A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:
"Advice" books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in today’s gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about "getting," it’s about "giving" ourselves. If you feel like you are a servant to your children and spouse, then you are doing it right.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

**Monday, October 19**
8:30 a.m. Victoria Singian +

**Tuesday, October 20**
8:30 a.m. Jeannine Nester +
Victoria Singian +

**Wednesday, October 21**
8:00 a.m. Vincent DeVita +
Victoria Singian +
6:30 p.m. Tom Gremling +

**Thursday, October 22**
8:30 a.m. Carl Binz +
Victoria Singian +

**Friday, October 23**
8:30 a.m. Katherine M. Job +

**Saturday, October 24**
8:30 a.m. Henry Niiese +
5:30 p.m. Prison Mass - People of the Parish
5:00 p.m. Dorothy Sullivan +
Irene & Ralph Peebles +

**Sunday, October 25**
8:30 a.m. The Living & Deceased Families of Robert L. & Joyce Pohlabel
11:00 a.m. Jim & Sis Graham +
Fr. Tom Lacey, C.Ss.R. +

WEBSITE:
Visit us on the web at: www.stgerardchurch.org

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:
**Sunday, October 18**
Centennial Year Kick-Off at the 11:00 a.m. Mass
Chili Cook-off in the Parish Hall at noon
Holy Name Breakfast following 8:30 a.m. Mass
Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:30 - 10:50 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, October 19**
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
5:00 p.m. - Widow’s/Widower’s Support Group Mtg. in P. Hall

**Tuesday, October 20**
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 Noon - Rosary/Altar to say Rosary in Church, followed by lunch at Westgate.
7:00 p.m. - Northside Neighborhood Mtg. in Cafeteria

**Wednesday, October 21**
Mass at 8:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena
Confessions: Fr. Mike S.
6:00 p.m. - Rosary & Benediction in Church
6:30 p.m. - Mass

**Thursday, October 22**
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
2:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

**Friday, October 23**
Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, October 24**
Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. - Doors open for Purse Bingo/7:00 pm Bingo begins

**Sunday, October 25**
Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:30 - 10:50 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

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ST. GERARD PARISH
100TH YEAR JUBILEE
A year of celebrations...

WELCOME FR. HENRY SATTLER, C.Ss.R.
and FR. GERARD KNAPP, C.Ss.R.

We are excited that Fr. Henry Sattler and Fr. Gerard Knapp are with us this weekend to celebrate the kick-off of our 100th Year Jubilee of St. Gerard Parish.

Remember to stop over to the parish hall after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and taste some delicious chili prepared by our parishioners. Hotdogs will be available, as well as breakfast items prepared by the Holy Name Society. This is a chance to gather with each other and share some time and memories of the past 100 years. Bring the family as there is something for everyone!

OCTOBER ~ THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY:
We will be celebrating the month of October by praying the Rosary before the weekend Masses. Twenty-five minutes before each weekend Mass, the Rosary will be prayed in church, led by one of our priests. We will pray especially for a deepening faith in families. During October, we will also sing the “Salve Regina” in honor of Our Lady after communion. This hymn to Mary was written around 1000 A.D. and may be the first song sung by Europeans in America ~ Columbus and his crew sang it every night as part of their night prayer.

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY:
Please “SAVE THE DATE”
Our Fall Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 a.m. until noon on the parish grounds. Please bring rakes, leaf blowers and garden trowels.

We will be planting over 100 Daffodil bulbs and we need your help! Daffodils are the universal symbol of hope and life and has been adopted by the American Cancer Society. St. Gerard will provide cheer and hope for those who drive past and view the beautiful yellow spring flowers. Any daffodil bulb donations would be greatly appreciated.

Even if you only have a hour or two to spare, we would love to see you.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:
The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will be meeting at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 20th to pray the rosary in church. Following the rosary, they will have lunch at Westgate. Please plan on joining them.
**PURSE BINGO:**
We will be having our 2nd Annual Ladies Night Out Designer Purse Bingo on Saturday, October 24th. Doors open at 6 pm and bingo begins at 7 pm. Tickets are $40 per ticket (ticket price includes 20 bingo cards & light dinner). Extra bingo cards are available for $5 each. 50/50 and Silent Chinese-Style Auction also available. Soft drinks, and adult beverages will be available for purchase throughout the evening. Tickets can be purchased at the school office. We had a tremendous turn-out last year and gave away some awesome purses. Ladies, get your tickets early!

