



THE VOICE

ALL ARE WELCOME
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;
No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color;
No matter what your self-image or esteem;
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at
St. Gerald Catholic Church.

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS **NOVEMBER 1, 2015**

The solemnity of All Saints is a holy day of obligation for Catholics and is celebrated annually on November 1. On this day, we commemorate those who have gone before us and have obtained the beatific vision in heaven. The symbols for the day are a sheaf of wheat and a crown, with the solemnity grounded in the words of the Jewish sage: "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God," Wisdom 3:1. The same set of readings is used each year as the church calls us to reflect upon these models of the faith through the lens of these three texts.

The first reading is taken from the Revelation of John, the Bible's final book. Many regard this text as the Bible's finest example of apocalyptic literature. The term apocalypse derives from the Greek word apocrypha meaning "hidden, concealed, secret." These works often focus on end-time (end of the world) scenarios. Apocalyptic literature flourished for about four hundred years, roughly 200 BC to AD 200, and was used by both Jewish and Christian authors. It is believed that apocalypses are best characterized as "crisis literature," since it was often used to offer hope to the intended audience undergoing some type of oppression and persecution. Examples of early forms of this literature are found in the Old Testament, especially associated with vision from the Israelite prophets, such as Isaiah and Daniel (see, for example, Is 24–27, 33; Dn 7–12). In fact, the author of the Revelation of John frequently draws from the apocalyptic imagery present in Old Testament writings, updating and applying the symbols and images within his Christian context.

Today's reading actually contains excerpts from two separate visions in Rev 7:1–17: the sealing of the 144,000 (7:1–8) and the triumph of the elect (7:9–17). Two points emerge: first, the Lord will protect his faithful in times of crisis; and second, eternal reward awaits all those who persevere under duress, especially those who are martyred for the faith. Although the first widespread and systematic persecution of Christians in the Roman Empire did not occur until the reign of Emperor Decius (AD 249–251), sporadic and informal harassment of Christians (including physical and verbal abuse) was common. This included martyrdom at times and was certainly applicable at the time of the writing of the Revelation of John.

The second reading from First John is likewise a reading that offers a message of hope. As believers, we are called "children of God." We wait in anticipation of the revelation of Christ that awaits us all in the life of the world to come. First John assures us that as children of God, we will be "like him," pure and undefiled.

The Gospel reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount according to Matthew, the beatitudes. In many ways, these beatitudes serve as a checklist for our lives as Christians. Jesus' beatitudes show us that we are not measured by God with the standards of wealth, power, and privilege, dominant in our larger culture. We are assessed by God's divine standard. We are called to be meek and merciful, to be peacemakers, willing to suffer for the faith if needed, open to comforting the poor and mournful when needed.

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 NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 7



Monday 9:15 AM
Howard Petter
Requested by Diane Petter

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Christopher Ejimadu
Requested by Frank and Geri Adams

Wednesday 9:15 AM
Allan Diedo
Requested by Vera Diedo

Thursday 7:00 PM
Robert James and Maybel Kosty
Requested by C. Kosty

Friday 9:15 AM
Bob and Monica Koenig
Requested by Friends

Saturday 9:15 AM
For All Our Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: WIS 3:1-9/ROM 5:5-11 OR 6:3-9/JN 6:37-40
TUESDAY: ROM 12:5-16B/LK 14:15-24
WEDNESDAY: ROM 13:8-10/LK 14:25-33
THURSDAY: ROM 14:7-12/LK 15:1-10
FRIDAY: ROM 15:14-21/LK 16:1-8
SATURDAY: ROM 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/LK 16:9-15
NEXT SUNDAY: 1 KGS 17:10-16/HEB 9:24-28/MK 12:38-44 OR 12:41-44

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

ADVENT TEA

Please join us on Monday evening, December 7, 2015 at 6 PM in the Social Hall. All are welcome at the Annual St. Gerald Advent Tea.



It has been a St. Gerald tradition for the women of the parish to come together in the season of advent to break bread with a group of their friends. Hostesses provide festive place settings for their table and a dessert to pass; St. Gerald's provides a seasonal program and a light supper with tea and coffee.

You may host a table or come as a single person and we will provide a place for you. The cost is \$11 per person.

Please contact Diane Gerometta at 248-763-3193 or diane.gerometta@aon.com to make your reservations or for any questions.

Tables fill up quickly; reserve your spot early so you are not disappointed!

