



# 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.

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 19, 2016

In the Gospel reading for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear Jesus pose a question to his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” In responding to their answer, Jesus defines the essence of Christian discipleship.

One of the fundamental questions that each of the New Testament Gospel writers address is the question of discipleship: what does it mean to be a follower of Jesus? In the Gospel of John, for example, disciples are defined as those who bring others to Christ. The story of the Samaritan woman at the well (Jn 4:4-42) is a prime example of Johannine discipleship. In today’s Gospel reading from Luke, discipleship is also clearly defined. Anyone who wants to be called a disciple of Jesus “must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow” him.

Following Mark, Luke sets up the question of discipleship within the larger narrative context of Jesus’ first Passion prediction and the question of Jesus’ messianic identity. Jesus initially asks his disciples, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” Notice that the crowds rightly perceive Jesus as some sort of prophet, similar to Elijah and John the Baptist. But Jesus-as-prophet is only one aspect of his messianic identity. Jesus then asks the disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” Peter answers for the others, “The Christ of God”—God’s anointed One. Scholars have long debated why Jesus’ “rebuked” Peter and the other disciples for Peter’s correct answer. Many conclude the answer lies in what Jesus says next: the first of three Passion predictions. “The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.” The problem with Peter’s response was with how Peter and the other disciples likely *defined* the Jewish messiahship. Jesus saw suffering at the heart of his identity as Christ—an aspect of God’s anointed One that the disciples and the crowds had not considered and would have probably rejected, despite (as heard in the first reading from Zechariah) Israel’s prophesies.

What probably startled and certainly challenged the disciples was Jesus’ insistence that his followers must likewise anticipate suffering: “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” For Luke, discipleship was not a call to martyrdom; it was a call to orient the daily sufferings in life, in whatever form they take—*anxiety, fear, doubt, anger, sadness*—through the prism of the cross of Christ: self-sacrifice and absolute dependence upon God.

We continue to hear from Paul’s Letter to the Galatians as the second reading. Today’s reading captures well the core of Paul’s Gospel message: “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.” This helps explain Paul’s strenuous objections to circumcision—an outward sign of Jewish separation from the nations (the Gentiles). Paul insisted that through their common faith in Christ, all people enjoyed a new status as “Abraham’s descendent” and, as such, could now think of themselves as “heirs” to God’s promise established in the Abrahamic covenant.

While this assertion may seem obvious to contemporary believers, in Paul’s day, this was a radical and dangerous concept.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

# A Week Ahead

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS JUNE 20 - JUNE 23



Monday 9:15 AM  
**Walter Winiarski**  
Requested by Victor Winiarski

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Fr. Festus and the Ejimadu Family**  
Requested by Jim and Sharon Zann

Wednesday 9:15 AM  
**Rev. Henry Hughes**  
Requested by Brenda Hayes

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Valerie Urbanski**  
Requested by Brenda Blaze

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY: 2 KGS 17:5-8, 13-15A, 18/PS 60:3-5, 12-13/  
MT 7:1-5**

**TUESDAY: 2 KGS 19:9B-11, 14-21, 31-35A, 36/  
PS 48:2-4, 10-11/MT 7:6, 12-14**

**WEDNESDAY: 2 KGS 22:8-13; 23:1-3/PS 119:33-37, 40/  
MT 7:15-20**

**THURSDAY: 2 KGS 24:8-17/PS 79:1-5, 8-9/MT 7:21-29**

**FRIDAY: VIGIL: JER 1:4-10/PS 71:1-6, 15-17/1 PT 1:8-  
12/LK 1:5-17**

**DAY: IS 49:1-6/PS 139:1-3, 13-15/ACTS 13:22-26/  
LK 1:57-66, 80**

**SATURDAY: LAM 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/PS 74:1-7, 20-21/  
MT 8:5-17**

**NEXT SUNDAY: 1 KGS 19:16B, 19-21/PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/  
GAL 5:1, 13-18/LK 9:51-62**

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

### Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of June 5	\$ 10,629.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of June 5	\$ 9,334.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - June 5	\$434,456.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - June 5	\$457,328.00

## JUNE 26, 2016 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM June 25 Fr. Festus

For <b>Dr. Gregory Elliott &amp; Family</b> Requested by Fr. Festus Ejimadu	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Tim Westfall 5:00B

8:30 AM June 26 Fr. Festus

For <b>Joseph Bongero</b> Requested by Agnes Bongero	Servers	Gabe Smith John Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	David Wells 8:30B

10:15 AM June 26 Fr. Festus

For <b>Joseph &amp; Angeline Morelli &amp; all living and deceased members</b> Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15C

