

THURSDAY FLYER

From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families:

As the Lenten season begins, we all start thinking about fasting and abstinence. Fasting and abstinence are the practice of giving up something good (for example, eating meat or watching television) in order to turn away from sin and draw closer to God. It is not only a form of penance, but a spiritual discipline that helps us make room for God, strengthens our will, prepares us for mission, and puts us in solidarity with the suffering of Christ and suffering people around the world.

Fasting ideas for Kids and Teens

Here are some ideas for things your kids can give up or take on for Lent:

1. **Give up the usual suspects: Sweets, video games, soda, junk food, social media, and other creature comforts.**
2. **Quiet it down: Monks practice silence in order to better hear God. Your family can, too, by turning off radios and music players (maybe just in the car), turning off the television, eating a meal in silence (or while listening to some sacred reading), practicing Thirty Seconds of Silence, being silent for the first fifteen minutes of the morning, or even having a day of silence.**
3. **Make your room or home a desert: Jesus spent forty days in the desert. Kids and teens can imitate his example by making their room more desert-like as well, removing pictures and posters from walls, putting away rugs and comforters, emptying closets and dressers of all but the most essential outfits, throwing extra clutter (gadgets, trinkets, toys) in a box to be stored away.**
4. **Slim down your wardrobe: Kids can count up the number of outfits they have and select ten percent to wear during their fast. (For inspiration, read the stories of saints who gave away their clothes to the poor.) At the end of the fast, they can consider donating some of the clothes they didn't wear.**
5. **Perform a random act of kindness every day: Perform a different random act of kindness every day; doing it secretly makes it more fun. See RandomActsOfKindness.org for ideas.**
6. **Write your fight: Older kids can cut down on sibling squabbling by committing to writing down their complaints rather than making them verbally. Print out "complaint forms" that include guidelines for rephrasing complaints using respectful language.**
7. **Pray it up: Teens and pre-teens can carry a rosary with them, using it to pray throughout the day. Any set of beads (such as a beaded necklace or bracelet) could be used to keep track of prayers.**
8. **Wear your faith: Kids can be encouraged to wear Christian symbols (a necklace, bracelet, or t-shirt) as a witness to their faith—and to remind them to live out their beliefs more consistently.**
9. **Share: Older kids who are especially possessive of their toys or bedroom space can be encouraged to share, actively and kindly, with their siblings. Or, encourage kids to share by donating the money they saved from their sacrifices (for example, giving up junk food) to a charitable cause.**
10. **Practice being present: Teens can commit to putting down their phone (or other electronic device) when someone is present with them. Even better: create phone-free zones (like the dinner table).**
11. **Get to know Jesus: Have kids read one of the Gospels in an age-appropriate Bible, or read it together as a family, over the course of Lent. The Gospel of Mark may be read in one long sitting.**

Have a Blessed Lenten Season!

Mrs. Schoonover, Principal

Altar Servers:

Saturday, March 5th at 5 p.m.: Josh Yahl, Jacob Yahl, Maddie Yahl

Sunday, March 6th at 8:30 a.m.: Dallas Martin, Emiley Martin

Sunday, March 6th at 11 a.m.: Nate Warner, Douglas Noble, Connor Shutt

Yearbook Orders:

2021-2022 Yearbooks are on sale now. Order forms are available in the school office or you can purchase online at www.ybpay.com. Yearbook code is 9530822. **Order deadline is March 7, 2022**

Extended Day Billing Statements:

Extended Day statements were sent home earlier week. Please pay the balance promptly.

Thank you for your Donations to the Daley Family:

We would like to thank all of you that participated in the out of uniform day for the Daley Family. We were able to present a check from St. Gerard School in the amount of \$802. Thank you for your generosity!

"Kisses for Rachel"

During the week of February 28th, students will have the opportunity to purchase Hershey Kisses at lunch. Proceeds will support the Daley Family. Cost is 25 cents for 6 Kisses.

