

THURSDAY FLYER

From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families-

We are well on our way through our Lenten journey to Easter. We continue to reflect on all the good the Lord has done for us. During this time let us refresh our spirit and our commitment to Him. This week I would like to offer up this Lenten prayer and encourage you and your family to spend time together praying and giving thanks for all the goodness in your lives.

A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayer-full life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the well-being of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace-filled time to rekindle my love for and faith in you.

Amen.



Altar Servers:

Saturday, April 2nd at 5 p.m.: Gracie Gandy, Camden Sims

Sunday, April 2nd at 8:30 a.m.: Liam Fay, Anthony Parker, Emily Fay

Sunday, April 3rd at 11 a.m.: Special Schedule for Confirmation

No Extended Day

Services:

On Thursday, April 14 there will be no extended day services. Sorry for the inconvenience!

No Tardies Pizza Party:

Beginning tomorrow we will be running some incentives for students who arrive on time and have excellent attendance! Being in school strongly correlates with student success and college and career readiness!

Confirmation:

Please keep the 8th grade students from St. Gerard School & PSR Program in your prayers as they will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday during the 11 a.m. Mass.

St. Gerard Festival Raffle Tickets:

St. Gerard Festival Raffle tickets are now available for purchase in the school and parish offices. Cost of the ticket is \$20 and the 1st prize is \$10,000. Drawing will be held on Sunday, June 5th. Please support the parish and school by purchasing a ticket today!

Student should be in their classrooms ready to learn by 7:50 a.m. each day. Students who arrive on time will get to participate in a school-wide pizza party in early May.

I would love everyone to join us for pizza!



Student Registration

2022-2023 Enrollment:

Please take a moment to fill out the paperwork and return to the school office. **Registration is not complete until we receive the paperwork and registration fee (\$50 per student or \$75 per family).** Once your registration paperwork is turned in, the office will send an individualized tuition contract for review and signature. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

The first registration deadline is Friday, April 1st. After April 1st registration fees increase to \$100 per child. Please turn in registration paperwork as soon as possible. For planning purposes we are asking current families to turn in registration paperwork by April 30th.

Edchoice Re-enrollment Process:

Students currently receiving the EdChoice Scholarship should have received the renewal scholarship paperwork in the mail from the State of Ohio. These documents are to be completed by the parent and returned to St. Gerard along with a full copy of an utility bill. Deadline for submission is April 30th.



Dance Chaperones Needed:

The three (3) catholic schools will be hosting a dance for students in grades 6th-8th on Friday, May 6th in the St. Gerard Parish Hall for their efforts in training and running the Positive Addiction Race.

We are in need of chaperones for the dance. If you are available, please contact Marta in the school office.

Thank you in advance for your assistance!



Positive Addiction Race Volunteers Needed:

On May 6, 2022 all the Lima Catholic School children, grades 6-12, will be participating in the Annual 5K Positive Addiction Race. The race begins at 11:30 a.m. at St. Charles School. In order for this race to be successful and safe, we are in need several roads blocked, people to man water stations, and race guides along the route. Volunteers would need to arrive at 11:00 a.m. This year the race will be held on the normal race route (Primrose, Lakewood, State, to Lowell) If you are interested in helping out, please contact: **Candace Keating at 419-222-2536 x1089 or email: keatingc@sccslima.org.** Thank You!

Thanks St. Gerard School Families

Dear Students & Families:

Thank you all so much for the generous and thoughtful items you brought to school for Heartbeat! These things will be a great blessing to the moms and babies we help! You gathered upwards of 1,618 items and did a wonderful job of stocking our diaper and toiletry pantry! And thank you for the beautiful handmade cards also - we will be including them in the newborn layette gift sets we gift to new moms. You are in our prayers of thanksgiving!

God Bless,

Heartbeat Staff



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Lunch Menu



MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

 <p>24</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Pasta / Meat Sauce Green Beans Garlic Bread Pineapple Milk</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Hamburger / Bun Tater Tots Carrots Peaches Milk</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pizza Romaine Salad / Drsg Bread Stick Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Macaroni and Cheese Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Salisbury Steak Mashed Potato / Gravy Corn Pineapple Milk</p>	<p>12</p> <p>BBQ Rib Sand. Baked Beans Carrots Peaches Milk</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Pizza Romaine Salad Bread Stick Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>15</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>18</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>19</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Pizza Romaine Salad / Drsg Bread Stick Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas Mandarin Oranges Milk</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Sloppy Joes / Bun French Fries Carrots Pineapple Milk</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes /Gravy Corn Peaches Milk</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pizza Romaine Salad / Drsg Bread Stick Applesauce Milk</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Chicken Nuggets French Fries Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk</p>

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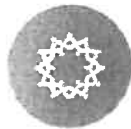
The inspiring story of a 17th century French priest who became the Founder of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, an order known today as the De La Salle Christian Brothers. From a wealthy upper-class family, he gave up everything to serve the needs of educating poor children, facing tremendous opposition along the way.



