

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, March 26**

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Fischbach & Murphy Families

**Tuesday, March 27**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, March 28**

8:30 a.m. Robert Wagner +  
6:30 p.m. Bill Martin +

**Thursday, March 29**

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

**Friday, March 30 - Good Friday**

**Saturday, March 31**

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 1**

8:30 a.m. Priests Intentions  
11:00 a.m. Priests Intentions  
1:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

**PALM BRAIDING:**

Come and learn the art of Palm Braiding/Weaving. We will be offering this lesson after all of the Masses this weekend. 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, 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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

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

**Monday, March 26 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

6-7 p.m. - Confessions in church

**Tuesday, March 27 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

6-7 p.m. - Confessions in church

**Wednesday, March 28 - Mass at 8:30 a.m.**

1:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

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

6-7 p.m. - Confessions in church

**Thursday, March 29 - 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, March 30 - 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

2-2:45 p.m. - Confessions in church

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

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

**Saturday, March 31 - Holy Saturday**

8:30 a.m. - Tenebrae Service

9:00 a.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (In the Divine Mercy Alcove)

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 1 - EASTER SUNDAY**

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

9:00 a.m. - NO RCIA classes in the RCIA Rm. in Cafeteria Bldg.

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

1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

*Thank you!*

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
March, 3rd week	\$ 10,521.53	\$ 8,860.01
On-line: \$ 1,335.00		
# of Envelopes	237	220
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 411,356.35</b>	<b>\$417,735.22</b>

# DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 8 at 3PM

Divine Mercy Chaplet begins at 3PM

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 2PM**

**Day 1 – 3/30 – Good Friday:** *Today bring to Me* all mankind, especially all sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.

**Day 2 – 3/31 – Holy Saturday:** *Today bring to Me* the souls of priests and religious, and immerse them in My unfathomable mercy.

**Day 3 – 4/1 – Easter Sunday:** *Today bring to Me* all devout and faithful souls, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy.

**Day 4 – 4/2:** *Today bring to Me* those who do not believe in God and those who do not yet know Me.

**Day 5 – 4/3:** *Today bring to Me* the souls of those who have separated themselves from the Church.

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

**Day 7 – 4/5:** *Today bring to Me* the souls who especially venerate and glorify My Mercy and immerse them in My mercy.

**Day 8 – 4/6:** *Today bring to Me* the souls who are detained in purgatory and immerse them in the abyss of My mercy.

**Day 9 – 4/7:** *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.*

## HOLY WEEK - 2018

**Sunday, March 25, Palm Sunday** - The children will lead us in procession, remembering the triumphant entry of Christ into Jerusalem. All of us will participate in reading the Passion Gospel according to St. Mark.

### Monday, March 26

8:30 a.m. Mass,  
6-7 p.m. Confessions

### Tuesday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Mass  
11:00 a.m. Chrism Mass in Toledo  
6-7 p.m. Confessions

### Wednesday, March 28

8:30 a.m. Mass  
1:00 p.m. Novena  
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Confessions  
6:00 p.m. Rosary and Benediction  
6:30 p.m. Mass



## Holy Thursday, March 29

7:00 p.m. **Mass of the Lord's Supper**  
Tonight we celebrate the first Eucharist when Christ changed bread and wine into his body and blood. The priest, as Christ did, will wash the feet of 12 members of the parish. Our priests will renew their vows on this feast of the institution of the priesthood. Adoration until 11:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Misa de La Cena del Señor (Español)  
Commemoracion de la institucion de la Eucaristia en la capilla de la rectoria

## Good Friday, March 30

8:30 a.m. **Tenebrae Service.** Tenebrae means "Shadows". This is a time of quiet meditation using the Psalms reflecting on the death of Christ. Lighted candles are extinguished one by one as life ebbs from our dying Savior. A beautiful funeral or wake service for our Lord.

Noon **Marian Way of the Cross**  
Walk the road to Calvary through the eyes of Mary. A beautiful, moving communal prayer led by women of the Parish.

