

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*The cruel death of Jesus tells us bad things can and do happen to very good people. It also tells us God is present during the suffering. Bad things happen but God does not abandon us.*



**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

(Masses can be viewed online at: [www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org). Please click on the Live Webcast icon).

**Monday, April 6**

8:30 a.m. - Louis Acerro +

**Tuesday, April 7**

8:30 a.m. -

**Wednesday, April 8**

8:30 a.m. - Robert & Eloise Maag +  
For our Priests, Brother,  
& Novices of St. Gerard

**Thursday, April 9**

7:00 p.m. - Special Intentions

**Friday, April 10**

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

**Saturday, April 11**

8:00 p.m. - Special Intentions

**Sunday, April 12**

8:30 a.m. - Special Intentions

11:00 a.m. - Special Intentions

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday**

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

**Monday, April 6**

Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Online only)

6:00 p.m. - Confessions in church

**Tuesday, April 7 - Mass at 8:30 a.m. - (Online only)**

6:00 p.m. - Confessions in church

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

**Wednesday, April 8**

Mass at 8:30 a.m. (Online only)

6:00 p.m. - Confessions in church

**Thursday, April 9 - HOLY THURSDAY**

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Online only)

**Friday, April 10 - GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00 p.m. - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Online only)

**Saturday, April 11 - HOLY SATURDAY**

8:00 p.m. - EASTER VIGIL (Online only)

**Sunday, April 12 - EASTER SUNDAY**

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
March, 4th week On-line: \$2,167.00	\$ 10,200.75	\$ 3,562.00
# of Envelopes	256	68
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 419,466.95</b>	<b>\$ 402,703.50</b>

**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.**

### 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.



Blessed palms will be available for pickup at the two church entrances, from Noon-5:00 p.m. on Palm Sunday. (They will be available all week).



Spend Holy Week with us at:  
[www.stgerardchurch.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.org)

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## FAITH AT HOME

It's FREE at  
[www.stgerardchurch.formed.org](http://www.stgerardchurch.formed.org)



### PRAY

Daily Rosary with Dr. Tim Gray

Divine Mercy Chaplet with the Franciscan Friars

Watch Daily Mass video

### ENGAGE

Pick a Saint for the day and watch their content!

Choose an audio drama for the whole family to listen along to

Dedicate 1 hour of television time to FORMED



### JOIN

FORMED Live: Bible Studies

Sunday Mass live at 10am, recording available

Learn from Augustine Institute professors in the Faith at Home Collection!



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.



## #PrayForTheWorld

LET US PRAY FOR THE PANDEMIC TO END

### PALM SUNDAY:

We know that many of you will want to be able to have palms for your homes. We will have blessed palms available at the two church entrances until Holy Thursday. On Sunday, the doors will be open from noon until 5:00 p.m. and during the week they will be available from 9:30 to 5:00 p.m. Please practice social distancing when picking them up.

### CONFESSIONS:

Confessions can be heard during Holy Week at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Again, we ask that you be considerate of anyone else in the church and keep your distance.

### 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.

### LENT AT HOME:

Given the many challenges facing today's families, now is the perfect time and home is the perfect place to experience Lent. After all, home is where we rush and rest, where we hope and worry, where we love and forgive. It is home where we most often experience day-to-day salvation. Here are some ideas to try to enrich your celebration of Lent at home:

### Lenten Family Mealtime:

In addition to "Friday fish day," designate one evening a week to prepare a meal together. Assign a different dish or task to each family member. Begin with a prayer of thanks and petition.

### Family Lenten Reading:

Prominently display the Bible and other books that feature topics such as the following: Lent, forgiveness, prayer, Scripture, generosity, social justice and service for others.

### Family Kindness and Sharing:

On slips of paper, write random acts of kindness, such as give a compliment, say hi to an old friend, carry someone's heavy load. Invite family members to perform the kindness without seeking recognition.

### Giving to Charities:

Ask each family member to find 3-5 high-quality, useful items that would be appreciated by those who are less fortunate. Donate the items to a favorite charity.



**YEARLY ENVELOPES:**

Our yearly envelopes are here and can be picked up in the back of church near the gathering space. Please pick them up as soon as possible. These envelopes are more than just a way to receive your generous gifts. Here are a few reasons for everyone to use their envelopes:

- Participation in our parish. By using your envelope when you come to Mass, signifies to us your active participation in the Parish. This is also a way for us to be able to track your attendance.
- By using your envelopes, we can give you credit and post the contributions to your account. This is vital for reporting your contributions for tax purposes.
- Status updates: So many times people move or their information changes. By making these changes to your envelopes, we can keep our system up-to-date.

**Thank you for picking up your envelopes and using them!**

**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](http://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.**

**ST. GERARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:**

**PLEDGES TO DATE**

Amount Pledged: \$984,178.52  
Amount Paid: \$849,918.23

Outstanding Balance:  
\$134,260.29

**Goal: \$1,000,000.00**

Only \$15,821.48 to go before we reach our goal!

**THANK YOU:**

The family of Russell Mason would like to thank the ladies of the Rosary/Altar Society for preparing and serving the wonderful luncheon on the day of his funeral. It was most appreciated.

*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:

St. Gerard Church  
1307 N. Main St.  
Lima, OH 45801

**A PRAYER AS WE FACE THE CORONAVIRUS:**

*Living God,*

*In our hour of need we turn again to you, for we have nowhere else to turn. We put our faith in you, because you have proved your faithfulness time and time again. We reaffirm our love for you because you have never let us go. We thank you that you are not distant from us, but have drawn near, in your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*He has shared our life, tasted our death and defeated it; He understands our worries and our fears. Help us to respond as your children now. We pray for this pandemic spreading across our world, remembering all who have lost loved ones and praying for those seriously ill at this time. We pray for doctors and nurses and all in the caring professions, who work to help support people as best they can.*

*Help us to live by faith and not by fear; to build bridges not barriers. Strengthen us, by your Spirit so that we may carry on our lives as best as we are able, looking out for others, showing love in action, being faithful in prayer and bringing encouragement, hope and peace, always trusting in you.*

*Amen.*

**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.