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**No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church;  
No matter what your current family or marital situation;  
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation;  
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You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at  
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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 4, 2015

The readings for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on God's design for marriage between man and woman. In ancient times and modern, this fundamental concept of marriage has been challenged, and has often involved political overtones.

The first reading is an excerpt from the wellknown second creation story from the Book of Genesis, 2:4—3:24. Scholars date the composition of this text to around 950 BC, during the period of the United Monarchy (1020–922 BC). Over the centuries, Israel would reflect on this time as their “golden age,” and for good reason: during much of this period, Israel enjoyed the status as one of the most powerful military and political forces in their region. It was during the reigns of King David, and his son, Solomon, that the earliest written pieces of the Old Testament were being produced. For the first time in Israel's near thousand-year existence (between Abraham, 2000 BC and David, 1000 BC), Israel was settling into a land (the Promised Land). And for the first time in its history, Israel had the time and luxury to begin putting its sacred history with Yahweh into written form. (It is interesting to note that the “record” of the first thousand years of Israel's history existed in oral form only.)

While many modern Christians likely view the story of the “man” and the “woman” who “become one flesh” as a religious lesson on God's desire for man to find a “suitable partner” for holy marriage, the original audience (in 950 BC) would have picked up on the political lesson here as well. King David had seven wives (1 Chr 3) and King Solomon had seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines (see 1 Kgs 11:3)! The unknown author behind the writing of the second creation story challenged the political and religious leadership of his day to a higher moral code with regards to marriage and accountability before God's laws.

In a similar way in today's Gospel reading, the interaction between Jesus and the Pharisees is politically charged. The Pharisees initial question posed to Jesus, “Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?” had to do with an issue of the Mosaic law, a concept for Jews in antiquity that embodied both religion and politics. But in Jesus' response to the Pharisees, he diffused the politics associated with the Mosaic law on divorce, focusing rather on God's divine design for marriage. By shifting the focus of God's intent for man and woman to become “one flesh” rather than on the technicalities of Moses' instruction for divorce, Jesus is able to emphasize the mutual responsibility and duty between the man and the woman in marriage. In a later private conversation with his disciples, Jesus reiterated that neither man nor woman has the moral authority to illegitimately “divorce” the other since both are equals in marriage.

For six of the next seven Sundays, we hear from the Letter to the Hebrews as the second reading. Hebrews is one of the New Testament's most complex and theologically rich writings. Scholars think Hebrews was originally a sermon delivered to a late first-century AD Christian congregation in need of being bolstered in the faith. Describing the community of believers as “brothers” with Christ likely helped strengthen their faith.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
12:00 Noon

### WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, First Friday:  
9:15 a.m.

Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30–4:30 p.m.

# A Week Ahead

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS  
OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 9



Monday 9:15 AM  
**Enrico and Ida Canini**  
Requested by Graziano Canini

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Beth McLaughlin**  
Requested by Family

Wednesday 9:15 AM  
**Enrico and Ida Canini**  
Requested by Graziano Canini

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Enrico and Ida Canini**  
Requested by Graziano Canini

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: JON 1:1--2:2, 11/LK 10:25-37  
TUESDAY: JON 3:1-10/LK 10:38-42  
WEDNESDAY: JON 4:1-11/LK 11:1-4  
THURSDAY: MAL 3:13-20B/LK 11:5-13  
FRIDAY: JL 1:13-15; 2:1-2/LK 11:15-26  
SATURDAY: JL 4:12-21/LK 11:27-28  
NEXT SUNDAY: WIS 7:7-11/HEB 4:12-13/MK 10:17-30 OR  
10:17-27

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(For a list of daily readings: go to <http://www.usccb.org/nab>)

Saint Francis says:

**L**et us bless the pets!



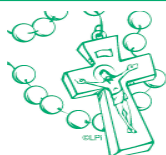
We will have Pet Blessing on Sunday,  
October 4th at 1:30 PM in the parish parking

Anointing  
of the  
sick



The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be at all Masses the weekend of **October 10th and 11th** to anyone who desires the graces of the sacrament. Parishioners who

know of neighbors and friends who may benefit from this



## Month of the Rosary

Have you considered putting St. Gerald Church in your Will?  
Please call Fr. Festus at 248-477-7470.  
He would be happy to discuss this with you.

## OCTOBER 11, 2015 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM October 10 Fr. Festus

For <b>John F. Fea</b> Requested by Bernadette Fea	Servers	
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00B

8:30 AM October 11 Fr. Briffa

For <b>Grace &amp; Walter Mazurek &amp; Alan Metivier</b> Requested by Cindy & Claudia	Servers	Clarisa Russenberger Molly Swaine
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30A

10:15 AM October 11 Fr. Festus

For <b>Sabri Akel</b> Requested by Joan & Ken Galica	Servers	Luke Horsburgh Jack DuLong
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone Timothy Wardle, Jr. 10:15B

12:00 Noon October 11 Fr. Festus

For <b>Benjamin Bloom</b> Requested by Mizzi Family	Servers	Grace Pagnucco
	Lectors/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski Fernando Guerra 12:00B

## Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

October 9 and October 10  
Team #6

October 16 and October 17  
Team #1



Pray for

*Our Sick:*

Dennis Beiting  
Beth McLaughlin

## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 if you would like a name added to the Prayers for the Sick.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE**



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

We are pleased to announce that our "Friends of the Poor Walk" will be on October 17th at Belle Isle. This new location has such rich history and natural beauty, we are excited to be hosting it! For more information, please contact the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204.

