

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 9

8:30 a.m. - Mike & Mamie Kill +

Tuesday, March 10

8:30 a.m. -

Wednesday, March 11

8:30 a.m. - Butch Hullinger +

6:30 p.m. - Louis Acerro +

For the Priests, Brother
& Novices of St. Gerard

Thursday, March 12

8:30 a.m. - Jeff Geise +

Friday, March 13

8:30 a.m. - People of St. Gerard

Saturday, March 14

8:30 a.m. -

5:00 p.m. - Bob Mack + +

Gene & Emilie Hullinger +
Mark Verhoff +
Dan Walsh +

Sunday, March 15

8:30 a.m. - Paul Keiffer +

Living & Deceased of the
Robert & Leona Keiffer
Family

11:00 a.m. - Terry & Dan O'Brien +

Bill Bourk +

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, March 8

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, March 9

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - Liturgy Meeting in the Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. - Lenten Night of Reflection in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 10 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00-7:30 p.m. - NO Lenten Movie Night

Wednesday, March 11

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 12

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

Friday, March 13

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

Saturday, March 14

Mass at 8:30 a.m. -

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

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 15 - Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
February, 3rd week On-line: \$1,321.00	\$ 11,767.83	\$ 8,714.69
# of Envelopes	258	220
YTD Totals:	\$ 374,341.76	\$ 367,076.42

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.



**This Lent,
Set yourself Up
to Succeed**

Have a Reason for Doing

It's easier to stick with something when you have a motivator.

- * Fast from a particular group of food or drink.
- * Donate the money you save to a charity that resonates with your family.
- * Offer a daily family prayer for a person or group in need, like the homeless or prisoners.
- * Have family discussions about how special service makes a difference in the lives of others.

Do Activities Together

Attend the Stations of the Cross. Nothing teaches us more about the sufferings of Christ. Our parish offers different types of Stations that speak to many different people. Pray together - especially young families. And pray that they would carry on this part of their faith.

Keep it Simple

In many homes, the road to failure is paved with complications. Less detail yields easier follow-through with something, the more likely you and your family is to continue the practice long after Lent is over.

ST. GERARD PRAYER

CHAIN:

Requests for prayers may be emailed to:

stgprayerchain@gmail.com

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



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER

INTENTIONS FOR MARCH:

Catholics in China:

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its

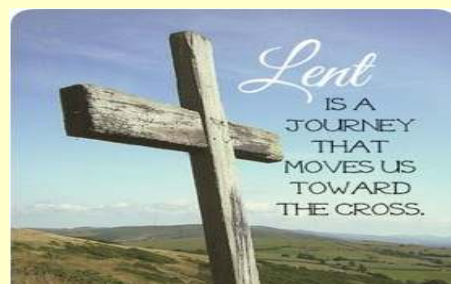
faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.



EXTENDED HOURS FOR EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION DURING LENT:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday 12 noon to 6:30 p.m. Benediction is back with Brother Dan!



HOLY NAME PANCAKE BREAKFAST:

Please be sure to join us next weekend and enjoy some delicious pancakes made by our Holy Name Men. It will be held in the parish hall following all the Masses on March 15th. 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.

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. This will be a freewill offering event.

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.

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!

URGENT CALL TO ACTION:

SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE:

In a diocesan-wide effort to support parents as primary educators and support parents in having options for their children's education, Bishop Daniel E. Thomas invites the faithful of the Diocese of Toledo to contact your state representatives and senators expressing to them support for educational choice in Ohio. Ohio's General assembly has recently introduced legislation that would effectively eliminate one of Ohio's school choice programs without securely funding and alternative for families. To learn more about the school choice in Ohio, please view this document: <https://tinyurl.com/school-choice>.



Welcome Back Fr. Denis!

We warmly welcome Fr. Denis Sweeney, C.Ss.R., back to St. Gerard Parish this weekend as he shares with us about the need for vocations within the Redemptorist Order. Fr. Denis spent 10 years as our Pastor/Associate Pastor during the 1990's. It is so good seeing him and having him share his laughter and love for Jesus with all of us and we are reminded to especially pray for young men to hear the call to become Redemptorist Brothers and Priests.

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. on 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	SATURDAY, 3/14 5:00 P.M.	SUNDAY, 3/15 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY, 3/15 11:00 A.M.	SUNDAY, 3/15 SPANISH MASS 1:30 P.M.
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	B. Flynn D. Griffo V. Bigelow M. DeVita J. Wolff L. Taylor L. Kiel M. Hinegardner L. Makley S. Urban	C. Altenbach L. Hahn M. Hickey J. Inskeep N. Jenkins J. Korzan B. Pinney M. Stemen M. Mays S. Ellinger	V. Carter C. Coleman J. Neville K. Spears M. Spears D. Vondrell G. Vondrell J. Hole S. Dew M. Ayers	
LECTOR:	C. Schmenk	M. Hickey	S. Silone	
ALTAR SERVERS:	H. Lamb G. Gandy M. Lewis	C. Rummel D. Martin E. Martin	D. Dawson M. Mason L. Wreede	
USHERS:				
SACRISTY WORKERS: (MARCH)	J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey, M. Dew, S. Dew			

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:

A letter from Bishop Thomas was sent out asking for your gift and/or pledge to support the ministries of the Diocese of Toledo. This letter gives all registered parishioners an opportunity to contribute to the Appeal, especially those who are unable to attend Mass. The Annual Catholic Appeal will be very successful if every member of our parish carefully considers their circumstance and truly strives to give a significant gift. Please give prayerful consideration to your level of support to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by the Appeal.

NOON OPTIMIST HOME & BUSINESS EXPO 2020:

The Lima Noon Optimist Home and Business Expo will be at the Allen County Fairgrounds March 13th, 14th and 15th. The expo features various home improvement products and services including windows, doors, new painting and concrete techniques, landscaping and more. Over 160 booths featuring more than 100 vendors.

**“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 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.