

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, December 23**

8:30 a.m. Paul Lamb, Sr. +

**Tuesday, December 24-Christmas Eve**

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. - Special Intentions

10:00 p.m. - Special Intentions

**Wednesday, December 25-Christmas Day**

8:30 a.m. - Special Intentions

11:00 a.m. - Special Intentions

**Thursday, December 26**

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Kahle,  
Ellerbrock, Clement & Ardner  
Families & Baby Jesse

**Friday, December 27**

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the  
Robert & Dolores Whitacre  
Family  
Josh Sherrick & Family

**Saturday, December 28**

8:30 a.m. - People of St. Gerard Parish  
5:00 p.m. - Irene, Ralph, Emma & Edward  
Peebles +  
Dan & Terry O'Brien +

**Sunday, December 29**

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the  
Moyer, Devlin, Thompson  
& Mansfield Families  
11:00 a.m. - People of St. Gerard Parish  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, December 30**

8:30 a.m. - John Reeder +

**Tuesday, December 31-New Years Eve**

8:30 a.m. - Pete Leugers & Kathleen Coffee  
Living & Deceased of the  
Singian & Reyes Families  
5:00 p.m. - Living & Deceased of the  
Robert & Dolores Whitacre Families

**Wednesday, January 1-New Years Day**

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the  
Moyer, Devlin, Thompson &  
Mansfield Families

**Thursday, January 2**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, January 3**

8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, January 4**

8:30 a.m. - Ted Blanchard +  
5:00 p.m. - Daniel Michel +

**Sunday, January 5**

8:30 a.m. - Jack & Mildred Pohlbel +  
Julius Korzan +  
11:00 a.m. - People of St. Gerard Parish

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, Dec. 22**

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

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

No PSR Classes

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

3:00 p.m. - City-Wide Penance Service at St. Charles Parish

**Monday, Dec. 23- Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

Christmas Masses at 5:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 25 -**

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

**Thursday, Dec. 26 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

**No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Friday, Dec. 27 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

**Saturday, Dec. 28 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

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

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 29 - Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.**

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

No PSR Classes

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**Monday, Dec. 30 - Mass at 8:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, Dec. 31- Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday, Jan. 1 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

NO OLPH Novena Devotions

6:00 p.m. -

**Thursday, Jan. 2**

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

**No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Friday, Jan. 3**

Mass at 8:30 a.m. **Immediately following Mass will be our 1st**

**Friday Rosary for Life**

**No First Friday Devotions**

**Saturday, Jan. 4**

Mass at 8:30 a.m. **followed by our first Saturday Rosary**

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

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Jan. 5**

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


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

No PSR Classes

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

*My Dear Parishioners,*

*Mary said to the angel, Gabriel: "I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." With those words, Mary became the mother of Jesus. She gave birth to Him in the stable of Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph knew they could not keep Jesus all to themselves. That is why on that beautiful night, the heavens were filled with angels singing the praises of God. These angels also shared the good news with the shepherds. The shepherds came to Bethlehem and Mary and Joseph shared Jesus with them.*



*On this Christmas Day, we are reminded of the generosity of Mary and Joseph in sharing Jesus, not only with the shepherds, but also with us. How each of us are called to be just as generous. We are to share the gift of Jesus with our families, our brothers and our sisters. We are to share the gift of Jesus with everyone we meet. We share Him by being kind to one another. We share Him by forgiving one another. We share Him by sharing our lives with one another. We share Him by loving one another first as He loves us.*

*All of you will receive many presents this Christmas from the people that love you. I ask you not to forget to give the greatest gift in all the world: Jesus. This Christmas, give the gift of Jesus to one another to show them how great your love is for them.*

*May Jesus, our new born King, bless you and your families.*

*On behalf of Fr. John, Fr. Chuong, Fr. Ed, our novices, Antonio, Vinh, Bao, Dai, Steven and myself, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year.*

*In Christ, our Redeemer,*

*Fr. Mike Sergi, C.S.R.*





**SPIRITUAL  
FORMATION**



**Catholic** New Year's **RESOLUTIONS**

1. Make more time for spiritual reading
2. Pray the rosary
3. Do more acts of service
4. Share your Catholic faith with others
5. Receive the Sacrament of Penance regularly

**Can We Pray For You?**



**St. Gerard Prayer Chain**

We have reactivated the St Gerard Prayer Chain.

Requests for prayers may be emailed to [Stgprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:Stgprayerchain@gmail.com) or called into the parish office at **419-224-3080**.

**SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, MOTHER  
OF GOD**

January 1st

A Holy Day of Obligation

**FEAST OF THE  
Holy  
Family**

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Luke 2:40



On Wednesdays, we will have Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena after the 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Masses, as well as our 1:00 p.m. Novena. Please join us for this meaningful devotion!

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE:

New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day: 8:30 a.m.



### ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

#### PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$961,015.26

Amount Paid: \$800,501.77

Outstanding Balance:  
\$160,513.49

**Goal: \$1,000,000.00**

Only \$38,984.74 to go before we reach our goal!



