

The VOICE

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They also asked, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" — Lk 4:21-22



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ST. GERALD

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A Servant Church Of
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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.

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2016

On the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear in the Gospel reading the rest of the story of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth. Luke tells the incident in such a way that it foreshadows the rest of the Gospel storyline. In many ways, Luke 4:16-30 is the "Gospel within the Gospel."

The Gospel reading begins with the same words spoken by Jesus at the conclusion of the Gospel reading last Sunday: "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Recall from last Sunday that Jesus quoted Isaiah 61:1-2. Although some of the Nazorean villagers were "amazed" at his words, others asked the question, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" While this may seem an innocent and even good question from the modern-day perspective, in the ancient world, this was actually a public challenge leveled against Jesus for claiming to fulfill Scripture. Some of the Nazoreans questioned how could a man whose father was a village craftsman claim such authority? Jesus' initial retort to the public challenge ("Amen, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own native place") does not alleviate the tensions, since now Jesus claims the status of a prophet. The opening exchange between Jesus and some of the Nazorean villagers foreshadows the tensions that Jesus will experience in his public ministry from many of the Jewish people.

Jesus then goes on to give an extended response (and defense) to those who questioned Jesus' authority and status. He cites passages from 1 Kings 17 and 2 Kings 5 where two Israelite prophets (Elijah and Elisha) were sent not to the people of Israel, but to Gentiles (the widow from Sidon and the leper Naaman from Syria). This anticipates the mission to the Gentiles so prominent in the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. (In Acts, the roles of Peter and Paul will be central to the Gentile mission of the early church).

The reaction of "fury" from the people in the synagogue in Nazareth to Jesus' assertion that he will turn to the Gentiles with his good news is a preview to Jesus' suffering and passion. Luke offers the most dramatic and violent account of the Nazorean reaction to Jesus: they drove Jesus out of the town of Nazareth to the brow of the hill upon which the village was built in order "to hurl him down headlong" (compare this reaction to Mk 6:5-6 and Mt 13:58). The sudden and dramatic turn of events ("But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away") is a prelude to the Resurrection after the cross.

It is easy to see why many have claimed Luke 4:16-30 as Luke's "mini-Gospel." Luke's skills as a historian and storyteller are on full display as he reshapes Mark's version of the rejection at Nazareth to align with his theological and literary aims.

In the first reading, we hear the opening verses to the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah. The Lord forewarned the young Jeremiah that as a prophet to the nations, he would experience great resistance from all the people of Judah—from the political and religious leaders (kings, princes, and priests) to the common people. The Lord warned Jeremiah: "They will fight against you but not prevail over you, for I am with you to deliver you." Just as with Jeremiah, we see the Lord's divine protection in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus who likewise was met with hostility from the very people he was sent to save.

But Jesus possessed the depth of love Paul describes in his First Letter to the Corinthians. Jesus' love was patient and kind, and never failed even in the face of rejection and injury.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

A Week Ahead



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 1 - FEBRUARY 6

Monday 9:15 AM

Intentions of Jeannette Inamdar
Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Bernard O'Brien
Requested by Katie O'Brien

Wednesday 9:15 AM

Valentina Bert
Requested by Graziano Canini

Thursday 7:00 PM

Intentions of Jeannette Inamdar
Requested by Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Intentions of Jeannette Inamdar
Requested by Family

Saturday 9:15 AM

Valentina Bert
Requested by Graziano Canini

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 2 SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/PS 3:2-7/MK 5:1-20

TUESDAY: MAL 3:1-4/PS 24:7-10/HEB 2:14-18/

LK 2:22-40 OR 2:22-32

WEDNESDAY: 2 SM 24:2, 9-17/PS 32:1-2, 5-7/MK 6:1-6

THURSDAY: 1 KGS 2:1-4, 10-12/1 CHR 29:10-12/MK 6:7-13

FRIDAY: SIR 47:2-11/PS 18:31, 47, 50-51/MK 6:14-29

SATURDAY: 1 KGS 3:4-13/PS 119:9-14/MK 6:30-34

NEXT SUNDAY: IS 6:1-2A, 3-8/PS 138:1-5, 7-8/1 COR 15:1-11

OR 15:3-8, 11/LK 5:1-11

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



First Friday, February 5

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from
10 AM - 9 AM Saturday
Scheduled Adorers Needed
Sign-up sheets in narthex