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 13th following the 7 PM Parish Council meeting in the Social Hall. Our group is open to everyone and we need Parishioners to plan and execute service activities and hospitality events throughout the year. If you cannot make the meeting but are interested in Parish Life, please call 248-476-7677 ext. 204 or email [csstgerald@yahoo.com](mailto:csstgerald@yahoo.com).

**Youth Group News**

I am looking for Faithful, and fun loving kids! Youth Group meets on Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM. We challenge each other with games, and have food and discuss the topic of the evening! All High school teens and their friends are welcome. See the calendar for dates. This Sunday is "You are your Keeper" Join Us!!!!



Calendar of Events:

- Oct. 17-18** Hot Dog Sales at St. Al's Estate Sale
- Oct. 24** Trunk or Treat and Monster Mash!
- Oct. 25** Painting Pumpkins with Ashley COURT Nursing Home



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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Juice 64 oz.        | Mac and Cheese    |
| Canned Fruit        | Pork and Beans    |
| Canned Chicken/Spam | Lg. Can of Soup   |
| Cake Mix            | Laundry Detergent |
| Dish Detergent      | Paper Towels      |

**HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS**



Blood Pressure screenings will be on the third Sunday each month. Our first blood pressure screening will be **October 18** after each Mass. We will be set up in the social hall, just follow the signs.

**FLU CLINIC**

We will be having a Flu Clinic (flu shots) on Sunday, October 25 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. There will be a sign up sheet in the social hall at the Health Ministry table. We need to know an approximate number so the VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) knows how many nurses to provide. There is a list of all the insurances that they accept, including Medicare. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Seabolt at [blseabolt@mi.rr.com](mailto:blseabolt@mi.rr.com) or call 248-477-4752.

**KARING KIDS!!**

ST. GERALD IS STARTING SOMETHING NEW!! All 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade kids are invited to Karing Kids!! This is a once a month gathering for the kids to get together for games, food and to do something for others. We will meet from 3:00-4:30 PM in the Social Hall on:

- October 25, 2015
- November 15, 2015
- December 13, 2015
- January 24, 2016
- February 21, 2016
- March 6, 2016
- April 10, 2016
- May 8, 2016

**We welcome to the Body of Christ**

*Madeline Joy Schwartz*

*baptized Sunday,*

*September 27, 2015*

*by Rev. Festus Ejimadu*

Madeline is the daughter of  
**David Schwartz**  
&  
**Emily Bross**

Godparents are  
**William Bross and Amy Schneider**



**INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN**

If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) and their name will be added to our prayers.

## WORSHIP

### Tim's Tidbits

Autumn has arrived. Just walk or drive along and you will see the trees are changing. From my experience, honey locust trees are always the first with their bright yellow color. I was driving along Beck Rd. on Sunday afternoon and noticed some reds coming in too. As we all know, in Michigan, we have the beauty of the four seasons.

In the season of autumn we experience vibrant colors in our trees and some plants. This season we also see dying. But we are aware that spring is coming, a few months away, when blossoms bloom and things come to life.

So is life, we all go through an autumn, winter and a spring. Our physical self dies and we are born anew, either from past hurts or sufferings or into eternal life. I can remember when my mother died; it was near the end of October in 2002, one of the last sunny and bright days of the season. On the drive home from the hospital, I noted that in my mind and remember it to this day. I lost both my parents, mother in 2002 and father in 2012, and am an only child. At this time, let's keep Fr. Festus and his family in prayer as they mourn the death of their father.

Our second collection this weekend is for the good work of our St. Gerald Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. I have worked in several parishes in the Archdiocese that have a conference and have seen their good work first hand. Please be generous in giving, as it allows our conference to respond to local needs.

In this weekend's "The Voice" is a flyer for the sale dates and times of the estate sale. Feel free to post it up at your workplace or favorite spot. The Estate Sale will be held at the St. Alexander property. If you need more flyers, let me know. Your help in publicizing the sale is appreciated.

Your help is needed with the Estate Sale! Please call me at 248-476-7677 Ext 202 or email me at [timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com) if you can assist with the sale for a few hours on the weekend of the sale or come and help sort and price items in the weeks prior. We are working in the convent now. Thank you.



