



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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **NOVEMBER 15, 2015**

Ours is a disturbing and fearsome time. Old traditions no longer have their binding power. Laws seem to be made to be broken. The hinges of sanity are coming loose for an increased number of people. Children have embraced the violence of adults, and adults have reverted to childish immaturity. Where is there solid ground to stand on in this uncertain world?

First reading – Daniel 12:1-3

The prophet Daniel foresaw a time when the earth would be consumed by violence and by destruction. Yet he promised the faithful that God's mighty arm would see them through the worst times. Those who believed Daniel's message would be spared and ultimately given eternal life.

Second reading – Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Although we live in a bleak and uncertain world, we have the assurance that God's victory over sin and death has already been won. Christ has already paid the price for our sins. He has already suffered death on our behalf. Nothing that can ever happen to us will spell defeat, because Christ has won the victory for those of us who trust in him.

Gospel – Mark 13:24-32

Jesus was straightforward and clear in his assurances to the disciples. Nothing can harm us as long as we trust in his words. The heavens may fly into pieces. The earth may be consumed by fire. But the words of Jesus empower us to withstand any test, suffer any loss, and lose any treasure.

The words of Jesus sometimes seem strange, and make us doubtful. Yet, upon a closer look, they can invariably be seen to be the truth of God and in our best interest. For example, Jesus said, "Whoever would be the greatest among you must be last of all and servant of all." (Mk 9:35) We may not like it, but it has proven over and over again to be true. And what could science ever discover that would nullify that truth? What new worlds in the far reaches of space could be found where that principle did not hold? Our own cherished culture may fade and disappear. But whatever may take its place, it will still be true that the greatest among us will be those who freely and gladly become servants.

The remarkable thing is that Jesus saw this so long ago. In the midst of a world that was based on force and violence, he quietly and confidently lived and taught his truth. Where others hated, he loved. Where others demanded to be served, he freely gave himself in service to others, even to the point of dying. What chance did such a man of sorrows have in this kind of world? Look around you! The Roman Empire, with its might and majesty, long ago faded from view. No one today swears allegiance to Caesar. But the gospel of Jesus Christ lives in the hearts and in the lives of millions of people today. To date, Jesus' confidence in his mission is well justified. In this rapidly changing world, what does the future hold for you and me? We do not know, but we need not be greatly troubled about it. Jesus said, "The heavens and the earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." Amid the shifting sands of our world today the truth of Christ remains.

Have a Blessed Week! Fr. Festus

ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 16 - NOVEMBER 19



Monday 9:15 AM
Josephine Soave
Requested by Children

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Anthony DeBrincat
Requested by Diedo Family

Wednesday 9:15 AM
Giovanni Rotondo
Requested by Lisa Morrelli and Family

Thursday 7:00 PM
Edward Midura
Requested by Delphine Midura

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 MC 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/LK 18:35-43

TUESDAY: 2 MC 6:18-31/LK 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY: 2 MC 7:1, 20-31/LK 19:11-28

THURSDAY: 1 MC 2:15-29/LK 19:41-44

FRIDAY: 1 MC 4:36-37, 52-59/LK 19:45-48

SATURDAY: 1 MC 6:1-13/LK 20:27-40

NEXT SUNDAY: DN 7:13-14/RV 1:5-8/JN 18:33B-37

Liturgical Publications Inc
(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 22, 2015 THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

5:00 PM November 21 Fr. Festus

For Nancy J. Corey Requested by Bernadette Fea	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00B

8:30 AM November 22 Fr. Roodbeen

For Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht & Donarman Families Requested by C. Kemp	Servers	John Smith Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	David Wells 8:30C

10:15 AM November 22 Fr. Festus

For Mario & Grace Pirronello Requested by Yolanda Fenech	Servers	Ashley Grabinski Luke Horsburgh
	Lector/ Ushers	Tim Wardle, Jr. Caron Kott 10:15B

12:00 Noon November 22 Fr. Festus

For Kelli Lathers Requested by Pauline & Jerry Panyard	Servers	Jackie Hoerner Molly Swaine
	Lectors/ Ushers	Mary Power Carolyn Arlen 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