12:00 Noon June 26 Fr. Festus

For <b>Frances T. Piscopink</b> Requested by Sharon Marinelli	Servers	Emma DuLong Jack DuLong
	Lectors/ Ushers	Christine Greig 12:00B

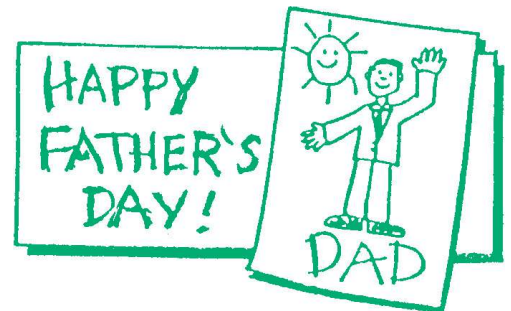
### Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

June 24 and June 25

Team A

July 2 and July 3

Team B



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





**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES**

**Registration forms have been mailed!**

If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the program last year, please contact Mary Taylor at 248.476.7677 ext. 201 or via email at [taylor.mary04@yahoo.com](mailto:taylor.mary04@yahoo.com) and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Return these forms as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation classes, grades 7 and 8, will gather on alternate Sunday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Students in grades 1-6 may choose to attend classes either on Mondays from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM or Tuesdays from 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM. The Preschool and Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) class will be held during the 10:15 AM Mass. Registration forms are due by August 1st. If you had children in the program last year and did not receive a registration form, or have any questions please contact Mary Taylor at 248.476.7677, ext. 1 or [taylor.mary04@yahoo.com](mailto:taylor.mary04@yahoo.com).

**REMINDER:** Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit children of the parish are to receive two full years of religious formation before reception of a sacrament.

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal are helping high school-age teens in the Archdiocese of Detroit learn how to become better Christian leaders, examples to their peers, and evangelizers through Youth Leadership and Evangelization Training.

“Chosen to Follow” covers topics like discipleship, communication, facilitation, prayer and event planning, as well as sharing faith with other teens. Through the “Living Your Strengths” resource, teens will also learn to use their individual strengths in their daily lives.

Offered by archdiocesan Youth Ministry Office, Youth Leadership and Evangelization Training was held overnight at St. Frances de Chantal Parish in Sterling Heights on June 8 and 9. For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs and services, please go to [www.AOD.org](http://www.AOD.org).

**12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**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](mailto:Timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com)



**HELP WANTED**

**Ushers, greeters, communion ministers, lectors, altar servers and sacristans are needed for Saturday and Sunday Masses. Don't worry about needing experience—we will train you! See Tim Westfall for more information. Either call at 248-477-7470 x202 or email at [timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com) or after Mass.**



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**3RD 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

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Come join us at the booth...  
 St. Gerald Church will be represented at the Farmington Founder's Festival Thurs-Saturday, July 14-16. Come support our parish and share the Good News of our works; Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent DePaul, St. Al's Food Pantry, CORE Nigeria, Vacation Bible School, and more.  
 We will have music, handouts, treats and activities. Share your faith and share the information.  
**Vacation Bible School is caliente! Teen and adult volunteers are needed to help out for the Fiesta themed VBS on August 1-5 from 10:15 AM to 1:00 PM**  
 Call Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677 or Gerryanna at 734-341-1999. These are many ways to evangelize to your neighbors, friends and strangers. Come share your *love of CHRIST*.

**CSA UPDATE...**

Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to CSA. If you haven't turned in your pledge card, please drop it in the Sunday collection basket, mail it in with the envelope provided or drop it off in the Parish Office. If you have not picked up your CSA card, they are still available in the Parish Office. Please help us reach our goal! Your generosity and support is very much appreciated!

**HEALING SERVICE**

Emmanuel Healing Ministry invites you to come to a Healing Service on Thursday, June 23 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower from 7-9 PM. Confessions will be available at 6:20 PM. Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered followed by the opportunity to be prayed over for *any* intention. Fr. Alex Kratz will preside. Call Margaret Williams (248) 477-0767 for information.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN**

*Food Assistance Available*

Know someone with limited resources who is choosing between food purchases and other necessities? The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps eligible individuals and families including seniors to save money on groceries to pay bills, for medications, clothes, and other necessities. Thanks in part to generous support from the Walmart Foundation, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) is helping residents of Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne counties to quickly learn if they are eligible and enroll. Make a confidential call to CCSEM today at 248-338-4250 ext. 3700!

**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.

**BULLETIN REMINDER**

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 12 noon on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com). All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.



