

# THURSDAY FLYER

## **From the Principal's Pen:**

Dear St. Gerard Families:

I would like to share a story with you this week. It's a special story called a 'parable'. A parable is an earthly story that has a heavenly meaning. In the Bible there are many parables that Jesus told so we could understand His teachings better. This is a story about a farmer and a pumpkin.

The Farmer lives wa-a-a-ay out in the country. On his farm He has a pumpkin patch. Pumpkins are really special. They start out as small oval seeds that grow into big, orange pumpkins. The farmer plants the seeds, waters, and cares for the pumpkin vines and patiently waits as they grow. Finally by October there are big, orange pumpkins in his pumpkin patch! Some are tall and lean, some are short and round, and some have bumps and lumps. But they are all pumpkins and all were planted and cared for by the Farmer.

One day the Farmer chose a pumpkin for a special project. He brings it in from the field and washes it off. You have to be careful with pumpkins; they're tough on the outside, but if you drop them, they break into pieces! The Farmer takes a large knife and cuts a hole in the top of the pumpkin. Inside there is yucky, slimy pulp waiting for Him. That has to go! He cleans it all out and throws it away - never to be seen again.

After that He gives the pumpkin a new face! He cuts two triangles for eyes, a square for a nose, and a big, wide smile! Then He does something really special. He puts a small white candle down inside the pumpkin and lights the wick. How that pumpkin glows! As people pass by, they see the smiling pumpkin and smile back. They know that once again the Farmer has taken a simple pumpkin and changed it into a glorious sight!

### **The Meaning of the Parable:**

Just like us, all the pumpkins were different. But there was something the same about every one of them - that yucky, slimy pulp on the inside! The yucky, slimy pulp is like the sin that's in us. Romans 3:23 says: "*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*" That's every single one of us. God has made a way that all our sin can be forgiven and washed away. God even says He'll cast them as far as the East is from the West. Romans 5:8 says: "*While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*" John 3:16 goes on to say: "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.*"

After cleaning out that pumpkin, the Farmer gave the pumpkin a new face! The Bible says God can make us a new creation too. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says: "*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!*"

Then came the really special part. The light was placed inside that pumpkin and it glowed for all to see! 2 Corinthians 4:6 says: "*For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.*"

And Matthew 5:16 says: "*In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.*"

**May we all become like that pumpkin - a glorious sight for others to see the love of Jesus!**

Natalie A. Schoonover, Principal

### Altar Servers:

**Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.:** Hayley Chambers & Nicholas Chambers

**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:** Liam Fay, Anthony Parker, Emily Fay

**Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.:** Ava Armstead, Marley Mason, Alli Cook

### No School - Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup>:

On Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> there is no school for students due to a Diocesan staff in-service day. Please mark your calendars and enjoy a 3 day weekend!

### The Human Happiness Dress Down - Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>:

Thank you to everyone who donated to The Human Happiness Dress Down last Friday. We were able to collect \$352. Thank you for your generosity!!

### School Delays & Cancellations:

As we experienced our 1<sup>st</sup> school cancelation of the year, we want to remind you of where you can find school delays and cancellations for the 2021-2022 school year. Delays and cancellations will be posted on:

1. Class Dojo
2. Hometown Stations
3. St Gerard School Facebook Page

There will be no breakfast served on delay days.

### Extended Day Payments:

Extended day payments are due by Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your prompt payment!!



### Junior High Cheerleading:

We still have openings for Junior High Cheerleaders. Interested girls in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, please contact Michelle Garlock at 419-371-6792 or mgarlock1993@gmail.com

### Purse Bingo Tickets:

We are 10 days away from our annual Ladies Night Out Designer Purse Bingo. If you have not yet picked up your tickets, please stop by the school office today! Tickets are \$40 per person and include a lite dinner and 20 games of bingo. Bingo winners will receive a designer purse. Extra bingo cards, 50/50 tickets, and auction basket tickets are available for purchase.

