

# The VOICE



## ST. GERALD

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
A Servant Church Of  
The Archdiocese of Detroit

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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.

## PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 15, 2016

Uncertainty will keep its hold on us as long as it paralyzes us into inaction. Calling up our courage is, of course, an important response. But if we have only ourselves to rely on at such times it may not be enough. God in Christ invites us to open ourselves to the Spirit that is always present with us and in us. We are not alone, and can share our uncertainties with God.

### First reading – Act 2:1-11

The disciples were afraid to show their faces in public after Jesus' crucifixion. They huddled in upper rooms with great uncertainty about what to do. But the Spirit of God helped them overcome their confusions and fears by opening up a new chapter in their lives. They were given a new message, a new calling, and a new lease on life.

### Second reading – 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

The work of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life is essentially the work of God. Father, Son, and Spirit are one. The courage God gave Jesus is available to us because the same God, the one true God, works in all people of faith. We might manage our uncertainties as Jesus did, by trusting in the divine presence within us.

### Gospel – John 20:19-23

The disciples' uncertainty left them essentially powerless to undertake the mission Christ had given them. But there was a solution. The gift of the Holy Spirit gave them both the assurance and the confidence to go out into the world to spread the gospel to all they encountered. Biblical history reveals they were faithful in fulfilling their calling.

Two of our readings for today have an especially interesting connection. In the Gospel of John and in the book of Acts the disciples of Jesus are together physically in one place. In both of these settings they are a unified body. But there is a marked difference. In the reading from John they are unified in fear. They have locked away for fear of the Jews. But the reading from Acts shows a quite different reason for unity. There they are joined together in prayer and in hope for the future. The two settings are poles apart. But uncertainty is a factor in both situations. Cowardice and fear dominate the first, but courage and hope describe the other. They were the same people, different perspectives, but with a sense of uncertainty as a common factor.

What do you do when facing uncertainty? Sometimes there is good reason to be afraid. In 1933, when Franklin Roosevelt was inaugurated as president of the United States, he said to his audience, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." A brave and timely statement, to be sure, but it should not be taken as a blanket truth. This is a dangerous world, and to live in it without fear is foolish, if not utterly impossible. The disciples were not cowards. For the most part they were a group of normal, healthy-minded men. But they had just seen Jesus die on the cross, a vivid example of how cruel humankind can be. When facing uncertainty, fear may be your best protection, and, if not fear, caution. When facing uncertainty draw from the past. What have you done previously when up against an uncertain situation? Build on that. All is not lost. Many of the realities that have sustained you are still available. Pray for strength, patience, insight, wisdom, and guidance. But accept the facts and let go of what you have actually lost.

Have a blessed week! Fr. Festus

# A Week Ahead



## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS MAY 16 - MAY 19

Monday 9:15 AM

**Jean Rundel**

Requested by Barbara Della Mora

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Lazar and Pauline Croitori**

Requested by Croitori Family

Wednesday 9:15 AM

**Clara Batalucco (2nd Anniv.)**

Requested by Mary Lou Knight

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Agnes and Joseph Midura**

Requested by Delphine Midura

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY: JAS 3:13-18/PS 19:8-10, 15/MK 9:14-29**

**TUESDAY: JAS 4:1-10/PS 55:7-11, 23/MK 9:30-37**

**WEDNESDAY: JAS 4:13-17/PS 49:2-3, 6-11/MK 9:38-40**

**THURSDAY: JAS 5:1-6/PS 49:14-20/MK 9:41-50**

**FRIDAY: JAS 5:9-12/PS 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12/MK 10:1-12**

**SATURDAY: JAS 5:13-20/PS 141:1-3, 8/MK 10:13-16**

**NEXT SUNDAY: PRV 8:22-31/PS 8:4-9/ROM 5:1-5/  
JN 16:12-15**

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

Please note:

There will be a Baptism during the 12 noon mass next Sunday

## LET US REMEMBER . . .

If you have a family, friend or loved one who is currently serving in the military services or served in the past that you would like remembered in our Memorial Day Weekend bulletin, please email the name to [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) or call the parish office at 248-477-7470



## SAVE THE DATE!

*June 20th thru June 24th*

*9:00 AM-12:00 PM*

*at St. Fabian Church*

*and*

*August 1st thru August 5th*

*10:15 AM-1:00 PM*

*at St. Gerald Church*

Registration forms are located on the information shelves in the religious education hallway



