

# THURSDAY FLYER

## From the Principal's Pen:

Dear St. Gerard Families,

This week we were blessed to have a group of young missionaries from the Culture Project come speak to our middle school students. The focus of their discussion was that of Human Dignity. The question at hand was, What is it about human beings that set us apart? Through storytelling, real-life examples, and scientific evidence they discussed the splendor of the human person and defined human dignity as the unique value inherent to each of us. We spent a great deal of time discussing how valuable each of us are as children of God. This was a great discussion to support what we try to instill in our students each and every day. We hope each of them feel loved and supported. This was a great way to celebrate students during Catholic Schools Week.

On Tuesday we held our annual staff vs. 8th grade volleyball game. We also had a spirit day to celebrate our students! It was a day full of fun and good sportsmanship. These days are so important for building community in our school. I thought for sure these 8th graders were going to take us down, but they did not! Way to go teachers! We are proud of all of you.

Finally, we also would like to thank you for sending your children to Catholic Schools. It is our pleasure to work with them each day: teaching the faith, values and morals, along with academics to help them grow and blossom into responsible citizens.

Have a great weekend!  
Many Blessings,  
Mrs. Schoonover

## KG-2nd Grade Soccer:

Shawnee has once again invited catholic school students to participate in their youth soccer program for grades K-2. Signups and Payments will all be done online at the QR Code below. If you signed up last fall you will use the same sign in information to resign up for spring soccer.



## Altar Servers:

**Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.:** Hayley Chambers, Brilynn Robertson, Colby Hinds

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.:** Emma Hahn, Jacob Hahn, Jayden Bakies

**Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.:** Khloe Kunkleman, Alli Cook, Ava Armstead

## REMINDER

Re-enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year will begin within the next few weeks. Just a friendly reminder that you must be in good standing with current tuition and/or fee balances before you will be able to re-enroll. Fee letters were sent home earlier this week.

If you would like to pay outstanding fees by credit card, please contact Marta in the school office with your credit card details.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

### **Extended Day Statements:**

Extended Day statements were sent home earlier this week with students. Please send in payments by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to pay via credit card, please contact Marta in the school office with your credit card details.

### **Edchoice Scholarship Renewal:**

The Edchoice Scholarship renewal portal is now open. All current students with an Edchoice Scholarship will receive forms in the mail as well as we will be sending home blank forms next week with students. Please complete the renewal application and return to the school office along with a complete copy of a utility bill.

### **Golden Apple Award:**

Through the generosity and kindness of the Jack and Rhodora Donahue Family Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Golden Apple Award has been established to honor outstanding individuals who devote their lives to teaching in Catholic schools. This awards program has been expanded from the Diocese of Pittsburgh to include the Diocese of Toledo. The 2022-23 school year marks the eighteenth consecutive year that this prestigious award has been presented in the Diocese of Toledo.

The award is given to seven (7) preschool and/or elementary school teachers and two (2) secondary teachers each year. The award consists of a cash award of \$5,000 and a Golden Apple with 24 carat gold cross.

Please take a moment to consider nominating a St. Gerard teacher. To nominate a teacher, please complete online at:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZKWI0\\_4Qf\\_Eik4i7KoDsRtZzs7SOwlWzr3b\\_terHMTg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZKWI0_4Qf_Eik4i7KoDsRtZzs7SOwlWzr3b_terHMTg/edit?usp=sharing)

All nominations are due to St. Gerard School Office by Wednesday, February 28, 2023.

### **LCC High School Placement Test:**

The LCC high school placement test for current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students is quickly approaching. The test will be given on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. The test will begin at 8:30 am. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact LCC Guidance Office at 419-222-1826.





# 2023 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK







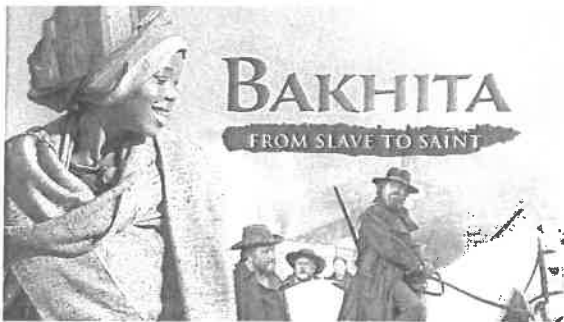
# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

Week of February 05, 2023



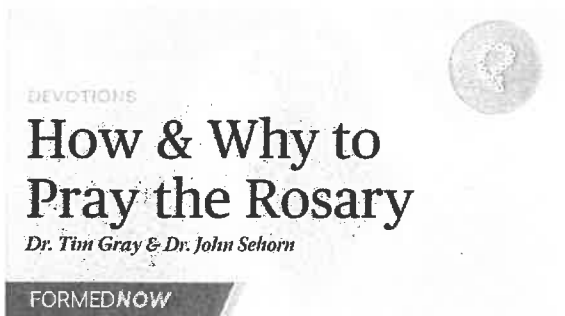
## Bernadette

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.