### Purse Bingo Volunteers:

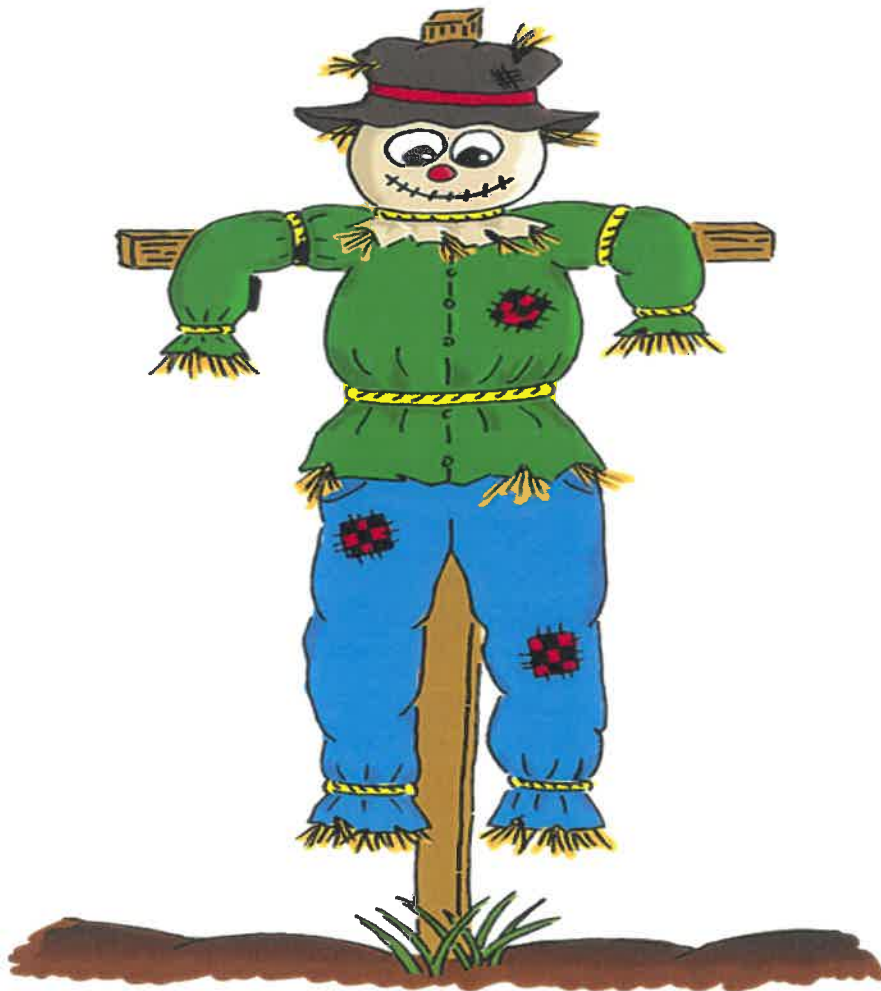
St. Gerard School's annual purse bingo is fastly approaching and we are in need of volunteers to help work the event. Please see the attached volunteer sign-up form. If you or a family member is able to volunteer any time, please complete the form and return to the school office as soon as possible.

Purse Bingo is a major fundraiser for the school and cannot happen without parent volunteers. Please take a moment to sign up to help out or call the school office to volunteer.

# Fall Harvest Day

We will be holding a harvest day here at school on Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to enjoy treats in their classroom. Students may be out of uniform wearing flannel shirts, jeans, boots and straw hats if they choose.

**(This replaces our annual Trunk or Treat Activity due to Covid)**





## **Purse Bingo Volunteer Information**

Hello, I am reaching out to you as we are in need of volunteers for our upcoming for the Ladies Night "Purse Bingo".

We are looking for volunteers to help the night of Purse Bingo, Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m. Volunteers will be needed to help serve dinner, cut and serve desserts, selling 50/50 tickets, selling tickets for silent auction baskets, selling of beer/water/pop, and cleaning up after the event.

If you are unable to help the night of Purse Bingo, we are also in need of volunteers on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in the morning/afternoon to assist with the preparation of food.

If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas, please complete the attached form and return to me in the office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (419) 222-0431.

Thank you for your support!

Marta Truex





**PURSE BINGO VOLUNTEER FORM**

I will NOT be able to volunteer \_\_\_\_\_

I will be able to volunteer Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in the evening for  
Purse Bingo \_\_\_\_\_

I will be able to volunteer Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon  
assisting with food preparation \_\_\_\_\_

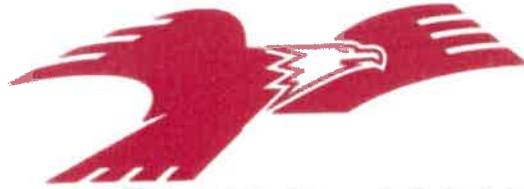
I can help tear down after the event on the 16<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Student name/grade \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Best to call \_\_\_\_\_ or send a text message \_\_\_\_\_



# LITTLE T-BIRD DRIBBLERS

For boys and girls in K, 1st and 2nd grade.

October 26-December 2

\$20 fee due the first practice.

Participants will receive:

- Basketball
- T-shirt
- 6 weeks of fun and dribbling skills

Practices:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:00-6:00 P.M at St. Rose

Parents are welcome to help and encourage during practices.

\*\*\* Please fill out, cut, and mail or email to 249 S. Fraunfelter Rd., Lima, OH 45807  
or makainehuffer@gmail.com by October 14.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt Size: Youth S M L

(Circle one) Adult S M L

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



2021  
**REVERSE RAFFLE**  
PROCEEDS PROVIDE FUNDING TO ALL  
ATHLETIC AND BAND PROGRAMS AT LCC

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021 AT 7:00 PM  
LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, DRINKS AND GAMES

This year's Reverse Raffle will be on October 29th at 7:00 pm. Join us for an evening of fun, music and cash prizes to support the LCC Middle and High School athletics and band booster. Featuring live, local music from Prudence, playing your favorite tunes from yesterday and today!

