

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

As Jesus appointed apostles, he also appoints parents to represent Him in the family; "make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always."

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, May 25

8:30 a.m. - Terry Miller +
Br. John Bosco, C.Ss.R. +

Tuesday, May 26

8:30 a.m. - Scott Pearson +

Wednesday, May 27

8:30 a.m. - Ann Wiechart +

Thursday, May 28

8:30 a.m. - Br. John Bosco, C.Ss.R. +

Friday, May 29

8:30 a.m. - Tom E. Gremling +

Saturday, May 30

8:30 a.m. - Gary Felkey +
5:00 p.m. - Living & Deceased of the
Lorenz Ganshirt Family
Jeff Geise +
Katy & Gene Simmons +
Nancy DeGrands +
Dan Hoesten +

Sunday, May 31

8:30 a.m. - Robert Whitacre +
Bob & Ginger Jacobs +
11:00 a.m. - People of St. Gerard
Parish
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

COVERING THE WORLD IN
PRAYER

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, May 24

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

Monday, May 25

8:30 a.m. - Mass

Tuesday, May 26

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Thursday, May 28

8:30 a.m. - Mass

Friday, May 29

8:30 a.m. - Mass

Saturday, May 30

8:30 a.m. - Mass
4:00-5:00 p.m. - Confessions in Church (use social distancing)
5:00 p.m. - Mass

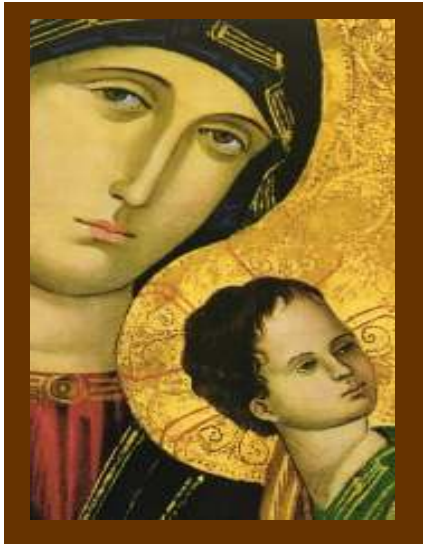
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FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
May, 2nd week On-line: \$ 2,324.00	\$ 12,310.00	\$ 11,354.00
# of Envelopes	287	153
YTD Totals:	\$ 500,329.19	\$ 476,830.00

Thank you to those who have sent in their envelope or dropped them off to the Parish Office. We have also had a nice increase of parishioners sign-up for online giving! We greatly appreciate it!



**OUR MOTHER OF
PERPETUAL HELP**

The icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help is an example of Western Influence on Eastern art. It isn't always easy to appreciate the beauty of an icon without understanding more about this form of art. To a Catholic of an Eastern rite, an icon is not simply an artistic representation. Once it is blessed, it becomes a window to heaven, a point of contact, so that praying before it, one is in the spiritual presence of the person represented.

An artist about to paint an icon prepares himself spiritually by prayer, confession, Holy Communion and fasting. He prays even while painting, for he sees himself as an instrument of the Holy Spirit, the principal artist, who will use the icon as an instrument to channel graces to those who reverence it and pray before it. In most cases, the artist does not even sign his name to the work.

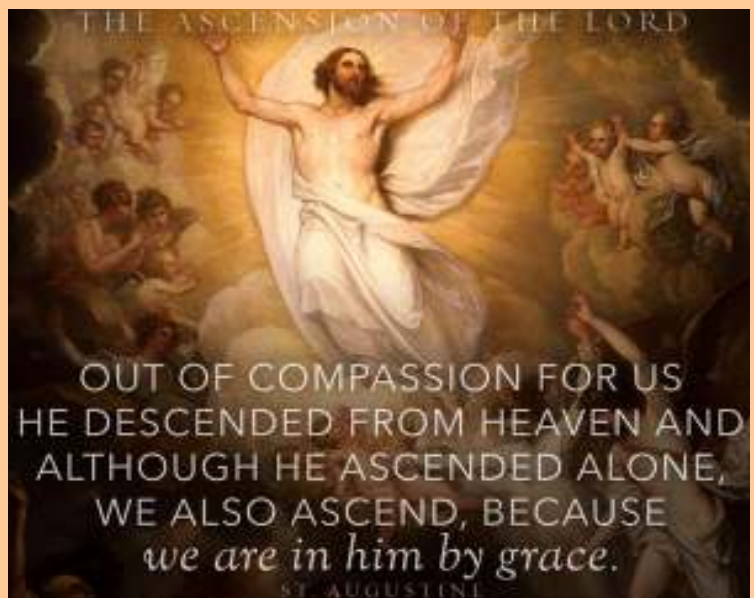
ST. GERARD PRAYER REQUESTS:

Requests for prayers can be emailed to: stgprayerchain@gmail.com or called into the Parish Office at 419-224-3080. Requests for prayers are kept confidential and last name need not be given.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY:

Deacons:

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE GRADUAL RESTORATION OF PUBLIC MASSES AND LITURGIES

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age (Mt. 28: 20).