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.

NOVEMBER 8, 2015 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM November 7 Fr. Kaiser

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| For Michael Hoots Requested by Mary Lou Olschansky | Servers | Gavin Kamm |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Diane Blankenship 5:00B |

8:30 AM November 8 Fr. Festus

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| For Christopher Ejimadu Requested by Monica Harley | Servers | Clarisa Russenberger Molly Swaine |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Jim Bergin 8:30B |

10:15 AM November 8 Fr. Festus

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| For Frances Casey Requested by John Casey | Servers | Grace Pagnucco Ashley Grabinski |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Angela McLoughlin 10:15C |

12:00 Noon November 8 Fr. Festus

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| For Art Wellinger Requested by Ron & Gloria Bozak | Servers | Sofia Mansoor |
| | Lectors/ Ushers | Paul Radzilowski 12:00B |

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

November 6 and November 7
Team #6

November 13 and November 14
Team #1

ALL ARE INVITED TO REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE FUNERALS WERE DURING THIS PAST YEAR AT A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 7:00 PM AT ST. GERALD CHURCH.

Please come and pray for those who have died.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
TIME ENDS**
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10th at 7 PM in the Social Hall followed by our Commission meeting. 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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE DAYS
 Mark your calendars! On November 7th and 8th the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here for your donations!

**We're Collecting
 Food for the Needy.
 Can You Help?**

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| Juice 64 oz. | Mac and Cheese |
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| Cookies | Canned Chicken |
| Canned Spam | Lg. Can of Soup |
| Dish Detergent | Laundry Detergent |
| Paper Towels | Bathroom Tissue |

**Youth Group
 News**

We got Karing Kids off the ground. The kids played soccer, made the parachute fly, had snacks and made two tie baby blankets ready to be donated to Children's Hospital. Next meeting we are playing floor hockey, celebrating fall with pumpkin pie and pumpkin donuts, and are decorating turkeys for Ashley Court. All 5th, 6th, and 7th grade kids are invited, join us on November 15th for Karing Kids!

The Youth Group took 22 kids to Ashley Court Nursing Home to paint pumpkins with the residents there. We had a great time painting pumpkins and sharing cookies and cider. We are making plans to go back in December for caroling!

On November 7th the Confirmation candidates will have the Mass of Enrollment. Join us at 5:00 PM Mass to support and pray for them.

Upcoming Calendar Events:

- November 1: 6-8 PM Confirmation Session
- November 7: 5 PM Mass of Enrollment
- November 8: 6-8 PM Youth Group
- November 14/15: Food Drive
- November 15: 3-4:30 PM Karing Kids
6-8 PM Confirmation Session
- November 22: 12 PM Family Mass
6-8 PM Youth



Members of our Youth Group enjoyed their visit to Ashley Court last Sunday visiting with the residents

FORMATION

BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT JAIL MINISTRY AND OUTREACH

The Education Commission is again sponsoring a Book Drive to benefit the children of those incarcerated in our correctional facilities as well as the prisoners themselves.

All new books for toddlers to 18 years of age are greatly welcomed and distributed to children who have a parent in jail. These books are distributed to the children of the incarcerated at Christmas.



Jail Ministry and Outreach would welcome copies of The Life Recovery Bible. These bibles are given to the many people who pass through their doors and is the most popular book in the Chaplain's office. Any book that helps in working through grief and anger are particularly beneficial. Care Notes from Abby Press, comic books and magazines that are in good condition are also welcome as well as books on spirituality, theology and world religions. Please note that books staying at the jail need to be soft covered.

If you wish to support this Work of Mercy in a way other than books they can use regular bath size bars of soap in wrappers and stamps! Sr. Peggy, of Jail Ministry and Outreach, tells us that they "also need stamps for Christmas cards. We have had several thousand cards distributed but need the forever stamps."

First and foremost is our outreach to the children! Please consider picking up a book or two and placing your donation in the plastic bin located in the church vestibule or bringing your donation directly to the Education Office before November 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or taylor.mary04@yahoo.com.



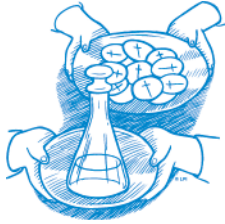
**First Friday,
 November 6**

**Exposition of
 the Blessed
 Sacrament following
 9:15 AM Mass until
 9 AM Saturday**

**Scheduled Adorers Needed
 Sign-up sheets in narthex**

WORSHIP

Tim's Tidbits



As you are aware, during the Mass, folks are asked to bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. Please, if an usher asks you to bring them up, say yes! It is an honor to do so, as what is brought forward becomes Christ's Body and Blood. Article 73 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, "At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist

the gifts which will become Christ's Body and Blood are brought to the altar."

