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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.

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 5, 2016

The readings for the Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time present divine encounters. In both miracle stories and the call narrative of St. Paul, new insights are achieved by those most directly impacted by God's intervention in their lives.

The first reading is taken from the First Book of Kings. 1 Kings 17–19 presents the stories of two ninth-century BC prophets from the northern kingdom of Israel, Elijah and Elisha. In today's reading, we hear about the prophet Elijah raising from the dead the son of a widow. In addition to her overwhelming joy, the widow learned two important lessons in the miracle of her resuscitated son. First, her son's death was not divine retribution for the sins she committed in her life—a belief and a fear held by some ancient Israelites. And second, the prophet Elijah was truly a “man of God,” not one of the many false prophets that plagued the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah during this period of the divided monarchy.

Scholars have often noted the similarities between the story of Elijah raising the widow's son and today's Gospel reading—Jesus' raising of the widow's son from the village of Nain. Beyond the obvious parallels in these miracle stories (both widows, both sons of a widow raised, neither widow actually sought out Elijah or Jesus), the reaction of those witnessing the miracle is very similar as well: “A great prophet has arisen in our midst” and “God has visited his people.” (See the widow's similar reaction to Elijah, 1 Kgs 17:24.) The widow and the crowds both sensed God's divine presence in their encounter with Elijah and with Jesus. Curiously, the village of Nazareth, where Jesus grew up and lived his entire life, was only about five miles north of Nain. Given the extensive networking that existed among the Jewish villages of the lower Galilee, it is very possible that Jesus personally knew this family.

The second reading is taken from Paul's Letter to the Galatians. Over the next five Sundays we will hear from Galatians. Written in late AD 55, the Letter to the Galatians is one of Paul's most emotionally charged letters. He is angry over the news that the Galatian men (Gentile believers in Christ) were having themselves circumcised. Paul saw this action as a direct violation of the Gospel message he preached to them. For Paul, male circumcision, an outward sign (marking) of one's allegiance to the Mosaic law, was not necessary for the Gentiles who professed faith in Christ. The Galatian circumcisions struck at the heart of the Pauline debate on faith versus the law.

Today's reading is part of Paul's autobiographical section in Galatians, 1:11–24. Paul rarely offers autobiographical information in his letters. But here, as part of his argument, Paul presents himself and his Gospel message as divinely authoritative: “I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.” Paul then writes about his transformative encounter with the risen Christ and his call to bring the good news of the crucified and resurrected Christ to the Gentiles. This direct encounter with Christ, in Paul's view, gave him the authority to refer to himself as an “apostle,” and to preach with authority in the name of Christ.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

A Week Ahead

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 6 - JUNE 9

Monday 9:15 AM

Mary Carr

Requested by Agnes Bongero

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Alda Quito

Requested by Friend

Wednesday 9:15 AM

Vincent Vassallo

Requested by Friend

Thursday 7:00 PM

Marino and Carolla Canini

Requested by Graziano Canini



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 KGS 17:1-6/PS 121:1-8/MT 5:1-12
TUESDAY: 1 KGS 17:7-16/PS 4:2-5, 7-8/MT 5:13-16
WEDNESDAY: 1 KGS 18:20-39/PS 16:1-5, 8, 11/MT 5:17-19
THURSDAY: 1 KGS 18:41-46/PS 65:10-13/MT 5:20-26
FRIDAY: 1 KGS 19:9A, 11-16/PS 27:7-9, 13-14/MT 5:27-32
SATURDAY: ACTS 11:21B-26; 13:1-3/PS 98:1-6/MT 5:33-37
NEXT SUNDAY: 2 SM 12:7-10, 13/PS 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11/GAL 2:16, 19-21/LK 7:36-8:3 OR 7:36-50

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



Join us right after 12
 Noon Mass this weekend
 for our Annual Parish
 Picnic

Just a Reminder . . .

Our annual Parish Leader's Picnic is on Tuesday, June 7th from 6:30-8:00 PM. If you are a member of the St. Gerald Parish Council or Commissions, please join us for some food and fellowship. Please remember to call Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 to RSVP. We would also appreciate it if you could bring a dish to pass.

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.