## Bakhita: From Slave to Saint

Bakhita: From Slave to Saint tells the incredible story of St. Josephine Bakhita. Originally born in Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped by slavers and was eventually sold to a merchant in Italy. By the grace of God, she lived a heroic life of forgiveness and mercy which led her to become a saint.



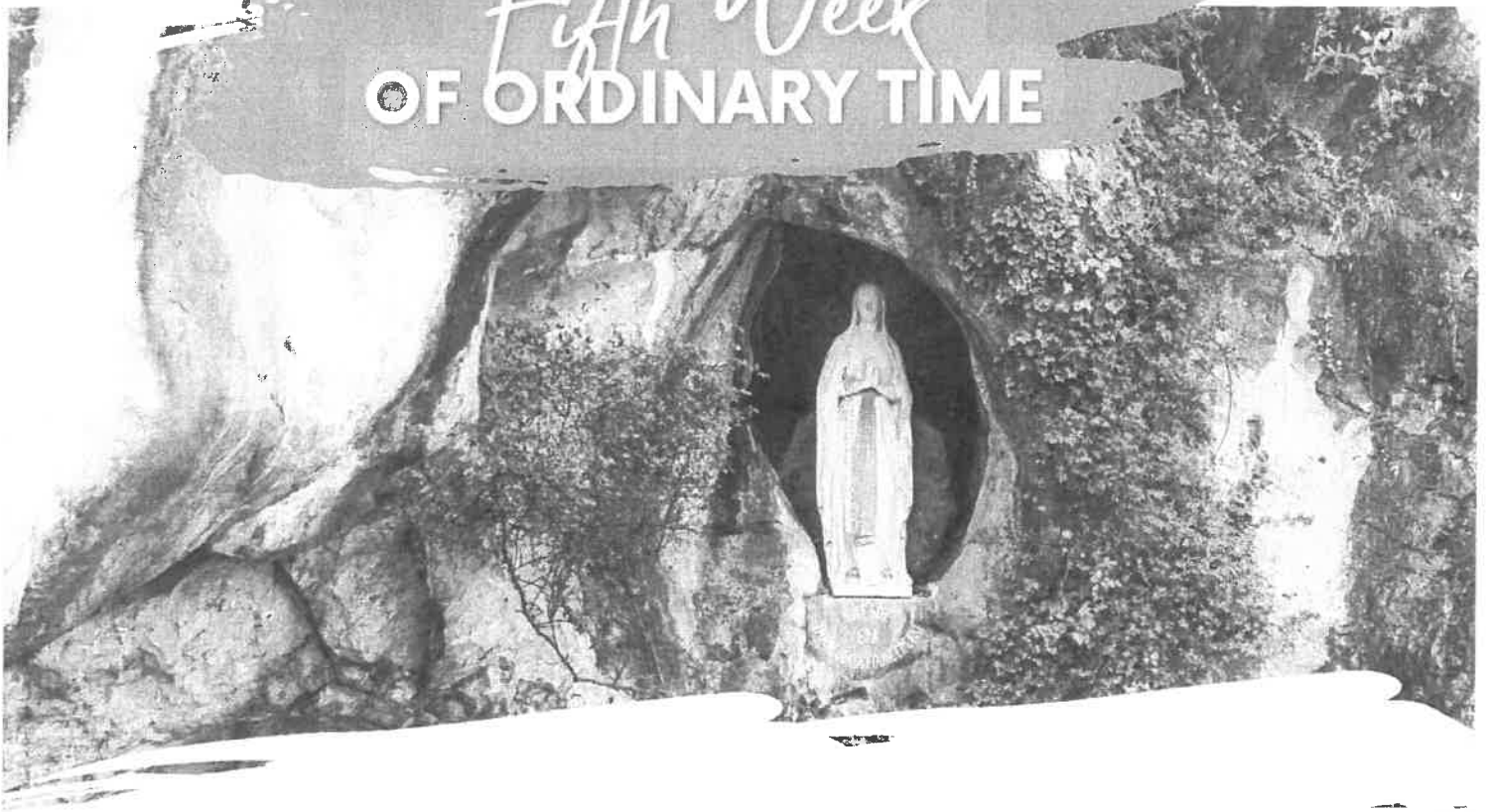
## How and Why to Pray the Rosary

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!

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signup.formed.org](https://signup.formed.org) and select our parish name.



# 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.

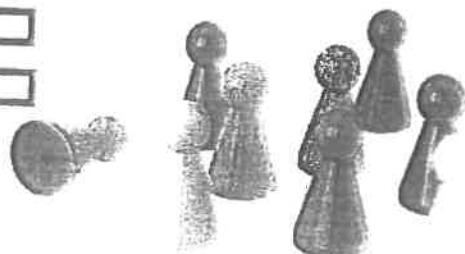


### Craft together

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.