## MAY 22, 2016 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5:00 PM May 21 Fr. Festus

For  
**Bernice, Louis &  
Dennis Kaye**

Requested by  
Joe Pavco

Servers

Servers Needed

Lector/  
Ushers

Lyda DelRosario  
5:00A

8:30 AM May 22 Fr. Festus

For  
**Ed Olschansky**

Requested by  
Mary Lou  
Olschansky

Servers

John Smith  
Gabe Smith

Lector/  
Ushers

Paul Borchert  
8:30C

10:15 AM May 22 Fr. Roodbeen

For  
**Onesta, Antonio,  
Giuseppe & Neil  
Morelli**

Requested by  
Josephine Rotondo  
& Family

Servers

Ashley Grabinski

Lector/  
Ushers

Gerryanna Luscri  
10:15A

12:00 Noon May 22 Fr. Festus

For  
**Vincenzo Troiani**

Requested by  
Mr. & Mrs.  
Nazzareno Troiani

Servers

Jack DuLong  
Emma DuLong

Lectors/  
Ushers

Fernando Guerra  
12:00A

## Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

May 21 and May 22

Team C

May 28 and May 29

Team A

## Mark Your Calendar!

**Parish Picnic June 5th from 1-4:30 PM**

**Rain or Shine!**

## Offertory Snapshot



Actual Offertory for Weekend of May 1 \$ 10,843.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of May 1 \$ 9,334.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - May 1 \$389,405.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - May 1 \$410,664.00

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).

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.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE



It's almost that time of year again for our annual parish picnic! This year, the picnic will take place on Sunday, June 5th, from 1 -4:30 PM. As usual, we will need some wonderful people to volunteer to help with some things. It's always nice to see some new faces so if you or someone you know

is interested in helping, you can call Candy Desjarlais at Christian service at 248-476-7677, Ext. 204 or you can email me as well at desjarlais.candy@gmail.com

**We are also in need of baked goods for the picnic if you can help in any way with this please call Christian service as well. Thanks!**

### MONTHLY UPDATE FROM ST. ALEXANDER'S FOOD PANTRY

Having an early Easter in March this year enabled us to get back on track with our regular operations during the month of April. It is to be noted that several former client families who had not visited our operation in months, called, scheduled an appointment to recertify, and have activated their registration. Because of this trend, we served 129 families during the month which is the highest monthly total thus far in 2016 and is a 20% increase over the month of March.

We have received many blessings thus far this year and are pleased to report that the Food Pantry remains well stocked due to the generosity of the community who are making certain that our shelves remained stocked. Normally there is a decline in donations during the winter months, but that is not the case this year.

A special thank you goes out to the Knights from St. Gerald (Peter, Rich, Thom, Doug and Arnie) who once again stopped by to help out with the heavy work associated with putting away our most recent Gleaners order. The task would be much more difficult if not for all of you!

Thank you to each and every person who continues to support our outreach program including all of the individual donors during the month of April. We are equally appreciative of our group donors including parishioners from St. Gerald, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Fabian, Nardin Park United Methodist, First Presbyterian, St. John Lutheran, Faith Covenant, North Congregational Church, Gleaners, Forgotten Harvest, Focus Hope, the Senior Center at the Costick Center, Costco, Livonia Italian Bakery, Starbucks of Downtown Farmington and Busch's Market.

On April 30<sup>th</sup>, a group of volunteers from St. Gerald participated in a program called Rebuilding Oakland County. This is a program dedicated to assisting low income homeowners in the community with badly needed home repairs. This year, three client families from St. Alexander's Food Pantry were the recipients of this effort. Thank you to all volunteers from St. Gerald who significantly improved the quality of life for a very grateful 89 year old man. May God continue to bless all of you for your generosity. St. Alexander's Food Pantry

### TIM'S TIDBITS

On this final day of the Easter season, we celebrate what some have called the "birthday of the church." Let us pray today that the promise of the church on the day of its birth may continue to be realized through God's grace in us as we attend to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

"The Greek word for Pentecost (pentèkostè) means "fiftieth," and in early Christianity it referred to the entire fifty days after Easter. The roots of Pentecost can be found in the Jewish festival of Weeks (Shavu'ot), the fifty-day celebration following Passover. It was a harvest festival in which the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God in gratitude. It eventually became associated with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai. Early Christians reinterpreted the Jewish festival as a commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, since Acts records that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples when the festival of Pentecost was fulfilled (Acts 2:1-11)." (Sourcebook, 2016)

Hence, we proclaim the reading of Acts 2:1-11 at all the weekend Liturgies. We proclaim it in a different fashion, but in a way as to have a sense of the *first* Pentecost. Now, in many parishes throughout the US and beyond, this type of proclaiming the first reading is taken root. I was first introduced to it a few years ago, at a parish downriver. One of my IHM Sister friends has even taken it to her new place of work in San Diego.