### PARISH HOLIDAY

#### OFFICE HOURS:

The Parish Office will be closed from December 24th through January 5th, 2020. We will re-open the

office on Monday, January 6th. We will, however, be checking our email and phone messages. If you have an emergency, just call the parish office and follow the voice prompts. Have a joyful and blessed Christmas with your family.

### PARISH OFFICE ADDRESS CHANGE:

Please update your records! St. Gerard Parish has a new mailing address. It is:

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

This was necessary due to the parish office moving to our new location.

### CITY-WIDE ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:

The city-wide Advent Penance Service will be held on December 22nd at 3:00 p.m. at St. Charles Parish.

### KEWPÉE DRIVE:

St. Gerard students will kick off the annual Kewpee Drive on Monday, Jan. 6, 2020. Kewpee coupons are in books of 5 coupons for \$5.00. Books will be available at the school and parish offices.

### WEBCASTING

#### DONATIONS:

It's time for our annual fee to host the "live" broadcast of our Masses at St. Gerard Church. The cost for a year is over \$1,200.00. That does not include the upgrading of software and equipment used to stream our live video. If you are one of the many parishioners who benefit from this and would like to make a donation to help with these expenses, that would be greatly appreciated. Just put "webcasting" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.



## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, 12/28 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 12/29 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 12/29 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 12/29 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:</b>	B. Flynn D. Hollingsworth J. Hollingsworth J. Wolff S. Urban V. Bigelow Mike Hinegardner M. Hinegardner D. Santini W. Peebles	S. Martin T. Martin D. Ho J. Nguyen M. Hickey J. Korzan G. Merkel M. Stemen S. Ellinger V. Nguyen	S. Morrisey J. Neville A. Montoya S. Urban K. Karbowskiak K. Spears M. Spears G. Vondrell D. Vondrell R. Gallegos	
<b>LECTOR:</b>	D. Bilbrey	F. Morman	S. Cira	
<b>ALTAR SERVERS:</b>	H. Lamb M. Lewis J. Yahl	D. Martin E. Martin C. Wagoner	E. Truex B. Truex C. Truex	
<b>USHERS:</b>	D. Hollingsworth R. Yahl	A. Mefferd B. K. Rigg	M. Dew	
<b>SACRISTY WORKERS: (JANUARY)</b>	J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, P. Iven, L. Taylor			

**For January schedules, please check them out on the website at: [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) or pick up your copy in the gathering space in church. Thank you.**

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
December, 2nd week On-line: \$1,291.00	\$ 13,197.09	\$ 11,561.01
# of Envelopes	272	261
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 263,572.40</b>	<b>\$ 255,053.50</b>

### TAXABLE DONATIONS:

If you are 70 1/2 or older and have an IRA or retirement account that requires you to take a minimum distribution, please consider a gift to St. Gerard Church, a qualified charity, to lighten your tax burden. Please consult your tax professional for further information.

### ON-LINE GIVING:

If you would like to give on-line, visit us at [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and click the "On-line Giving" tab. It's easy and convenient to do.

**LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC ACT PREP COURSE:**

LCC will be offering its 12th ACT Prep Class beginning Jan. 4, 2020 for the April 4, 2020 ACT test. For more specific information, please go to the LCC website at [www.lcchs.edu](http://www.lcchs.edu) or contact Stephanie Evans at 419-230-5040. Preregistration is required and forms are due January 2, 2020. The class is open to LCC, as well as non-LCC students.

**ALPHA:**

St. Charles Church, Lima is offering Alpha, starting Thursday, Jan. 16th, from 7-8:30 p.m. Sessions will be held each Thursday in the St. Charles Lower Level. All faiths are welcome to come explore the Christian faith, ask questions, and share their point of view. Dinner and child care provided. For more information and to make a reservation, please call St. Charles Parish Office at 419-228-7635.

**JOIN BISHOP DANIEL THOMAS IN SPAIN & ITALY!**

October 11-23, 2020. Seats still available! Join Bishop Thomas on a pilgrimage to our sister city of Toledo, Spain! We will tour Toledo, Avila, Madrid and Segovia, before departing for Rome, Italy! Spend 2 nights in Assisi and 5 nights in Rome. LAND ONLY price starting \$3999, roundtrip airfare from Detroit will be added once available. This is an incredible opportunity to get to know our Bishop and to increase solidarity with our Sister Diocese of Toledo, Spain! Visit [CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Tours](http://CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Tours) or contact Maggie at 419-290-8782.

**RETROUVAILLE:**

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. The next weekend in our area is Jan. 24-26, 2020. for more information, contact registration team: Joe and Arlene @ 419-481-1116 or visit our website: [helpourmarriage.com](http://helpourmarriage.com).

**BIG BREAKFAST:**

St. John's Church, Lima, will be hosting their Big Breakfast on Sunday, January 5th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee and orange juice will be served. Adults \$4 and children \$2. Under 6 eat free. Carry-outs available.