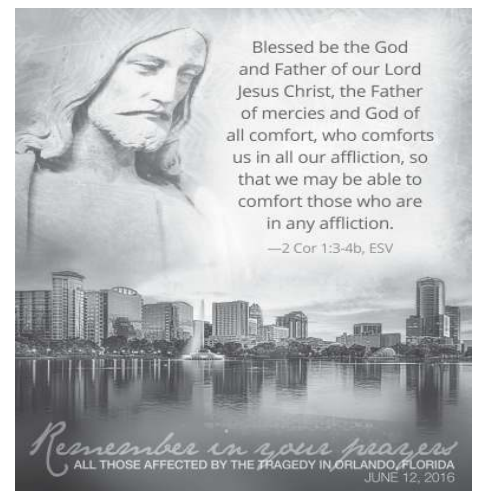
NEEDED - a volunteer to be area head for the rose garden and space beneath the window/stained glass on the west side, front of church. Two volunteers have done much of the clearing, weeding and some planting, but have areas of their own and cannot give the continued care needed. Thank you, Jon and Jean!

Did we reach any of the hedge-trimmer owners {esp. a long-bladed one} and "guilt" some volunteer hours? Call one of the garden committee members for direction! They are Gerryanna Luscri at 734-341-1999, Johanna Ward at 248-478-2849, Nancy Lacey at 248-943-6272 or John McLoughlin at 248-739-2494.

**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.



## Come Join us for VBS!



St. Gerald parish is offering an opportunity 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 an exciting week of stories, crafts, dramas, games and snacks. Registrations are limited to the first 90 and are open to those entering **Kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.** Registration form is below. For more information, contact 248-476-7677, ext. 201.

### Fiesta!

## Get Fired Up About Jesus!!!

**St. Gerald  
August 1-5, 2016  
10:15 AM—1:00 PM**

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### 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 this weekend.** There are envelopes in the pews. You can drop it in the collection basket on the weekend, 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.



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### 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 | Sofia Weiland     | Nancy Kolliker  |
| Laurie Aldrich      | Margaret Joyal    | Mary Ann Alcalá |
| Joan Preston        | Robert Lindenmuth | Paula Springer  |
| Andy Vermiglio      | Gerry Makowski    | Cyndy Fenech    |
| Josephine Meyers    | Gloria Lewis      |                 |

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.

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS . . .

- |                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Canned Fruit        | Cereal         |
| Jelly               | Juice (large)  |
| Cookies             | Dish Detergent |
| Snacks for Children | Juice Boxes    |





**KNIGHTS CORNER**

***Knight and Family of the Year to be Selected at Tuesday’s Meeting; OK of Msgr. Baldwin Tribute Sought***

Two events will make Tuesday’s membership meeting special. One is the close out of Darren Losey’s term as Grand Knight. The other will be election of a Knight of the Year and a Family of the Year. Brother Darren’s tenure as leader was marked by a Star Council award, if all goes well with the paperwork, a tightening of our internal financial procedures, a streamlining of our Officers’ meetings and a general improvement in communications. He gets top marks as he turns over leadership to Fred Gerometta with the start of a new fraternal year July 1. Losey declined a second term in anticipation of a family move to Troy after a recent job change. To refresh your memory a listing of the monthly Knight and Family honorees follows. 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.

Earlier this month the Council Officers approved a policy statement that provides for a proxy vote for the selection of Knight and Family of the year. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can submit a written or e-mailed vote to Recorder Roger Stacey (rpstaceys@msn.com) prior to the meeting. He will vote your choices on the first ballot only. The new procedure also determines how ties will be settled.

The friends and family of Msgr. Ed Baldwin, a much loved weekend assistant here and a fellow Council member, have opened a drive to establish a 21-bed unit at St. Anne' Mead Assisted Living Center in Southfield. The unit would be devoted to those with dementia. The Officers proposed that we designate the net proceeds from our Sept. 25 pancake breakfast for that drive as a tribute to his memory. Council members will be asked at Tuesday’s meeting to endorse that decision.

***Keep Informed of Council Doings, Read the Knights Corner in The Voice!***

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Office Hours**

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(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

**STAFF**

Reverend Festus Ejimadu, Pastor .....(248) 477-7470  
Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate ..... x 202  
Email: timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com  
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant.....x 212  
Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

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**Christian Services**

Candy Desjarlais: Christian Service Coordinator ..... x 204  
Email: desjarlais.candy@gmail.com

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**Education**

Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education ..... x 201  
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**Youth Ministry**

**Music Ministry**

Mary Zelinski, Director of Music ..... 734-516-0133

**Maintenance**

Mark Koss

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Kim Shepard

**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? 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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