<u>November 20 and November 21</u> Team #2	<u>November 27 and November 28</u> Team #4
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FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS NEEDED:

Juice 64 oz.	Laundry Detergent
Canned Fruit	Kleenex
Cookies	Dish Detergent
Mac and Cheese	Lg. Cans of Soup
Saltines	Canned Chicken/Spam

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of November 1, 2015	\$ 9,429.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of November 1, 2015	\$ 9,334.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - November 1, 2015	\$149,666.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - November 1, 2015	\$168,000.00

FORMATION

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



FAMILY MASS ON NOVEMBER 22ND

The Monday Religious Formation classes are sponsoring a Family Mass next Sunday to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King at the 12:00 PM Mass. Children have written the Prayers of the Faithful which will be read by a representative of each class. Children

have also been selected to serve in the ministry of greeter, gift bearer and ushers. All parishioners are invited to come and bring their families.

Everyone in the family is asked to bring a non-perishable food item, gift card or paper product to Mass which will be brought to the altar during the presentation of the gifts and donated to our Food Pantry. There will be no Sunday School classes or Children's Liturgy during the 10:15 Mass on November 22nd.

Children of the parish in grades Preschool-6 are invited to participate in the St. Gerald Gospel Enactment of the Christmas Story at the 6:00 Christmas Eve Mass



There will be one rehearsal on Saturday, December 19th at 11:00 AM in the church. Please contact Mary Taylor by December 7th to sign up, 248 476-7677, ext. 201 or taylor.mary04@yahoo.com .

WORSHIP

Tim's Tidbits

There are two events of interest that are coming up. You may see flyers posted around the building for these. The first is the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 23rd at 7:30 PM at Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church, which is located at 26880 La Muera Street in Farmington Hills. People of Faith will come together that evening to give thanks for what God has given to us. It is sponsored by the Farmington Area Interfaith Association. All are welcome!

The second event is being hosted here at St. Gerald's. Sr. Nancy Sylvester, IHM will be with us on Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 PM to speak on the Pope's encyclical, "Laudato Si." Her talk is entitled, "Laudato Si – a call to contemplation" and will take place in the social hall. You are encouraged to attend.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We need more Eucharistic Ministers at all the Masses. I would encourage you to think about giving the Body of Christ to your fellow parishioners. No matter what age you are, as long as you are confirmed, you may be a Eucharistic Minister. Training is provided and consists of a two

hour session in which we go over some Theology and a practicum. Please email or call me if you are interested at 248-476-7677 Ext 202 or email me at timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com.

I am also looking for interested individuals to form an Art and Environment Committee to plan for the Christmas décor. If you have done so in the past or are new to the parish please consider becoming involved. If you have an eye for detail or a flair for color, please consider it. If you are into interior design or love to decorate, please contact me. We are looking for new ideas and new people to become involved. Call or mail me at the above contact info. Have a good week!



Youth Group News

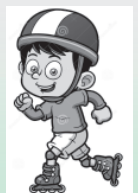


Youth Ministry has lots of plans for November! We will be participating in the Food drive on the 14-15th of this month with the Knights of Columbus. Karing Kids will meet on the 15th at 3:00-4:30 PM for food, fun, and faith sharing. We will be celebrating the pumpkin!, pumpkin pie, cookies and donuts! An epic game of floor hockey is planned, and decorating turkeys for Ashley court. All 5th, 6th and 7th grade kids are welcome to join in on our fun!

The Youth Group is Planning a skating party at Bonaventure on November 22, 2015 from 5:00 PM-7:00 PM. We will meet there, the cost is \$5 dollars, that pays to get you in, for skates, and pizza and pop. This is a great deal! All High School teens and their Friends are welcome!