Our Parish Picnic is coming up on June 5. I'm sure you will hear more about it in the coming weeks. It will be my first one. We hope and pray for good weather. Remember to leave a rosary in a tree for a sun filled day.

Happy Birthday Saint Gerald Faith Community.

### GARDEN NEWS UPDATE

"Spring is bursting out all over," red will help color our church/rectory grounds as the Pentecost geraniums find new homes. Region heads and helpers need to assess their areas for new weeks. (The garden plot plans suggest every three weeks to maintain) and determine places for geraniums.



As God's people, we are given the role to care for His Creation.

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS . . .

Microwaveable Boxed Entrees	Canned Fruit
Canned Spaghetti or Ravioli	Pudding or Jello snack packs
Brown paper grocery bags	Dish Detergent
Snacks for Children	Body Wash

**Bike to Church!** Join us on Saturday, May 28th at the 5:00 PM mass. After church we will all bike to supper at a local restaurant. Meet by the garage after mass to discuss dinner location. You can lock your bikes on the light posts. See you there!



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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Monday, June 13th at 7:00 pm - Movie Night "The Way" with Martin Sheen**

Future Game Night dates to be announced soon.

**Come be a part of what's happening...  
NOT apart from it.**

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

The 2016 Catholic Services Appeal is now underway. To see how our annual appeal help Catholics across the Archdiocese of Detroit *Celebrate the Joy of the Gospel*, connect with the CSA on social media.

Both the CSA Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/DetroitCSA](http://www.facebook.com/DetroitCSA)) and Twitter account (@DetroitCSA) offer updates on CSA-funded ministries, as well as weekly stewardship thoughts for your reflection.

Social media is a valuable tool of the new evangelization. You are welcome—and encouraged—to share and Retweet CSA updates, so your friends and followers can too *Celebrate the Joy of the Gospel!*

For more information about CSA –funded ministries, programs, and services, go to [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org).

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

At St. Gerald we welcome all and encourage anyone 18 years of age and older to become registered members of the Parish.

Registration is a simple process that is done at the Parish Office during office hours 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday or by picking up a Registration form located on the book shelf in the gathering space of the church and sliding a completed form under the Parish Office door. Keeping our records current is also important. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please call the information into the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. If you are moving from our parish, please let us know.



**We pray for our loved ones serving in the Armed Forces and for peace in the world.**



**A look at the week ahead:**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>16</b>  8:40 am Rosary  9:15 am Mass	<b>17</b>  8:40 am Rosary 9:15 am Mass 9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions  7:00 pm K of C Membership Meeting	<b>18</b>  8:40 am Rosary  9:15 am Mass  11:00 am Sophia Sisters	<b>19</b>  10:30 am SVDP Meeting  6:20 pm Rosary  7:00 pm K of C Memorial Mass	<b>20</b>  7:30 pm Holy Hour  8:00 pm AA Meeting	<b>21</b>  3:30 pm Confessions  5:00 pm Mass  ARMED FORCES DAY	<b>22</b> <b>THE MOST HOLY TRINITY</b>  8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 10:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word 12:00 pm Mass with Baptism  6:00 pm Youth Group

**PRAYER FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY  
2015-2016**

**Lord Jesus Christ,**  
**you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,**  
**and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.**  
**Show us your face and we will be saved.**  
**Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from**  
**being enslaved by money;**  
**the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only**  
**in created things;**  
**made Peter weep after his betrayal,**  
**and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.**  
**Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words**  
**that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:**  
**“If you knew the gift of God!”**  
**You are the visible face of the invisible Father,**  
**of the God who manifests his power above all by**  
**forgiveness and mercy:**  
**let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord**  
**risen and glorified.**  
**You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in**  
**weakness**  
**in order that they may feel compassion for those in**  
**ignorance and error:**  
**let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved,**  
**and forgiven by God.**  
**Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its**  
**anointing,**  
**so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from**  
**the Lord,**  
**and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring**  
**good news to the poor,**  
**proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,**  
**and restore sight to the blind.**  
**We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of**  
**Mercy,**  
**you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit**  
**for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK...**

