

Mass cancelled due to Priest Convocation

**Wednesday, October 3**

Mass cancelled due to Priest Convocation

1:00 p.m. - NO OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - NO Rosary/NO Benediction/NO Mass at 6:30 p.m.

7:15 p.m. - Handbell Choir Practice in church cancelled

**Thursday, October 4**

Mass cancelled due to Priest Convocation

No Adoration

**Friday, October 5**

Mass cancelled due to Priest Convocation

**Saturday, October 6**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

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1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

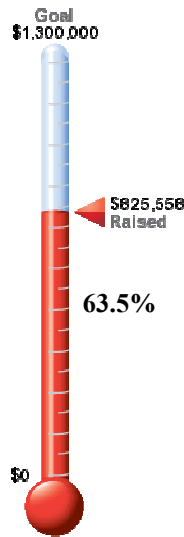
<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
September, 3rd week On-line: \$ 1,255.00	\$ 10,583.00	\$ 9,863.46
# of Envelopes	277	253
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 130,727.84</b>	<b>\$ 124,911.85</b>

**ON-LINE GIVING:** Just visit our website to give online at: [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org). It's very easy to enroll.

## **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 website 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 this week. 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. Please keep them in your prayers.

### **HEALING MASS:**

We will be offering a Healing Mass TODAY, 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. All who need healing of mind, body and spirit are invited and are encouraged to attend.

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE SANCTUARY ON SATURDAY MORNINGS:**



We are in desperate need of volunteers to help keep the sanctuary clean and sparkling for church services on Sunday and throughout the week. You only need to commit to one hour, once a month on a Saturday morning following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. It is not back breaking cleaning, but simply sweeping, dusting, and tidying up. Won't you please consider helping with this most important ministry? What a great way to work & pray!

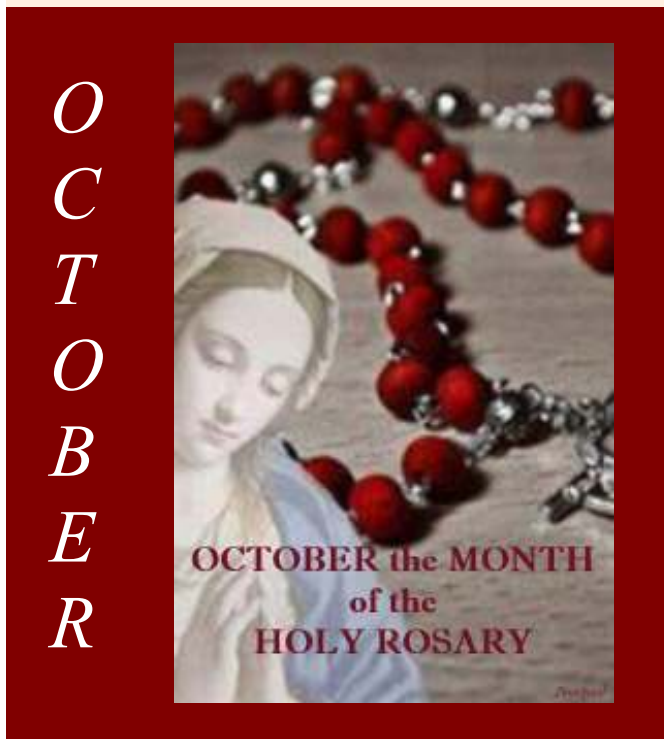


**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**FOR OCTOBER:**



During this month of October, we pray for the mission of all religious men and women. May all consecrated religious men and women rouse themselves to be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.



