

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

*Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be **FAMILY** to others.*

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, Feb. 24

8:30 a.m. -

Tuesday, Feb. 25

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Steve Dotson Family

Wednesday, Feb. 26 - Ash Wed.

8:30 a.m. - Thomas J. Houseworth +
12:10 p.m. -

6:30 p.m. - Robert Ellinger +

Thursday, Feb. 27

8:30 a.m. - Bailey & Nickie Sherrick

Friday, Feb. 28

8:30 a.m. -

Saturday, Feb. 29

8:30 a.m. -

5:00 p.m. - Jeff Geise +

Living & Deceased of the Kaple & Becker Families
Dave Sherrick

Sunday, March 1

8:30 a.m. - Richard & Daniel
Sunderhaus +

11:00 a.m. - People of St. Gerard

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, Feb. 23

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

9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Parish School of Religion classes

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

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

Monday, Feb. 24

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00-7:30 p.m. - The Bible and The Sacraments DVD Session
in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, Feb. 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass at 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. - **NO** OLPH Novena Devotions

6:00-6:30 - Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 27

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Feb. 28

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00-7:30 - Lenten Stations of the Cross

Saturday, Feb. 29

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 1 - School Open House at noon until 2:00 p.m.

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

9:00-10:30 a.m. - RCIA classes in the Cafeteria

9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Parish School of Religion classes

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

FINANCIAL REPORT:

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| February, 2nd week On-line: \$1,281.00 | \$ 10,717.52 | \$ 10,248.00 |
| # of Envelopes | 258 | 226 |
| YTD Totals: | \$ 352,806.92 | \$ 348,652.33 |

ONLINE GIVING:

Donate by using on-line giving. It's simple and easy to do. Just go to our website at www.stgerardchurch.org and click on the on-line giving tab.



17 CREATIVE THINGS TO START DOING THIS YEAR FOR LENT

- ◆ Compliment someone every day.
- ◆ Donate your money.
- ◆ Donate your time.
- ◆ Read a book.
- ◆ Start a prayer journal.
- ◆ Pick up a 40-day devotional.
- ◆ Do something nice for someone.
- ◆ Make something and give it away.
- ◆ Be more charitable.
- ◆ Pray more.
- ◆ **Invite someone new to church.**
- ◆ Invite someone new to supper.
- ◆ Read your bible.
- ◆ Adopt a child (a child physically into your home, or through an organization like World Vision).
- ◆ Invite a friend for coffee.
- ◆ Bring someone a meal.
- ◆ Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, and try to make it a new devotion.

EXTENDED ADORATION HOURS FOR LENT:

We have extended our Thursday Adoration time from 12:00 noon till 6:30 p.m. for those that work and would like to make a visit.



Jesus beckons us to come to be in His presence. Come visit Him in Adoration and receive graces to be able to keep your Lenten purposes and sacrifices.

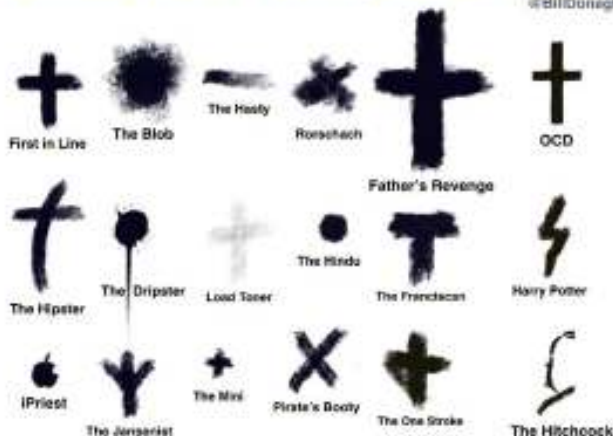


LENTEN MOVIE NIGHTS:

Come join us throughout Lent on Tuesday evenings in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. for one or all of our Lenten themed presentations.

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YEARLY ENVELOPES:

Our yearly envelopes are here and can be picked up in the back of church near the gathering space. Please pick them up as soon as possible. Thank you.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

We have printed our 2019 year-end statements. If you would like a copy of your 2019 donations, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080.

PRAYER CLOTHS:

Pray cloths are available in the Parish Office, as well as the gathering area in church. Feel free to pick one up and give to someone who needs healing in mind or body.

JOSH BLAKESLEY COMING TO

ST. ROSE:

St. Rose Parish, Lima, welcomes contemporary composer and Oregon Catholic Press artist **Josh Blakesley** on March 1, 2, 3 (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) from 7 to 8 p.m. each evening.



These song-filled programs will empower your Lenten journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Attend one or all for a more meaningful Lent. The evenings are free and open to the public.

Josh travels widely giving concerts, speaking at youth rallies, and leading praise and worship. He is a veteran of many major events, including World Youth Day, NCYC, NCCYM, and Steubenville Youth Conference.

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER:

Landeck St. John the Baptist church is having a Soup and Sandwich Supper on Sunday, March 8 from 3:30-7:00 p.m. They are featuring homemade chili, potato and chicken noodle and German cabbage soup, Venedocia Lions Sausage sandwich, shredded chicken sandwich, veggies and homemade ice cream. Please join us for fun and great food. Carry-outs are available.

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$973,441.31
Amount Paid: \$827,024.14

Outstanding Balance:
\$146,417.17

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Only \$26,558.69 to go before we reach our goal!