CALENDER:

**NOV 14-15 FOOD DRIVE
NOV 15 KARING KIDS 3:00-4:30PM
NOV 15 CONFIRMATION SESSION 4
NOV 22 YOUTH GROUP SKATING PARTY
NOV 26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**



SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Next weekend we will have a special collection for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. This collection helps thousands in the Archdiocese of Detroit to overcome life challenges through several programs including adoption and foster care, programs for seniors, family counseling, refugee resettlement, Hispanic outreach, All Saints Soup Kitchen, and numerous other services. This organization is helping those in need move from dependence to a healthy, self-sustained life. Please support the many good works of CCSEM by placing your donation in the second collection basket next weekend. Envelopes for this charity are included in your packet of weekly donation envelopes that are mailed to your home. Additional envelopes will be available on the table in the gathering space of the church. Thank you again for your generosity!

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

Heartsaver CPR Class



Did you know St. Gerald's has an AED? Anyone can learn CPR and AED-and everyone should. St. Gerald's Parish Health Ministry will be teaching a class on **Saturday November 21, 9:00am to 12 Noon.** The class will include Adult, Child, and Infant (opt) CPR, what to do if someone is choking, and AED training.

To register, please call or email Mary Hoots at 248-477-7470 or stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

Deadline for registration is November 18. A minimum number of six is required and maximum is twelve.

Any questions please call me at 248-477-4752 or email at blseabolt@mi.rr.com a Seabolt, Parish Health Ministry

RIGHT TO LIFE/LIFESPAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Lifespan Christmas cards will be available for purchase after all the Masses this weekend and next weekend.

HOLY HOUR FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Archbishop Allen Vigneron is inviting the faithful of the Archdiocese of Detroit to join him and our brothers and sisters of Eastern Rite Catholic Churches for "Prayers for Christians in the Middle East." Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help make possible this holy hour to entrust the Christians of the Middle East to the prayer and protection of the Holy Mother of God Help of Christians and Queen of Peace. It will be held at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral at 7 PM on Friday, November 20. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.AOD.org.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Who Are You Called to Be?

Lord Jesus,
 you call me by name
 to tell me how much
 I am worth in your eyes.
 May this whisper of your love
 also reach all my brothers and sisters.
 Select from our midst
 priests who will guide your people;
 religious who will be faithful
 witnesses to your love;
 and lay ministers to lead the Church.
 Open the hearts of the young adults
 to the challenge of living their love
 in the faithfulness of their lives.
 Grant unity to all these disciples of your love.
 Amen.



Is the Lord calling you to a life of Vocations? Look at the sign posted in the Gathering Space. If you are wondering what it's all about, take a postcard and mail it back. The Priests of the Sacred Heart are waiting to answer your question.

You can also email: vocationcentral@wi.twcbc.com or call 800-609-5559. This could be the most important call of your life.

A WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>16</p> <p>9:15 am Mass</p> <p>10:30 am Sort Holiday Food</p> <p>5:30 pm Elem. Religious Formation Classes</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:15 am Mass</p> <p>9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</p> <p>5:15 pm Elementary Religious Formation</p> <p>7:00 pm K of C Membership Meeting</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:15 am Mass</p> <p>10:00 am Sophia Sisters</p> <p>7:00 pm Vicariate Bible Study (Final night for this study)</p> 	<p>19</p> <p>9:30 am St. Gerald Thanksgiving Basket Distribution</p> <p>10:30 am SVDP Meeting Mass</p> <p>7:00 pm Mass</p>	<p>20</p> <p>11:30 am Pack Holiday Food Boxes</p> <p>7:30 pm Holy Hour</p> <p>8:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Christmas Gift Giving Tags available for pick up</p> <p>Right to Life/Lifespan Christmas Card Sale</p> <p>9:00 am CPR/AED Trng.</p> <p>9:30 am St. Al Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Distribution</p> <p>3:30 pm Confessions</p> <p>5:00 pm Mass</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Feast of Christ the King</p> <p>Christmas Gift Giving Tags available for pick up</p> <p>Right to Life/Lifespan Christmas Card Sale</p> <p>Sunday Fellowship</p> <p>8:30 AM Mass</p> <p>10:15 am Mass</p> <p>12 pm Family Mass</p> <p>5:00 pm Youth Group Roller Staking Party</p> 