FEBRUARY 7, 2016 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM February 6 Fr. Roodbeen

For
Angelo Russo
Requested by
Family

Servers

Servers Needed

Lector/
Ushers

Tim Westfall
5:00A

8:30 AM February 7 Fr. Medina

For
**Harry & Roxie
Adams**
Requested by
Bill & Joanne Croitori

Servers

Servers Needed

Lector/
Ushers

Paul Borchert
8:30B

10:15 AM February 7 Fr. Roodbeen

For
Paul George
Requested by
Fran George &
Children &
Grandchildren

Servers

Servers Needed

Lector/
Ushers

Ray Pisani
10:15C

12:00 Noon February 7 Fr. Roodbeen

For
Mary David
Requested by
Bert David

Servers

Servers Needed

Lectors/
Ushers

Rich Kohler
12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

February 5 and February 6

Team # 1

February 12 and February 13

Team #2

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.



On Wednesday, February 3rd, the Feast of St. Blaise, there will be Blessing of Throats following the 9:15 AM Mass.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Jan. 25 . . . \$ 7,579.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of Jan. 25 . . . \$ 9,334.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - January 25 . . . \$250,447.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - January 25 . . . \$279,999.00

St. Gerald Education Commission PRESENTS:

Sr. Barbara Beesley, IHM
"Vocations and the Call to Social
Justice"

Sunday January 31, 2016
St. Gerald Parish Social Hall
at 4:00 PM

Sister Barb will discuss vocations and social justice - all are welcome! Sr. Barb is a campus minister, service learning coordinator and adjunct professor of Social Justice at Marygrove College in Detroit.



AN UPDATE FROM FR. FESTUS REGARDING MEDICAL MISSION

January 18, 2016

Dear Parishioners

My vacation is going well, and I am delighted to be the vehicle that brings comfort and healing to the people that desperately need assistance. Since my last report, I have helped to fill prescriptions for some of the villagers who were not able to afford the needed medications due to poverty. In addition, I have also helped to admit some of the patients who came to our CORE NIGERIA medical mission to hospitals to be treated as ordered by the doctors.

On Sunday, I took a trip to a hospital about a 40 minute drive, to see a distant relative, a medical doctor, who invited me and found out that it is hopeless being admitted as a patient on weekends. The hospital was packed with patients, but only two doctors. While I was there, two accident victims, brought in by their families could not see a doctor. One of them had to leave in search of an immediate medical attention. The other was asked to stay in the hallway till Monday when work would resume. It was pitiful. Since I was there, I bailed out three patients in that hospital and promised the accident victim to return on Monday.

Today, I will be going to a so-called Children's Hospital in Abakiliki, a three-hour trip to see children who were literally abandoned by parents and have become the care of the government. These children were from single mothers who could not afford to raise them and have willingly given them to the government, others are there because of genetic reasons resulting in deformity and thus, have become a stigma for their parents. So, I plan to see if anyone of them could be given a chance at life. By next week, depending on how much money is left with me, I want to visit some schools, pay tuitions and buy text books for students from very poor families. So far, 60% of my mission is accomplished. Please continue to pray for me as I believe that God is doing great things here through the generosity of our parishioners. As always, I bless God for you.

Fr. Festus

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January 24, 2016

Dear Parishioners

Greetings from Nigeria! I hope all is well with everyone. I am doing fine except a little feeling of fatigue. But I am fine. The villagers send their regards.

As planned, I visited the Children's Hospital and reached out to three families whose children were in the hospital financially. I also went to three schools and helped with desks, books, writing materials, and in some cases, I paid tuition for the underprivileged students. As I did last year, I purchased some wheelchairs and crutches for the disabled. There are some patients in the hospital that I promised to pay for their release.

Our God is good and I thank Him for you. Blessings!