1:00 p.m. **The Seven Last Words of Christ** – Prayer and song with meditations on Christ's Last words on the Cross. Feel the impact in your own life.

2:00 p.m. **Divine Mercy Novena** – Will be held in the Divine Mercy Alcove.



- 2:00-2:45 Confessions will be heard.
- 3:00 p.m. **Celebration of the Lord's Passion** — Jesus died at 3:00 p.m. We come together to pray, sing and enter into this solemn moment. Dialogue Reading of the Passion, Adoration of the Cross, Communion.
- 6:00 p.m. **Viernes Santo de la pasión del Señor** (Español) Evangelio de la pasión, Adoracion de la Santa Cruz, Sagrada Comunion.
- 7:00 p.m. **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross** — Join other Christians to walk the Stations of the Cross, written by Pope John Paul II. We will be starting at St. Rose Church, then to St. Luke's Lutheran Church and ending at Trinity Methodist Church.

### **Holy Saturday, March 31**

- 8:30 a.m. **Tenebrae Service** - Tenebrae means "Shadows". This is a time of quiet meditation using the Psalms reflecting on the death of Christ. Lighted candles are extinguished one by one as life ebbs from our dying Savior. A beautiful funeral or wake service for our Lord.
- 9:00 a.m. **Divine Mercy Novena** - Will be held in the Divine Mercy Alcove.
- 8:00 p.m. **The Easter Vigil** - This is the most important and most beautiful liturgy of the Church Year. Our salvation occurs through the death and resurrection of Christ. We keep vigil with Christ as we await his resurrection.
- At this service, the Paschal (Easter) Candle is blessed in a beautiful and moving ceremony. From the Paschal Candle, candles held by everyone in the congregation are lit, as the Light of the Risen Christ fills the Church and our hearts.
  - We hear readings from the Old and New Testaments showing the action of God throughout history leading to Christ.
  - New members of the Church are baptized and welcomed to our community.
  - Bells are rung as we sing the Glory to God ending Lent and celebrating our new life in the Risen Christ. Alleluia!

### **Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord, April 1**

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass of the Resurrection.** The Adult Bell choir will ring in Easter with us.
- 11:00 a.m. **Mass of the Resurrection.**
- 1:30 p.m. **Mass of the Resurrection.** (Spanish)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, March 31:**

8:00 p.m. *B. VonLehmden, D. Griffio, M. Hinegardner,  
Mike Hinegardner, L. Makley, S. Parker,  
J. Wolff, C. Hinds, M. Hinds, J. Stewart*

**Sunday, April 1:**

8:30 a.m. *J. Korzan, B. Pinney, M. Hickey, S. Ellinger,  
C. Altenbach, J. Place, T. Place, P. Huffman,  
J. Inskip, N. Jenkins*

11:00 a.m. *R. Carder, C. Coleman, J. Landwehr,  
C. Wreede, S. Morrissey, J. Neville, K. Ladden,  
R. Karbowski, D. Vondrell, G. Vondrell*

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Mar. 31:** 5:00 p.m. -

**April 1:** 8:30 a.m. - *M. Kleffner*  
11:00 a.m. - *S. Silone*

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Mar. 31:** 5:00 p.m. - *N. Chambers, H. Chambers*  
*Volunteers Needed (5 total)*

**April 1:** 8:30 a.m. - *E. Martin, D. Martin, Volunteer*  
*Needed*  
11:00 a.m. - *Volunteers Needed*

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR APRIL:**

*Jean Sroufe, Annette Moorman*

**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@sghlima.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. To apply online or for more information about the program, visit [www.nosf.org](http://www.nosf.org) or contact the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund office at 419-720-7048. **The deadline to apply is Friday, April 27, 2018.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:**

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Store is in need of volunteers to help sort and display clothing and household items in the store. An hour or two once a week or once a month would be a great help. Store hours are noon to 3:40 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**ANNUAL APPEAL:**

There is still time to give to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Look for the envelopes in the pews and make your donation!

