

THURSDAY FLYER

From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families,

This past Monday we celebrated the second week of Advent at school. We lit the candle of Peace. "The Candle of Peace". In the second week of Advent, we take time to reflect on God's peace that he supplies to us without end in Jesus. While it is true that Jesus came to put an end to sin and its penalty once and for all, his coming into the world has accomplished so much more than that! Jesus' coming has given us peace with God that cannot be undone. The prophecies of the Old Testament that are fulfilled in Christ's coming give us confidence and peace that God is who he says he is and that God does what he says he will do. And for those of us who are in Christ, our peace is doubly sure, because we not only have the peace of God with us right now, we have the peace that comes from knowing that nothing at all, not even death, can separate us from the love of God that is our in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This week each night a family, a great activity to do would be to light the first two candles of the Advent Wreath (Hope and Peace) and to say a prayer for Peace on Earth to all.

We dream God's dream of a world at peace
Where enemies are reconciled, and children play in safety;
Where the poor and powerless find justice.

We remember God's promise of a Ruler of Peace,
Filled with the Spirit of God, of wisdom and understanding,
Of counsel and might, of justice and faithfulness.

We light this Advent candle, and we pray:
Come Lord Jesus!
Open our lives to the Peace which you bring;
let us turn to you, and get ready!

Many Blessings,

Mrs. Natalie Schoonover, Principal

St. Gerard School Christmas Program:

The Christmas program is on Tuesday, December 13th at 7 p.m. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. All students should be dropped off in their classrooms. Students need to be dressed in their "Sunday Best" (nice clothes or their school uniforms. We ask that all families stay for the entirety of the program. Please pick up your student after the program in their classrooms.

We will be live streaming the program for those that cannot attend. The link is <https://webca.st/220363> and will begin at 6:45 p.m. There is no charge to view the live stream.

Altar Servers:

Saturday, December 10th at 5 p.m.: Preston Jeffers, Maddie Jeffers, Colby Hinds

Sunday, December 11th at 8:30 a.m.: Dallas Martin, Emiley Martin, Blake Tobe

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



The last day of Lego Club is December 12th for 1st and 2nd grades and December 13th for 3rd and 4th grades. We will have our Lego Party and movie for our last Lego Club.

Holiday Break:

With the Christmas and New Year's Holiday quickly approaching, we want to remind families we will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20th and will resume school on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.

Extended Day Changes for December:

Tuesday, December 13th –
Extended day will end at 5 p.m. due to our school Christmas program

Tuesday, December 20th –
Early Release at 1 p.m. for Christmas Break – No Extended Day



St. Gerard Rosary Altar Christmas Raffle:

The Rosary Altar Society will hold their annual Christmas Raffle on Sunday, December 18th. Prizes are \$50, \$100, or \$150. Tickets are enclosed and can be returned to the school office prior to the 18th. Chances are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.



This holiday season, do all your gift card shopping in a convenient place in the St. Gerard School Office plus take advantage of opportunities to raise funds for St. Gerard School. We are pleased to have the following retailer's gift cards available for immediate purchase:

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| Amazon | Applebee's | Arby's | Bath & Body | Beer Barrel |
| Bigby Coffee | Bob Evans | BW3 | Chief Supermarkets | Chipotle |
| Circle K | Cold Stone | Cracker Barrel | Dunkin Donuts | Finish Line |
| Gordon Foods | iTunes | JCPenney | Jo Ann Fabrics | Kohls |
| Little Caesar's | Lowe's | Meijer | Menard's | Old Navy |
| Olive Garden | Panera Bread | Papa John's | Red Lobster | Rite Aid |
| Speedway | Subway | Taco Bell | Texas Roadhouse | Tim Horton's |
| Walgreen's | Walmart | McDonalds | | |

We are nearing the end of our Advent Service Project. We are collecting items by the student's house and sister house. Please refer to the chart below you and your family knows what to donate. Donations will go to men and women in recovery and who struggle with behavioral health issues.

Last day to turn items in is Friday, December 8th.

St. Gerard and St. Rose School Out of Uniform Day

CHEERING FOR CHANDLER

DECEMBER 9, 2022

STUDENTS MAY BE OUT OF UNIFORM FOR \$1.00 IN SUPPORT OF 3 YEAR OLD CHANDLER. HE HAS RECENTLY BEEN DIAGNOSED WITH A RARE CHILDHOOD CANCER. HE IS THE SON OF OUR SPEECH THERAPIST, MRS. KARA HARTMAN.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A LARGER DONATION THAT WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTED TO ASSIST THE FAMILY IN TRAVEL AND MEDICAL EXPENSES.

ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT

Altruismo Sollevare	Isibindi Onraka
Adult Winter Hats, Mittens and Gloves	Shampoos and Body Washes
Amistad Nukumorl	Reveur Protos
Bars of Soap and Deodorant	Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
Crescita (PreK) any of the above listed items	

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD
ISAIAH 40:3-4

8th Grade Parents/Guardians,

This is just a reminder about our Admissions Help that's available to you this week at LCC:

12/7 After the LCC Band/Choral Concert 8:00pm-9:00pm LCC Alpha Lab

12/8 2:30pm-4:30pm LCC Alpha Lab

Please see below for a special reward for those who complete the Admissions Process by the deadline of 12/16/22:

ATTENTION:

FREE BASKETBALL GAME

AND PIZZA PARTY

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13TH @ 7:30PM
LCC VS. SPENCERVILLE
MSGR. E.C. HERR GYMNASIUM

**FOR ALL 8TH GRADERS
WHO SUBMIT THEIR
APPLICATION AND
CHECKLIST BY
12/16/22!**

for more information contact: Sue Janowski
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THIRD Week of Advent

On the Third Sunday of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, "The Lord is coming." Beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, "The Lord is near." This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation.

CELEBRATE ST. LUCY

December 13

Saint Lucy was a virgin and martyr who lived during the early 4th century. The name Lucy is derived from the Latin word "lux" for "light."

Saint Lucy's Day is celebrated most widely in Scandinavia, especially Sweden. St. Lucy is represented in a white dress symbolizing a baptismal robe and a red sash symbolizing the blood of her martyrdom, with a crown of candles on her head.

In Sweden, the Festival of Light includes music and revelry. Girls dressed as Saint Lucy carry saffron buns in procession symbolizing bringing the Light of Christ into the world's darkness. Boys dress as "star boys" in pointy hats with stars and robes.



Eat together

Saffron buns are a Swedish tradition for St. Lucy's day. If you don't have time, get some cinnamon rolls and raisins. Twist the cinnamon rolls in S shapes. Enjoy!

Saffron Buns

Ingredients

- 6 ounces butter, melted
- 2 1/2 cups lukewarm milk
- 3/4 teaspoon saffron
- 1 cup sugar
- 1.7 ounces fresh yeast
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 pounds wheat flour, or as needed
- Beaten egg, for brushing
- Raisins, for garnish.

Preparation

1. Place the butter and milk in a medium bowl. Using a mortar and pestle, grind the saffron with a pinch of the sugar, and stir into the mixture. In a large bowl, dissolve the yeast in a little of the lukewarm butter mixture, then add the remaining butter mixture, the remaining sugar and the salt.
2. Gradually add enough of the flour (almost all of it) to make a workable dough, kneading for 10 minutes by hand or 5 minutes in a mixer with a dough hook. Shape into a ball, sprinkle with a little flour and cover with a cloth. Allow to rise in a warm spot for 30 to 45 minutes.
3. Transfer the dough to a floured work surface, and knead in additional flour if the dough is sticky. Shape as desired into buns, braids or lengths. Place on lined baking sheets, and allow to rise again for 30 to 45 minutes. Preheat the oven to 400.
4. Brush the buns with beaten egg, and press raisins lightly into the dough. Bake until golden and risen, or until a toothpick inserted into the center of a bun comes out dry. Smaller buns may take 8 to 10 minutes; larger lengths and braids, 15 to 20 minutes. Cool the buns on a rack under a cloth.



Celebrate together

Inspired by the Swedish traditions and the Festival of Light, find a way to celebrate with your family. Possible ways to celebrate include:

- Put together a gingerbread house
- Eat your dinner by candlelight.
- Drive around and look at Christmas lights.
- Use sparklers outdoors.



THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of December 11, 2022



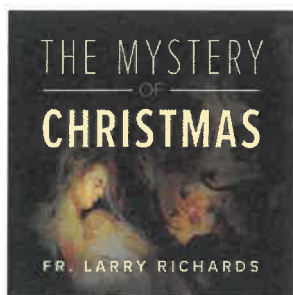
I Am Who I Am Lectio: God Episode 1

Who is God and what does he mean when he says "I Am Who I Am"? Join Dr. Elizabeth Klein in her latest Lectio series as she begins to unpack the mystery of who God is.



Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance

Both St. John of the Cross and his dear friend St. Teresa of Avila lived heroic lives of prayer. In honor of these spiritual masters, enjoy this film depicting the Carmelite way of life and the virtue of perseverance.



The Mystery of Christmas by Fr. Larry Richards

In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards reminds us that in the mystery of Christmas, God gives humanity his greatest gift: his Son.

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2023
LATA WINTER TENNIS CAMP

Free 4 Week/7 Sessions



WESTWOOD TENNIS & FITNESS CENTER

Teaching pro: Jeff Brown - USPTA Certified

3101 West Elm Street, Lima, Ohio

Please call Westwood Tennis and Fitness for registration beginning Dec. 12 2022 at

419-222-1515

Registration RECOMMENDED. Ages 10-18

SATURDAY'S & SUNDAY'S in January 2023

JANUARY 7,8,14,15,21, 22 & 29, 2023

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Tennis shoes required

If you do not have a tennis racket - one will be provided



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