Tim's Tidbits

This Sunday, we begin Catholic Schools Week. It runs from Jan. 31 to Feb. 7 this year. As a product of Catholic Schools, I can attest to their value and quality of education provided in the school. I attended Catholic Schools from kindergarten through college. I still remember my teachers and what they taught me. I still keep contact with teachers who taught me in grade school and high school. I have friends and family who teach in Catholic Schools and enjoy their students. If you are a parent of young children, please consider affording them the opportunity of a Catholic Education. It is one of the best things you can do for them. I am thankful to my parents for seeing the value of a Catholic Education. They wanted the best for me and I hope parents today want the best for their children. A Catholic Education is one of the best investments you can make, even better than the markets!

Our Catholic Liturgy calls each of us to *full, conscious and active participation* in the liturgical celebration. Article 14 of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states: *"The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy."*

This means that we must fully engage ourselves in participation in the Liturgy, the Mass. We can do this by saying the responses, shaking hands, offering to take up the gifts when asked, singing the hymns – and sing them! Everyone should sing, no matter what your voice, even if you sing off-key. Participate in the Liturgy fully by being present and active in the celebration. The Church belongs to everyone! A saying on a shirt that I have seen at conferences states, "Don't GO to Church, BE the Church!" Let's live that message out in our daily lives.

There is a great need for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Training will consist of one two hour session. Some theology and a practicum will enable you to minister effectively. If you would like to become a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister, please email me or call and we can set up a meeting time for a one to one training at 248-477-7470 x 202 or timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com.

If you are "on" Facebook, you might want to "like" our parish page there. Just look up, *St. Gerald Catholic Church* and "like" us! Or go to the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/St-Gerald-Catholic-Church-217736158327755/?ref=hl>. We will provide a link every week to our parish bulletin and post articles, pictures and other information. May God's blessings be upon each of us this week.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES JOINS STATE WIDE EFFORTS DURING FLINT WATER CRISIS

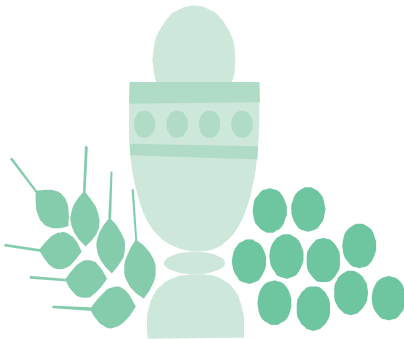


Catholic Charities is providing help through its Center for Hope Community Closet. Donations of water, water filter kits, replacement filters, cash or checks are being accepted. Donations are accepted Monday through Friday, 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM at the Center for Hope, 517 E. Fifth Ave., Flint.

Items are given to those in need at no charge. Monetary donations may be mailed to 901 Chippewa St., Flint, MI 48503. Please include "water relief" on the memo line of your donation. All gifts are tax deductible. For more information, please contact Catholic Charities at 810-232-9950, ext 325 or email givehope@ccsgc.org. Information taken from Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties website.

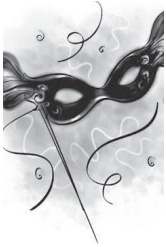
FORMATION

FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES BEGIN THEIR PREPARATION FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST



During the 10:15 AM Mass this weekend the children preparing to receive First Communion will receive their First Eucharist study books. These books are used in the home study portion of the preparation program. Please keep the following children, and their families, in your prayers as they prepare for the reception of their First Holy Communion on April

24th during the noon Mass. They are: **Zak Burns-Pavlik, Andrew Corkery, Fernando Cutino, Kara Hoerner, Lydia Kamm, Charles Karl, Marissa Koon, David Levine, Abigal Losey, Heidi Lukas, Benjamin Machowicz, Katie Martinchick, Alexander Nolan, Karly Swaine, Giuliana Truant and Luke Williams.**



St. Gerald Parish
Mardi Gras Celebration
Saturday, February 6th
6:30 PM—9:30 PM
Music and entertainment for all ages!
Soda, Subs, Sunday Bar.

Bring your own beer or wine if desired.
\$5.00 per person. \$20.00 per family.
\$15.00 per family if purchased in advance.



CHARITY CASINO BUS TRIP
Wednesday March 9, 2016
Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek
Tour bus leaves St. Gerald at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM

For information call: Richard Smith at 248/747-6817, Bruce Roberts at 248/756-9257 or Richard Rosowski at 248/477-2511
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK. . .