6-PART SERIES

The Art of Living

with Dr. Edward Sri



THE ART OF LIVING

Dr. Ben Akers welcomes Dr. Edward Sri to discuss his new book, *The Art of Living: The Cardinal Virtues and the Freedom to Love*, and the virtues generally. In these episodes, viewers will learn what a virtue is, how to grow in them, and how our ability to love is dependent on our pursuit of the virtuous life.

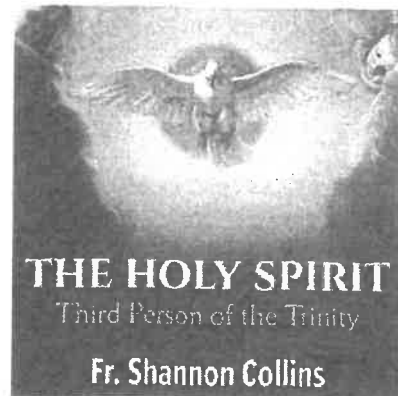
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THE HOLY SPIRIT: THIRD PERSON OF THE TRINITY

Drawing upon Scripture and tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation for this "sweet guest of our soul" who seeks to bring us closer to Christ and eternal salvation.



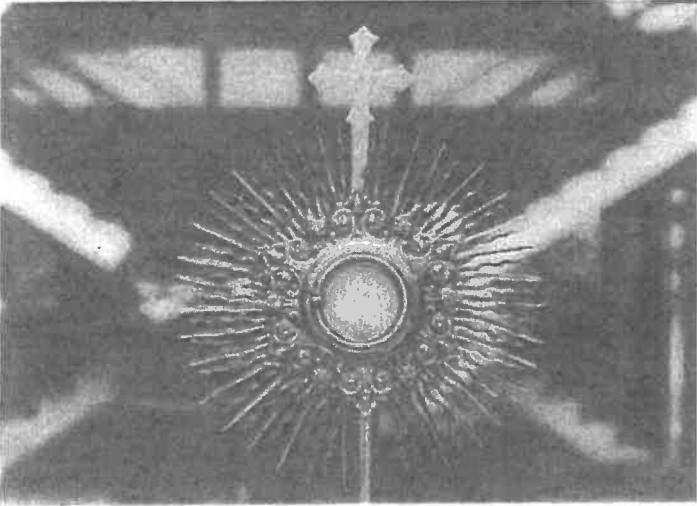
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FIFTH Week of Lent

DEVOTION TO THE EUCHARIST

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. The Church traditionally encouraged the month of April for increased devotion to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.



The Catholic Church describes the Eucharist, i.e., the Sacrifice of the Mass, as "the source and summit of the Christian life" (CCC 1324). It's the source, because the Eucharist enables us to make present and offer anew Jesus Christ's one redemptive Sacrifice of Calvary, which began with his Passion (CCC 1362-68; 1341). It's the summit, because the Eucharist is truly a foretaste of heaven, in which we partake of Jesus' body and blood as heaven and earth become most profoundly one.



Watch together

FORMED has The Eucharist for Little Children and many great programs for adults, including The Eucharist by Dr. Scott Hahn and Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist.



Pray together

Thomas Aquinas defined spiritual communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Many saints spoke of spiritual communions, including St. Josemaria Escriva who said "What a source of grace there is in spiritual Communion! Practise it frequently and you'll have more presence of God and closer union with him in your life." He also taught: "Do not neglect to say, 'Jesus, I love you', and make one spiritual communion, at least, each day, in atonement for all the profanations and sacrileges he suffers because he wants to be with us."

The Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if you were already there,
and I unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.



Discuss together

The end of Lent is approaching. Ask each person to reflect on how their Lenten journey has gone so far. How has your family's Lenten journey gone? If you have gotten off track, how can you get back on track before Easter?