

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 16

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased the Singian & Reyes Family
Ciecenia Reyer +

Tuesday, March 17

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Moyer, Devlin, Thompson & Mansfield Families
Bill Bourk & Don Hullinger +

Wednesday, March 18

8:30 a.m. - Ron Pitson +
For our Priests, Brother & Novices of St. Gerard
6:30 p.m. - John & Sharon Grumblis +
Rick & Ryan Young +
Henry Niese +

Thursday, March 19

8:30 a.m. - Norval & Cecelia Wannemacher +

Friday, March 20

8:30 a.m. - Jeff Geise +

Saturday, March 21

8:30 a.m. - Henry Niese +
5:00 p.m. - Jack Wolf, Sr. +
Barb Daley +
Paul Lamb, Sr., Paul Lamb, Jr. & family

Sunday, March 22

8:30 a.m. - Francisco Palmerin +
Francisco Palmerin Zavalía+
11:00 a.m. - People of St. Gerard
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, March 15 - Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall

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

Monday, March 16

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 17 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00-7:30 p.m. - DVD Session, The Last Days of Jesus, in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 18

Mass at 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena Devotions
6:00-6:30 - Confessions & Rosary followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
12:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. - Festival Meeting in the Parish Hall

Friday, March 20 - 8th Grade Confirmation Retreat

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00-7:30 - Lenten Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21 - Engaged Couples Conference

Mass at 8:30 a.m. -
4:00-4:30 p.m. - Confessions
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 22 - Catholic Relief Collection

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
March, 1st week On-line: \$2,041.00	\$ 12,301.64	\$ 13,521.31
# of Envelopes	256	263
YTD Totals:	\$ 386,643.40	\$ 380,597.73

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.



FEAST OF
ST. CLEMENT
MARY
HOFBAUER,
C.Ss.R.,
MARCH 15TH

This March 15, 2020, the Redemptorists are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the death of St. Clement Mary Hofbauer. Clement was born in Tasswitz Moravia (the Czech Republic) on December 26, 1751. He worked for a time as a baker, but feeling called to a different life, he studied whenever he could. After time in a Norbertine monastery and as a hermit, Clement went on a pilgrimage to Rome, where he joined the Redemptorists. After his ordination to the priesthood, Clement went to Warsaw. There he opened St. Benno's, the first Redemptorist house in Poland and the scene of a very fruitful apostolate. Clement is known as the second founder of the Redemptorists as he brought the congregation out of Italy where it began. After much opposition, he moved to Vienna, where he worked for twelve years, becoming popular and an inspirational figure to many young people, including the future American missionary, Frederic Baraga. Clement died on March 15, 1820 and was canonized in 1909. One of the stories I heard about St. Clement was Clement saw a homeless boy on the street, he brought him to the rectory, cleaned him up, fed him and also taught him a trade and instructed him in the Christian way of life. Soon Clement was finding other young boys on the streets and started Child Jesus Refuge for his homeless boys. In order to keep the boys fed and clothed, he constantly had to beg for financial help. The story goes he went into a bar and was asking the patrons for help when one man spit into his face. It is said that Clement wiped off his face and said, "That was for me, what do you have for my boys?" He got enough bread that day for his boys and for many days to come.

-Brother Daniel Hall, C.Ss.R.

ST. GERARD PRAYER

REQUESTS:

Requests for prayers may be emailed to:

stgprayerchain@gmail.com

or called into the Parish Office at 419-224-3080.

A team of prayer warriors will pray daily for all the requests for 30 days. Requests for prayers are kept confidential and last name need not be given.



ST. JOSEPH
PRAY FOR US
MARCH 19TH



EXTENDED HOURS FOR ADORATION
OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Please find time this Lent for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every

Thursday, 12-6:30 pm. Benediction is back with Brother Dan.



HOLY NAME PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Please be sure to join us TODAY and enjoy some delicious pancakes made by our Holy Name Men. It will be held in the parish hall following all the Masses this weekend. All are welcome!

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.

FISH FRY:

Friday's during Lent the Old Barn Out Back will donate \$1.00 per person back to St. Gerard that brings in their church bulletin and purchases the fish dinner buffet. The fish fries will run from Feb. 28th through April 10th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Enjoy hand breaded Alaskan Pollock, mac & cheese, potatoes, veggies, noodles, seafood chowder and salad and dessert bar.