**St. Alexander Church Estate Sale will be held October 16 through October 18.**

**Volunteers are needed. If you can volunteer your time**

**please call Tim Westfall at 248-476-7677 ext. 202.**

ELECTRONIC DEPOSIT OF DONATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT ST. GERALD. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BOOKSHELF IN THE GATHERING SPACE OF THE CHURCH OR ON OUR WEBSITE AT [STGERALDPARISH.ORG](http://STGERALDPARISH.ORG)

## EVANGELIZATION

### SHARING GOD WITH OTHERS

The Evangelization Committee of St. Gerald is committed to our parish community. The aim is to transform our culture and provide conversation about our Catholic faith. It is a call to holiness. Please share the invitation with others.

Mark your calendar for upcoming activities:

**Friday, November 20 - Theology on Tap** where adults meet to ask questions about faith. We will have a guest to answer questions and share perspectives. BYOB, and a dish to pass. Our first meeting will be held at Frank and Gerryanna Luscri's home at 36778 Kenmore Drive, Farmington Hills RSVP to [luscricfamily@hotmail.com](mailto:luscricfamily@hotmail.com)

**Saturday, January 9, 2016 - Movie Night** (13+ and adult) We will be showing the film *For Greater Glory* starring Andy Garcia & Eva Longoria. Pizza, pop and popcorn. Sponsored by St. Gerald Youth Group

We encourage you to listen to **Ave Maria Radio AM 990**; you'll be surprised at how interesting our faith is. Listen and be informed. It isn't your grandmother's Catholic Church

### EVANGELIZATION THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"You've got to stop thinking that evangelization is somebody else's job and start making it your own." Study the Faith so you can share the Faith. Become familiar with the Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Ask yourself, "How much do I really know?"  
*Patrick Madrid*



### PRAYER FOR LIFE

Heavenly Father, from the smallest cell to the largest creature, you are the origin and creator of all life. May we be so in awe of your wondrous power that we never take for granted the wonder of life, the beauty of creation or the potential of every person. We recognize the value and worth of human life, from conception to natural death. Help us to protect and nurture all life so that in perfect harmony we may offer to you a fitting song of living praise. We ask this through Jesus, your Son who lives and reigns forever. Amen.

~Rev. James Gaffney

Please help us keep our parish records up-to-date. If you move, have a change of phone number or any other change, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

**YOU'RE INVITATION TO PARISH LADIES**



Sophia's Sisters is a longtime group started at St. Al that invites wise ladies to pray, laugh a lot, and talk about their faith. Our format is the study of a book suggested by our members. This year it is *The Gift of Years* by Sister Joan Chittister. Now that we have found a home at St. Gerald's, we meet in Classroom 5 and we can certainly find bigger accommodations if YOU would like to join us. We meet from 10-11:30 AM (right after morning Mass) on the third Wednesday of every month. Please contact Betty Mott 248-476-5181 or Mary Power 248-474-1798. And welcome!



**Do you know someone who would like to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized and need to be confirmed or receive First Eucharist? What is the RCIA process?**

*Is God calling you to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please come to the RCIA. Are you getting the feeling that you should be learning more about your relationship with God and how He works in your life by become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please come to the RCIA. Do you have questions? Come to the RCIA. To join, speak to Fr. Festus after Mass or call Tim Westfall at (2) 476-7677, press 2 or email timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com*

**FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY**

**THE GOSPELS OF LUKE AND MATTHEW**

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide. The study will continue with Luke moving into Matthew.

Location: **St. Gerald's Church hall**  
 Time: Wednesday evenings 7 - 8:30 PM  
 Now through **November 18, 2015**

**All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study.** Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides. No need to register.

Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com), Sharon Weberlein (shrweber@aol.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.



**Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of September 27	\$ 6,611.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of September 27	\$ 9,334.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - September 27	\$98,682.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - September 27	\$112,000.00



**BULLETIN REMINDER**

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 12 noon on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>5</b>  9:15 am Mass  5:30 pm Elem. Religious Formation Classes  7:00 pm Evangelization Meeting	<b>6</b> 9:15 am Mass 9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 2:00 pm Nursing Home Mass 5:15 pm Elem. Religious Formation Classes 7:00 pm K of C Officer's Meeting	<b>7</b>  9:15 am Mass  7:00 pm Vicariate Bible Study	<b>8</b>  7:00 pm Mass	<b>9</b>  7:30 pm Holy Hour  8:00 pm AA Meeting	<b>10</b>  <b>Anointing of the Sick at all Weekend Masses</b>  St. Christine's Soup Kitchen  K of C Tootsie Roll Sale  3:30 pm Confessions  5:00 pm Mass	<b>11</b>  28TH Sunday in Ordinary Time <b>Anointing of the Sick at all Weekend Masses</b> K of C Tootsie Roll Sale 8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 10:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:15 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Mass



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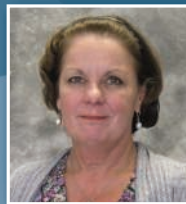
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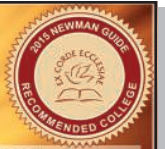
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