

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Today Jesus tells us, "I am among you as one who serves." In accepting the palm branch today, you publicly confirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as "one who serves." Selfless service defines a family as Christian.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 15

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 16

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 17

8:30 a.m. Eloise Maag +

6:30 p.m. Pete Leugers &
Kathleen Coffee +

Thursday, April 18

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Friday, April 19

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

Saturday, April 20

8:30 a.m. NO MASS

8:00 p.m. EASTER VIGIL

Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions

11:00 a.m. Special Intentions

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

PALM BRAIDING:

Come and learn the art of Palm Braiding/Weaving. We will be offering this lesson today after all of the Masses. Bring your Palms and make them into crosses, roses, braids and more. This is a fun project for the entire family.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, April 14 - PALM SUNDAY

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

3:00 p.m. - City-Wide Confessions at St. John Church, Lima

Monday, April 15

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

6:00-7:00 p.m. - Confessions in church

Tuesday, April 16

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon - Rosary/Altar to pray Rosary in Church followed by lunch at Fat Jacks

6:00 p.m. - Bishop Barron's Stations of the Cross in the P. Hall

6:00-7:00 p.m. - Confessions in Church

Wednesday, April 17

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.

6:00-7:00 p.m. - Confessions in Church

Thursday, April 18 - HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper (In Spanish) in Chapel

Friday, April 19 - GOOD FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. - Tenebrae Service

Noon - Marian Way of the Cross

1:00 p.m. - The Seven Last Words of Christ

2:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Novena

2:00-2:45 p.m. - Confessions

3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion

6:00 p.m. - Viernes Santo de la Pasion del Senor

Saturday, April 20 - HOLY SATURDAY

8:30 a.m. - Tebebrae Service

9:00 a.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet

8:00 p.m. - The Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

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

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - NO RCIA Classes in the Cafeteria

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - NO Parish School of Religion

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

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.

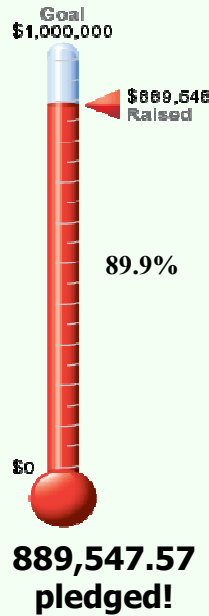
Please, prayerfully consider supporting this most important project.

Thank you to all who are supporting this building campaign.

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged:	\$889,547.57
Amount Paid:	\$621,035.20
Outstanding Balance:	\$268,512.37

4/7/19 Second Collection: \$2,740.72



ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The Rosary/Altar Bake Sale and Raffle will be held **TODAY** after all the Sunday Masses in the Parish Hall. Please stop by and fill out your raffle tickets and pick up some delicious baked goods!

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.

USHERS NEEDED:

We are in need of ushers at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday's. If you could help us out by volunteering on a Sunday crew, please call the parish office at 419-224-3080. Thank you.

Holy Week



Paschal Triduum

AKA Easter Triduum or Holy Triduum

The three-day celebration of the **Paschal Mystery**: the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

PASCHAL: from paska (Greek) for passage or pass over

TRIDUUM: derived from the Latin for three days

As Christians, we embrace "paschal" as the the passage of Jesus Christ through his passion and death to the new life of the resurrection

These are the three holiest days of our liturgical year and bridge the seasons of **Lent** to **Easter**.

We enter deeply into the various facets of the Paschal Mystery through liturgical worship, prayerful devotion, and other customs.

DAY 1:
sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Good Friday



DAY 2:
sundown on Good Friday to sundown on Holy Saturday



DAY 3:
sundown on Holy Saturday to sundown on Easter Sunday



HOLY THURSDAY: We recall the Lord's Supper: Jesus offering his body and blood, then washing the Apostles' feet - a service which we are called to imitate by loving one another as he loved us

GOOD FRIDAY: We meditate on the mystery of Christ's death and we adore the Cross; by his sacrifice, love overcomes sin - an immense love which we are called to live and transmit

HOLY SATURDAY: We contemplate Jesus' lying in the tomb - with Mary, the Church will keep alive the flame of faith, hoping against every hope in Christ's resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY: When the Alleluia resounds again, we celebrate the Risen Christ, the centre and fulfilment of the universe and history

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May we not only observe the Lord's Passion, but truly enter into its mystery, making our own the sentiments of Christ. In this way, our Easter will indeed be blessed!
Pope Francis, General Audience, April 1, 2015



God as we walk through Holy week toward the cross, May we remember the wonder of who you are. Beyond sin your love is inexhaustible, Beyond brokenness your forgiveness is incomprehensible. Beyond betrayal your grace is poured out eternally, Beyond death your life is unimaginable. Beyond human understanding, Your ways are always higher than ours.
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Bishop Barron Reflects on
THE STATIONS of the CROSS

This Tuesday of Holy Week, we will view Bishop Barron's Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. in the

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 28 at 3:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet begins at 3 p.m.

