

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

The apostles were "afraid" when Jesus was transfigured in front of them. CHANGE is often frightening, especially in relationships, but inevitable. The child grows up, a parent ages and people mature. The only constant is our commitment to one another.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, February 12

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 13

8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 14

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m. Jack Frueh +

Thursday, February 15

8:30 a.m.

Friday, February 16

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 17

8:30 a.m. Bill Bourk +
Don Hullinger +

5:00 p.m. Bob Mack +
Gene & Emilie
Hullinger +

Sunday, February 18

8:30 a.m. Deceased of the
Nungester, Wukusick
& Sliemers Family +

11:00 a.m. Ron Pitson +

1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY:

Masses at 8:30 a.m.,
12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, February 11

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

Monday, February 12

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 13

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 14 - Ash Wednesday

Masses at 8:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena
6:00 p.m. - Rosary/Benediction/Mass at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 15

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
2:00-5:00 p.m. - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 p.m. - Charismatic Prayer Group Mtg. in the Rectory

Friday, February 16

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, February 17

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 18

Holy Name Father/Son Breakfast in the Parish Hall
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12:30 p.m. - Book Reading/Bible Study in the Parish Hall
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass
6:00-7:30 p.m. - Youth Group Meeting in the Parish Hall

**ACA COMMITMENT
WEEKEND**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan. 4th week	\$ 9,536.32	\$ 11,863.06
On-line: \$ 1,565.00		
# of Envelopes	261	271
YTD Totals:	\$ 336,178.63	\$ 345,854.37



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

*Please join us
for our
Mini-Mission
each Friday
during Lent.*



“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.

FEBRUARY 16

Fr. Jim Szobonya
St. Gerard Church

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.

FEBRUARY 23

Sr. Leanne Kerschner,
OSF, St. Gerard Church

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. EVERYONE’S WAY OF THE CROSS:

MARCH 2

Pastor Emily Hedrick
Lima Mennonite Church

This way of the Cross helps us see Christ suffering in so many people in our world. We ask ourselves; “Do we walk with Christ as He walks with the suffering people of our world?”

MARCH 9

Pastor Mike Hughes
St. Luke’s Lutheran
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 16

Fr. Mike Houston
St. Gerard Church

A FAMILY WAY OF THE CROSS:

We meditate on family life and carrying our crosses. In meditating on Jesus’ cross, we find inspiration to strengthen our families and increase our love and affirmation.

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.

MEMORIAL MASS

St. Gerard Widows/Widowers Support Group would like to invite all widows and widowers from the Lima area to a special Memorial Mass in honor of their spouses on Monday, February 19th at 5:00 p.m. at St. Gerard Church, Lima.

Following the Mass, we will gather at the Parish Hall to share a meal and fellowship. A free will offering will be taken.

Please come and honor your Valentine with us.

ROSARY/ALTAR NEWS:

The ladies of our Rosary/Altar Society will be gathering to pray the rosary together on Tuesday, February 20th at noon in church. Following the rosary, they will go to the Eagles for lunch. All women of the parish are invited!

ANNUAL CATHOLIC

APPEAL:

Our Annual Catholic Appeal Commitment Weekend will take place **THIS WEEKEND**. What is the purpose of the Annual Catholic Appeal? Funds generated will provide the services and programs needed for the materials, education, and spiritual needs of God's people in the Diocese of Toledo. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of parishes and Catholic agencies that promote the gospel message and provides resources to assist the poor and vulnerable, the marginalized and disenfranchised, the uneducated and undereducated and those who find themselves in desperate situations. It is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the Diocese of Toledo to join together to express their solidarity with the Church and the Bishop by making a freewill contribution to help carry on the important work Christ has entrusted to us as God's stewards.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Festival Committee is looking for someone to help co-chair the Duck Race Booth. This is a new booth that will be located in the gambling tent. They will be helping to organize volunteers and help with the hourly duck race.

If you are interested or have any questions about helping with the festival, please contact Michael Mays at: mmays@sgslima.org or call 419-604-9526.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS:

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



SPIRITUAL FORMATION:

FEBRUARY: Month dedicated to the Holy Family.

Holy Father's prayer intentions for February:

UNIVERSAL: SAY NO TO CORRUPTION. That those who have material, political, or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

LENT:



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.

LENTEN PROJECT THEME ~

"SACRIFICE WITH A PURPOSE":

This year, St. Gerard Church is participating in "Mary's Meals" as our Lenten Project. You may notice the "lunch box" that is near the altar. This is where the children and adults will be placing their donations to help those in need.

Mary's Meals is a global movement that sets up school feeding projects in some of the world's poorest communities, where poverty and hunger prevent children from gaining an education.

Please see the flyer in today's bulletin that explains the program in more detail.

