

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: "Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone." Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 8

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Steve & Rosena Verhoff+

Wednesday, April 10

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions for
Jack Sliemers

7:00 p.m. Jack Frueh +

Thursday, April 11

8:30 a.m. William McFall +

Friday, April 12

8:30 a.m. Dan Walsh +

Saturday, April 13

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of
Bill & Rita Noll Family
Edmundo Singian and
the Living & Deceased of the
Reyes & Singian Families

Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of
the Pohlabel, Uphaus,
& Buddlemeier Families
Ed Nixon +

11:00 a.m. Rick & Ryan Young +
Jack Morrissey +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, April 7

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

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

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Parish School of Religion

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

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

Monday, April 8

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 9

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - Genesis to Jesus DVD Series in the Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 10

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

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

Thursday, April 11

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon-5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, April 12

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 13

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

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WEDDING BANNS:

Olivia Best & Brady Schroeder, I

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
March 3rd week On-line: \$ 1,860.00	\$ 10,371.60	\$ 10,200.75
# of Envelopes	280	256
YTD Totals:	\$ 428,106.82	\$ 419,466.95

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

As many of you know, we have now completed Phase I and Phase II of our Building Project. Now we are focused on securing the contract for the addition of classrooms to our school. Together, we can make this a reality!

To help us reach our goal, we are asking every family to participate. Every gift, no matter how large or small, is truly appreciated.

Pledge cards are available in the church or at the parish & school offices. You may also give online by visiting our website at: www.stgerardchurch.org and clicking on the On-line Giving tab. **Please remember that the second collection at each of our weekend Masses during Lent will be for our Capital Campaign.**

In order to post these contributions to your account, please either write a check or put your cash contributions in the envelopes in the pews with your name clearly written on the envelope.

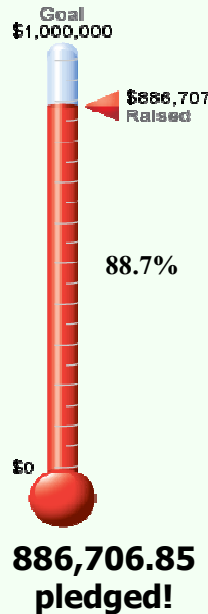
Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.

Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged:	\$886,706.85
Amount Paid:	\$616,497.48
Outstanding Balance:	\$270,209.37

3/31/19 Second Collection: \$2,129.59



FRIDAY'S OF LENT SERIES:



"Walking The Way of The Cross With Christ and With Each Other."

**St. Gerard Church
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.

APRIL 12:

Speaker: Fr. Mike Sergi

LIVING STATIONS

PRESENTED BY OUR YOUTH GROUP:

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

FEET WASHING:

We are looking for twelve volunteers to have their feet washed at the Holy Thursday services. If you would be willing to do this, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080.





What are you doing for Lent?

Jesus beckons us to come,
to be in His presence;

He does truly speak to our souls when
we give Him an opportunity.

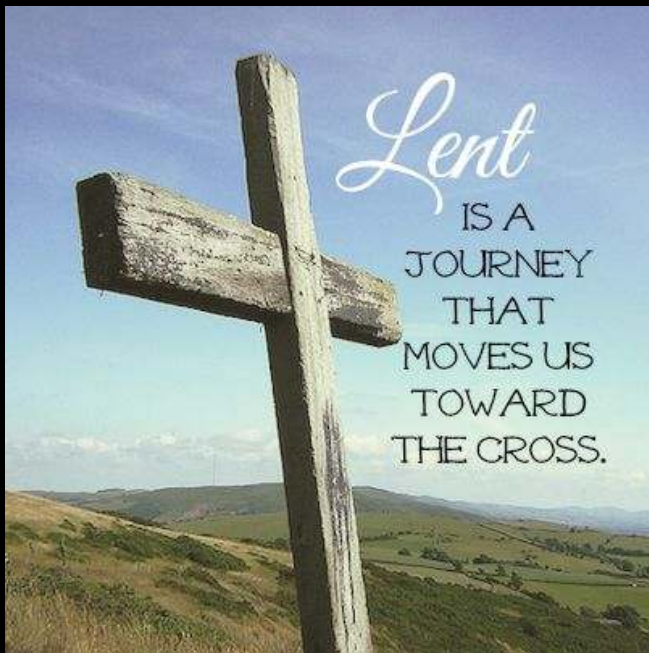
Come visit Him in adoration, and
receive graces to be able to keep your
Lenten purposes and sacrifices.