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| Wanda Reiner | Emily Choike |
| Beth McLaughlin | Corinne Wedge |
| Bill Walker | Wanda Johnson |
| Robin Kafcas | Ralph Wenski |
| Bernie Fox | Erin Malloy-Sidaway |
| Daron Tilburt | Sofia Weiland |
| Frank Adams | Nancy Kolliker |
| Andy Mosher | Margaret Joyal |



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 and their name will be added to our prayers.

YOUTH MINISTRY

With Ash Wednesday just around the calendar corner, we need to take time to think about our Lenten plans. Do we give something up, do we do random acts of kindness, pray more? Lent is a time for preparation, we prepare our hearts for the great gift that Jesus gave us. Give your Lenten plans a few minutes of thought and your Lent will be richer for it.

YOUTH MINISTRY CALENDER:

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| January 31 - | Sister Barbra Presentation |
| January 31 - | 8 and 9 grade Confirmation |
| February 6 - | Mardi Gras Party |
| February 10 - | Ash Wednesday |
| February 14 - | Farmington Winter Break no classes |
| February 21 - | Karing Kids 3-4:30 PM |
| February 21 - | 8 and 9 grade Confirmation |
| February 28 - | Retreat for 8 and 9 Grade Confirmation at St. Paul of the Cross |



"Go Red for Women"

February is the month to dispel myths and bring awareness of heart disease & stroke as the number one killer of women. Please visit the Health Ministry table in the social hall and pick up information on Women and Heart disease. February 5 we ask women all over the country to wear red. I'm asking you to wear red February 6 & 7 at Mass.

January Health Observances

Cervical Health Awareness... www.nccc-online.org
National Glaucoma Awareness... www.preventblindness.org
Thyroid Awareness... www.thyroidawareness.com
National Blood Donor Month... www.redcrossblood.org
National Birth Defects Prevention... www.nbdpn.org

February Health Observances

Heart Month... GoRedForWomen.org
National Children's Dental Health...
www.ada.org/5578.aspx
National Donor Day... www.organdonor.gov
Low Vision Awareness... www.preventblindness.org

Dates to remember:

February 21, Blood Pressure Screening
April 10, 2016, Blood Drive

Future plans:

Spring-CPR/AED & First Aid classes
October-Flu Clinic and Blood Drive
Blood Pressures-monthly

Barbara Seabolt, Parish Health Ministry
blseabolt@mi.rr.com

Food Pantry Items needed:

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| Tea Bags 48 ct. | Canned Ham or Chicken |
| Tuna/Chicken Helper | Pasta |
| Peanut Butter | Cookies |
| Saltines | Snacks for children |
| Kleenex | Shampoo |
| Juice Boxes | |



EVANGELIZATION

EVANGELIZATION...it's an act of love.

If you did not know about God, wouldn't you want someone to tell you about Him? Wouldn't you want someone to extend the invitation along?

God is a source of LOVE, GUIDANCE, PEACE and REFUGE. Share the invitation that you've been given. It is a gift that blesses everyone.

We have been enjoying some great activities here at St. Gerald, and in our community. Come share in the communion of our faith and share with others.

Future Movie Night suggestions and dates will be determined. Watch for notices here in the Voice.

Saturday, February 27th at 8:00 PM - Adult Date Night Couples are invited to attend a night of adult fellowship, games and music. Euchre, charades, and other games are planned. BYOB, and a snack to share. Feel free to bring your own game preference.

Theology on Tap will meet next on Friday, March 4th. Location to be announced soon.

We are looking for teen and adult volunteers for our Annual Vacation Bible School that will run M-F August 1st-5th. Please notify Mary Taylor of your interest.

Have you tuned in yet?? Ave Maria Radio AM 990 has great programming and inspiring radio staff. Bring them along as you drive and on your journey with Christ. You'll be GRATEFUL you did. Listen, be informed...and PASS IT ON! If you, or someone you know is interested in joining the Evangelization Committee, please call our parish secretary at 248-477-7470 for next meeting date.

2015 St. Gerald Contribution Statement

In an effort to reduce expenses, the 2015 St. Gerald Contribution Statements will not be mailed out. If you need a copy of your contribution statement, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. With a prior request, statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!