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
Erin Malloy-Sidaway
Daron Tilburt
Gina Riggi

Wanda Reiner
Corinne Wedge
Wanda Johnson
Robin Kafcas
Bernie Fox
Pat Centers
Sofia Weiland
Frank Adams

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners at St. Gerald’s, our annual Halloween celebration was a huge success again this year! Our neighbors turned out faithfully to celebrate with us, with roughly 2,000 attending again this year! From the very young to the “young at heart,” all had a great time playing games, high-fiving, praying with each other and sharing laughs. The below picture gives you a glimpse into the beautiful joy they brought to the hearts (and faces) of so many of our wonderful neighbors. There were too many great moments to share, so I hope this picture helps to capture them just a bit. Again, thank you so much for your generosity in making the day, week or even year of so many of our young neighbors, and for helping their parents and grandparents experience the joy of seeing them so excited! None of this could be possible without you and your kind support. Thank you for sharing your missionary spirit, as Pope Francis so often encourages! Please keep us in prayer as we do you.



If you have any questions, please contact me at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, via mail, jhahn@diosteub.org.

God bless! Jeremiah Hahn, Seminarian, Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio

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 20th - 8 to 10 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 luscridfamily@hotmail.com


Wed. Dec. 2nd at 7:00 PM Advent Speaker, Sr. Nancy Sylvester, IHM, President of Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue, will speak on “Laudato Si – A Call to Comtemplation”

Saturday, January 9, 2016 - Movie Night (13+ and adult) We will be showing the film **For Greater Glory** starring Andy Garcia and 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

The future of Evangelization depends upon our ability to win people for Christ and his Church, to build people in Christ and his Church, and to develop programs that teach people how to evangelize. Only then will we be able send them out to change the world in any meaningful way. Matthew Kelly



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
SPELLING BEE**

Saturday, December 5, 2015

St. Gerald Classrooms

10:00 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 word lists can be downloaded from the Parish website.



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.



Openings Remain for Nov. 21 CPR Class; Chili at Tuesday’s Member Meeting

Winter is just around the corner so a bowl of chili at Tuesday’s membership meeting will be in order. The meeting will start at the usual 7 PM and the chili will be served during the fellowship period that follows the close. So far PGK Jim Malloy, Bill Croitori, Larry Swanson, Dave Bednarski and Shatomi Kerbawy have promised to bring a crock pot of chili.

There still are openings for the CPR class organized by brother Thom Seabolt and his wife Barbara and set for 9 AM to Noon Saturday, Nov. 21. The approved method of administering this lifesaving technique has changed in recent years so new training is necessary. A \$5 fee to cover costs including a certificate is being charged. To make sure you are included in the class call Mary Hoots at the parish office (248-474-7470, ext 212).

Keep your eye on your mailbox, the one that gets e-mails from Financial Secretary Bob Kuhr and the one that gets U.S. mail. Brother Kuhr will be sending you an invoice for your 2016 dues. By sending the dues invoices electronically Bob is saving the Council a tidy sum. He will be accepting dues checks at any K of C function.

Due in the U.S. mail is your book of state raffle tickets and, if you don’t have e-mail, your 2016 dues invoice. The raffle book contains 12 tickets for the state raffle which produces the funds used by the Michigan K of C to help more than 50 charities during the year. The drawing is in April. Be sure to add “Council 13673” to the stub of sold tickets so the Council is credited with a rebate.

LOOKING AHEAD: Entries in the Council sponsored Spelling Bee still are being accepted. See the notice elsewhere in *The Voice*. Our last Family Communion Mass is in two weeks – Nov. 29 – at the 10:15 AM Mass. Please wear your Council shirt and/ or your badge. Set an example for others in the parish that Knighthood means being a prayerful, family man.

For news about the Michigan and National K of C Councils, go to www.mikofc.org and www.kofc.org

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

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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- Accountant Kim Shepard

Ministries Assistant - Purchaser

- Cathy Long X 222 Email: clong123@gmail.com

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.

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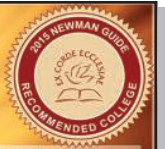
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