

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

Jesus was led by the Spirit into "the wilderness." What is the wilderness to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Are there uncharted areas in your marriage or family you avoid? Lent is not about working on our agenda, but letting God work His agenda in us.

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, Feb. 22**

8:30 a.m. Kevin Nartker +

**Tuesday, Feb. 23**

8:30 a.m.

**Wednesday, Feb. 24**

8:30 a.m. Bill & Carolyn Bailey +

**Thursday, Feb. 25**

8:30 a.m.

**Friday, Feb. 26**

8:30 a.m. Peg Kanode +

**Saturday, Feb. 27**

8:30 a.m.

5:30 p.m. Prison Mass - People of the Parish

5:00 p.m. Robert Ellinger +

**Sunday, Feb. 28**

8:30 a.m. Virgil & Clara Brinkman +

11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of the Swiderski Family

**HUNGRY??? HOW ABOUT SOME JAMBALAYA?:**

Due to the weather, our Mardi Gras Celebration had to be cancelled. So...



we are going to have carry-out dinners of Jambalaya available this weekend after the Mass on Saturday, as well as the 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday. Stop over and purchase some delicious jambalaya!

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**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



**Monday, Feb. 22**

1:00 p.m. - Bereavement Group to meet in the Parish Hall

**Tuesday, Feb. 23**

Grandparents to lunch day at St. Gerard School

6:30 p.m. - Fr. Joy's Lenten Class - All are welcome!

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

7:30 p.m. - Holy Name Social in the Parish Hall

**Wednesday, Feb. 24**

2:00 p.m. - OLPH Novena

**Thursday, Feb. 25**

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

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

**Friday, Feb. 26**

9:00-4:00 p.m. - Life Line Screening in the Parish Hall

1:45 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in Church

6:00 p.m. - Lenten Soup Supper

7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in Church

**Saturday, Feb. 27**

5:00 p.m. - Mass

**Sunday, Feb. 28**

**8:00 - 1:00 p.m. - Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast in Caf.**

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

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

NO Coffee & doughnuts in the cafeteria

**PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT:**

<b>Budgeted Year to Date:</b>	<b>\$402,600.00</b>
<b>Actual Year to Date:</b>	<b>\$386,037.27</b>
<b>Under Budget:</b>	<b>\$ 16,562.73</b>
<b>Last Sunday's Collection (02/14/10):</b>	<b>\$ 11,977.36</b>

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS:**

Please join us on **Fridays during Lent**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall for a simple supper of soup and rolls, dessert and refreshments, and of course, fellowship. The donation, the price of a meal you would have spent at home or in a restaurant, will be forwarded to **CRS and sent directly to our hungry brothers and sisters in Haiti**. You are most welcome to join us afterwards in church at **7:00 p.m.** for the Stations of the Cross.



**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:**

- 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.

**CHRP MEN'S RETREAT:**

The Men's Christ Renews His Parish Men's group will be coming to the Redemptorist Spirituality Center for their retreat on February 27-28th. This retreat is open to all Catholic Men in the Lima area. For more information or a registration form, please contact the rectory office.

**HEARTBEAT OF LIMA:**

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

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 this weekend. We ask that the bottles be returned to the church, the school or PSR no later than the weekend of **March 20th and 21st**.



**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 AUCTION & PASTA DINNER:**

Mark your calendars now . . . ***March 20th*** will be the annual Auction & Pasta Dinner. The auction will have something for everyone! Come and join us for an evening of fun and celebration! We serve a great homemade pasta dinner. There are many items available in the parish hall - you walk around and check bid sheets, adding your number and bid to your favorite items. The exciting live auction starts at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Even if you have never attended an auction ~ you should come! It is fun to watch and listen ~ you might even want to join in!

