

# THURSDAY FLYER

## From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families:

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful holiday and were able to spend time with your loved ones. As we welcome students back into our classrooms from a well-deserved winter break, our highest priority continues to be the health and safety of our students, families, and staff. We ask for continued communication when illness occurs in your family so we can best determine what protocol to follow in order to keep our school community healthy. We will keep you as informed as we are with guidelines and protocols set forth by the Ohio Department of Health, the Diocese of Toledo, and Allen County Public Health.

Over the next few weeks students in grades K-4 will be taking the NWEA MAP test in the subjects of Reading and Mathematics. This will measure student growth since September and will give teachers important data for planning instruction for students for the remainder of the school year. For our students in the third grade, this test counts as their third attempt to meet the state guidelines for the Third Grade Reading Guarantee for those students who still need to meet the requirements.

Finally, January 30th kicks off Catholic Schools Week 2022. We will begin celebrating Catholic Schools Week with some of our students leading Mass at 11:00 a.m. You are invited to join us in person or via livestream. Please watch Class Dojo for schedules and updates for that week! There will be some special dress down days and service projects planned.

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Schoonover, Principal

## Altar Servers:

**Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.:** Hayley Chambers, Nicholas Chambers

**Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:** Liam Fay, Emily Fay, Anthony Parker

**Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.:** Nate Warner, Douglas Noble, Connor Shutt

## Report Cards:

The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter report cards will be sent home with students on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a conference, please contact your child's teacher.

## 2022-2023 School Year

### Registration:

Can you believe that it is almost time to start registering your students for the 2022-2023 school year? Please remember to be eligible to register your child, all of your school fees for the current year must be paid. If you have any questions regarding your fees, please contact the school office.

## COLD WEATHER REMINDER

Now that the temperatures are dropping, please remember to dress your students appropriately (hats, coats, gloves, and scarfs) for outdoor recess. Thanks!



# AFTER SCHOOL BOWLING



Westgate Lanes after school bowling for students in 1<sup>st</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades will begin on Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Forms are attached and are being sent home today with the students and are due back to St. Gerard office **no later** than Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Please turn in forms as soon as possible as once a total of 120 students for all three (3) catholic schools is reached, a waiting



Any family in need of winter coats can obtain coats for their whole family.

St. Marks UMC Resource Center has coats available for students from Operation Coats.

St. Marks UMC Resource Center is located at 1110 N. Metcalf St, Lima

Hours: Monday - Thursday 9 am to 12 pm

They have coats sizes 2T through Adult 2X

They also have kids size shoes: 6 toddler and kids sizes 11, 1, and 3

Jessie Roark is the director of the resource center. She may be reached by email at [smcresourcecenter1@gmail.com](mailto:smcresourcecenter1@gmail.com) or by phone at (419) 222-3601



**ST. GERARDS AFTER SCHOOL BOWLING  
GRADES 1-8**



Westgate Lanes is forming a bowling league for students. Bumper bowling is available for 1<sup>st</sup> graders. Bus transportation is provided by Westgate Lanes.

STUDENTS WILL NEED TO WEAR THEIR MASKS ON THE BUS. NEW HAND SANITIZING STATIONS ARE SET UP IN THE BOWLING AREA.

This league will bowl on Thursdays starting JANUARY 20TH immediately after school

All students must be registered by JANUARY 11th by turning your form in to the office.

**ONLY A TOTAL OF 120 FORMS FOR ALL 3 SCHOOLS WILL BE ACCEPTED. A WAITING LIST WILL START AFTER THAT.**

**Parents will pick the students up at Westgate at 4:00 pm by signing them out at the checkout table. The fee is \$ 10.00 per week. Any student having more than 2 weeks payments past due may be suspended from participation until payment is made in full.**

The cost includes the bus ride, shoes, ball, bowling and snack. We have included the snack cost in the weekly fees. The student will have their choice of 2 snacks each week. Additional snacks can be purchased at \$.75 each. Snack choices are: cookie, pizza square, popcorn or a small soft drink.

The league will meet for 14 weeks. Coaches are available to work with the children. Parents are invited to visit Westgate to observe the learning and fun activities. This program is sponsored by Westgate lanes and is NOT a school sponsored activity. If you have any questions please call Westgate at 419-227-7231 and ask for Andy or Wes Johnston.