Mass & Confession to follow.

(This mass fulfills your Sunday obligation)



Jesus said to St. Faustina, *“At three o’clock, implore My mercy, especially for sinners; and, if only for a brief moment, immerse yourself in My Passion, particularly in My abandonment at the moment of agony. This is the hour of great mercy. In this hour, I will refuse nothing to the soul that makes a request of Me in virtue of My Passion”* (Diary, 1320).

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Begins Good Friday at 2:00 p.m.

Day 1 – 4/19 – Good Friday: *Today bring to Me* all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.

Day 2 – 4/20 – Holy Saturday: *Today bring to Me* the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy.

Day 3 – 4/21 – Easter Sunday: *Today bring to Me* all devout and faithful souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.

Day 4 – 4/22: *Today bring to Me* those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Me.

Day 5 – 4/23: *Today bring to Me* the souls of those who have separated themselves from the Church.

Day 6 – 4/24: *Today bring to Me* the meek and humble souls and the souls of little children, and immerse them in My mercy.

Day 7 – 4/25: *Today bring to Me* the souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy and immerse them in My mercy.

Day 8 – 4/26: *Today bring to Me* the souls who are detained in purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy.

Day 9 – 4/27: *Today bring to Me* souls who have become lukewarm, and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy.

Novena pamphlets are available at church entrances.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, April 20:

5:00 p.m. *D. Griffo, D. & J. Hollingsworth,
K. Canavan, B. Muskus, M. DeVita,
J. Wolff, B. VonLehmden, C. & M. Hinds*

Sunday, April 21:

8:30 a.m. *J. Korzan, B. Pinney, M. Meyer, L. Hahn,
S. Ellinger, G. Merkel, C. Wright,
J. Inskeep, M. Hickey, M. Mays*
11:00 a.m. *V. Carter, R. Vagedes, J. Neville, J. Kahle,
S. Young, C. Coleman, J. Landwehr,
F. Mansfield, T. Meyer, D. Warner*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

April 20: 5:00 p.m. - *T. Huffman*
April 21: 8:30 a.m. - *V. Koza*
11:00 a.m. - *D. Karbowiak*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

April 20: 5:00 p.m. - *Please volunteer*
April 21: 8:30 a.m. - *Please volunteer*
11:00 a.m. - *Please volunteer*

SACRISTY WORKERS - APRIL

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

USHERS SCHEDULE:

April 20: 5:00 p.m. - *D. Hollingsworth, R. Yahl*
April 21: 8:30 a.m. - *G. Merkel, B. Hahn, B. Polser*
11:00 a.m. - *V. Ludwick, R. Karbowiak,
K. Raines*

WEDDING BANNES:

Olivia Best & Brady Schroeder, II 

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
March 4th week On-line: \$ 2,080.00	\$ 8,961.00	\$ 10,083.56
# of Envelopes	199	241
YTD Totals:	\$ 437,067.82	\$ 429,550.51

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The Rosary/Altar Society will meet in church to pray the rosary on Tuesday, April 16th at noon. They will then go to 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. 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 experience you will never forget.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL:

For those who have not yet contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your charitable involvement and prayerfully consider making a gift to the Appeal. For more information, visit the Diocesan website at Toledodiocese.org/ACA.

HOMESCHOOLING MASS & GRADUATION:

Are you a Catholic homeschooling family in the Toledo Diocese? Then please join us at 7pm on Wed., May 29th at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo for our 15th Annual Diocesan Homeschooling Mass and Graduation with Bishop Daniel E. Thomas. It's a wonderful evening of prayer, fellowship, food and fun! Please bring a finger-food dish to share. If you have a student who will be graduating 8th grade, or a graduating high school senior, and would like your graduate to participate in the ceremony after the Mass, please email Lisa-Ann Brickner at oyc81@yahoo.com by May 17th.



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. 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.



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.

COMMUNITY MEAL:

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

CHANGES IN YOUR FAMILY:

Have changes in your family? New phone number? Dropped your land line? New address? Help us keep our records up-to-date by letting the parish office know. Thanks!