Our **Evening of Remembrance** is on Monday, November 2 at 7:00 PM. You are invited to attend. We will celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy for all those who were buried from our parish community since last year. There will be a reception with light refreshments afterwards. Susan Donnelly from Angela Hospice will be on hand to discuss Grief Support. In a special way, our Book of Remembrance is placed out for the month as a way to remember our loved ones as well. We pray that they enjoy the Heavenly Banquet Christ has prepared for them.

FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF 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.



Location: **St. Gerald's Church hall**
Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30PM
Now thru **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.

St. Gerald Parish We remember those who have died from our parish family since our last Remembrance Liturgy 2014—2015



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| Janet Barbone | Matthew McClintic |
| William P. Bergin | James Meloche |
| Kenneth Buchanan | Jacqueline Messier |
| Rita Burns | Bridget Moloney-Pelto |
| Fleurette Colwell | John F. Neuman |
| Domenic Cordisco | Mary Organ |
| Elizabeth DeSimone | Evelyn Pastick |
| Christopher Ejimadu | Feliciano Pegoraro |
| Paul George | Jean Postlewait |
| JoAnn Graves | Raymond Rieger |
| Mary Hickey | Mark Wayne Storey |
| Patricia Jones | Erwin Strzalkowski |
| Genevieve Kokoszka | Edward Sulick |
| Robert Konitsney | Geraldine Svoboda |
| Myron Kopasz | Genevieve Terry |
| Margaret LaBuda | Amalia Villarruel |
| Jean Lopus | |

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
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| 2 All Soul's Day Food Pantry Donation Bags available for pickup 9:15 am Mass 5:30 pm Elem. Religious Formation Classes 7:00 PM Mass of Remembrance | 3 Food Pantry Donation Bags available for pickup 9:15 am Mass 9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 2:00 pm Nursing Home Mass No Elementary Religious Formation 7:00 pm K of C Officer's Mtg. | 4 Food Pantry Donation Bags available for pickup K of C Casino Bus Trip 9:15 am Mass 7:00 pm Vicariate Bible Study | 5 Food Pantry Donation Bags available for pickup 10:30 am SVDP Mtg. 7:00 pm Mass | 6 First Friday Eucharistic Adoration following 9:15 am Mass Food Pantry Donation Bags available for pickup 9:15 am Mass 8:00 pm AA Meeting | 7 Food Pantry Donation Bags available for pickup SVDP Truck in parking lot for donations St. Christine's Soup Kitchen - Youth 9:15 am Mass for Life 3:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm Mass of Enrollment | 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Food Pantry Donation Bags available for pickup SVDP Truck in parking lot for donations 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 am Children's Lit. of the Word 10:15 am Mass 10:15 am Sunday School 12 pm Mass 6 pm Youth Group |



St. Gerald keeps a Book of Remembrance in our gathering space during the month of November. We invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book at any time during the month of November. The deceased listed in the Book of Remembrance are remembered during the Prayers of the Faithful at each of our weekend Masses in November.

We realize that this time following the death of your loved one has been a difficult time for you and your family and we pray that you might find comfort in our Lord and our Blessed Mother, Mary. Please know that you are remembered in the prayers of our Parish community.



Dennis Beiting
Beth McLaughlin
Bill Walker
Robert Sikorski
Ralph Wenski

Wanda Reiner
Corinne Wedge
Wanda Johnson
Robin Kafcas
Bernie Fox

HEALING SERVICE

Emmanuel Healing Ministry invites you to come to a Healing Service on Thursday, November 5 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower from 7-9 PM. Confessions will be available at 6:20 PM. Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered followed by the opportunity to be prayed over for *any* intention. Fr. Alex Kratz will preside. Call Margaret Williams (248) 477-0767 for information.