The Mustard Seed Religious Gifts will be selling religious articles in the Gathering Space after all the Masses next weekend 3/21 and 3/22. First Communion and Confirmation gifts will be available for purchase.

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$983,274.52
Amount Paid: \$841,697.64

Outstanding Balance:
\$141,576.88

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Only \$16,725.48 to go before we reach our goal!

LENTEN PARISH MISSION:

A Parish Mission featuring speaker, **Rich Curran**, is slated for March 22, 23 & 24 at Ft. Jennings' St. Joseph church from 6-8 each night. Topics include "We Become What We Receive." All are invited to gather for a mixture of stories, interaction, laughter and learning for finding authentic joy in our lives and in our world. Free will offering appreciated. Rich Curran is an international Catholic speaker and ministry coach. He is the Author of "We Lack for Nothing; Five Essentials to Grow Your Church." He is a regular presenter at national, regional and diocesan Catholic conferences, school assemblies, parish missions and staff leadership days.

We hope to see many of you there.



KID FRIENDLY HOLY HOUR:

Kid friendly Holy Hour is one of those ways to make Jesus a bigger part of our lives this Lent, and is especially good for families to come and prepare together. It won't necessarily be silent, but it will be faith-filled, allowing time to be in the presence of Jesus. Make plans to attend from 5-6:00 p.m. **TONIGHT**, Sunday, March 15th.

SAVE THE DATE:

It's a Celebration of Teaching of 55 years!

Miss Evalynne Smith and a Reunion of her former students and staff members.

Come on Sunday, April 5, 2020 from noon to 3 p.m.
at St. Gerard Parish Hall, 1311 N. Main St. in Lima, Ohio.



ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will meet on Tuesday, March 24th at noon in church to pray the rosary. They will then have lunch at Fat Jacks Pizza. All ladies of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Easter Bake Sale & Bazaar:



The annual Bake Sale & Bazaar will be held on Sunday, April 5th following all of the Masses and will be held in the Cafeteria building. Please start baking your baked goods now and freeze them. Feel free to drop off your baked goods on Saturday, April 4th from 4-5:00 p.m. or on Sunday morning. Fill out your raffle tickets and return them in the collection basket.

LCC TASTE TOUR BOOKS:

Taste Tour Books are now on sale. The books are \$20 and include over 130 coupons from 60+ area restaurants. Please call 419-223-2411 or stop by the LCC Business Office to purchase yours today.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, 3/21 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 3/22 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 3/22 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 3/22 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	C. Hinds K. Canavan B. Muskus W. Peebles Bro. D. Hall G. Gandy D. Hollingsworth J. Hollingsworth A. Montoya D. Griffio	S. Nocera S. Ellinger M. Mays D. Ho C. Wright P. Huffman M. Hickey M. Reyes T. Sroufe J. Sroufe	S. Dew J. Hole J. Landwehr S. Urban F. Gallegos R. Karbowiak T. Meyer D. Warner M. Ayers C. Coleman	
LECTOR:	M. Hinegardner	F. Morman	D. Karbowiak	
ALTAR SERVERS:	M. Yahl B. Smith J. Yahl	E. Hahn J. Hahn K. Rigg	K. Meyer D. Noble G. Sutton	
USHERS:	D. Hollingsworth R. Yahl	A. Mefferd K. Rigg	T. DeRose J. Reaman S. Harkenrider	
SACRISTY WORKERS: (MARCH)	J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, M. Dew, S. Dew			

St. Charles Catholic Church presents:

Lenten Retreat

Monday, March 30
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Location:
The Old Barn Out Back
3175 W. Elm St., Lima, OH

Cost : \$15 per person

Tickets available at the Parish
Office or Welcome desk. For more
information call (419)228-7635.



CATHOLIC RELIEF COLLECTION:

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

**“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.

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.

LENTEN HEALING MASS:

We will be offering a Healing Mass on Sunday, March 29th at 3:00 p.m. invoking the intercession of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a Redemptorist priest who lived and worked in America. He is known for his powerful intercession for the sick. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and a blessing with the relic of Blessed Seelos will be offered. All who need healing of mind, body and spirit are invited and are encouraged to attend. Please note that this Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