Having now entered into a new phase of the COVID-19 pandemic in which the State of Ohio is beginning to reopen certain businesses, and after prayerful consideration and consultation with the Bishops of Ohio, our diocesan College of Consultors, Presbyterial Council, and the Worship and Sacraments subcommittee of the Pastoral Reintegration Team, this notice will highlight some of the changes you will see when we publicly celebrate Masses beginning on Saturday, May 30th and Sunday, May 31st.

In accord with the most recent decision of the Catholic Bishops of Ohio, a soft opening for public parish Masses is approved to begin with the weekday Mass on **Monday, May 25th**, observing all of the guidelines provided here. During this pandemic, the diocese will continue to foster the common good of all by conducting our public gatherings in a manner that promotes the health and safety of our faithful and those whom they will encounter.

With full realization that the manner and continuance of limited gatherings are subject to change at any moment, the **following guidelines will remain in effect at least until July 1, 2020**, unless we are notified otherwise.

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS:

The faithful of the Diocese of Toledo continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.

Understanding the desire of so many of the faithful to return to our church, it remains important for those who are at greater risk (the elderly, sick, those with pre-existing conditions) to refrain from returning to public liturgies until such time as they feel comfortable and confident to do so.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE GRADUAL
RESTORATION OF PUBLIC MASSES AND LITURGIES (CONTINUED)**

PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING:

- *Other than family/household members who live together, worshippers should be seated six feet apart in all directions.*
- *For the Communion procession, care should be taken to ensure that proper social distancing (6 feet) is maintained. Communion will be distributed in single file.*
- *The Sign of Peace continues to be suspended during this time. Please be reminded that there is to be no physical contact (handholding) during the Lord's Prayer, a gesture that is not prescribed in the Roman Missal. This practice will be permanently discontinued even after the coronavirus pandemic.*
- *The distribution of the Precious Blood from the chalice continues to be suspended during this time.*
- *The reception of Holy Communion on the hand is acceptable. Communion will not be received on the tongue.*
- *You are asked to not congregate following the Mass.*

SAFETY AND SANITIZING PUBLIC SPACES:

- *Baptismal fonts and holy water stoops will remain empty.*
- *All areas of the church will be disinfected before and after each liturgy. (We may be asking for volunteers).*
- *All hymnals and missalettes will be removed and stored for the duration of the pandemic.*
- *No collection will be taken up during the Mass. Collection baskets will be near the entrances/exits of church. Please drop off your contribution on your way in or out of Mass.*
- *Face masks/coverings are highly encouraged for those in the congregation, but are left to your discretion.*

OTHER SACRAMENTS AND LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

- *Beginning May 30th, confessions will be held on Saturday from 4-5:00 p.m.*
- *All other devotions (Eucharistic Adoration, First Friday, etc.) will be cancelled at this time. We hope these can resume July 1, 2020.*
- *Confirmation will be held SUNDAY, June 14th at 5:00 p.m.*
- *First Holy Communion will be held SUNDAY, June 28th at 4:00 p.m.*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, 5/30 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 5/31 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 5/31 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 5/31 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Marilyn Hinegardner J. Stewart	T. Sroufe J. Sroufe	Br. D. Hall J. Landwehr	
LECTOR:	A. Montoya	M. Kleffner	E. Truex	
ALTAR SERVERS:				
USHERS:				
SACRISTY WORKERS: (MAY)	J. Blackburn, J. Wollf, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, P. Flick, C. Hinds, C. Diaz, L. Taylor			

ST. GERARD FESTIVAL:

Please note that the date for our annual parish festival has been changed. Due to COVID 19, we have scheduled our festival for July 31st, August 1st and August 2nd. If anything changes, we will let you know.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

We would like to wish a happy 50th wedding anniversary to long time parishioners **Henry & Pat Iven**. Congratulations and continued blessings to the both of you.

MUSTARD SEED GIFT SHOP:

The Mustard Seed Gift Shop will resume normal business hours. Please join us in protecting yourself and our community by following all COVID-19 safety guidelines.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**** Please note that the Parish Office is open from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.****

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$991,588.52
Amount Paid: \$866,232.46

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Outstanding Balance:
\$125,356.06

Only \$8,411.48 to go before we reach our goal!

If you would like to mail in your offertory contributions, please send them to:

**St. Gerard Church
1307 N. Main St.
Lima, OH 45801**

A PRAYER DURING COVID 19:

Loving, ever-living and compassionate God, You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement,

May we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died.

You are a light that shines in the darkest times,

Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.

You comfort us in times of fear,

May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,

May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.

You move our hearts to acts of generosity,

May we be led to share what we have with those in need.

God of life,

We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,

May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.

Amen.

Prayer: Linda Jones-CAFOD



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