

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:

"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today's gospel through merciful and forgiving demonstrated by their parents.

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

Monday, April 20

8:30 a.m. - People of St. Gerard Parish

Tuesday, April 21

8:30 a.m. - Stan Backus +
Edmundo Singian +
Living & Deceased of
the Singian & Reyes families

Wednesday, April 22

8:30 a.m. -

Thursday, April 23

8:30 a.m. -

Friday, April 24

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased of the
Metzger & Gremling
Families

Saturday, April 25

8:30 a.m. -

5:00 p.m. - Jeff Geise +
Sharon Daley-Geier,
Barb Daley, Susan Daley+

Sunday, April 26

8:30 a.m. - Dan Walsh +
Living & Deceased of the Kuss
& Decker Families
Jack & Mildred Pohlabel +
11:00 a.m. - Norval & Cecelia
Wannemacher +
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:

Sunday, April 19

Masses at 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Online only)
9:00-10:30 a.m. - NO RCIA classes in the Cafeteria
9:30 - 10:45 a.m. - Parish School of Religion classes CANCELLED
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass (Online only)

Monday, April 20

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6:00-7:30 p.m. - **NO DVD SESSIONS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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FINANCIAL REPORT:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
April, 1st week On-line: \$4,728.00	\$ 10,785.55	\$ 14,343.00
# of Envelopes	262	155
YTD Totals:	\$ 440,336.06	\$ 426,997.50

During this time of uncertainty, we ask that you please continue to support St. Gerard Church by sending in your weekly offertory donations, signing up to give online or consider giving a monthly donation. Thank you.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

LITANY OF MERCY

I have to earn Your love

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that I am unlovable

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the false security that I have what it takes

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear that trusting You will leave me more destitute

Deliver me, Jesus.



From all suspicion of Your words and promises

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the rebellion against childlike dependency on You

Deliver me, Jesus.

From refusals and reluctances in accepting Your will

Deliver me, Jesus.

From anxiety about the future

Deliver me, Jesus.

From resentment or excessive preoccupation with the past

Deliver me, Jesus.

From restless self-seeking in the present moment

Deliver me Jesus.

From disbelief in Your love and presence

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of being asked to give more than I have

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the belief that my life has no meaning or worth

Deliver me, Jesus.

From the fear of what love demands

Deliver me, Jesus.

From discouragement

Deliver me, Jesus.

That You are continually holding me, sustaining me, loving me

Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your love goes deeper than my sins and failings and transforms me.

Jesus, I trust in You.

That not knowing what tomorrow brings is an invitation to lean on You

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are with me in my suffering

Jesus, I trust in You.

That my suffering, united to Your own, will bear fruit in this life and the next

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You will not leave me orphan, that You are present in Your Church

Jesus, I trust in You.

That Your plan is better than anything else

Jesus, I trust in You.

That you always hear me and in Your goodness always respond to me

Jesus, I trust in You.

That you give me the grace to accept forgiveness and to forgive others

Jesus, I trust in You.

That you give me all the strength I need for what is asked

Jesus, I trust in You.

That my life is a gift

Jesus, I trust in You.

That you will teach me to trust You

Jesus, I trust in You.

That You are my Lord and my God

Jesus, I trust in You.

That I am Your beloved one

Jesus, I trust in You.



ST. GERARD PRAYER REQUESTS:

Requests for prayers, or if you would like to become a prayer warrior, email your request to:

stgprayerchain@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 419-224-3080. A team of prayer warriors will pray daily for all the requests for 30 days.

Requests for prayers are kept confidential and last name need not be given.



A PRAYER DURING COVID 19:

Loving, ever-living and compassionate God,

You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement,

May we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died.

You are a light that shines in the darkest times,

Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.

You comfort us in times of fear,

May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,

May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.

You move our hearts to acts of generosity,

May we be led to share what we have with those in need.

God of life,

We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,

May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.

Amen.



Prayer: Linda Jones-CAFOD

THANK YOU!

Special thanks to all of those involved in making our Easter liturgies so meaningful.

Thanks to our organist David Stein and our soloist Deanna Cira for their beautiful music.

Special thanks to John Christoff for all of his help preparing the liturgies. Thanks to the priests, novices and friends for their help in decorating the church.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR REDEMPTORIST VOCATIONS:

Send forth Your Spirit, Lord, into the hearts of Your faithful people, that we may be conscious of our vocation to holiness and service to others. Grant that many of us may dedicate ourselves to You through the priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries.



We pray for the needs of our parish and diocese. Grant that we may always have sufficient good and holy priests and deacons, dedicated sisters and brothers, and committed lay ministers to serve our communities.

We pray too for the Redemptorists, that generous men may join them to become zealous missionaries, preaching the Gospel in word and action to the most abandoned, especially the poor.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

NOVENA PRAYER
TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ADAPTED TO BE PRAYED IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION



Mother of Perpetual Help,
with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture
to beseech your intercession.

We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross.
Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony.
But your joy was great when He rose from the dead,
victorious over the powers of evil.

Mother of Sorrows,
pray for us in this time of trial.

Help us not to lose heart.
Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus. Comfort your
people who are vulnerable and anxious.
Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk.
Inspire our leaders to make good decisions.
Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly.

Teach us to trust in God's love and mercy
and to share with you the joy
of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life.
Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER:

Just a reminder that our church is open from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday for Individual Private Prayer.

VIDEO STREAMING:

Is your family taking advantage of watching Mass online with us? We hope your family is joining us and participating in the Mass. Our webcam is on 24 hours a day.

FACEBOOK:

Social media is so important at this time in our lives. If you have not checked out our Facebook page, please do! Just look up St. Gerard Church and be sure to like us! Brother Dan shares a beautiful daily reflection each day on our facebook page. You will also find and updates concerning St. Gerard on this page.

ONLINE GIVING:

On-line giving is a great alternative to using your envelopes. It's easy to sign-up and you can do so by going to our website at: www.stgerardchurch.org and click on the on-line giving tab.

- **Safety.** In times when there are concerns about exposure to disease or spreading of a virus, Online Giving is a convenient option to continue to support your church and its mission.
- **Forget your envelope?** Use Online Giving to keep up on offertory. Go to our church website and click on the Online Giving link, it's quick and easy.
- **Make giving easier.** Visit your church website on your mobile device, click the Online Giving link, and begin giving.
- **Manage gifts.** Another easy way to manage your church giving is with Online Giving. You can manage your giving or give a one-time gift right from your phone.

Your support during the year helps sustain our church.

**** Please note that the Parish Office is open from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.****

ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:

PLEDGES TO DATE

Amount Pledged: \$986,738.52
Amount Paid: \$852,234.23

Outstanding Balance:
\$134,504.29

Goal: \$1,000,000.00

Only \$13,261.48 to go before we reach our goal!

Thank you to those who have sent in their envelope or dropped them off to the Parish Office. We have also had a nice increase of parishioners sign-up for online giving! We greatly appreciate it!

If you would like to mail in your offertory contributions, please send them to:

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