

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families, we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, February 26

8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 27

8:30 a.m. Robert Ellinger +

Wednesday, February 28

8:30 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1

8:30 a.m.

Friday, March 2

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 3

8:30 a.m.

5:00 p.m. Harold & Betty
Moore +
Norval & Cecilia
Wannamacher +

Sunday, March 4

8:30 a.m. Paul Keiffer +
Living & Deceased of
the Robert & Leona
Keiffer Family
11:00 a.m. Laurie Snider +
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, February 25

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 26

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 27

Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, February 28

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 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 1

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 2

Mass at 8:30 a.m.
4:00-6:00 p.m. - First Friday Devotions
6:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in Church

Saturday, March 3

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

Sunday, March 4

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Jan. Feb. 2nd week On-line: \$ 1,135.00	\$ 9,438.95	\$ 9,270.59
# of Envelopes	246	244
YTD Totals:	\$ 358,298.02	\$ 364,076.01



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.

*Father,
Help me to see
this holy season of Lent
a time of spiritual renewal,
rather than a time of deprivation.
Motivate me to reach a new level
of experiencing your grace.*



MARCH 9
Pastor Mike Hughes
St. Luke's Lutheran
Church

MARCH 16
Fr. Mike Houston
St. Gerard Church

MARCH 23
Fr. Mike Sergi
St. Gerard 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.

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.

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 2

Pastor Emily Hedrick
Lima Mennonite 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.

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, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland, Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood or Wyandot County* for grades K-8th 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.**

BREAKFAST AT ST. JOHNS:

All are invited to breakfast at St. John's, Lima on Sunday, March 4th from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, coffee and juice will be served. Adults \$4 and children \$2. Under 6 eat free. Carry-outs available.



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. The idea is a simple one that works. We provide one daily meal in a place of learning in order to attract chronically poor children into the classroom, where they receive an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty.

The average worldwide cost for us to feed a child for a whole year is just \$19.50. Where Mary's Meals is provided, there is a rise in school enrollment, attainment and attendance. Whenever possible, Mary's Meals uses locally grown food to support the local economy and help smallholder farmers. To find our more, go to www.marysmeals.org.

SAVE THE DATE:

LENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Date: Monday, March 12, 2018

Time: 7-8:30 p.m.

Place: St. Gerard Parish Hall

Speaker: Fr. Mike Sergi

All women are invited!



Last Minute LENT Ideas:

Give Up:

Sports (you'll survive)

Shoes (pick 1 pair and stick to them, some people don't have shoes)

Music (be silent, listen for God!)

Headphones (don't tune out the world, you'll miss a lesson)

Make-up (ladies, you are made in the image of God)

Jewelry (practice not being so attached to the world.)

Add:

1 hour weekly Adoration

Daily Rosary

Family prayer time

1 hour reading daily (the Bible, auto-biography of a saint, teaching of the church)

Adopt a Priest and pray daily for him

Weekly confession

Become active in an outreach ministry



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.

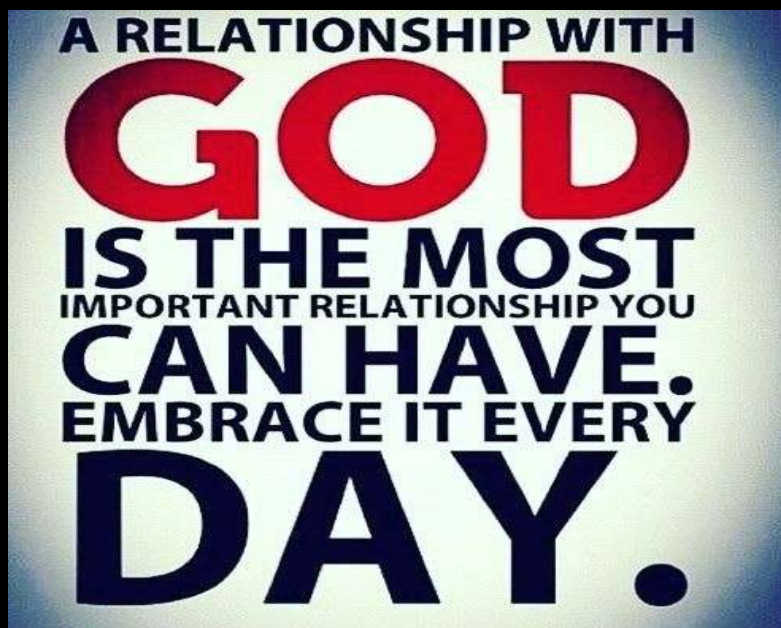
EXTENDED ADORATION

HOURS FOR 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.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:

Saturday, March 3:

5:00 p.m. *M. DeVita, D. Hollingsworth, S. Parker,
J. Hollingsworth, B. VonLehmden,
K. Canavan, M. Hinds, M. Hinegardner,
C. Hinds, D. Griffo*

Sunday, March 4:

8:30 a.m. *T. Sroufe, J. Sroufe, C. Altenbach,
S. Ellinger, P. Huffman, J. Inskeep,
N. Jenkins, J. Korzan, G. Merkel, M. Meyer*

11:00 a.m. *V. Carter, J. Kahle, C. Coleman, M. Ayers,
K. Ladden, J. Landwehr, S. Morrissey,
J. Neville, R. Vagedes, C. Wreede*

LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:

Mar. 3: 5:00 p.m. - *C. Schmenk*

Mar. 4: 8:30 a.m. - *M. Hickey*
11:00 a.m. - *M. Kleffner*

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:

Mar. 3: 5:00 p.m. - *See new schedule*

Mar. 4: 8:30 a.m. - *See new schedule*
11:00 a.m. - *See new schedule*

SACRISTY WORKERS FOR MARCH:

Volunteers Needed!!!

FIRST COMMUNION:

Mustard Seed Gift Shop, located behind St. John the Baptist Church in Glandorf, has a beautiful selection of First Communion dresses and veils in stock. They will also be hosting a First Communion Dress Resale this year, with all donations from the sale supporting Holy Family Radio. The sale will be Tuesday, March 6th through Saturday March 10th. For more information call 419-538-7220.

**PRACTICAL TIPS TO HELP YOU STAY
FOCUSED AT MASS:**

~ **Turn off the car radio on the way to Mass.**

One of the best ways to mentally prepare for Mass is to begin before you arrive. Start clearing out your distractions in advance by spending your drive time to the parish in silence. Turn off the car radio, shut off your phone, and quiet down the conversations if you have others with you in the car. Consciously start making your transition from secular to sacred. Let that silence sink in.

Look for another tip next week ...

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.

SERRA CLUB:

Come be our guest for Mass, dinner and a talk on March 8th. Mike Bialorucki, Seminarian at St. Charles will talk on "Vocation Journey & Life Teen Work." 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 at 5:45 p.m. To make a reservation, please call Marilyn at 567-204-4545.



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SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

12 P.M. – 2 P.M.



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