Spring Sport Sign-Ups



1st - 6th Grade Girls Softball:

The Lima Catholic Community Youth Softball will be having registration and uniform sizing on Saturday, March 5th from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the big gym lobby at Lima Central Catholic.

Registration fee is \$50 per player and due at the time of registration. Registration forms were sent home with girls last week, are also attached, or available in the school office.



3rd - 6th Grade Boys Baseball:

The Lima Catholic Schools baseball program will be having registration and uniform sizing on Sunday, March 6th at 1 p.m. in the big gym lobby at Lima Central Catholic. Registration fee is \$50 per player and is due at the time of registration. Registration forms were sent home with boys earlier this week, are also attached, or available in the school office.



2022-2023 Enrollment Packets:

The enrollment packets for the 2022-2023 school year were sent home earlier this week. Registration is \$50 per student/\$75 per family and is due with the paperwork. **Any student turning in the completed registration forms and money can be out of uniform on the Mondays in March.**

The registration packets will also include Edchoice Scholarship paperwork. Please complete the Edchoice scholarship paperwork and return to the school office along with a full copy of your current utility bill.

If your child is not returning to St. Gerard next year, please complete the Withdrawl section on the Registration form and return to the school office so that we know where to send your student records to.

Luck of the Irish 4-H Club

Come join us!

First meeting: March 19, 2022

Time: 12:30

Lima Public Library meeting room 2 in lower level

Contact Elizabeth John if interested or if you have any questions!

Call or text 419-230-0680 or email lizgoedde@gmail.com



Tickets for Lima Central Catholic's Footloose The Musical are on sale now. Tickets are \$15. The show is on Friday, March 11th and Saturday, March 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Lima Civic Center.

To purchase tickets you can either purchase through the Hometown Ticketing app or by going to <https://www.lcchs.edu/page/athletic-and-event-ticketing-page>

Plan on spending either Friday or Saturday watching these talented kids put on a toe tapping performance!

Reading is Relaxing - Friday:

As we close out Read Across America Week, Friday is Reading is Relaxing Day. Students may wear pajamas. Pre-k - 3rd grade students may bring a stuffed animal to school and 4th-8th grade students may bring a pillow and/or blanket.

Read Across America Week



To celebrate Read Across America Week, Miss Bahr's 7th grade ELA class finished the novel, *The Thing about Jellyfish*. To learn more about jellyfish, the 7th grade reached out to a real-life character from the book, Dr. Jamie Seymour. He shared his knowledge of all things jellyfish and what it is like to live in Australia.





Irish Day Parade - Saturday, March 12th

The Irish Day Parade is on Saturday, March 12th at 12 noon. St. Gerard School will again have a school float in the parade and we ask for families to dress up in their St. Patty's Day gear and walk or ride on the float with us in the parade. Participants need to check in at the front of the school at 11:30 a.m. We are usually end up back to the school parking lot around 1 p.m.

We are also in need of candy donations so that we may throw candy to the crowds. Students bringing in candy donations will earn an out of uniform pass.

St. Gerard has always received the winning school float award for our participation and great spirit. Looking forward to us do this again!

Lego Club Reminder:

Reminder that Lego Club will begin next week. Schedule is as follows:

Mondays - Grades 1st and 2nd

Tuesdays - Grades 3rd and 4th

Wednesdays - Grades 5th - 8th

Lego club is from 3 - 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

REMINDER

WHO: YOUNG MEN IN GRADES 3,4,5,6

WHAT: W.O.B.L. BASEBALL REGISTRATION

WHEN: SUNDAY MARCH 6, 2022
TIME..... 1:00pm

WHERE: LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC (GYM)

WHY: PREPERATION FOR SUMMER
W.O.B.L. LEAGUE TEAM
SELECTION.

* PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING
THE REGISTRATION FORM and YOUR CHECK

****IMPORTANT...**

YOU WILL BE MEASURED FOR YOUR
UNIFORM AT THE REGISTRATION.

To the Parents/Guardian of Boys attending Lima Catholic Schools currently in grades 3-6:

The Lima Catholic Schools baseball organization invites All Lima Catholic School boys currently in grades Three through Six to play baseball this summer in the 2022 Western Ohio Baseball League.