**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**. Call Cami Jacobs at LCC for ticket info.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:**

The contributions you make through the Good Friday Collection make possible the programs that support Christians in the Holy Land. Please be generous.





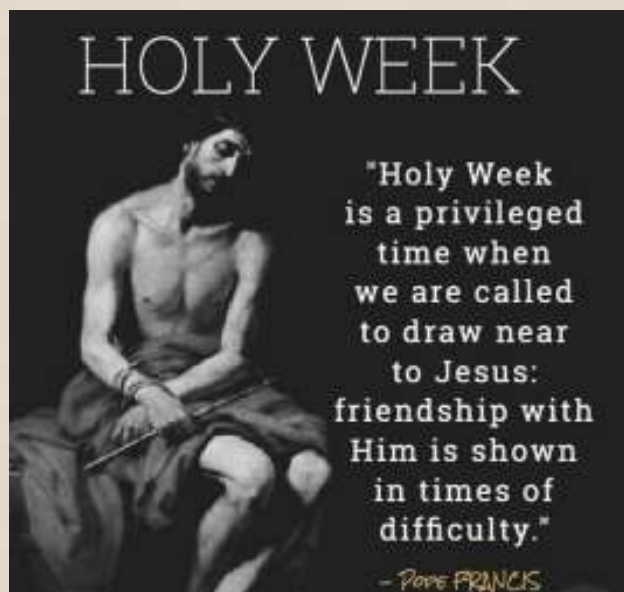
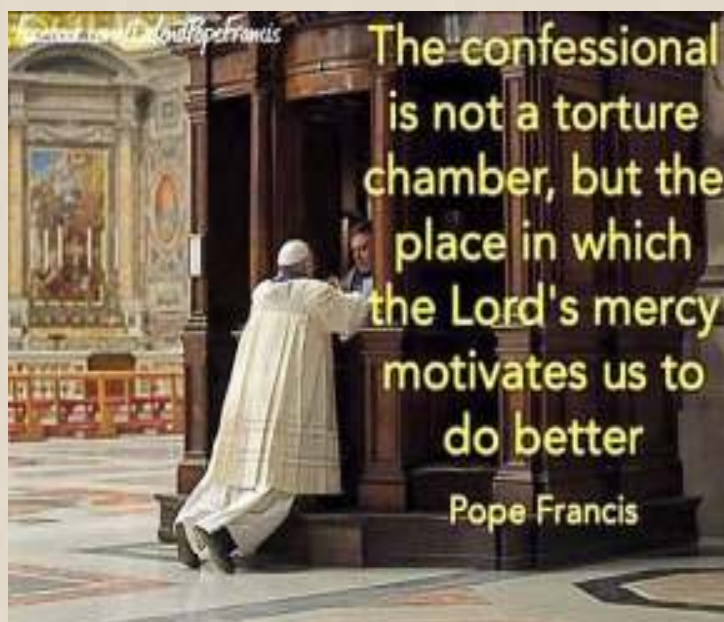
**SPIRITUAL FORMATION:**

The Spiritual Formation Committee will be holding a book reading/bible study mid April. The book we have chosen is **Divine Mercy by Stephen J. Binz** of the Threshold Bible Study series. The book can be found via the internet at Amazon and many other stores. We will hold the book reading after the 11 am Mass on Sundays and we will discuss the book for approximately 1.5 to 2 hours. Anyone interested and has questions, please call Melinda Blanchard at 567-252-8748. We all hope you can join us for some sharing and discussion.

**MARCH:** Month dedicated to St. Joseph.

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for March:**  
***Formation in Spiritual Discernment:***

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian level.



**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. This is the final week they will be in church. ***As an active member of St. Gerard Church, we encourage all parishioners to use their envelopes regularly. Thank you.***

**BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE:**

Our Rosary/Altar Society will have their annual Bake Sale and Raffle **TODAY** in the Parish Hall. Hope to see you there.

