

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

Because we believe we can control and create our own world, we attempt to juggle multiple agendas and we pay a price neglecting those closest to us. Too late, we reach the point of asking "Was it worth it?" We really can't serve two masters.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, February 27

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 28

8:30 a.m. Robert Ellinger +

Wednesday, March 1

8:30 a.m. Judy Brennan +
12:10 p.m. Gladys Sharum +
7:00 p.m. Jack Frueh +

Thursday, March 2

8:30 a.m.

Friday, March 3

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 4

8:30 a.m. The Poor Souls
5:00 p.m. Gene Simmons +
Nancy DeGrands +
Dan Hoersten +

Sunday, March 5

8:30 a.m. Steve & Rosena
Verhoff +
11:00 a.m. Joe & Josephine Pike +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

WEBSITE:

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, February 26

FATHER/SON BREAKFAST FOLLOWING 8:30 A.M. MASS

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:30 - 10:50 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

Monday, February 27

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 28

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday

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

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
6:00 p.m. - Lenten Mini-Mission - St. Alphonsus' Stations

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 5

First Sunday of Lent

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
9:30 - 10:50 a.m. - Parish School of Religion
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

St. Gerard School Open House from 12:00-2:00 p.m.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
February, 3rd week On-line: \$1,513.00	\$ 10,964.71	\$ 10,732.19
# of Envelopes	280	266
YTD Totals:	\$ 394,121.46	\$ 369,030.21



LENT 2017

REDEMPTORIST MINI-MISSION

“Walking With Christ and With Each Other”

St. Gerard Church ~ Fridays of Lent ~ 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

- We will begin with the Special Stations of the Cross
- We will then listen to the Mission talk
- Finally, we will receive the Mission Blessing

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



MARCH 3

After Ash Wednesday
Fr. Jim Szobonya

ST. ALPHONSUS’ STATIONS:

As we begin Lent, we join Christ as he carries His cross. We repent of our own sinfulness and seek forgiveness.

MARCH 10

Week I of Lent
Fr. Mike Houston

A YOUNG PERSON’S WAY OF THE CROSS:

Insights into life and suffering from a young person’s perspective which resonate in the lives of every one of us.

MARCH 17

Week II of Lent
Fr. Mike Sergi

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 crosses.

MARCH 24

Week III of Lent
Fr. Mike Houston

EVERYONE’S WAY OF THE CROSS:

This way of the Cross helps us see Christ suffering in so many people in our world, and makes us ask if we neglect or reject Him in the suffering of others.

MARCH 31

Week IV of Lent
Fr. Mike Sergi

A FAMILY WAY OF THE CROSS:

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

APRIL 7

Week V of Lent
Fr. Jim Szobonya

STATIONS OF LIGHT:

The way of the cross continues beyond Good Friday. As the cross led Christ to the Resurrection and Pentecost, we see how the crosses of our lives lead to new life filled by the Spirit.

ATTENTION WOMEN OF THE PARISH:

SAVE THE DATE:

What: Lent by Candlelight

When: March 6, 2017

Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Where: St. Gerard Parish Hall

Theme: *"Way of the Cross"*



Lent by candlelight is a chance for all women of the parish, as well as the Lima community to come and share your faith with other women and take time to reflect on your journey with Christ through Lent. We are asking ladies to volunteer to host a table. When you host a table, you are volunteering to bring a dessert/snack to share with your table and help lead any discussions that may take place at your table. There is no cost to attend and our hope is that you will feel uplifted and ready to continue your journey through Lent. Please call the rectory office at 419-224-3080 if you are willing to host a table.

If you can, please bring a photo of you and your family.

LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE:

Come soar with the Thunderbirds at the Lima Central Catholic High School Open House! Sunday, March 5th from noon to 2:00 p.m. Stop in to tour the campus, meet faculty and staff, explore high school curriculum, learn about College on Campus and receive Financial Aid & Scholarship information. For more information, contact Kayla Nocera, Director of Enrollment at 419-222-4276 ext. 2108 or knocera@apps.lcchs.edu.

LENTEN PACKETS:

With Lent approaching soon, we wanted to offer our parishioners to make a concentrated effort to make Lent a more meaningful experience. You will find "Lenten Packets" at the tables in the sanctuary. Please take the time to pick up a packet and follow the instructions enclosed. Please note that all PSR students, as well as St. Gerard School students will receive their own packet in class. In the packet you will find instructions on how to use this Lenten Calendar and hopefully will guide you to a "conversion" of heart. Let's **all** walk more faithfully with God this Lent.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS:

Spread the word. St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store is stocked with winter clothing, shoes, books, house wares and more and has the lowest prices anywhere! There are new items being put out all the time. It is located at 928 S. Main. They are open Monday-Friday from 12:00-3:00 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 10:00-2:00 p.m.



OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017

12 P.M. – 2 P.M.



🍀 EDUCATING MINDS, HEARTS, AND HANDS 🍀

We would like to invite you to visit St. Gerard Catholic Elementary School where our favorite subject is always the student! This is an opportunity to meet our staff grades PK-8, tour the building, and to learn about the great opportunities available for your child's education. If you have any questions, please contact the school office at (419) 222-0431 or email mtruex@sgslima.org.