Wanda Reiner	Beth Croitori
Stanley Ptak	Bill Walker
Robin Kafcas	Dick Campbell
Daron Tilburt	Andy Mosher
Rita Knight	John MacDougall
Emily Choike	Dennis Hill
Corinne Wedge	Wanda Johnson
Stephen Cleary	Ralph Wenski
Erin Malloy-Sidaway	Patricia Drobot
Sofia Weiland	Nancy Kolliker
Laurie Aldrich	Margaret Joyal
Mary Ann Alcalan	Joan Preston
Robert Lindenmuth	Paula Springer
Andy Vermiglio	

**BANNS OF  
MARRIAGE  
2ND BANN**

Let us pray for  
 Jennifer Lacey  
 and Andrew  
 Midgett as  
 they prepare to  
 be joined in  
 Holy  
 Matrimony at  
 St. Gerald  
 Parish on May  
 28, 2016



**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.

**MERCY IN ACTION SERVICE DAY**

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encourages us to serve those who need help. “Whenever we do something together, something good, something beautiful, everyone changes. All of us change in some way and this does us good.” –Pope Francis

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) is collaborating with parishes, schools, and others to coordinate a regional **Day of Service on Saturday, October 1** to organize a multitude of local service projects like helping those in need with chores and tidying up around the house, stocking food pantries, cleaning up neighborhood parks, and other efforts. Learn more about service projects in your area and register to help! We are the hands, feet, and heart needed to lift burdens from another! Get involved by calling Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or email [desjarlais.candy@gmail.com](mailto:desjarlais.candy@gmail.com)

**June 3rd, Feast Day of the Sacred Heart is on First Friday, come, make reparation as He asks** First Friday, is a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and First Saturday is a devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. In the northwest suburbs we have a 24 hour prayer Vigil, with 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration. Adoration begins at 10 AM Friday after the 9:15 AM Mass. **Evening Mass is at 7 PM with confessions before and after Mass;** the Reparation Prayer Vigil begins after the 7 PM Mass. Saturday morning Benediction with Reposition 9 AM followed by Mass for Life at 9:15 AM. All are welcomed. **This is every month** at St. Gerald Parish.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**





**KNIGHTS CORNER**

**Officer Election at Member Meet and Memorial Mass On Tap This Week**

Tuesday is election time during our May membership meeting which will begin at our regular 7 PM starting time. Although a full slate of officers has been nominated, additional nominations can be made during the meeting. Early in the meeting Election Committee Chair Tom McPhail will call for additional nominations. Once that process is finished, the next step will be to voting. Nominees thus far are Grand Knight: Fred Gerometta, Deputy Grand Knight: Dave Bednarski, Chancellor: Frank Gariepy, Recorder: Roger Stacey, Treasurer: Larry Swanson, Warden: PGK Rich Smith, Guards: Mike Rometty and John Davis, and Trustee: Bill Croitori. All terms start July 1 and are for one year except Trustee, which is for three years.

All members and spouses are invited to our annual Memorial Mass at 7 PM Thursday, May 19. Council shirt or business casual with your badge is dress of the day. A reception will follow in the Social Hall after mass. If you can help with the reception or wish to serve as a greeter, contact PGK Rich Smith (313-421-0204).

Congratulations to brother Thom Seabolt who received the second and third degrees of our order last week along with 27 other Knights from 11 other Councils. His sponsor was GK Darren Losey with Jerome Williams and Tom McPhail as witnesses. By attaining the third degree, Thom will receive his Council apron since he has participated in the required number of projects.

If all goes well, we will be welcoming Ken May, a Ford engineer, and Anand Thakur, an account executive with Google advertising, into our Council on Wednesday, May 18. They are scheduled to be initiated into Order at ceremonies sponsored by St. Francis Council at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Come, make them welcome. The event starts at 7 PM.



Knights again are being asked to play a major role in the 2016 Parish Picnic, starting with helping with the morning-before setup at 9 AM Saturday, June 4. On picnic day, June 5, we will be manning the grills and the beer keg. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be circulated at Tuesday's membership meeting by Event Manager DGK Fred Gerometta.

**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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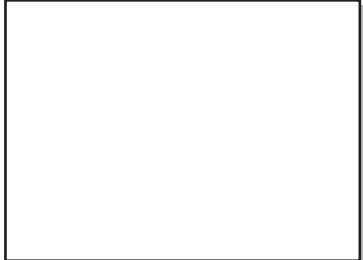
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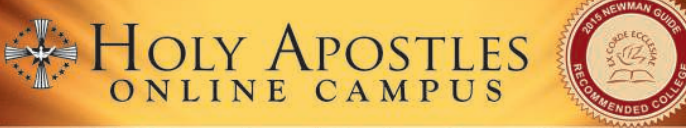
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