# ST. GERARD SCHOOL BOARD GAME *Club*



**Who?** Grades 2 through 8  
**What?** Board Games - Multi-player Card Games - Table games - and Many More

**Where?** Cafeteria Building (this is where pickup is)

**When?** Every other Tuesday, Starting October 11 (all dates listed below)

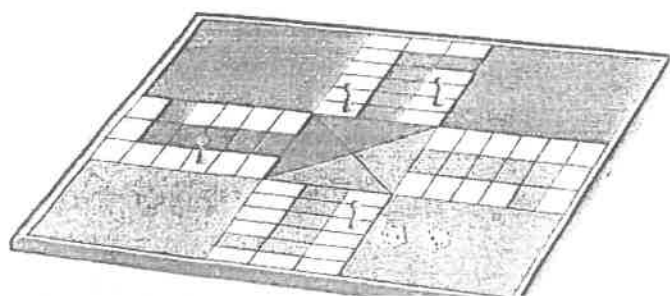
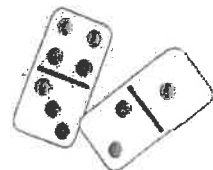


**Why?** Hang out with your friends and make new ones. Learn how to play different types of games. Ever wished you knew how to shuffle a deck of cards? Disconnect! Playing games and talking is way more fun face-to-face. Work on teamwork skills and being part of a group.



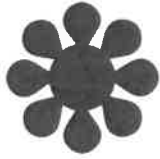
## Dates:

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| October 11  | January 10  | March 21 |
| October 25  | January 24  | April 4  |
| November 8  | February 7  | April 18 |
| November 29 | February 21 |          |
| December 6  | March 7     |          |



Questions?  
 Message Miss Holland or Miss Fischer on Class Dojo or email us at:

[efischer@sgslima.org](mailto:efischer@sgslima.org) OR  
[aholland@sgslima.org](mailto:aholland@sgslima.org)



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## February 2023 School Newsletter

### Sharing Positive Attention with Your Children

Random Acts of Kindness Week is February 12-18th. This year's theme is to make kindness the norm. There are resources for increasing kindness at home, school, and work on the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation [website](#).

Parents and guardians have the extraordinary task of raising a child. The topics covered in the at-home materials are respect, caring, inclusiveness, integrity, responsibility, and courage. These resources help provide activities to encourage kindness in yourself and your child.

There are many ways to show kindness and care. Some of the smallest acts are the most important. Giving a positive word, offering a hug, listening well, and saying you love them. One of the most significant ways to care for your child is to give them your undivided attention.

Children of all ages need undivided attention. They need attention like they need food and oxygen. Some things that can divide a parent's attention is being busy cooking food, distracted by tv, on a phone call, physically absent, or occupied with social media.

Provide your child with 10-15 minutes of your undivided attention daily. This one-on-one connection reduces mental health symptoms and provides security for youth. This time should consist of no phones, television, chores, or multitasking. It's about connecting with your kid. This time is also most effective when labeled. Call it "you and me time," "talk time," or "our hangout." Make sure your child knows this is daily time to connect with you.

Here are tips for this time of positive attention:

**Listen, don't ask for a performance.** "Can you say the alphabet?" "What is 16x19?" "Will you sing a song for me?" Questions like this can feel like a quiz or put performance pressure on kids. Listen to what they want to share instead of asking things you want to know.

**Show interest in what your child is doing.** Initiate a positive conversation by showing interest in what your kid is doing. Ask questions about their interest or recent activities. This should go beyond, "How was your day?" Instead, try, "How is that new art class?"

**Provide positive encouragement.** Encourage their positive behavior during this time. Thank them for helping clean up their toys or bringing plates to the kitchen.

**Ask follow-up questions.** While questions can overwhelm or focus on your interests, follow-ups can continue the conversation. "What happened next?" "What did you think about that?"

**Do an activity together.** Some people have a hard time connecting over conversation alone. Try going for a walk, putting together a puzzle, or playing a board game. Just avoid screens.

**Ask for their opinions.** Help your kid develop independent thinking by seeking out their opinions. It can be something that has to do with them or not. "What color should we paint the living room?" "What do you think made your teacher upset about your behavior?" "Why do you think bullying is wrong?" "Why do you think attending class is important?"

Don't forget to end your time together with a hug! Hugs are another form of [positive attention](#) and are most effective when between 5-10 seconds.





# 3RD ANNUAL WINTER INDOOR SOCCER SEASON

Attendants will benefit from Seasoned International Colleges players.

Training sessions includes;

- Foot Skills
- Defensive Skills
- Passing & Receiving Skills
- Field Awareness
- Shooting & Accuracy Skills
- Team Building Skills

All Players get a FREE T-Shirt

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## AGES

Group 1 - 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade  
Group 2 - 4th, 5th & 6th Grade

## TIME:

Groups 1 - 5pm to 6pm  
Groups 2 - 6pm to 7pm

Groups 1 and 2 -  
January 31st, February 2nd, 7th, 9th,  
14th, 16th, 21st, and 23rd (8 Sessions)

## VENUE

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