After school Lane Monitors are needed! Volunteers are required to pass an online course and complete a mandatory background check. Volunteers will receive free after school bowling fees for their child each week. Only 6 positions open, stop by Westgate lanes and fill out an application. Job duties: riding the bus to the school, helping check students in, monitoring children during bowling & clean up after the completion of bowling.

St. Gerards After school bowling form (PLEASE PRINT)

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Boy \_\_\_\_\_ Girl \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ age \_\_\_\_\_ grade \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Permission granted by \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# BAPTISM *of the Lord*



## CELEBRATE YOUR BAPTISM

In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. As we reflect on Christ's baptism, we are reminded of our own baptism. "Celebrate the anniversary of your baptism like a birthday", says Pope Francis. It is a day to give thanks for God's gift of faith to us, and to give thanks for baptism, the foundation of our Christian life. Celebrate the day like a birthday. It is a day to remind ourselves that we are loved and cherished by God.



### Pray together

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, solemnly declared Him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

As families, we celebrate birthdays, holidays, and wedding anniversaries, but too often we forget to celebrate the most IMPORTANT day of our lives, which is our BAPTISM ANNIVERSARY! That is the day we became sons and daughters of God the Father, and we need to celebrate it! Our family has a tradition of celebrating this important day for each member of our family. To help us, we keep our baptism candles displayed on our prayer table all year, and each candle has a wooden candle holder with our initials and baptism date burned into the wood. On the day of our baptism anniversary, we put the candle on the dinner table, have a special meal and dessert, and then light the candle. We sing the Happy Birthday song and replace birthday with "Baptism Anniversary" and then blow out the candle. Our baptism "wish" is always to become the saint God created us to be so we can spend eternity with Him. After all, that is what baptism allows us to do...and that is worth celebrating and remembering!

The Wood family from All Saints, New Riegel



### Plan together

Do you know when you were baptized? If you don't - find out! Contact the parish where you were baptized to get the date.



### Watch together

FORMED.org has *Born into the Kingdom: The Miracle of Baptism* (kids).

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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 9, 2022

WATCH

## REBORN - EPISODE 1: A NEW CREATION

This week, as we contemplate Jesus' Baptism, dive into the mystery of the Sacrament of Baptism! Through our Reborn series, you will come to understand the deeper meaning behind your Baptism!



## LECTIO: MARK, EPISODE 2: PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Jesus couldn't have been baptized without a baptizer. Join Dr. Tim Gray as he explains the opening verses of Mark's Gospel that depict the ministry of John the Baptist – the man who would baptize Jesus.

LEARN

LISTEN

## CHANGED FOREVER: THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM BY FR. MIKE SCHMITZ

Renowned Catholic speaker and priest, Fr. Mike Schmitz, explores the beautiful gift of the Sacrament of Baptism. In this talk, Fr. Mike provides a wonderful presentation on the waters that give new life!



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# JANUARY | 2022

## Lunch Menus

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	4 Macaroni / Cheese Broccoli Peaches Milk	5 Pizza Romaine Salad/ Drsg. Bread Stick Applesauce Milk	6 Sausage French Toast Carrots Pears Milk	7 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk
10 Chicken Patty / Bun Tater Tots Carrots Pineapple Milk	11 Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Gravy Green Beans Dinner Roll Peaches Milk	12 Pizza Romaine Salad/ Drsg. Bread Stick Applesauce Milk	13 Tacos Refried beans Pears Milk	14 Chicken Strips French Fries Carrots Mandarin Oranges Milk
17 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	18 Grilled Cheese / Pretzel Bun Baked Beans Carrots Peaches Milk	19 Pizza Romaine Salad/ Drsg. Bread Stick Applesauce Milk	20 BBQ Pork / Bun Tater Tots Carrots Pears Milk	21 Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes / Gravy Corn Dinner Roll Mandarin Oranges Milk
24 Pasta / Meat sauce Green Beans Bread Stick Pineapple Milk	25 Hamburger / Bun Tater Tots Carrots Peaches Milk	26 Pizza Romaine Salad/ Drsg. Bread Stick Applesauce Milk	27 Corn Dogs Baked Beans Asparagus Pears Milk	28 Chicken Parmesan Sandwich French Fries Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk
31 Salisbury Steak Mash Potatoes / Gravy Corn Dinner Roll Pineapple Milk	1 Enter Text Here	2 Enter Text Here	3 Enter Text Here	4 Enter Text Here

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