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EUCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 4:

5:00 p.m. *D. Griffo, C. Hinds, L. Makley,
M. DeVita, J. Wolf, B. Peebles,
S. Tschuor, Sr. Y. Fischer,
B. VonLehmden, K. Canavan*

Sunday, March 5:

8:30 a.m. *S. Nocera, R. Orwick, E. Orwick,
P. Nutter, B. Pinney, M. Hickey,
N. Jenkins, T. Martin, G. Merkel,
M. Meyer*

11:00 a.m. *V. Carter, C. Coleman, K. Ladden,
R. Karbowski, J. Landwehr,
T. Meyer, S. Morrissey, J. Neville,
F. Thompson, R. Vagades*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

March 4: 5:00 p.m. - *B. Flynn*

March 5: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Kleffner*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

March 4: 5:00 p.m. - *D. Dawson, K. LaRotonda
M. Taflinger*

March 5: 8:30 a.m. - *I. Langhals, C. Bacome,
K. Rigg*
11:00 a.m. - *E. Truex, B. Truex,
B. Bourke*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR MARCH:

We are desperately in need of volunteers!

THANK YOU:

"St. Vincent DePaul would like to thank everyone for their contribution of time, talent and treasure. Your generosity provided food for 3 days to 216 households with 640 individuals in the month of January. With funds collected from all four Catholic parishes, we were able to provide assistance with utilities or other expenses for 26. Thank you so much!

The Lima Central
Catholic Educational
Foundation invites you to

**"Spend An Evening With
Admiral Thomas Lynch"**



Thursday, March 30, 2017

Cocktails - 6:00 p.m.; Dinner - 7:00 p.m. in
The Msgr. E. C. Herr Gymnasium at LCC

Join us as we welcome home Admiral Thomas Lynch
on March 30th.

Make your reservations now by contacting:
Margaret Whitlatch 419-234-6730 or
mwhitlatch.lcc@wcoil.com.

Tables for 8 are available by reservation.
Tickets are also available at the LCC
Business Office school days, 8 am-3pm.
\$50 per person.

Proceeds benefit the LCC Educational Foundation.

LCC ATHLETIC PROJECT WINNERS:

February \$100 winners are: Mary Heringhaus,
Robert Frazier, Mark & Connie Buettner, Ron & Cindy
Freed, Louis & Jan Accero, Rosemarie Jamroz,
Nelda Brunner, Stephanie Watkins. The next
drawing will be March 15th.

The Mulch Madness Fundraiser will start the middle
of March. Thank you for the support you have given
in the past. This fundraiser is for Athletics and Band.

Winter tournaments are starting. Good luck T-Birds!

MONDAYS IN MARCH:

St. Charles Parish, Lima, will be offering their Monday's in March Series beginning March 6th. The Speakers will make their presentations from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

March 6:

"Catholic Social Teaching and the family", presented by Pete Range.

March 13:

"St. Charles Catholic Parish: From Ground to Present", presented by Ken Koester.

March 20:

"Sisters in Shelter - Education on Human Trafficking", presented by Sr. Mary Kuhlman.

March 27:

"Sister Wolf and Brother Finch: Our Kinship with all Creatures in Pope Francis' Laudato Si" - Perspectives from Theology and Science, presented by Dr. Elizabeth Groppe.

Everyone is invited to attend one or all of the sessions.

HEARTBEAT FUNDRAISER:

Heartbeat will have the 5th Annual Chicken BBQ and Fundraising Auction on March 19, 2017 from noon until 3:00 p.m. It will be held at the K of C in Lima. Dinners are \$8 each. We have over 50 wonderful baskets to bid on. Come spend the afternoon and have a delicious chicken dinner with your family and friends and take home a great auction item.

ENGAGED COUPLES WORKSHOP:

"Joy-Filled Marriage" Engaged Couple Workshop

Registration for 2017 is now open! If you are engaged to be married, you'll want to register for this two-part interactive, enjoyable, and comprehensive workshop for engaged couples. This workshop will delve into practical "life skills" as well as the sacramentality of marriage, guided by a dedicated team of married couples and individuals. This also fulfills the "marriage class" component, which is part of the requirements for marriage in the Catholic Church. For more information, visit www.jfmtoledo,eventbrite.com or contact Nick De La Torre at: ndelatorre@toledodiocese.org; 419-244-6711.

Note: The closest Engaged Couples Workshop will be held at St. Charles on Saturday, March 11, 2017.

FORMING NOW:

The Divorced Catholic Recovering from Divorce Program is specifically designed to help divorced/separated Catholics. This 13-week program offers support and addresses the most pressing challenges of divorce. Participants focus on hope and faith in God's plan for recovery and receiving the blessings of our Catholic faith. Sessions begin on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at St. Charles Parish. Contact Rosalyn Liston, 419-999-4210 or auntroro@earthlink.net for further information.

LUCK OF THE IRISH 4-H:

If you are age 9-18 and in grades 3-12, you can join 4-H!

Come to their first meeting of the year. It will be held on Sunday, March 12th at 1:00 p.m. at Westgate Lanes. Information

will be given out during the meeting and those who would like can sign up to join their club. Bowling and getting to know each other will come next. If you have any questions or are interested, please call Elizabeth Goedde at (419) 230-0680.

