

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:**

*Jesus tells us in the gospel: "I am in the Father and the Father is in me!" The point is: God is in each one of us, in our relationships and in our homes. The vocation of the Christian family is to live the divine gift which is already in and around us.*

**MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Monday, May 11**

8:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

**Tuesday, May 12**

8:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

**Wednesday, May 13**

8:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena  
Living & Deceased of the Moyer,  
Devlin, Thompson & Mansfield  
Families

**Thursday, May 14**

8:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

**Friday, May 15**

8:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena

**Saturday, May 16**

8:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena  
5:00 p.m. - Delores Whitacre +  
Living & Deceased of the  
Getz & Nesta Families  
Rick & Ryan Young +

**Sunday, May 17**

8:30 a.m. - Mother's Day Novena  
Thomas Houseworth +  
Wallace Winter +  
11:00 a.m. - Kitty Ayers +  
1:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH:**

**Sunday, May 10 - Mother's Day**

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)

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3:00-4:00 p.m. - Confessions in Church (use social distancing)  
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**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
April, 4th week On-line: \$ 2,787.00	\$ 13,943.33	\$ 7,702.00
# of Envelopes	229	106
<b>YTD Totals:</b>	<b>\$ 475,992.79</b>	<b>\$ 454,806.00</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.**

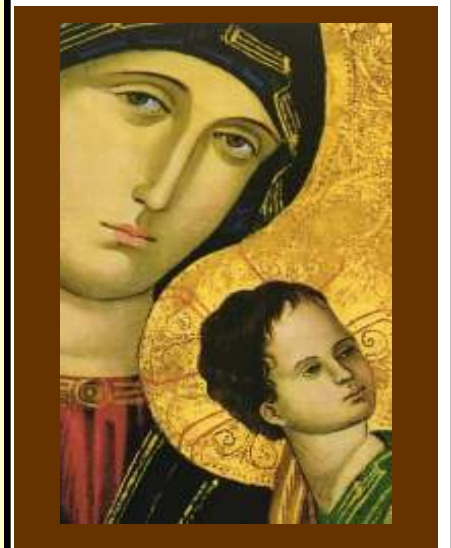
**ST. GERARD PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Requests for prayers, or if you would like to become a prayer warrior, email your requests to: [stgprayerchain@gmail.com](mailto:stgprayerchain@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 419-224-3080. A team of prayer warriors will pray daily for all requests for 30 days. Requests for prayers are kept confidential and last name need not be given.



**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MAY: Deacons:**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.



**OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**

Our Mother of Perpetual Help is the most widely known icon in the world. The artist that draws the icon strives to illumine the viewer's soul with divine truth. Each element in the icon has a specific meaning.

- Mary's eyes, filled with compassion and love are directed toward us.
- Our lady is clothed in the colors of virgins, (red) and mothers (blue). These are royal colors.
- Jesus, depicted as a young boy, wears the colors of a king.
- The star on Mary's veil reminds us that she is the dawn announcing the coming of Christ.
- Our Lady's hands hold her Son securely and her right hand directs our gaze to Him.

*More elements to come in next weeks bulletin.*



*Happy  
Mother's Day!*



*God  
bless all  
mothers,  
both  
living  
and  
deceased.*

**CONFESSIONS:**

*We will be hearing confessions every Saturday from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in church. Please practice social distancing when waiting your turn. Thank you.*

**ST. GERARD FESTIVAL:**

Please note that the date for our annual parish festival has been changed. Due to COVID 19, we have scheduled our festival for July 31st, August 1st and August 2nd. If anything changes, we will let you know.

**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](http://www.stgerardchurch.org) and click on the on-line giving tab.

**\*\* 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: \$990,638.52  
Amount Paid: \$862,755.68

Outstanding Balance:  
\$127,882.84

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

Only \$9,361.48 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:**

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



**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*



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## May 2020 Liturgical Calendar

- 5/1 Saint Joseph the Worker**  
**Watch:** On Pilgrimage with Father Emil Kapaun  
**Listen:** Saint Joseph - Patron of the Universal Church
- 5/2 Saint Athanasius**  
**Listen:** Lessons from the Early Church Fathers  
**Listen:** Holiness is Always in Season
- 5/13 Our Lady of Fatima**  
**Watch:** Fatima - Hope for the World  
**Listen:** Fatima - Living the Message  
**Kids:** Brother Francis - The Rosary
- 5/14 Saint Matthias**  
**Listen:** Acts of the Apostles  
**Listen:** The Apostle's Creed
- 5/22 Saint Rita**  
**Watch:** Saint Rita of Cascia - A True Story  
**Pray:** Novena of Surrender (Start today to finish on Pentecost!)
- 5/24 Ascension of the Lord**  
**Pray:** Sunday Mass  
**Watch:** Shade the Series  
**Study:** Why Believe? - Volume 2, Chapter 15
- 5/26 Saint Philip Neri**  
**Watch:** True Reformers - Saint Philip Neri  
**Read:** The Life of Saint Philip Neri
- 5/31 Pentecost**  
**Pray:** Sunday Mass  
**Watch:** The Wild Goose with Father Dave Pivonka  
**Study:** Lectio: Evangelization

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