

# THURSDAY FLYER

## From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families:

As you know, the month of February is Black History Month. Students will be learning about Black History in their social studies classes this month. We celebrate the diversity we have here at St. Gerard School. I would like to offer up this prayer for Black History Month:

Spirit of Abundance, God of Grace, Mother of Hope,  
We pause now to remember those stories that are all around us,  
But so often passed over,  
Those stories that when told are shared because  
Of what someone is, not who they are.  
This month in our nation's character  
Is Black History month.  
Help us to realize that Black history is  
All our histories.  
May the day come when these stories  
Are so wildly taught that no month need  
Be separately divided.  
We know this day will not come until we as a people  
Make different choices.  
We pray now for those new choices.  
May we come to see a day where the prison system  
Becomes redemptive, not punitive.  
A day where the legal system learns to focus more squarely on the facts,  
And the not colors of our skin.  
A day where our schools are as well funded, as the needs demand.  
May our role models be allowed to excel when they thrive,  
And not be taken down for their rich heritage.  
We know this will require a shift in power.  
And this can be scary for some.  
Give those full of fear - hope.  
May we come to know grace,  
So that our hearts will not be hardened to the pain around us.  
There are so many beautiful stories needing to be told.  
And we need to get the chance to hear them.  
Widen our vision so that the history that is shared this month,  
And every month,  
Come to be known as our history too.  
We are most human when we see the humanity in others.  
- Author Unknown

Have a Blessed Weekend!

Mrs. Natalie Schoonover

## Altar Servers:

**Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.:** Josh Yahl, Jacob Yahl, Madi Yahl

**Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:** Emma Hahn, Jacob Hahn

**Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.:** Douglas Noble, Marley Mason, Ella Mason

## Extended Day Payments:

Extended day statements were sent home early this week with students. Please send in payment as soon as possible.



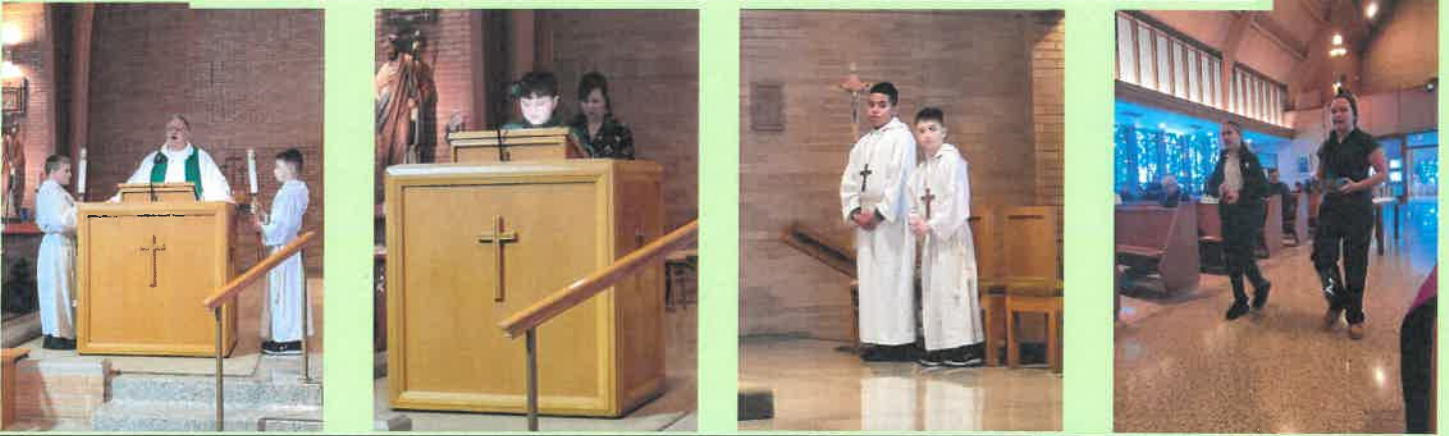
Thank you to everyone who donated baby items to Heartbeat. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!

## School Delays & Cancellations:

Please make sure to look for school delays and cancellations on Class Dojo, St. Gerard School Facebook page, or on Hometown Stations under Lima Catholic Schools.



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



## K-2 Cafeteria Basketball League:

This Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> is the last basketball weekend. If school is cancelled on Thursday or Friday, there will be NO practice that evening. If we need to cancel games this Saturday due to the weather, games will be played on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the same times. If games are cancelled, you will receive a message from the team coach and it will also be posted on Hometown Stations.

LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC  
ATHLETICS PRESENTS

## NIGHT AT THE RACES

FEBRUARY 5TH  
DOORS OPEN AT 6PM  
FIRST RACE STARTS AT 7PM

TICKETS ARE \$35 PRESALE  
\$15 TABLE RESERVATION



Tickets are now available for Lima Central Catholic High School's annual Night at the Races on Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 6 p.m. and races start at 7 p.m. The advance ticket price of \$35 covers all food and spirits for the night, \$15 for a reserved table. Get your group together and support T-Bird athletics and band in our largest single day fundraiser of the year!

You can purchase tickets on the website at [www.lcchs.edu](http://www.lcchs.edu) and click on Athletic Ticketing.

# 2022 LCC Youth Cheer Clinic



**Ages -preschool to 8th grade /Participants from any school are invited to attend**

**Clinics available – attend one clinic or attend all clinics**

Sunday, February 6 from 4:30 pm – 6 pm -LCC old gym

Monday, February 7 from 6 pm – 7:00 pm -LCC Alumni Room

Wednesday, February 9 from 6 - 7:00 pm - LCC Alumni Room

Thursday, February 10 from 6 pm – 7:00 pm -LCC Alumni Room

**Cost \$25**

Participants will receive: cheer t-shirt/basic cheer technique/cheers/dance

Performance - halftime at the LCC basketball games on Friday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Make checks payable to LCC Athletics – form & money need to be received**

**by Sunday, February 6th - late entries will be accepted, but t-shirt will not be guaranteed**

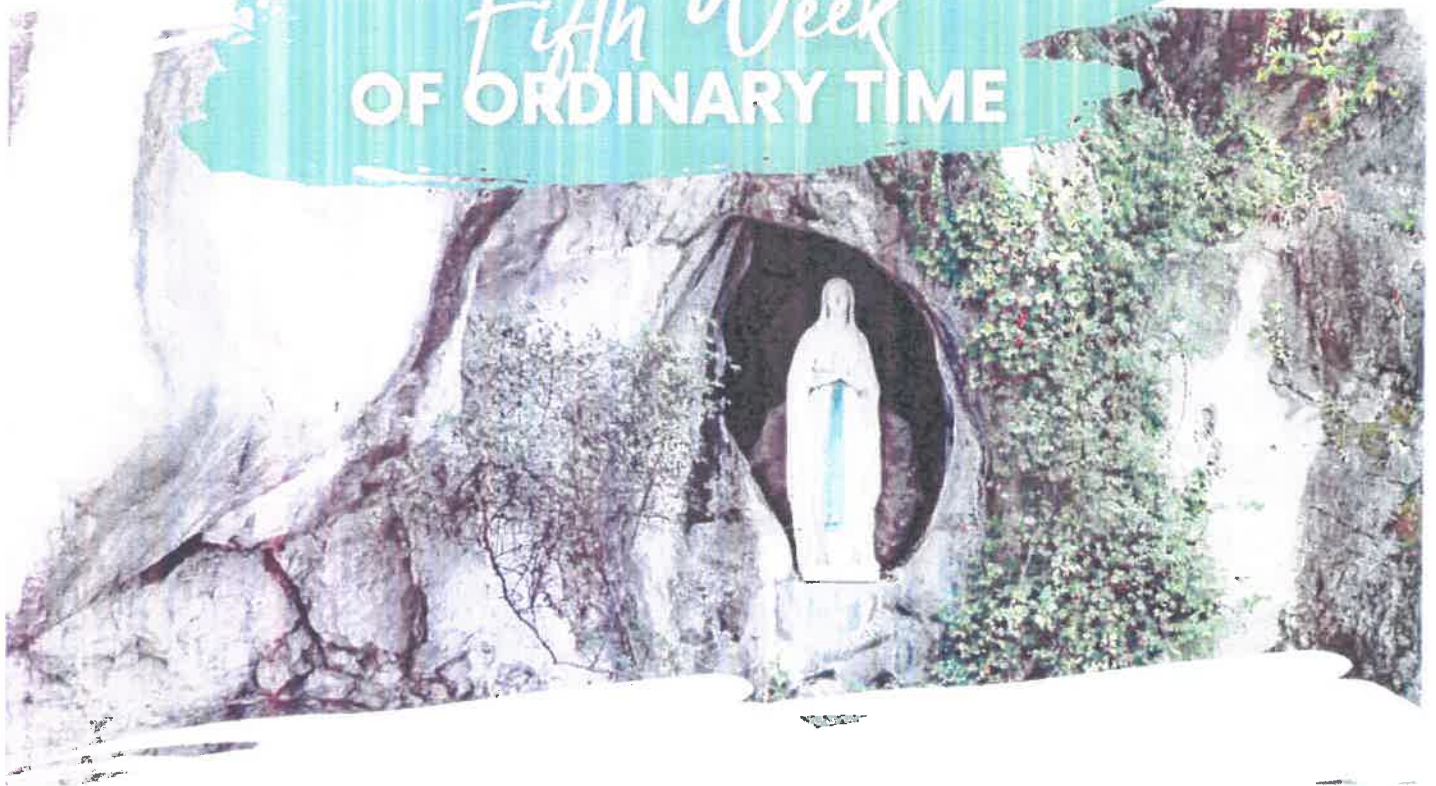
Questions email [mgarlock1993@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlock1993@gmail.com) or call/text 419-371-6792.