Come on out, under the big tent at LCC and show your support for LCC athletics!

Please purchase your tickets for \$100 each, 2 admissions included along with food, drinks and a live band! Visit <https://lchhs.ejoinme.org/reverseraffle2021> and click on "Buy Tickets" to purchase your tickets and insurance board numbers (must purchase a raffle ticket to buy insurance board numbers).

After the event is sold out you will be randomly assigned a reverse raffle number.

20th, 40th, 60th, 80th tickets drawn wins \$50  
100th ticket drawn wins \$100  
120th, 140th, 160th, 180th tickets drawn wins \$50  
195th, 196th, 197th tickets drawn wins \$100  
198th ticket drawn wins \$250  
199th ticket drawn wins \$500  
200th ticket drawn wins \$1,000

Any questions, please contact Mike Rumschlag at [mrumschlag@apps.lchhs.edu](mailto:mrumschlag@apps.lchhs.edu).

Thank you for your support! Go T-Birds!

# Shelf Stable Meals for Youth



## Free Meals to Youth in Need!

Children's Hunger Alliance came to the rescue--  
Providing 750 meals for many youth in need as the  
COVID 19 pandemic continues.

### DATE:

Tuesday and Friday

### TIME:

10:30 AM- 1:30 P.M

### LOCATION:

SAFY Youth Drop-in Center  
658 W Market Street  
Lima, OH 45801  
Curbside Pick-up

- Parents/guardians can pick up meals for youth 17 years and younger living their household
- Please enter from Market Street and pull up to side entrance
- Curbside Pick-up: Please stay in your car and call us when you arrive
- Upon arrival, questions or concerns please contact us at (419) 695-3050 or (419) 222-1527

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[SAFY.org/Ohio](http://SAFY.org/Ohio)



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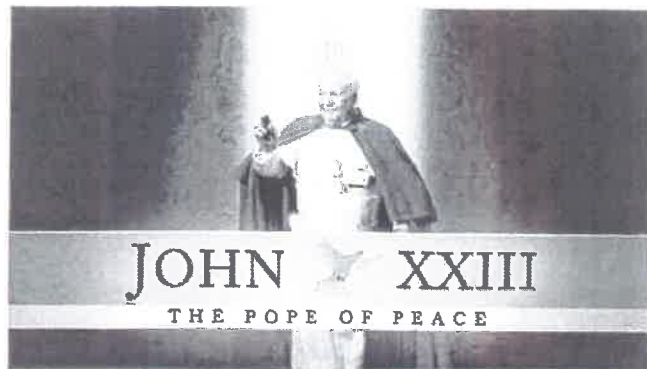
PICK OF THE WEEK

Oct 10, 2021

## WATCH

### JOHN XXIII: THE POPE OF PEACE

This movie tells the whole life story of John XXIII from his youth through his young priesthood, episcopacy, life as cardinal, and eventually his life as Pope. Elected supposedly as an "interim Pope" who would just keep the status quo and listen to the advisers around him, John XXIII proved to be his own man when he surprised the Church and world by calling for the Second Vatican Council.



## LEARN

### DIVINE MERCY WITH FATHER MICHAEL GAITLEY EPISODE 6: FATIMA

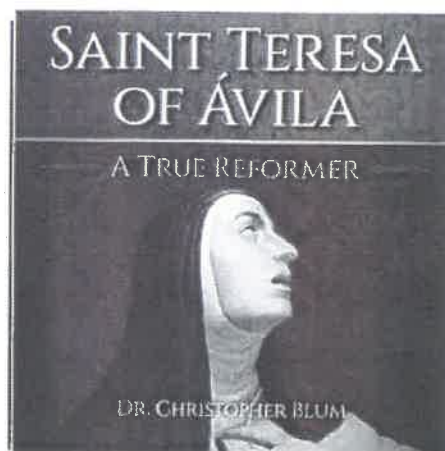


Renowned speaker and author Fr. Michael Gaitley tells the dramatic history of God's love and mercy in this 10-part series. Against the backdrop of a world engulfed in war, the prophetic drama surrounding a small town in Portugal captures the minds and hearts of believers and unbelievers alike. In this episode of learn about Pope Benedict XV and the apparitions at Fatima.

## LISTEN

### SAINT TERESA OF ÁVILA: A TRUE REFORMER BY CHRISTOPHER BLUM

Dr. Christopher Blum unfolds the inspiring life of St. Teresa and her important role in the Catholic Reformation. After having already been a nun for twenty years, she had a radical transformation in her own life and then became one of the most powerful forces for bringing about conversion and positive change in the history of the Church. Listen and learn about this Mystic, Doctor of the Church, and True Reformer.



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