

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 19

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, March 20

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 21

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Louis Acerro +
Henry Niese +

Thursday, March 22

8:30 a.m.

Friday, March 23

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 24

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Jack Wolff, Sr. +
Betty Laurita +
Vincent DeVita +

Sunday, March 25

8:30 a.m. Omer Schroeder +
11:00 a.m. Marcus Roof +
Barbara Kleman +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, March 18

Holy Name Breakfast in the Parish Hall

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

9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.

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

12:30 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

3:00 p.m. - Healing Mass

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

Monday, March 19 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

5-7 p.m. - Widows/Widower's Support Group Mtg. in P. Hall

Tuesday, March 20 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

12:00 Noon - Rosary/Altar Society to pray rosary in church,
followed by lunch at Western Sizzlin

Wednesday, March 21 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 22 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

Friday, March 23 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

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

Saturday, March 24 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 25 - PALM SUNDAY

Altar/Rosary Easter Bake Sale in the Parish Hall

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

9:00 a.m. - RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.

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

12:30 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

3:00 p.m. - City-Wide Penance Service at St. Gerard Church

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
March, 2nd week	\$ 9,876.85	\$ 10,258.50
On-line: \$ 1,355.00		
# of Envelopes	246	245
YTD Totals:	\$ 400,834.82	\$ 408,875.21

Give online at: www.stgerardchurch.org

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

If you would like to have a copy of your 2017 contributions to St. Gerard Church, please call the office at 419-224-3080 and we would be happy to mail you a copy.



LENT 2018

**6:00 p.m. every
Friday during
Lent**

- We will begin with the Special Stations of the Cross
- We will then listen to the Lenten talk
- Finally, we will close with a Lenten Blessing

“WALKING WITH CHRIST AND WITH EACH OTHER”

St. Gerard Church ~ Fridays 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 23

**Fr. Mike Sergi
St. Gerard Church**

LIVING STATIONS ~ YOUTH GROUP:

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

MARCH 25

**City-Wide Penance Service
St. Gerard Church**

The city-wide Parish Penance Service will be held on Sunday, March 25th at St. Gerard Church. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m.

How long has it been since your last confession? Hope to see you there!

HEALING MASS:

We will be offering a Healing Mass **TODAY**, March 18th 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. There will be the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and a blessing with the relic of Blesses Seelos. All who need healing of mind, body and spirit are invited and are encouraged to attend.



PRAYER CLOTHS:

In the rectory office, as well as the entrances of church, we have “Prayer Cloths” available to anyone wishing to have one. Each cloth is about 4-6 inches square and have been blessed with the relic of St. Blessed Francis Seelos and also comes with a prayer card. Whether you need healing in mind or body, this prayer cloth is a reminder of God’s love for each one of us. It is also a reminder that St. Gerard Parish is praying for you too.

ST. GERARD SCHOOL NEWS:

St. Gerard Catholic School in Lima, Ohio, is seeking a potential first grade teacher and third grade teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. The applicant must be faith-filled. It is recommended that the candidate be a practicing Catholic, but not a requirement. Interested applicants should email cover letter, resume, references, and three letters of recommendation to the principal, Natalie Schoonover at nschoonover@sgslima.org.

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-8 for the 2018-2019 school year. For example, a family of five with a household income of \$77,706 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 27, 2018.**

SUNDAY ENVELOPES:

Our "yearly" Sunday envelopes are here and are located in the back of church (center aisle). The envelopes are in alphabetical order.

Please pick up your envelopes as soon as possible. If you are giving online and no longer wish to receive the box of envelopes, please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080. We will keep these envelopes in the back of church for a short while. They will then be taken over to the rectory office.



As an active member of St. Gerard Church, we encourage all parishioners to use their envelopes regularly. Thank you.

**HOLY NAME
BREAKFAST:**



Stop over to the cafeteria following the Masses today for breakfast being served by our Holy Name Men. It's delicious!

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society will gather at noon on **Tuesday, March 20th** to pray the rosary. They will then go to lunch at Western Sizzilin. All ladies of the parish are invited.



BAKE SALE

BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE:

Our Altar/Rosary Society will have their annual Bake Sale and Raffle on **Sunday, March 25th** in the Parish Hall. Feel free to drop off your baked goods on Saturday, March 24th from 4-5:00 p.m. or on Sunday morning. Look for raffle tickets in today's bulletin. Fill out your tickets and return them in the collection basket or to the rectory office. Hope to see you there.



PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary,
be with us this day.

You protected and cherished the Virgin;
loving the Child Jesus as your Son,
you rescued Him from the danger of death.

Defend the Church,
the household of God,
purchased by the Blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family,
be with us in our trials.

May your prayers obtain for us
the strength to flee from error
and wrestle with the powers of corruption
so that in life we may grow in holiness
and in death rejoice in the crown of victory.

Amen.