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER
INTENTIONS FOR APRIL:**



**Doctors and their Collaborators
in War Torn Areas:**

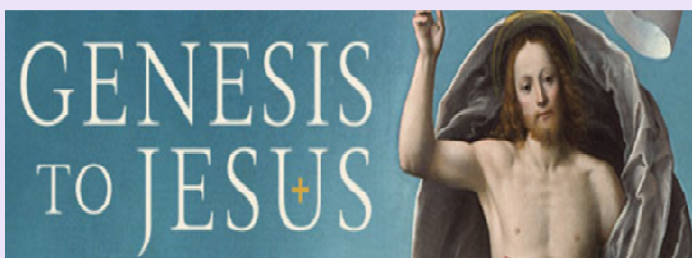
*For doctors and their humanitar-
ian collaborators in war torn areas, who risk
their lives to save the lives of others.*



As Lent is the time for greater love,
listen to Jesus' thirst... 'Repent and
believe' Jesus tells us. What are we
to repent? Our indifference, our
hardness of heart. What are we to
believe? Jesus thirsts even now,
in your heart and in the
poor—He knows your
weakness. He wants
only your love, wants
only the chance
to love you.



— Bl. Teresa of Calcutta



***Please join us for our
Lenten DVD Series
Tuesday, April 9th at 6pm
in the Parish Hall***



YOUTH GROUP CANDY FUNDRAISER:

The youth group will be taking orders for sweets by Candy Crate as a fundraiser for upcoming retreats and trips. The youth group will be taking orders after the Masses this weekend, as well as April 13th and 14th. Delivery will be on Good Friday and is a perfect gift and treat for Easter. Please stop and place your order in the gathering space. Thank you for your support.

DVD SERIES AVAILABLE:

We have had people ask if they could view the DVD's that the Spiritual Formation has been presenting. We are making these DVD's available to sign out for up to 30 days so that you can view them. You would need to come to the parish office to sign them out.

The DVD's we have in inventory consist of: CATHOLICISM by Word on Fire, THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS, by Word on Fire and Theology of the Body, by Christopher West.

NOSF:

A faith-based education is not out of reach with a scholarship from the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund.

Need-based Scholarships worth up to \$1,500 per child are available for private schools or \$500 for homeschooling expenses for students who reside in Allen and surrounding counties for grades K-8th for the 2019-2020 school year. For example, a family of five with a household income of \$79,434 is eligible. To apply online or for more information about the program visit www.nosf.org or contact the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund office at (419) 720-7048. The deadline to apply is Friday, April 26, 2019.



ROSARY/ALTAR BAKE SALE:

Save the date ~ the Rosary/Altar Bake Sale and Raffle will be held on Sunday, April 14th after all the Sunday Masses. Please start baking your brownies and baked goods now and freeze them.



Feel free to drop off your baked goods on Saturday, April 13th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. or on Sunday morning. Fill out your tickets and return them in the collection basket or to the parish office.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 13:

5:00 p.m. *M. & M. Hinegardner, V. Bigelow,
L. Makley, W. Peebles, D. Santini,
L. Taylor, J. Stewart, J. Wolff, S. Parker*

Sunday, April 14:

8:30 a.m. *G. Merkel, N. Jenkins, P. Huffman,
C. Altenbach, T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe,
L. Hahn, S. Nocera, S. Martin, T. Martin*
11:00 a.m. *M. Ayers, R. Carder, C. Coleman,
F. Gallegos, S. Morrissey, R. Karbowski,
S. Dew, J. Kahle, K. Wreede, R. Vegedes*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

April 13: 5:00 p.m. - *D. Mack*

April 14: 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Wreede*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

April 13: 5:00 p.m. - *M. Lewis, G. Gandy,
E. Gamble*

April 14: 8:30 a.m. - *S. Santaguida, A. Schultz,
E. Snow*
11:00 a.m. - *C. Wagoner, M. Miller, L. Wreede*

