



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.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10, 2016

The readings for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time take up the topic of the Mosaic law. The oral and written traditions associated with the law helped Israel define itself and its relationship with God and neighbor.

The first reading from the Book of Deuteronomy is taken from the final speech that Moses delivers to the ancient Israelites at the end of their forty-year desert wanderings and just prior to their crossing over into the Promised Land (Dt 29:1—33:29). The Book of Deuteronomy is structured around three major speeches by Moses (Dt 1–4; 5–28; 29–33) that offer instructions and warnings for the new generation of Israelites about the embark upon a new life in the Promised Land. In today's reading, Moses offers three pieces of advice to the Israelites. First, never forget to "heed the voice of the LORD, your God." Second, "keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law." And third, when you sin, "return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul." Moses encouraged the Israelites to understand that the law given to them by God was neither "too mysterious" nor too far "remote"; in fact, the law was "something very near" to all believers—"already in your mouth and in your hearts." The central challenge, as Moses saw it, was for the Israelites to actually "carry it out"!

The Gospel readings continue to be taken from Luke's long travel narrative of Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem. During the journey, Jesus speaks to three different groups of people—his disciples, the crowds, and his opponents (often the Jewish religious leaders, such as the Pharisees and the scribes). The opening words of today's Gospel reading set the stage for another confrontation between Jesus and his opponents: "There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him [Jesus]." The scholar asked Jesus, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" On the surface, the question is deceptively simple to answer for a scholar of the Mosaic law. So Jesus turns the question back on the scholar with his retort, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" Not surprisingly, Jesus and the scholar agree that love of God and neighbor is needed to inherit eternal life. Unable to trap Jesus with the first question, the scholar asks Jesus a follow-up question: "And who is my neighbor?" In response, Jesus tells the parable of the good Samaritan. The parable taught the scholar an important lesson about the Mosaic law: in addition to love of God and neighbor, to inherit eternal life, one must also show mercy, even to the least among us (like Samaritans). The Gospel ends with the test reversed on the scholar as Jesus concludes: "Go and do likewise."

Over the next four Sundays, the second readings are taken from Paul's Letter to the Colossians. This is one of the six "disputed" Pauline letters—scholars debate if Paul himself wrote this letter, or if it was produced after Paul's death and written in his name and authority. Today's reading is actually a Christological hymn that likely existed before the writing of Colossians, probably sung in the very early Christian liturgies. Ideas embedded in the hymn, such as Jesus being "the image of the invisible God" and Jesus as "the firstborn of all creation," provides evidence of a high Christology very early on among the first generations of believers: in Christ, they saw the eternal God!

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

A Week Ahead



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS JULY 11 - JULY 14

Monday 9:15 AM

Marino and Carolla Canini
Requested by Graziano Canini

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Kristine Johnson
Requested by Sally Bolda

Wednesday 9:15 AM

Demmon and Rosemary Robinson
Requested by Rich and Pauline

Thursday 7:00 PM

Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht & Donarman Families
Requested by C. Kemp

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY: IS 1:10-17/PS 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/
MT 10:34-11:1**

TUESDAY: IS 7:1-9/PS 48:2-8/MT 11:20-24

**WEDNESDAY: IS 10:5-7, 13B-16/PS 94:5-10, 14-15/
MT 11:25-27**

**THURSDAY: IS 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/PS 102:13-21/
MT 11:28-30**

FRIDAY: IS 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/IS 38:10-12, 16/MT 12:1-8

SATURDAY: MI 2:1-5/PS 10:1-4, 7-8, 14/MT 12:14-21

**NEXT SUNDAY: GN 18:1-10A/PS 15:2-5/COL 1:24-28/
LK 10:38-42**

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK...

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	Andy Vermiglio	Gerry Makowski
Cyndy Fenech	Gloria Lewis	
Josephine Meyers	Pat Centers	

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of June 26	\$ 8,298.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of June 26	\$ 9,334.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - June 26	\$458,789.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - June 26	\$485,330.00

JULY 17, 2016 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM July 16 Fr. Kris

For Bernice & Joseph Barry Requested by Delphine Midura	Servers	Isabelle Gerhart Eli Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00A

8:30 AM July 17 Fr. Roodbeen

For Florence Murray Requested by Victor Winiarski	Servers	Gabe Smith John Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30B

10:15 AM July 17 Fr. Kris

For Fran Rogala Requested by Helen Stegeman	Servers	Luke Horsburgh
	Lector/ Ushers	Mary Power 10:15C

12:00 Noon July 17 Fr. Kris

For Gerald Kopasz Requested by Carol & George Sterling	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

July 16 and July 17

Team D

July 23 and July 24

Team A

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Tuna Fish
Tuna or Chicken Helper
Soup
Fruit

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.



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 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.

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.



Together with Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Detroit, all parishes are asked to participate in Mercy Day in Action on October 1st. St. Gerald will join together with St. Fabian, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Andrew Kim to go out into the community on this day and do mercy acts.

Just an example of a couple projects we have decided on as a group are; to clean up historical cemeteries in the Farmington and Farmington Hills area and at Our Lady of Sorrows we will be assembling blessing bags for the homeless. These are just two examples. We have a few other projects planned as well.

Mercy Day in Action will start at Our Lady of Sorrows on October 1st at approximately 8:30 AM and conclude back at Our Lady of Sorrows at 1:00 PM for lunch and closing prayer. I know this will be an amazing day as we go out into the community and do God's work.

