

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, August 28**

8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, August 29**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, August 30**

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, August 31**

8:30 a.m. Marge Debacher +

**Friday, September 1**

8:30 a.m. Joe & Josephine Pike +

**Saturday, September 2**

8:30 a.m. Ida Bonofiglio +

5:00 p.m. Gene Simmons +  
Nancy DeGrands +  
Dan Hoersten +  
Jeff Prince +

**Sunday, September 3**

8:30 a.m. Robert Falk +

11:00 a.m. Joe Silone +  
Whitlee Jane Hughes +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, August 27**

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**3:00 p.m. - RCIA classes in the Parish Hall**

**Monday, August 28**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, August 29**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, August 30**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

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

**Thursday, August 31**

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, September 1**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

5:00-7:00 p.m. - First Friday Devotions

**Saturday, September 2**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, September 3**

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**3:00 p.m. - RCIA classes in the Parish Hall**

**WEDDING BANNS:**

Adam Rector & Mary Wiechart, III



**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Aug., 2nd week	\$ 9,833.13	\$ 11,769.52
On-line: \$ 1,165.00		
# of Envelopes	264	267
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 73,892.40</b>	<b>\$ 77,039.63</b>

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



**BLESSING OF KEYS:**

The Gospel today tells the story of Jesus giving Peter the keys to the kingdom. Each of us has keys which open the doors of our homes, our cars, our jobs - all the places where we bring the kingdom of God to others. At all Masses this weekend, we will have the Blessing of our keys so that they lead us and others to Christ's kingdom of love, service and self-giving.

**BLESSING OF ATHLETES AND BAND MEMBERS:**

There will be a special blessing for all student athletes and band members of St. Gerard Parish who play on any sports team or participate in any band at any school ~ grade school or high school, both boys and girls. The blessing will be given at all the Masses on the weekend of September 2/3rd. This includes fall, winter and spring sports. Please feel free to wear your jersey or a t-shirt showing your school spirit.

**BLESSING OF BIKES:**

Fr. Mike Houston will have a blessing of motorcycles and bikers on Sunday, September 10th at 3:00 p.m. near the statue of the Risen Christ outside of St. Gerard Church. Although Jesus did not ride the roads of Palestine on a motorcycle, he walked the roads bringing blessings and good news to all He met. Come and be blessed as you ride the roads and carry the good news of Christ to the people you encounter on your journeys.



## **SAVE THE DATE**

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

***More information  
coming soon ...***



## **HOLY NAME BREAKFASTS RETURNING IN SEPTEMBER:**

The Holy Name men will once again be offering breakfast following the Masses on the third Sunday of the month, beginning September. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 17th! They serve up a delicious breakfast with all the trimmings. It's a great chance to visit with your fellow parishioners, as well as helping them raise funds for the parish.

## **SCHOOL NEWS:**

### **SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED:**

St. Gerard School is seeking substitute teachers for the current 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.



### **SEPARATED/DIVORCED - NOW WHAT?**

Support group now forming. **Receive these great blessings: healing, wisdom, peace, hope, confidence, resilience.** The meetings will be held at St. Charles Catholic Church/School Library, 2200 W. Elm St., Lima on Tuesdays, Sept. 5th through December 13th. For more information, call Rosalyn Liston at 419-999-4210 or email auntroro@wcoil.com.

### **NOT ALL HEROES WEAR CAPES:**

Every 9 minutes, volunteers help the American Red Cross bring help and hope to people in need. Be a hero and make a difference in your community by volunteering today! Contact us today at westcentralohio@redcross.org or by phone at 419-905-8302. Come and help make a difference in our community.



**PSR REGISTRATION NEWS:**

Attention all public school families of St. Gerard. Our Parish School of Religion will begin September 10th. Registration is required. All past students should have received their registrations in the mail last week. All families who have not previously attended St. Gerard PSR are welcome to register in the back of church after all Masses this weekend or contact Shandra Parker directly at (419) 230-2926 or email at: [sparker@sgslima.org](mailto:sparker@sgslima.org).

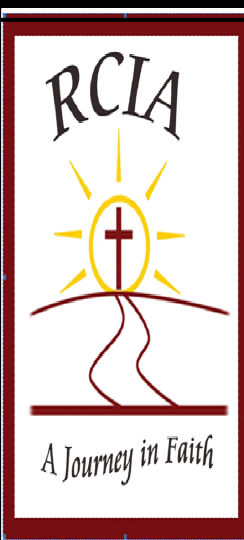
**ST. GERARD ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED:**

Would you like your child to become more involved in the church? We are currently looking for new altar servers to be added to our schedule of weekend Masses. All children in the fourth grade and older who are willing to commit to serving weekend Masses are invited to contact Shandra Parker at (419)230-2926 or email at: [sparker@sgslima.org](mailto:sparker@sgslima.org).



**ADULT ALTAR SERVERS WANTED:**

Would you be willing to become an Altar Server as an adult? We would love to have you! Adults interested in being altar servers for the Wednesday evening Mass and also to serve Funeral Masses are asked to contact Shandra Parker at (419) 230-2926 or email at: [sparker@sgslima.org](mailto:sparker@sgslima.org).