Alex Kratz, OFM Duns Scotus Friary 2599 Harvard Rd. Berkley, MI 48072 Home phone: (248) 291-5418 "The pupil should be glad to become like his Teacher." (Mt. 10:25)

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 - 7:30 PM 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 luscryfallamily@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

People deserve answers to their questions, especially questions surrounding the faith - not just generic, one-size-fits all answers, but deeply personal answers that reach into their lives, meet them in the daily struggles and confusion, and deliver hope and charity. They deserve answers that animate their lives in a uniquely Christian way, answers they can live. John Paul II wrote, "Truth enlightens man's intelligence and shapes his freedom, leading him to know and love the Lord." Search, study, and evangelize that truth. Matthew Kelly



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SPELLING BEE
Saturday, December 5, 2015
St. Gerald Classrooms**



**11:00 AM
For all Children in Grades 4 - 9**

Level 1 (Grades 4-6) and Level 2 (Grades 7-9)
Winner and runner-ups from each level will advance to Regional Tournament

Entries must be received by Friday, November 20
Registration form and world lists can be downloaded from the Parish website.

**We welcome to the
Body of Christ**
*Ruth Kaylee Mineau
and Catalina Jeanne Tish*
baptized Sunday,
October 25, 2015
by Rev. Lawrence Kaiser

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.

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.

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.
(secretary at lunch Noon—12:30)

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SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Sacrament of the Sick:

Please call the office

Baptism:

Please be aware that first time parents must attend a short baptism prep class prior to the baptism of their child. Arrangements for baptism may be made by calling the Parish Office.

Matrimony:

St. Gerald Parish is pleased to marry registered parishioners and their children. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

Registration of new members:

Please see Fr. Ejimadu after Mass or call the office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway for your convenience. After you fill it out, just give it to Fr. Ejimadu or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you!

RCIA: Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? The St. Gerald RCIA group meets each week on Thursdays. Please call Tim Westfall (248) 476-7677 x202 or Fr. Ejimadu (248) 477-7470 for more information.

WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH!

If you are new to the area, we look forward to meeting you personally. If you have not been active in the practice of the Catholic faith, we encourage you to return. If a previous marriage has kept you from receiving the Sacraments, we invite you to call the rectory at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Ejimadu can work with you to find a favorable solution.

St. Alexander Food Pantry Contact Information

Phone: 248-474-8231

Calls taken Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 AM - to 11:00 AM

ST. GERALD MISSION STATEMENT

St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



**Sign Up for CPR Training and Neighborhood Food Drive; Our Lady of Guadalupe Documentary
Airs Nov. 8**

CPR training, Food for Families and Our Lady of Guadalupe are the focus as we begin another month. Knights are getting the first chance at signing up for a life-saving CPR training class sponsored by the Parish Health Ministry which is chaired by Barbara Seabolt, wife of brother Thom Seabolt. The class will be held from 7 to 10 PM on Monday, Nov.

9 in the Social Hall and repeated for another group at 9 AM on Nov. 21. To reserve a spot, call Parish Secretary, Mary Hoots at 248-477-7470. Ext. 212. There is a \$5 charge to cover costs.

Brothers Michael Rometty and Shatomi Kerbawy are organizing a food drive in their Alta Loma neighborhood and inviting Knights and parishioners to join them. The plan is to distribute flyers to houses in the downtown Farmington neighborhood Nov. 14, asking for non-perishable food for the St. Alexander and St Gerald food pantries. Volunteers will return the next day and collect the food. To help, call Shatomi at 248-434-7561.

The national K of C is sponsoring a movie about Our Lady of Guadalupe which will air on WXYZ-TV 7 at 2 PM on Nov. 8. "Guadalupe – The Miracle and the Message" offers insights into the story and impact of the 16th century apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe, one of the most recognizable icons of the Americas. For more information, go to www.guadalupefilm.com

A little bit of rain failed to dampen the Oct. 24 Trunk 'n' Treat party for parish kids and their parents. Many thanks to our chili makers – Barb Lemanski, Arlene McPhail, Gerri McDonald and Armin Russenberger – who produced 18 quarts of steamy goodness. And thanks to the 10 Knights who handled the kitchen and serving line. Led by Larry Swanson and Tom McPhail, there were Rick Stone, PGK Rich Smith, PGK Pat Rogers, Shatomi Kirbawy, Pat McDonald, Juan Carlos Garcia, Bill Croitori and Armin Russenberger.

The Council has obtained a Santa suit so we will be holding our "Picture with Santa" event after all. It will take place after the Sunday masses, Dec. 6. Parish moms will be e-mailed the digital images.

Keep Informed of Council doings; Read The Knights Corner in *The Voice!*

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