SERRA CLUB OF LIMA:

Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on Feb. 27 at 5:45 p.m. at LCC. Fr. Ed Eherer, C.Ss.R. will be speaking to us about both his own vocational journey and the Redemptorist Novitiate aspect of religious formation currently in place at St. Gerard. The evening is sponsored by The Serra Club of Lima Area, which exists to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. To make a reservation, please call Kathy McGraw at 419-303-0339.

LIFE TEEN VARIETY SHOW:

All are invited to join Lima Life Teen for a Variety Show on Sunday March 1st, following the Life Teen Mass. Tickets are available at St. Charles for \$5.00 each and include a great meal.

St. Gerard School OPEN HOUSE

**SUNDAY,
MARCH 1ST
12 – 2 P.M.**



- ❖ Faith-Based Curriculum
- ❖ Family Oriented Environment
- ❖ Small Class Sizes
- ❖ Full-Day 4 Year Old Preschool
- ❖ 5 Star Step Up to Quality Preschool
- ❖ Full Day Kindergarten
- ❖ 1-on-1 Technology (Chromebooks & iPads)
- ❖ After School Care
- ❖ Bussing
- ❖ Lego Club, Chess Club, Science Club & Homework Club
- ❖ Scholarships & Financial Aid Available

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

| | SATURDAY, 2/29 5:00 P.M. | SUNDAY, 3/01 8:30 A.M. | SUNDAY, 3/01 11:00 A.M. | SUNDAY, 3/01 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M. |
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| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: | V. Bigelow K. Canavan M. Hinegardner Mike Hinegardner M. DeVita C. Hinds L. Taylor J. Wolff L. Makley J. Stewart | J. Korzan M. Stemen V. Nguyen B. Pinney S. Ellinger L. Hahn M. Hickey J. Inskeep C. Wright M. Mays | D. Warner S. Young C. Coleman D. Vondrell G. Vondrell S. Dew F. Gallegos J. Hole V. Carter M. Ayers | |
| LECTOR: | T. Huffman | A. Mefferd | S. Cira | |
| ALTAR SERVERS: | N. Chambers H. Chambers G. Gandy | K. Rigg S. Santaguida A. Schultz | M. Mason G. Sutton J. Patton | |
| USHERS: | G. Keil D. Watkins | J. Ruen F. Morman | R. Stolly B. Walsh S. Dackin | |
| SACRISTY WORKERS: (MARCH) | J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, M. Dew, S. Dew | | | |

A SPECIAL WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LIFE TEEN:

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the honor and privilege of being a part of each of your lives for the past 21 years. It truly has been amazing to hold your hands, pray with and serve those who have just been born to those that are dying. It has been like standing on holy ground to spend so much time with countless teens and listen to the hearts and watch them grow. I will be forever changed by my experiences with each of you.

I begin a new adventure working on starting my own non-for-profit project for those needing a second chance, in connection with Old Barn Out Back on March 2. My prayer for all of us is to always remember He loves you, He loves you, He loves you. As you participate in Mass know that this is God's love letter to you, His Grace and Mercy that He desires to share with you each and every moment of your life. Always know that His love for you is real. I love you all and I will always be praying for you. Please pray for me as I begin this new chapter in my life.

Finally, Fr. Loves you, the band loves you, I love you and the Catholic Church loves you but most importantly Jesus loves you and you are AWESOME ...

- Angie Soules

**“WALKING THE WAY OF THE CROSS WITH CHRIST
AND WITH EACH OTHER”**

St. Gerard Church ~ Friday’s of Lent ~ 6:00-7:00 p.m.

We walk with Christ along the way of the Cross and listen to speakers who lead us into a deeper understanding of the deep love of Christ who calls us to love and serve and walk with each other.

FEBRUARY 28

Pastor Doug Boquist
*Lima Community Church of
the Nazarene*

**A FAMILY WAY OF THE
CROSS**

We meditate on family life and carrying our crosses. In meditating on Jesus’ cross, we find inspiration to strengthen our families and increase our love and affirmation.

MARCH 6

Chaplain Lydia Brenneman
St. Rita’s Medical Center

**EVERYONE’S WAY OF THE
CROSS**

This way of the Cross helps us see Christ suffering in so many people in our world. We ask ourselves; “Do we walk with Christ as He walks with the suffering people of our world?”

MARCH 13

Rev. Jared Birks
Methodist Church

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD WAY
OF THE CROSS**

An intense look into the suffering of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for us. Keen insights into the experience of Christ, our own experience and that of our world.

MARCH 20

Fr. John McLoughlin, C.Ss.R.
St. Mary’s Church, Bluffton

ST. ALPHONSUS’ STATIONS

Our traditional Stations of the Cross. We walk with Christ as He carries His cross just as He walks with us as we carry our crosses.

MARCH 27

Fr. Ed Eherer, C.Ss.R.,
Redemptorist Novice Master

**ST. JOHN PAUL II’S WAY OF
THE CROSS**

John Paul II, who bore his own cross so bravely, leads us in a new form of the stations with true insight into Christ’s suffering and shows us how to bravely carry our own.

APRIL 3

Fr. Mike Sergi, C.Ss.R.
*Pastor, St. Gerard Church/
St. Gerard Youth Group*

**LIVING STATIONS ~ YOUTH
GROUP**

High school students of our parish will act out the Stations of the Cross. Christ speaks. Our young people respond.