**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):**

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. There is still time to join the group. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080.***

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, September 2:**

5:00 p.m. *K. Canavan, M. DeVita, D. Griffo,  
B. Flynn, M. Hinegardner, Mike  
Hinegardner, S. Parker, B. Peebles,  
C. Hinds, S. Tschuor*

**Sunday, September 3:**

8:30 a.m. *C. Altenbach, S. Ellinger, L. Hahn,  
J. Inskeep, T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe,  
M. Hickey, G. Merkel, E. Orwick,  
R. Orwick*

11:00 a.m. *R. Karbowiak, C. Wreede,  
D. Vondrell, S. Young, G. Vondrell,  
V. Carter, S. Dew, F. Gallegos,  
J. Kahle, R. Vagedes*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Sept. 2:** 5:00 p.m. - *D. Mack*

**Sept. 3:** 8:30 a.m. - *T. Parker*  
11:00 a.m. - *S. Cira*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Sept. 2:** 5:00 p.m. - *See new schedule*

**Sept. 3:** 8:30 a.m. - *See new schedule*  
11:00 a.m. - *See new schedule*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR**

**SEPTEMBER:**

*Barb Geise, Sue Graham*

**SIMPLY GIVE:**

Meijer is matching donations to St. Vincent DePaul Food Panty through Meijer's Simply Give program. Pick up the "Simply Give" cards, at each of the church entrances, take them to Meijer with \$10 per card between Aug. 20 and Sept. 16th, and SVDP will receive \$20 per card. On Sept. 1 & 2, Meijer will double match donations. (St. Vincent DePaul will receive \$30 per every \$10 card). Please help fight local hunger.

**KIDS CLOSET:**

Are you talented in sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.? Do you want to help an abused child feel safe? The Child Advocacy Center of West Central Ohio provides minors who are victims of crime with new clothes, undergarments, toys and blankets following traumatic events.

If you are interested in donating any of these items to the youth in our area that need them, please contact Crime Victim Services, 330 N. Elizabeth St., Lima. You can make a donation online at: [www.crimevictimservices.org/child-advocacy-center](http://www.crimevictimservices.org/child-advocacy-center).

**ALLISON PALOOZA ~ "PAYING IT FORWARD":**

Allison Palooza is a fund raising family event to helping another breast cancer warrior. It will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 5-11:00 p.m. at the LCC Gym/Commons Area. Night will feature a gourmet hot dog bar, drinks, children's activities/prizes, live music, games of chance and fun for all. Broadcasting on big screen TV for the Ohio State vs Oklahoma game, as well as the Notre Dame vs Georgia game. This is an annual event honoring the memory of Allison (Lee) Buehler.

**ANNUAL SENIOR HEALTH FAIR:**

Lima Towers will be having their Annual Senior Health Fair on Tuesday, August 29th from 10am until 2pm. Lunch will be available for purchase. Flu shots and glucose & blood pressure clinics. Bingo and prizes. Aging Council, Financial Services, Health Care and more on site! Flu shots provided on-site by Rite Aid Pharmacy. Out-of-pocket cost varies. Insurance accepted w/ insurance card + photo ID, the day of the event. All seniors are invited.

**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)

**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.



**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>.

**ST. RITA'S PATIENT INFORMATION:**

St. Rita's Medical Center recently adopted a new patient registration system. Upon admission to the hospital, patients can give information regarding their religion, church affiliation, and whether or not they want their pastor notified for visitation. This process will continue. Please be assured that we are working through any issues and are still asking every patient these questions. During this transition, we ask for your patience and understanding as we optimize this new system. Our aim is to make this information more easily accessible and complete. In the meantime, please feel free to contact our chaplain for any assistance. The chaplain contact number is: 419-234-6249.

**UPCOMING SEMINARS:**

**PRISON MINISTRY AS SOUL WORK:**

In some ways, a prison is like a monastery ~ most are all male, have a strict daily schedule, and long stretches for reflection. And the "monks" are a fascinating and diverse group. Come and meet many of them through the eyes of Sr. Pat Schnapp, a jail and prison volunteer for over 40 years. This seminar will be held August 30, 2017 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$15.00 which includes lunch. To register, go to [www.pinesretreat.org/programs](http://www.pinesretreat.org/programs).

**POEMS, PRAYERS AND PRAISE:**

Come and explore the link between poetry and prayer, and see how often a poem is really a prayer dressed up in fresh words and metaphors. You'll experience how your religious imagination is, in fact, a poetic gene that you may not have yet acknowledged! With Sr. Pat Schnapp, you'll look at some poems that look innocent, but explode into praise and petition to God. This seminar will be held on October 18, 2017 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center. Cost is \$15.00 which includes lunch. To register, go to [www.pinesretreat.org/programs](http://www.pinesretreat.org/programs).

Interested in reading more about what Sr. Pat has to say? Check out Sr. Pat Schnapp's books, available in the Pines Gift Shop.