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**Please keep in your prayers our 2nd graders from St. Gerard School and our Parish School of Religion as they made their First Penance this weekend.**

**A NOTE FROM SR. JUDY & DEANNA CIRA:**

*A Cantor/Lector Seminar is scheduled for March 20, 2010 in the morning. Please mark your calendars now and plan on attending. More information will be coming. Thank you.*



**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE:**

**Saturday, Feb. 27:**

5:00 p.m. Mike Hinegardner, M. Hinegardner, K. Canavan, J. Stewart, J. Cortez, L. Makley, C. Hinds, M.J. Krause

**Sunday, Feb. 28:**

8:30 a.m. P. Leugers, S. Ellinger, C. Wright, S. Martin, G. Merkel, D. Coon, M. Hickey, B. Pinney  
11:00 a.m. J. Landwehr, J. Neville, G. Petrilla, S. Morrissey, C. Diaz, M. Sauer, N. Banaticla, M. Smith

**LECTOR'S SCHEDULE:**

**Feb. 27:** 5:00 p.m. - Margot Keller

**Feb. 28:** 8:30 a.m. - Nicole Thomas

11:00 a.m. - Sheila Silone

**SACRISTY WORKERS FOR FEBRUARY:**

Rita Casey, Mary Lou Bryan, Julia Ryan

**ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE:**

**Feb. 27:** 5:00 p.m. - E. McNamara, N. Snider, R. Recker

**Feb. 28:** 8:30 a.m. - M. Hoffman, E. Andrews, J. Hollar

11:00 a.m. - S. Rex, L. Shultz, C. Tarbet

**Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010**

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23; Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34; Mt 6:7-15

Wed.: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27; Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

**PATRIOTISM ESSAYS:**

The 4th Degree K of C is accepting "patriotism" essays from High School Seniors. Applications are available from your high school guidance counselor or from the church office. Essay deadline is March 2, 2010.

**SCHOOL NEWS:**

St. Gerard School students have Stations of the Cross every Friday of Lent at 1:45 p.m. in church. If you can't make it to the evening Stations of the Cross or would just like to participate with the students, you are welcome to join us!



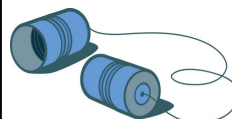
If you haven't been in the St. Gerard School buildings in awhile, please stop by our **Open House** on **March 6th** from 2:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Students will be on hand to give tours. Teachers and staff will answer any questions you may have. St. Gerard School offers bussing from Lima City, Elida, Bath and Shawnee public school districts.

**PSR NEWS:**

The response of our PSR children to the plight of the people of Haiti was overwhelming! With money drives, a bake sale and food and clothing collections, the students raised **\$633.13** and gathered 20 bags of groceries, diapers, toiletries and clothing. Congratulations to all involved! We are very grateful to our parish community for its generosity in supporting these fundraising drives!

**MARY'S ALTAR:**

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



Spread the Word

**Please join us for morning prayer each weekday at 8:00 a.m. in church.**

**Stations of the Cross are offered every Friday at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Hope to see you there!**

**HOLY NAME NEWS:**

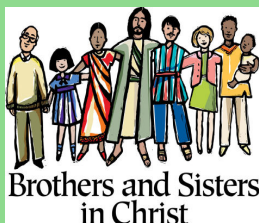
Last Sunday was the Annual Father/Son Breakfast. John Mangas, John Byrne and crew did a wonderful job cooking and the food was enjoyed by all. Ric Stolly did a super job as M.C. We thank our speaker, Mr. Ron Neikamp, Head Basketball Coach at the University of Findlay for his presentation. The Honorees this year were:

***Deacon Elias Pina***  
***Mr. Don Brackman***  
***Mr. Jerry O'Connor, posthumously.***

This is a great event for dads and sons to do something together. Make plans now to attend next years banquet held the 2nd Sunday in February.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:**

"Let everything that has breath praise God." All are invited to St. Charles Church, Lima on Friday, March 5th for a Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be held at 11:30 p.m. with a Celebration planned at 12:30 p.m. All are invited!



**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!

**ST. GERARD PRAYER CHAIN:**

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

**THEOLOGY ON TAP IN LIMA:**

Our next Theology on Tap evening will be **Tuesday, March 9th. Kyle Cutter**, a recent grad from BGSU will speak on "Our Lady." He was highly recommended by Fr. Mike Dandurand to come and speak. This is a night for all young adults. Please come at 6:30 to Westgate Bowling Alley, Private room and share in an evening of food, fun and faith.

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