Please be aware that Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) and Changing Lives together (CLT) are both Archdiocesan Campaigns. Even if the donation or pledge was dropped in the collection at St. Gerald, it was sent downtown to be processed. Contributions of \$250.00 or more to these campaigns will be acknowledged by a mailed statement from the Archdiocese. For contributions less than \$250, statements can be received by emailing csa@aod.org or calling (313) 237-5768.

ELECTRONIC DEPOSIT OF DONATIONS ARE
AVAILABLE AT ST. GERALD.
FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH
OFFICE.

LENT/SPRING 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. The study will continue the Gospel of Matthew.



Location: **St. Gerald's Church hall**

Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Dates: **March 2 – May 4, 2016**

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.

MOMS GROUP

My name is Susan Horsburgh and I am the Family Representative for

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FUN!**

our parish. Years ago, when I started attending church in this building, there was a group formed where I met lots of people and made lots of new friends. It was a Moms group. Some of our activities included: moms night out, play groups, babysitting co-ops, and annual moms Christmas party, Euchre, etc. As your family rep., I would like to start up a group like that again. This group is open to moms of ALL ages. If this is something you are interested in, please contact the parish office at 248-477-7470 and leave your name and contact information and I will get back with you or if you have any suggestions concerning family matters at St. Gerald Church, just call 248-477-7470; leave your contact information and a description of the matter and I'll get back with you. Thank You!

THE STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION NEEDS YOUR HELP



In order to get a head start on the St. Gerald outside grounds clean up and maintenance for this Spring, a committee is being formed. No experience is needed. Because of the size of our property, many hands are needed. If you are interested in becoming part of this committee, please call the parish office at 248-477-7470. Please consider getting involved to help keep the outside grounds of the church neat and tidy, so we can be proud of our parish and set a good example to our surrounding community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

ANNUAL MASS FOR WORLD DAY OF THE SICK SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2016

Join Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron on Sunday, February 7, 2016 for this special annual Mass for the sick, their caregivers, health care professionals, and loved ones. This Mass will include an anointing of the sick and a special blessing for caregivers and health care professionals. 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Detroit. Fenced and secure onsite parking is available. For more information, visit aod.org.



KNIGHTS CORNER

Search for a Better Pancake Breakfast Sausage Resumes, Disaster Training Date Being Sought

A big Thank You to the parish members who turned out to enjoy the pancake breakfast the Knights cooked last Sunday. For the most part, the diners enjoyed the eating as much as the men enjoyed the cooking. A big “Atta Boy” to the Knights who produced the breakfast. You did good work and looked sharp in your red shirts and aprons. There was some negative feedback with the sausage, giving rise to a problem that has plagued the Council since our first pancake breakfast ten years ago. It seems we can never find a sausage that pleases every palate. Some like a link with a little spice; some like a link with a bit of grease. Others like a low fat link. Event Manager Dave Bednarski said he is embarking on a quest to find a better sausage for the next breakfast which will take place in the spring, if we can find an open date on the parish calendar.

Our Red Bag Food for Families program got underway this month. The first weigh-in at the January membership meeting produced 103 pounds of non-perishable food. Project Manager Larry Swanson distributed more bags and asked that members who bring filled bags on Sundays should put them in the Social Hall room where the extra tables and chairs are stored. Replace the filled bag with an empty one which are stored in the room or on the table in the Knights corner. The filled bags will be weighed before being turned over to the parish food pantry.

A plan is afoot to provide all Knights and ushers with disaster training sometime in late February. The training is designed to teach us how to respond to an incident during mass or a gathering, be it a fire, collapse of a parishioner from a heart attack or illness or some other incident. This training is a natural follow-up to the CPR class some of us received last November.

Each calendar year, the national K of C compiles a report on the charitable activities of all Councils. In 2014, Knights throughout the world, donated \$173 million to charity and provided 71.5 million hours of volunteer work. The figures for 2015 are due Jan. 31. Our report shows our Council gave away \$6,381 and the members did 2,532 hours of charitable work, or the equivalent of a single Knight working around the clock more than two days every week of 2015.

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.
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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.

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