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name & phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's grade/school \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt size \_\_\_\_\_

# Fifth Week OF ORDINARY TIME



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

February 15

The first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary to fourteen-year-old Marie Bernade (St. Bernadette) Soubirous occurred on February 15, 1858. Between February 11 and July 16, 1858, the Blessed Virgin appeared eighteen times, and showed herself to St. Bernadette in the hollow of the rock at Lourdes. On March 25 she said to the little shepherdess: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Since then Lourdes has become a place of pilgrimage and many cures and conversions have taken place. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer, and charity.



### Eat together

In honor of the Immaculate Conception, make hot vanillas for your family to enjoy.

Hot Vanillas

- Milk
- Sugar
- Vanilla
- Whipped Cream

For each hot vanilla, microwave 1 cup of milk and 2 teaspoons of sugar in a mug for 90 seconds. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon of vanilla extract. Top with whipped cream.



### Play together

If there is snow on the ground, it's a perfect opportunity to bundle up and build a snow grotto! You can either bring a statue of Mary outdoors (just remember to bring it back inside with you!) or build a statue out of snow.



### Pray together

Sing Immaculate Mary (also known as the Lourdes Song).



### Watch together

FORMED.org has *Bernadette: The Princess of Lourdes* (kids) and *Bernadette* (adults). Additionally, *The Song of Bernadette* is a 1943 Oscar-winning film which can be rented online.



### Craft together

In 1992, Pope John Paul II declared February 11 World Day of the Sick. He chose this date because of the many miraculous healings that have occurred at Lourdes since Mary's appearance. In the midst of your celebration, remember the sick. Make cards to send to people of nearby care facilities or homebound parishioners.

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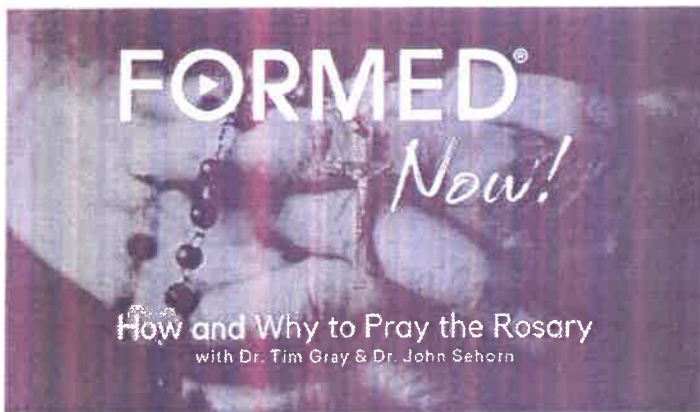
PICK OF THE WEEK

February 6, 2022

WATCH

## BERNADETTE

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



## FORMED NOW! HOW AND WHY TO PRAY THE ROSARY

As we celebrate Our Lady of Lourdes this week, we invite you to learn more about the Rosary! Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. John Sehorn as they discuss how they pray the Rosary and how it has changed their lives!

LEARN

LISTEN

## TRUTH TO INSPIRE: ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

This inspiring story depicts St. Bernadette and her encounters with the Blessed Mother. Learn more about the saint who Mary appeared to eighteen times!

## St. Bernadette of Lourdes



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