JUNE 12, 2016 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM June 11 Fr. Kaiser

For Norman Roden Requested by Sharon & Jim Zann	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00B

8:30 AM June 12 Fr. Roodbeen

For George Kirchner Requested by Pat Kirchner	Servers	John Smith Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30C

10:15 AM June 12 Fr. Roodbeen

For Onesta, Antonio, Giuseppe & Neil Morelli Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Mary Power 10:15A

12:00 Noon June 12 Fr. Roodbeen

For Gerald Kopasz Requested by Carol & George Sterling	Servers	Emma DuLong Jack DuLong
	Lectors/ Ushers	Tim Wardle 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

June 11 and June 12
Team D

June 18 and June 19
Team C

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of May 22	\$ 8,741.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of May 22	\$ 9,334.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - May 22	\$416,574.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - May 22	\$438,666.00

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS . . .

Jelly	Cereal
Canned Meat, Stew, Spam	Boxed Microwaveable Entrees
Dish Detergent	Snacks for Children
Cereal	Juice Boxes

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference provides aid to families living within our parish boundaries. This aid may be for rent, utilities, or other basic needs. We could not have done this without the generous support of our parish community. For this we are deeply grateful, especially to those who are consistent donors.

Over the past 12 months we have made 128 home visits and been able to:

- Pay \$30,038 rental assistance.
- Pay \$6,094 utilities assistance.
- Obtain an additional \$6,213 utility assistance through MEAP (THAW funds).
- Provide \$2,302 in other assistance such as furniture and medical needs.
- Provide 225 bags of food.
- Provide \$1,170 in food and gas cards.

We are asking you to help our efforts by participating in a special collection scheduled for the weekend of June 18th and 19th. There will be envelopes in the pews on the prior weekend. We ask you to take one home and pray about what you can do to help us in our work. You can deposit your envelope in the second collection, drop it off at the parish office, or mail it in.

We also invite anyone interested in volunteering to assist in this ministry to call 248-476-7677 x-220 and leave a message. We are especially in need of caring people to help conduct home visits.

TIM'S TIDBITS

We start our annual long stretch of summer Ordinary Time with a bang today, as our readings recount two stories of miraculous resuscitation. In this summer season of abundant life and growing things, our celebration today reminds us of the preciousness of life. Let us give thanks today for such a wonderful gift from God.

This Sunday, we have our annual parish picnic. And we move into the long summer months, even though summer has not officially arrived. Let us take some time to reflect on the beauty around us and God's grace in our lives.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS – R.C.I.A.

Do you know someone who would like to be **BAPTIZED? OR CONFIRMED? OR become CATHOLIC? GOT QUESTIONS?**

SUMMERTIME INQUIRY MEETING –

- June 20 at 6 PM
- July 13 at 6 PM
- August 8 at 6 PM
- In Room 2

FULL WEEKLY SCHEDULE begins in September. Call Tim Westfall at 248-477-7470 to sign up or email at Timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com




**BANNS OF MARRIAGE
1ST BANN**

Let us pray for Andrea Camilleri and Elliott Valkanos as they prepare to be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Gerald Parish on June 25, 2016

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK...

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|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Wanda Reiner | Beth Croitori | 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 Alcalá | Joan Preston | Robert Lindenmuth |
| Paula Springer | Andy Vermiglio | Gerry Makowski |
| Cyndy Fenech | | |

We're Proud of our Graduates 

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!!!

We want to wish well to all the graduates of our parish this year!

Always know that your parish family is proud of you and here to support you with our prayers as you move into a new chapter of your life.

May the Lord continue to bless you all the days of your life!



Please join us for a Farewell Celebration on Sunday, June 26th, following the 12 noon Mass in the social hall honoring Fr. Festus Ejimadu as he starts a new journey his life.

CSA - SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY

Archbishop Allen Vigneron ordained five men to the priesthood for the Archdiocese of Detroit last month. Congratulations to Fathers Paul Graney, Dominic Macioce, Kevin Roelant, David Tomaszynski, and Timothy Wezner!

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal support men discerning vocations to the priesthood through the assistance of the Office of Priestly Vocations. CSA gifts also help fund the education of formation of men preparing for the priesthood at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, which is the Archdiocese's college and graduate seminary.

Additionally, Sacred Heart's student body includes lay men in the permanent diaconate program, and lay women and men earning graduate and undergraduate degrees and diplomas in religious studies through the Institute for Ministry. The CSA supports these vocations, too.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to www.AOD.org.

EVANGELIZATION

Growing closer with Jesus and sharing Him with others.