<p>We mark our foreheads with ashes to remind ourselves that we are not of this world and are made for eternity with God.</p> <p><small>"For You have made us for Yourself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in You." St. Augustine of Hippo</small></p>	<p>Where do the ashes come from? The ashes are made from the blessed palms used in the Palm Sunday celebration of the previous year.</p>	
<p>As a public sign of our intent to die to our worldly desires and live in Christ.</p>	<p>WHY THE ASHES?</p>	
<p>Archdiocese of Toronto www.archtoronto.org @archtoronto</p>	<p>As our foreheads are marked with ashes, these words are said: "Remember, that you are dust, and unto dust you shall return."</p>	<p>As a sign of repentance in the Old Testament: <small>"Then I turned to the Lord God, to seek an atonement by prayer and supplication, with fasting, weeping, and ashes. I fasted on the Lord my God, at your confession." Daniel 10:2-4</small></p>

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, February 17:

5:00 p.m. *K. Canavan, L. Makley, S. Parker,
J. Stewart, B. Muskus, M. DeVita,
D. Hollingsworth, J. Hollingsworth,
Mike Hinegardner, M. Hinegardner*

Sunday, February 18:

8:30 a.m. *P. Huffman, R. Orwick, E. Orwick,
J. Inskip, C. Altenbach, S. Ellinger,
M. Meyer, G. Merkel, J. Korzan, M. Mays*

11:00 a.m. *S. Dew, S. Morrissey, M. Ayers, C. Wreede,
J. Kahle, V. Carter, C. Coleman,
G. Vondrell, D. Vondrell, J. Neville*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Feb. 17: 5:00 p.m. - *J. Wolff*

Feb. 18: 8:30 a.m. - *F. Morman*
11:00 a.m. - *K. Gerken*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Feb. 17: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Smith, H. Chambers,
N. Chambers*

Feb. 18: 8:30 a.m. - *A. Dackin, A. Fay, K. Rigg*
11:00 a.m. - *B. Dahill, A. Carter, K. Helmig*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR FEBRUARY:

*Helen Neise, Carol Helmig, Sue Nocera,
Lisa Ruble*

CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS:

The Campbell Soup Labels Program has been ***DISCONTINUED***. Please **do not** send in any labels to the school office. Thank you for supporting this fundraiser in the past.



We are, however, still utilizing the "Box Tops for Education" Program. Please continue to put your "box tops" labels in the collection basket or feel free to send them in to the school or parish office.



SOUP & SANDWICH MEAL:

On Sunday, February 18th, we will be having our second annual soup and sandwich meal fundraiser from 3:30-7:00 p.m. The meal includes Venedocia Lions sausage, homemade soups and homemade ice cream. Free will offering, all proceeds will go to our Capital Campaign. This will be held in Landeck at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church basement. We will also be selling Venedocia Lions sausage in 1 pound and 2 pound packages. Hope to see you there!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS:

"Patriotism" essays:

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting "patriotism" essays from High School Seniors. Applications are available from the high school guidance counselor or from the rectory office. Essay deadline is February 26, 2018.

Ultrasound Thank You:

We, the Knight of Columbus, Council 2661 would like to thank everyone for their donations for the Heartbeat of Lima Ultrasound Machine Project. A special thank you to Father Ross, Father Jim and Father Kent for their help. The ultrasound is now installed and operational in the downtown office of Heartbeat. The donations totaled over \$11,106.00 dollars from all four parishes and the community. Thank you very much.

SERRA CLUB:

We would be glad to have you come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on February 22nd. Fr. Stephen Dos Santos, CPPS, Director of Vocations Ministry for the Precious Blood Order, will be speaking on "Understanding the Difference Between Diocesan and Religious Life." The evening is sponsored by the Serra Club. We will begin with Mass at LCC High School at 5:45. To make a reservation, please call Marilyn at 567-204-4745.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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ST. GERARD HOLY NAME SOCIETY
FATHER/SON BREAKFAST

Date: Sunday, February 18, 2018

Time: Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass

Place: St. Gerard Parish Hall

Speaker: Mr. Matt Tabler, St. Gerard School Alum, Lima Central Catholic High School Alum and currently Head Basketball Coach at Perry High School.

Matt attended St. Gerard School from K through 8th grade and also graduated from Lima Central Catholic High School. He was a 1999 graduate of Miami University with a Bachelors Degree in Education. He gained his Master's of Curriculum and Instruction in 2014 from the American College of Education. Some of his accomplishments include: CYO basketball; Lettered 2 years at LCC in basketball; Member of the state runner-up 1994 team; Assistant Basketball Coach at LCC, Lima Senior and Waynesfield Goshen; Perry Head Basketball Coach for 11 years; Won 5 NWCC league titles; Coach of the Year in the league 3 times; District 8 Coach of the Year twice; NW Coach of the year once; Division IV Coach of the Year in the State of Ohio in 2017; Career record of 149-96; 2 years as a Referee in the CYO; Founded the Northwest Ohio Youth Basketball League that consists of twelve schools.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN
IN THE COLLECTION BASKET
OR TO THE RECTORY OFFICE.

Every father should remember that one day his son will follow his example instead of his advice.



Yes, I will be attending the Holy Name Father/Son Breakfast on February 18th:

Name/s:

Number attending: _____