**AWAKEN:**
The 3rd Annual Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held Nov. 7th at the Seagate Convention Center from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Toledo. Everyone is welcome. There will be two simultaneous events - one for youth ages 13-19 and one for adults. The day will include inspiring talks & testimonies, skits, praise and worship and more. Please register at www.ljhrtoledo.com or call 419-866-5836.

**BAPTISMS AT ST. GERARD:**
We develop and grow as Christians not in isolation, but as a family, a community of people who believe in Christ and the salvation that comes to us through Him. Baptism is welcoming a new child or person into this family ~ the family of the Church and more particularly, the family, the community of St. Gerard, Lima, Ohio. In recognition of the fact that Baptism is welcoming a new child into our community, we encourage parents to have their child baptized at Mass ~ when family and our parish family come together, as families do, to share a meal ~ the Eucharist.

Baptism will be offered once a month at Mass, but could be scheduled at other times to meet the needs of the family. Baptism Masses for the next four months are listed below:

- **Sunday, October 25th at 11:00 a.m.**
- **Saturday, November 28th at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, December 27th at 11:00 a.m.**

The Baptism ritual has been restructured for use at Mass. Copies, personalized with the child’s name, will be given to the family for use during the Baptism and as a remembrance of this special day.

**Prayer Blanket** ~ a prayer shawl or blanket will be presented to the newly-baptized as a gift from the parish.

**Scheduling Baptism:**
To schedule a Baptism, call Sue Nocera at 419-224-3080.

**PRIEST CONVOCATION/SCHEDULE CHANGE:**
Our priests will be attending their Convocation the week of November 1st. Due to their absence, all weekday Masses, and all related services will be cancelled from November 2nd through November 6th.

**BLESSED SEELOS NOVENA CHANGE:**
Please note the Novena to Blessed Seelos has been changed from Wednesday to Thursday following the 8:30 a.m. Mass.
EUCARITHSTIC MINISTER’S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, Oct. 24:
5:00 p.m.  J. Stewart, M.J. Krause, C. Diaz,
  M. DeVita, J. Wolff, D. Griffo,
  D. Hollingsworth, B. Peebles, B. Flynn,
  K. Canavan

Sunday, Oct. 25:
8:30 a.m.  P. Leugers, N. Jenkins, G. Merkel,
  C. Frueh, R. Orwick, E. Orwick,
  C. Wright, S. Ellinger, T. Martin,
  S. Nocera
11:00 a.m. C. Coleman, C. McDougle, J. Neville,
  A. Rohan, K. Spears, M. Spears,
  D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell, M. Ayers,
  V. Carter

LECTOR’S SCHEDULE:
Oct. 24:  5:00 p.m. - M. Hinegardner
Oct. 25:  8:30 a.m. - V. Koza
  11:00 a.m. - S. Silone

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:
Oct. 24:  5:00 p.m. - B.J. Carder, D. Dawson,
  H. McVicker
Oct. 25:  8:30 a.m. - S. Parker, Sav. Parker,
  A. Parker
  11:00 a.m. - A. Shultz, A. & R. Rohan

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR OCTOBER:
Loreen Williams, Rose Jackson, Beth Webb

CURSILLO:
Cursillo (Cur see’ yo) has tremendously intensified the love of God and others in the many participants in Cursillo. The 2016 Spring 3-day Cursillo weekends are: Mens March 10-13, 2016 and Women’s April 14-17, 2016. For information, call Jim Powell at 419-225-8586 or Doug & Sue Graham at 419-516-3857.

NOTICIAS DE LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA:
~ Misa en español cada domingo a la 1:30 pm
~ Sacramentos bautismales, matrimonio, primera comunión y confesiones hacer cita con Don Elias Pina (Diacono) o Padre Mike al 419-224-3080.

PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY:
Join the Redemptorists on a jubilee pilgrimage to Italy, June 20-30, 2016. This 11 day journey, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the icon of OLPH will take us to Rome, Assisi and the Amalfi Coast. Only $3,769—$3,869 per person. Call 410-990-1680 or email pilgrimage@redemptorists.net for more information. Space is limited.

I REMEMBER WHEN:
In an effort to gather memories for our 100th year anniversary in 2016, we are asking all of you who would like, to submit a favorite memory. It can be a funny moment, something that changed you, something serious, something that you are thankful for, etc. It does not need to be lengthy, just a good memory from the heart.

If you would like to just give us a quick, one sentence memory, please write it down and place it in the collection basket.

St. Gerard 100 Year Anniversary Memories:

I remember when:
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OR

One of my favorites memories of St. Gerard is:
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Name: _________________________________
HOLY NAME MEN’S NIGHT OUT:
The Holy Name Men’s Night Out is scheduled for November 13, 2015 starting at 6:00 p.m. The admission fee is $15.00 and includes a chicken dinner, beverages and snacks. Take-outs will begin at 2:30 p.m. (just in time for you to pick up dinner when you are picking up your children from school). Dinners will be served until 8:00 p.m. They are also offering their raffle drawing and tickets will be available from the members of the Holy Name Society. Tickets are $1.00 each or seven for $5.00. The prizes are all cash ~ First place is $1,000.00, 2nd place is $200.00 and 3rd place is $100.00. You do not need to be present to win, but you do need to purchase a ticket. If you would like some tickets to sell, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080.

COLLEGE ROUNDTABLE:
Lima Central Catholic is hosing a “College Roundtable” on Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. This is being sponsored by the LCC Guidance Department and the Academic Booster Club. All are invited.

Speakers include:
Kayla Nocera - recent college grad/LCC grad
Lisa Goebel and Ben Anderson - State Farm - college expenses
Van Wright - Rep from Bowling Green State University
Heather Barhorst - Rep from The University of Dayton
Julie Brodbeck - parent tips; role in college app process

NOVEMBER TRIBUTES:
As part of our celebration of 100 years, we are asking parishioners who would like to have their loved ones mentioned at Mass during the month of November to please write a short memory on an index card and submit it to the rectory office. It can be a brief bio on the person, what St. Gerard Parish meant to them, their family life, a list of their children, etc. Please keep the memory to 150 words or less. These memories will be shared before each Mass beginning November 8th. Look for a form in next week's bulletin that will be easy to fill out and submit. Start your reminiscing now!

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN:
Next week, our parish will take up the collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This collection communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through podcasts, television, radio and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our (arch) diocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS:
The All Souls Day Mass for those who have been buried from St. Gerard Church since last October will be remembered in a special Mass on Saturday, November 7th at 8:30 a.m. Families will be invited to come and light a candle in memory of their loved ones. A light reception will follow Mass in the rectory. All families who have buried a loved one in the last year will be receiving an invitation in the mail and we ask that you RSVP as soon as possible.
ST. GERARD PARISH
LIBRARY REVIEW:
"A Grace Disguised"

"Is there meaning in loss and suffering?" That is the question that author Jerry Sittser addresses throughout his profound introspective writing in "A Grace Disguised." Not only has the author suffered his own great loss, but he shares his personal account with the reader to help normalize and validate experiences of loss and its painful emotions. Sittser also explores the oft taboo question of "where is God in our suffering?" His observations and thoughts are reassuring and thought provoking. The author does not promise that everything will get better in time, rather it is our choice, our response to the loss that determines the outcome.

LCC CLASS PLAY:
The LCC Fall Play “Lend Me A Tenor” will be held on Saturday, Oct. 24th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 25th at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are $6.

CENTENNIAL T-SHIRTS:
We will be taking orders for Centennial T-shirts beginning this weekend. We will have samples available for you to look at, as well as order forms. Cost is $10 a shirt. XXL and higher are $12 each. We will be placing orders periodically throughout the year. These make great Christmas gifts. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080.