May your life be a blessing to you and those you witness to.
Bring Christ to others in your actions and words.
Speak LIFE!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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



Join us at Mass and become closer to Christ Jesus!



Our gardens are blooming with the Pentecost geraniums and other colorful flowers! Let us take up the challenge to continue to beautify the church and rectory grounds. Wouldn't it be a special gift for Father Festus's reception and welcome for our new priest, Father Kris? Do you have a little time to give but not sure where and what the need is? Call Gerryanna Luscri at 734-341-1999 or Johanna Ward at 248-478-2849



Above are a few pictures of the front area of the church. This couldn't happen without the wonderful support of so many helping to take care of our parish grounds. More help is always needed! You do not have to have a green thumb. There are so many ways to volunteer your time for our church. Even an hour of your time is so appreciated!

*Come Join us for 2016 Farmington Area
VBS Opportunities!*



Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Fabian and St. Gerald parishes are working together to offer two opportunities for children K-4 to participate in a fun and relaxed environment exploring the life of Jesus and our faith. You are welcome to join us for one or both of these exciting weeks of stories, crafts, dramas, games and snacks. Registrations are limited to the first 90 at each location and are open to those entering **Kindergarten through 4th grade**.

St. Fabian Church VBS dates are June 20 through June 24
St. Gerald Church VBS dates are August 1 through August 5

Registration forms are located in the Religious Education hallway in the information shelves and are to be returned to the host parish.

**St. Gerald Annual Picnic
June 5th rain or shine
1:00 – 4:30 PM**



Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share
salads, desserts, baked beans, fruit, etc..

Schedule of Events:

1:00-3:00 PM food is served

1:30-3:30 PM face painting
by speedy the clown

1:00- 4:00 PM DJ with karaoke

1:00-2:00 PM cotton candy

2:30-3:30 PM ice cream

3:00 PM Water balloon war by the youth

*Join
the
Fun*



There will also be . . .

-Moonwalk and inflatable obstacle course

-50/50 basket raffle

-Bring cash - gift baskets generously donated by

Parish Council and Commissions, lots of great baskets!



KNIGHTS CORNER

Officers to Meet Tuesday; Grant Writing Help Sought to Support Sound System Improvements

Approval of a list of activities for the remainder of 2016 is one of the items on the agenda at Tuesday’s Officers meeting. The list – known as our Action Calendar – is the Council road map for getting things done. As usual the meeting will start at 7 PM in one of the classrooms.

A big pat on the back to Fred Gerometta and the Knights who helped with the parish picnic. In addition to manning the grills and the beer tap, Knights also helped with Saturday’s set up and post picnic clean up. Also a big “Atta Girl” to the spouses who helped at various picnic jobs.

Is there someone among the Council members or spouses who has experience as a grant writer? Brother Gil Schultz, our resident audio whiz who led the overhaul of the church-social hall sound system, is looking at installing a teleloop system that will make great sound available to mass-goers with hearing aids. Even with Knights supplying free labor, the system will cost thousands of dollars, hence the pursuit of grant money. If you can help, give Program Director Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185.

At our membership meeting, June 19, we will vote on a Knight of the Year and a Family of the Year, selecting from the lists of the monthly honorees. To refresh your memory Knight of the Month honorees were District Deputy Jim Escott, Deacon Mark Springer, Richard Rosowski, Dave Bednarski, Larry Swanson, PGK Patrick Rogers, Shatomi Kerbawy, Gil Schultz, Bill Croitori, Jerome Williams and GK Darren Losey.

Family honorees were GK Darren and Sarah Losey, Thom and Barbara Seabolt, the Mary Taylor family, Steve and Meg Cernak, Candy and Tom Desjarlais, PGK Bruce and Diane Roberts, Len and Barbara Lemanski, Michael and Milbia Rometty, Larry and Beryl Swanson, Tom and Arlene McPhail, Bob and Sherry Kuhr and Gerryanna and Frank Luscri.

Be a Recruiter – Ask a Catholic Man to Join Our Council!

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.

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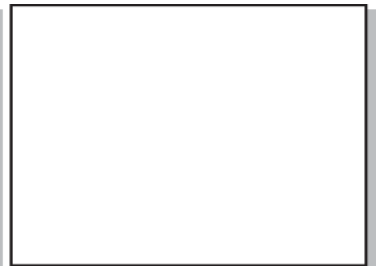
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