

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

In order to be with the people, today's gospel tells us "Jesus came down the mountain and stood on level ground." World Marriage Day reminds us marriage is not lived on the lofty mountain tops, but in the nitty-gritty of everyday life.

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, Feb. 15**

8:30 a.m. Jean Ann Gross Patton +

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 17**

8:30 a.m. Larry Cox +  
Kamryn Cunningham +  
Richard, Frances &  
Rosemary Gerdeman +

7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Feb. 18**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, Feb. 19**

8:30 a.m.

**Saturday, Feb. 20**

8:30 a.m.  
5:30 p.m. Prison Mass - People of  
the Parish  
5:00 p.m. Albert Grossi +

**Sunday, Feb. 21**

8:30 a.m. Sonny Ryan +  
11:00 a.m. Mildred & Armin Diller +

**MISSION COLLECTION:**

Next Sunday, our parish will take up the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Your financial contribution helps to support Catholic communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. Your donation funds evangelization programs to strengthen the faith, continue the legacy and share the mission with children and adults here in the United States.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, Feb. 14**

**HOLY NAME FATHER/SON BREAKFAST**

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

NO Parish School of Religion

No coffee & doughnuts

**Tuesday, Feb. 16**

Noon - Rosary/Altar to meet in church to pray the

Rosary, then lunch at the Casa Lu Al

5:00 p.m. - Mardi Gras Celebration in the Parish Hall

7:00 p.m. - Bell Choir Practice in Church

**Wednesday, Feb. 17 - ASH WEDNESDAY**

Masses at 8:30 & 7:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

**Thursday, Feb. 18**

2:00-7:00 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration

7:15 - 8:45 p.m. - Vocal Choir Practice in Church

**Saturday, Feb. 20**

10:00 a.m. - First Reconciliation in Church

5:00 p.m. - Mass

**Sunday, Feb. 21**

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

9:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. - Parish School of Religion

9:30 - noon - Coffee & doughnuts in the cafeteria



**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

<b>Budgeted Year to Date:</b>	<b>\$390,400.00</b>
<b>Actual Year to Date:</b>	<b>\$374,059.91</b>
<b>Under Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 16,340.09</b>
<b>Last Sunday's Collection (02/07/10):</b>	<b>\$ 10,078.39</b>

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:**

Please join us on **Fridays during Lent**, beginning **February 19th and continuing through Friday, March 26th** in the Parish

Hall for a simple supper of soup and rolls, dessert and refreshments, and of course, fellowship. Various groups from our parish have volunteered to prepare these Soup Suppers for us. The donation, the price of a meal you would have spent at home or in a restaurant, will be forwarded to **CRS (Catholic Relief Services) and sent directly to our hungry brothers and sisters in Haiti.** Soup Suppers will be served at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You are most welcome to join us afterwards in church at 7:00 p.m. for the Stations of the Cross.



**A MESSAGE FROM FR. JIM:**

**"Create a new heart in me, O God.":**

The Lenten Season will shortly be upon us . . . Ash Wednesday will fall on February 17th. As we continue to try to cope with the devastating death and destruction in Haiti, perhaps this Lent will take on a different meaning for us. In a little over 11 seconds, the lives of more than 150,000 came to a tragic and horrific end. The sadness of this event was overwhelming for all of us. The powerful response of a caring world demonstrates once again, the basic goodness of humankind. Everyone, everywhere, from the youngest to the oldest, to the famous and not so famous, attempted to respond as best they could. God reaches through the most tragic situations to call out the best in all of us.

Lent is a time to step back and gently look at our lives; to ask ourselves what needs to be improved upon, what needs to die inside of me, and where am I called to grow and change. Be gentle with yourselves this Lent, just as God is gentle with each one of us.

In Christ,

Fr. Jim



**WELCOME:**

A warm welcome to Fr. Patrick Toner and the 8th grade Confirmation Class from St. Joseph Parish in Plain City, Ohio. Fr. Toner and the confirmation students will be coming to the Redemptorist Spirituality Center on Friday, Feb. 19th for an overnight retreat as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will be joining us for our 1st Lenten Soup Supper! Please make them feel welcome and keep them in your prayers as they make their retreat with us.

**HEARTBEAT OF LIMA:**

Please support **Heartbeat of Lima**, which provides Pregnancy Counseling and other related services throughout the Lima and surrounding areas.

During 4 weeks of Lent, we as a parish community will have the opportunity to take home plastic baby bottles to be filled with our loose change to help raise money for this great organization here in our own hometown. The entire parish, including the school and our PSR Program will all be

participating in the 4 week program.



Plastic baby bottles will be available in church the weekend of **February 20th and 21st**. We ask that the bottles be returned to the church, the school or PSR no later than the weekend of **March 20th and 21st**.