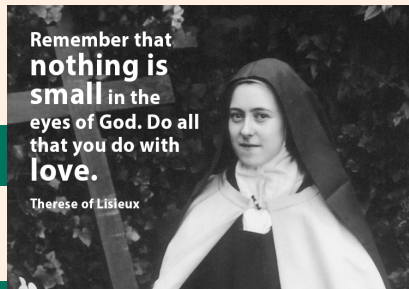
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

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

*October Feast Days*



St. Francis (Oct. 4)



St. Therese of Lisieux (Oct. 1)



Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos  
1819 - 1867  
Redemptorist Missionary

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos (Oct. 5)



St. Faustina (Oct. 5)

*Join us for 1st Saturday 10/6/2018 for 8:30 a.m. Mass with rosary following.*

**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. The next meeting is October 7th.

**HANDBELL CHOIR:**

Are you looking for a Ministry to participate in here at St. Gerard? Our Handbell Choir 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.

**UNITED WAY RECOGNITION:**

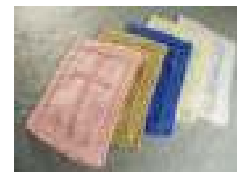
The Lima Catholic Community has been selected as one of our 100 United Way Community Champions as they celebrate their 100th year in Greater Lima. We were nominated because of the volunteer work and donations with the "Give A Christmas Program" that benefits the Salvation Army.

**A NIGHT OF HEALING:**

All are invited to a Night of Healing on Thursday, October 11, from 7-8:00 p.m. at St. Jerome Church, 300 Warner St., Walbridge, OH. They will offer: Witness of Healing, Adoration with Praise & Worship, Teaching from Fr. Tom Odey and Group Prayers for Healing. All are welcome.

**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, October 6:**

5:00 p.m. *V. Bigelow, S. Parker, J. Stewart,  
M. DeVita, W. Peebles, B. VonLehmden,  
J. Wolff, L. Makley, M. & M. Hinegardner*

**Sunday, October 7:**

8:30 a.m. *S. Ellinger, M. Hickey, N. Jenkins,  
J. Korzan, G. Merkel, C. Wright,  
B. Pinney, T. Martin, R. Orwick, M. Meyer*

11:00 a.m. *K. Wreede, S. Young, M. Ayers, R. Ayers,  
R. Vagedes, J. Landwehr, K. Ladden,  
S. Morrissey, D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Oct. 6:** 5:00 p.m. - *C. Schmenk*

**Oct. 7:** 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd*  
11:00 a.m. - *S. Cira*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Oct. 6:** 5:00 p.m. - *G. Gandy, M. Chambers,  
H. Lamb*

**Oct. 7:** 8:30 a.m. - *D. Martin, E. Martin, J. Hahn*  
11:00 a.m. - *D. Dawson, L. Wreede,  
A. Carter*

**USHER SCHEDULE:**

**Oct. 6:** 5:00 p.m. - *D. Hollingsworth, R. Yahl,  
S. Moore*

**Oct. 7:** 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd, K. Rigg, B. Orwick*  
11:00 a.m. - *T. DeRose, S. Harkenrider,  
J. Reaman*

**SACRISTY WORKERS - OCTOBER:**

*Beth Webb - Volunteers needed!!!*

**COMMUNITY MEAL:**

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



**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.

**ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES:**

During the month of October, we will be praying the rosary 25 minutes prior to the Mass. This is a wonderful chance for you to arrive early for Mass and have some quiet time mediating on the rosary. Please make time, as a family, to come and pray the rosary with us.

**DELPHOS ST. JOHNS FALL FESTIVAL:**

We invite you to attend the Delphos St. John's 106th Fall Festival on October 20 and 21 in the St. John's Cafeteria and Gymnasium. Come enjoy food, games of chance, fellowship and family fun. Home-cooked chicken and beef dinners with all the trimmings and homemade cakes for dessert are available for \$8.50 for adults and \$6.50 for children (5th grade and younger). Dinners will be served in the Little Theatre from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 4-6:30 p.m. on Sunday. Carry-outs available from 4-7:00 p.m. on Saturday and from 3:30-7:00 p.m. on Sunday. There is also a Children's Festival on Wednesday, October 17th and is open to the public.

# *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.*