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EXTENDED ADORATION HOURS FOR LENT:

St. Gerard will be offering extended Adoration hours every **Thursday**. The extended hours will be from 12:00 noon until 5:00 p.m. We hope you will come and spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. A sign-up sheet will be placed near the baptismal font for those who wish to sign-up for allotted times. We would like to have 2 people per hour. We appreciate those that can give their time for this devotion.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - Sunday, April 8, 2018 ~ A day overflowing with Mercy Divine Mercy Chaplet - 3pm ~ Mass - 3:15 pm ~ Confession available - 3pm and throughout Mass

To say the Chaplet of Divine Mercy: All you need is a rosary, a Divine Mercy Novena pamphlet (available Palm Sunday at entrances), & 10 minutes of your time.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA - Good Friday - March 30, 2018 ~ Novena begins at 2pm ~ Say daily for 9 days until the eve of the Feast of Divine Mercy

Jesus said to St. Faustina, "By this Novena I will grant every possible grace to souls" (796).



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 24:

5:00 p.m. *K. Canavan, M. & M. Hinegardner,
J. Stewart, C. Diaz, B. Flynn, B. Peebles,
S. Tschuor, D. & J. Hollingsworth*

Sunday, March 25:

8:30 a.m. *J. Inskeep, T. Martin, S. Martin, M. Mays,
B. Pinney, C. Wright, E. Orwick, R. Orwick,
M. King, M. Hickey*

11:00 a.m. *R. Karbowski, J. Neville, K. Spears,
M. Spears, S. Dew, T. Meyer, K. Wreede,
F. Thompson, S. Young, V. Carter*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Mar. 24: 5:00 p.m. - *J. Wolff*

Mar. 25: 8:30 a.m. - *F. Morman*
11:00 a.m. - *D. Karbowski*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Mar. 24: 5:00 p.m. - *J. Yahl, D. Dawson,
K. LaRotonda*

Mar. 25: 8:30 a.m. - *C. Wagoner, M. Miller,
M. Chambers*
11:00 a.m. - *G. Sutton, M. Sutton,
K. Helmig*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR MARCH:

Volunteers Needed!!!

THE ARK ENCOUNTER:

The Fort Jennings Memorial Hall announces a one day bus trip to "The Ark Encounter" in Williamstown, KY on Wednesday, July 18, 2018.

The trip includes motor coach transportation, buffet lunch, admission to the Ark and all gratuities. \$150 per person: \$75 due at registration and the balance by May 31, 2018. Please call or text July Schroeder to reserve your seat at 419-303-7366. All proceeds are used to restore our 100+ year old building and improve the grounds.

**PRACTICAL TIPS TO
HELP YOU STAY FO-
CUSSED AT MASS:**

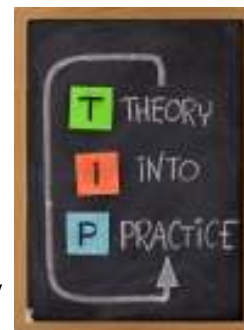
~ **Fully participate in
the Mass.**

Mass is not an event for spectators. Participate! Say all the prayers and sing all the songs. If it helps, follow along with each part of the Mass using a Roman missal. Where does this Sunday fall in the liturgical calendar? How is the Old Testament reading connected to the New Testament reading? How does the Responsorial Psalm connect both? If you are engaging in all of this, it is a rewarding occupation for the mind.

Look for another tip next week ...

SERRA CLUB NEWS:

Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on March 22nd at 5:45. Brandi Schroeder, Director of Samaritan House will be speaking on "Serving homeless women and children". The evening is sponsored by The Serra Club of the Lima Area, which exist to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We will begin with Mass at LCC High School. To make a reservation, please call Marilyn at 567-204-4745.





A WARM WELCOME
TO THE NEWEST MEMBER
OF OUR PARISH ~
MR. JOHN DODGE

For some time now, John Dodge has been desiring to become a Catholic (his being married to a devout Catholic, Linda didn't hurt), but health problems prevented him from entering the RCIA Program. With some assistance from his loving wife, Fr. Jim worked out an arrangement resulting in John receiving all three Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation), on Friday, March 9th, in a private service in their home. This a was a beautiful service that will long be remembered.

Congratulations John and welcome to our parish community!

FAITH NIGHT AT THE K:

Join guest speaker, *Deacon Patrick Minnich* for "PRE-GAMING FOR EASTER" on Wednesday, March 21st from 7-8 p.m. at the Lima Knights of Columbus Hall. Learn more about the Church's most holy week of the year. Leave with a better understanding and appreciation for the Easter Season. Free pizza and tailgating starting at 6:30 p.m.

LCC PURSE BINGO:

Lima Central Catholic will be hosting Purse Bingo on Saturday, April 21st at LCC. Doors



open at 6pm and bingo starts at 7pm. Tickets are \$30 per person. Reserved tables of 8 for \$280. Ticket includes dinner & 20 games of bingo. Must be 21+ to enter. The night will feature 50/50 raffles, Traveling Purse and 21st purse drawing. Contact Stephanie Watkins for tickets at 419-230-2659 or email swatkins@apps.lcchs.edu.

WEBSITE:

Visit us on the web at:
www.stgerardchurch.org

SCREENWRITER TOM FLYNN:

LCC Education Foundation introduces Screenwriter *Tom Flynn* best known for the movie "*Gifted*" to LCC on April 5, 2018. Tom is a Lima native, who attended St. Gerard & graduated from LCC. He continued his education at the University of Dayton earning a B.S. in English. Tom has written several scripts that have been produced, notable *Watch It* and *Gifted*. Please see today's bulletin insert for all the details!