**ST. GERARD AUCTION & PASTA DINNER:**

Mark your calendars now . . . ***March 20th*** will be the annual Auction & Pasta Dinner. More information to come soon.

**LENTEN CLASSES ON  
THE EVENTS OF HOLY  
WEEK:**

Fr. Joy is offering classes on the Passion Narrative (Events of Holy Week) according to St. John.



This is to help us understand how Jesus embraced the events of Holy Week, the Passion, Suffering, Death and Resurrection and its significance for us. These sessions will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall beginning February 23rd.

**Series Schedule:**

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| Feb. 23 ~ | Introduction and Comparative Study with Mathew's Passion Narrative and its Structure. |
| Mar. 2 ~  | A Brief Grammar of Honor and Shame of the Cross                                       |
| Mar. 9 ~  | Irony: Turning Shame into Honor (Cross into Redemption).                              |
| Mar. 16 ~ | Why of Jewish and Roman Trial for Jesus.  |
| Mar. 23 ~ | The Trial of Jesus before Pilate and the Struggle between Pilate and the Crowd.       |
| Mar. 30 ~ | Conclusion, Final Observations and its Significance for us.                           |

**A NOTE FROM SR. JUDY:**

**Lenten Worship:**

Please note that during Lent, we will sing a Common Psalm - Ps. 51. The Response is on page 178, A in the Missalette. Also, we will omit the Profession of Faith at weekend Masses. Both practices are suggested in the Roman Missal Guidelines.

The Tiffin Franciscan Sisters ask for your prayers during their week of business and election of leadership meetings being held February 20-27, 2010.

**SCHOOL NEWS:**



Mardi Gras Celebration and Art Night will be held in the Parish Hall, the gym and middle school on February 16th from 5-9 p.m. Come and have some jambalaya and enjoy the talents of the St. Gerard School students. All are welcome!

St. Gerard First Steps Preschool accepts students from age 3 1/2 to age 5. We have preschool morning and afternoon sessions Monday through Friday. When students aren't in the preschool class, they may use the Extended Day program between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Come to our Open House on March 6th from 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

**MARY'S ALTAR:**

The candle on Mary's Altar has been lit in memory of the deceased members of the Stippich & O'Neill Families.



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, Feb. 20:**

5:00 p.m. B. Peebles, M. DeVita, K. Polser,  
L. Lammers, S. Lammers, B. Muskus,  
A. Compton, M. Doorley

**Sunday, Feb. 21:**

8:30 a.m. P. Huffman, M. Gerdeman, R. Martin,  
C. Coleman, N. Jenkins, R. Jenkins,  
M. Meyer, M. King  
11:00 a.m. E. Pina, S. Dew, K. Ladden, S. Cole,  
J. Neville, G. Petrilla, D. Baker, T. Luchini

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Feb. 20:** 5:00 p.m. - Stan Sites  
**Feb. 21:** 8:30 a.m. - Vince Koza  
11:00 a.m. - Mark Kleffner

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR FEBRUARY:**

Rita Casey, Mary Lou Bryan, Julia Ryan

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Feb. 20:** 5:00 p.m. - D. & J. Kesner, I. Friesner  
**Feb. 21:** 8:30 a.m. - L. Korzan, R. & R. Altenbach  
11:00 a.m. - A. Warner, B. Rumer,  
L. Huysman

**THANK YOU:**

The family of *Evelyn O'Brien* would like to thank the ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society for preparing and serving the luncheon on the day of her funeral. It was most appreciated.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY:**

Tired of feeling like something is missing in your life? Have you been hurt and struggle to deal with the pain? Are you struggling with an addiction, depression or anger? Give yourself permission to let go of your past and find healing in this life-changing Christian recovery program. Join us on the road to celebrate recovery! These classes are being held every Wednesday from 6-8:00 p.m. at St. John's Parish, 777 S. Main St., Lima. Visit them on the web at: [www.celebraterecovery.com](http://www.celebraterecovery.com).



**ST. CHARLES HOSTS LADIES NIGHT OUT:**

St. Charles School is hosting Ladies Night Out on Saturday, Feb. 27th from 6:15 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Price is \$15 per person which includes hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a gourmet salad bar. Beverages available at no charge. All ladies are invited!

**STROKE SCREENING:**

A Life Line Screening is coming to St. Gerard on Friday, February 26, 2010. Pre-registration is required. Please call 1-800-324-1851 to learn more about the tests being performed and their fees.

**ST. GERARD PRAYER CHAIN:**

For prayer requests, please call Barbara at 419-229-2110 or Sis at 419-228-6971.

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**Lima Catholic Community  
Christ Renews His People  
Men's Retreat ~ Feb. 27, 2010**