We will take all registrations for the Catholic Schools on **Sunday March 6th at LCC in the Lobby of the GYM @ 1pm.** We will then divide the boys and draft teams from that list. The minor league and major league players will be drafted onto teams based on age within each league (Major or Minor). The league participation fee again for this year is \$50 per player, which includes a **hat, shirt, pants, belt and socks.**

*******Please make checks payable to: K of C Baseball.*******

The WOBL league schedule will begin on or about May 16th and conclude with a tournament that should wrap up by July 15th. Minor league teams will play on Mondays and Wednesdays @ 6:15PM, Majors on Tuesdays and Thursdays @ 6:15PM. Practice schedules & locations will be set after the teams are put together.

Please plan to bring the bottom portion of this form, along with your check to the Registration on **March 6th** We will **custom fit** game uniforms for the boys during the Registration.

***** It is very important that you make every effort to get measured on the day of the registration. (Pants, Shirt, Hat)**

*****DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MARCH 14th, 2022*****

If you have any questions, please contact either Ric Stolly @ 419-235-1888, Carol VanMeter 419-234-6220 or Grant Dray 419-890-6451

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Child's Last Name _____ First _____
Date of Birth _____ Current grade _____ School _____
Circle any health related issues: Asthma Bee sting reaction other _____
Parent or Guardian Contact: _____
Phone _____ Cell _____

I am interested in helping to coach (name) _____

I hereby certify that the above-named child is in normal health and capable of participating safely in the Lima K of C baseball organization. I do hereby release and discharge the K of C, all coaches, and fellow players/coaches/organizations from all claims of damages, actions whatsoever in any manner arising from this athletic program. I hereby grant permission for the above named player to participate:

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ **Date:** _____

Please COMPLETE THE ABOVE FORM and bring it to Registration on Sunday 3/6/22 along with the \$50 participation fee.

Check made payable to "K of C Baseball"

LCC (Lima Catholic Community) Youth Softball

Lima Catholic Community Youth Softball will be having registration and uniform sizing **Saturday, March 5th from 10:00 am-12:00** at Lima Central Catholic High School (in the big gym lobby).

Girls currently in 1st-6th grade attending St. Rose, St. Gerard, and St. Charles schools are eligible to play. The registration fee is **\$50.00 per player**. Please bring completed registration forms and make checks payable to **St. Charles Athletics**. Payment will be collected at time of registration.

Practices will begin in late March, we will attempt to be outside as much as possible versus gym practice. Games will start mid-May with 2 games per week. U10 will play Mondays and Wednesdays. U12 will play Tuesdays and Thursdays. The 10U & 12U teams will participate in a post-season tournament. U8 will play on various weeknights dependent on field availability. U8 will not have a post-season tournament

If unable to attend registration on Saturday, March 5th, please return registration form and payment to your school office. You will then be responsible for having your child sized at Lima Sporting Goods for team uniforms. **Registration deadline is SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH.**

If you have any questions, please feel to contact me.

Vickie Schnieders

419-230-8098



Lima Catholic Community Youth Softball Girls 1st-6th

REGISTRATION DUE MARCH 5TH

Player's Name: _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____

Current Grade: _____ School Attending: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Father's Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Player Medical Conditions circle NO YES If yes, please explain below:

By checking the box to the right, /_/

I (parent/guardian) _____ (Please print)
agree and give permission for my daughter, whom I am registering to participate in the
girls youth softball program, will not hold the Girls Softball Association/Coach(es)
responsible for accidents and or injuries.

Parents please consider volunteering, mark areas of interest:

/_/_Coach /_/_Assistant Coach /_/_Team Parent

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Office Use Only

Registration Payment: /_/_Cash \$ _____ /_/_Check# _____

Player Jersey Size: _____ Player Pant/Short Size: _____

**Lima Catholic Community Softball/Lima Sporting Goods are not responsible for any sizing issues
if the player is not sized at registration OR at LSG.**