SACRISTY WORKERS - APRIL

*J. Blackburn, J. Wolff, L. Dodge, M. Hickey,
J. Sroufe, A. Morman*

USHERS SCHEDULE:

April 13: 5:00 p.m. - *L. Daley, D. Makley, T. Daley*

April 14: 8:30 a.m. - *A. Mefferd, K. Rigg*
11:00 a.m. - *D. Ladden, R. Blevins,
T. Brostrom*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS:



We are asking that you please sign-up to help with our Holy Week liturgies. Volunteer sheets are located in the gathering space. Please help out where you can. Thank you.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The Rosary/Altar Society will meet in church to pray the rosary on Tuesday, April 16th at noon. They will then have lunch at Fat Jacks. All ladies of the parish are invited.

EXCHANGE STUDENTS:

Have you ever considered hosting a student from another country? LCC has around 20 students each year who come to live and learn in our community. These kids are the best of the best from their countries and they have so much to offer our school and your family. If you would consider hosting for the 2019-2020 school year, please call or email Trudy Thompson at tthompson@apps.lcchs.edu or 419-204-7001. It is an opportunity and experience you will never forget.

PALM BRAIDING:

Come and learn the art of Palm Braiding/Weaving. We will be offering this lesson after all of the Masses next weekend. Bring your Palms and make them into crosses, roses, braids and more.



This is a fun project for the entire family.

SERRA CLUB:

Come be our guest on April 11, for Mass, dinner and a talk by Fr. Scott Perry, Associate Pastor of Delphos St. John's. He will be sharing his reflection on his 1st year of priesthood. We will begin with Mass at 5:45 in the LCC Chapel. The event is sponsored by The Serra Club of The Lima Area, which exist to promote and support vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Call Marilyn Schmerge at 567-204-4745 to make a reservation.

CD'S AVAILABLE:

Need to quiet your mind and listen to some spiritual music? We still have the "Out of Nowhere" CD available for purchase for \$10. You may pick up your copy in the Parish Office.

ST. GERARD FESTIVAL:

The St. Gerard Festival is fastly approaching on June 7th, 8th and 9th. The festival is the biggest fundraiser for both St. Gerard Church and School. In order for the festival to be successful, we are in need of booth Co-Chairs. We are looking for some volunteers to step-up and co-chair one of the following:

- Funnel Cake Booth
- The Sugar Shack
- Nightly Clean-up Crew

If you are able to co-chair a booth or have questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office at 419-222-0431.

COMMUNITY MEAL:

The next "Free" Community Meal will be held on Sunday, April 28th from noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All in need of a hot meal are invited.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We believe our Parish Mission was a great success! It became a success because of all the wonderful



volunteers we have within our Parish. We want to thank those that helped prepare for the Mission on the Liturgy Committee, those that worked on helping communicate and spread the news about our mission and also the cantors, lectors and organist who made the nightly events come together! We thank those who worked behind the scenes making certain that St. Gerard Church looked its best. We also thank the greeters and those that prepared the delicious treats for our gathering afterwards in our new gathering space!

A special thanks to Father Tom for giving us such a great Lenten Mission! But most of all, we thank all of you that attended the Mission.

MISSION ONLINE:

Did you enjoy our recent Mission? Were you unable to attend? You might be interested to know that we have each night recorded and available for viewing on our website. Just go to www.stgerardchurch.org and click on the link. Enjoy!

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, ST. CHARLES PARISH, LIMA:

St. Charles Parish is seeking a Director of Operations. This position provides leadership and day-to-day supervision of the financial, personnel, and administrative business functions of the parish in an accurate, efficient, thorough, professional, and timely manner, which will give the appropriate administrative foundation to support the pursuit of the parish's mission, ministry and growth. The successful candidate will have a BA/BS Degree in Business, Finance, Accounting or related business discipline with a high level of computer expertise in QuickBooks as well as Microsoft Office and Google products. A practicing Catholic and registered member of the Catholic Parish faith community is preferred. Cover letter with compensation requirements and resume should be sent to Rev. Kent R. Kaufman by April 20, 2019 to St. Charles Parish, 2200 W. Elm St., Lima, OH 45805 or search@stcharleslima.org.