Please email me if this is something you would be interested in at desjarlais.candy@gmail.com or call me at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Thank you, Candy Desjarlais, Christian Service Coordinator

COME CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!



When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org or "like" our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.

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

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 –

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

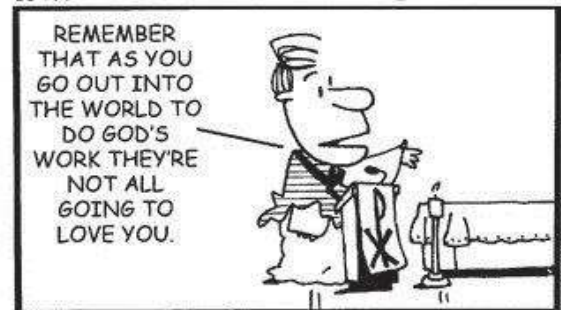


Ushers, greeters, communion ministers, lectors, altar servers and sacristans are needed for Saturday and Sunday Masses. Don't worry about needing experience—we will train you! See Tim Westfall for more information.

Either call at 248-477-7470 x202 or email at timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com or after Mass.



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.

EVANGELIZATION

Come join us at the booth...

St. Gerald Church will be represented at the Farmington Founder's Festival Thursday - 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*.



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.

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. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.

MISSION SUNDAY

This weekend Father Tom Basaquel C.S.Sp. from the The Holy Ghost Fathers - Irish Province is here to speak about his Mission. His Mission was founded in France in 1703. They are responsible for the evangelization of many African people, in countries such as Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, and Tanzania. The missionaries work in thirty-five countries.

Some of the missionaries are working in very difficult situations especially in war torn countries. The Holy Ghost Fathers are involved in all kinds of missionary activities, such as pastoral ministry, the training of future priests, educational, development and agricultural work.

The Mission Appeal this year will help to educate Seminarians especially in Ghana and Sierra Leone. Approximately \$3,000 will support a Seminarian for one year!

The Holy Ghost Fathers are grateful for your prayers and continued support. Please take an envelope at the end of the pews home with you and place it in the second collection basket next weekend. Thank you!

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2016 Catholic Services Appeal is well underway. Gifts to the CSA make possible a wealth of ministries, programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit each day.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited all Catholics to renew their personal relationships with our Savior, as “the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.” In this spirit, the theme of the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal is *Celebrate the Joy of the Gospel*.

Thank you to the many who have already pledged their gifts. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal. 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!

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

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 4th 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**

Name _____
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Summer is marching along and our gardens are struggling to stay colorful and not dry out!

Needed: volunteers to watch the days with-out rain and devote an hour watering.

The weeding is coming along, but is a recurring chore.

Again our thanks to those donating brown bags, and our devoted area heads.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!! The Health Ministry has scheduled a **Blood Drive** for **Sunday July 17, 2016** from **8:00 AM to 1:45 PM.**



The **Blood Drive** appointment sheet is in the **Social Hall** at the **Health Ministry** table. Please sign up, or call **Barbara Seabolt**, or go online to **www.redcrossblood.org** using sponsor code **stgeraldch**

Thank you for your support on saving many lives, by giving blood and your time.

Barbara Seabolt
Parish Health Ministry
248-477-4752



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!

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS: SEMINARY DAY FOR ALTAR BOYS

As a parish community we can assist the young people in our parish to remain disciples of Christ by encouraging them to hear and answer God's call in their lives. If a young man you know is an altar boy and is in 7th grade or older, invite and encourage him to attend the *Seminary Day for Altar Boys* hosted by the Office of Priestly Vocations held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. For young men in 7th grade to High School senior. Registration and information may be found on our website: www.detroitpriest.com



KNIGHTS CORNER

Leader Sought for Knight's Crew that Helps with St. Al Food Pantry Deliveries

As our new Grand Knight Fred Gerometta is adding duties as our leader, he is looking to shed an important responsibility. Since the merger with St. Alexander Church, Fred has been the go-to-guy when it comes to gathering a crew to break down pallets of food delivered by Gleaners. The breaking down process involves opening the cases and putting the cans or packages on the proper shelves. Or it may involve dividing 25 pounds of potatoes or other food into smaller bags. If you can help once every five weeks or so, give Fred a call at 248-763-3196.

Our Council will be hosting the leaders of the other five Councils that make up District 12 of the Michigan K of C on July 18. The semi-annual meetings are an opportunity for an exchange of ideas and for District Deputy Jim Escott to report on what the State is asking of the Councils. A light dinner precedes the business part of the meeting. A few volunteers are needed to help clean up after the meeting. If you can spare an hour, give Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185.

Bob Brown, our Council's first Grand Knight, is spending a few weeks at Maple Manor Rehab Center. Bob was walking into Holy Family Church last week when a bump in the sidewalk sent him tumbling. He ended up with one broken hand, a dislocated finger on the other hand and a severely damaged shoulder. At this writing his rehab schedule is still being determined. To arrange a visit or just to cheer him up, call Bob at 248-863-4755.

Mark Your Calendar – July 19 is the monthly membership meeting. **July 31** is a fifth Sunday of the month so we pray together at the 10:15 AM Mass. Come a bit earlier with your family and/or spouse and sit in the front right of the center section. **Aug. 6** is the annual Pot Luck dinner hosted by the Grand Knight and Diane Gerometta at their home in Farmington Hills. The event will start at 5:30 PM with dinner following at 7ish. It is a BYOB event, meaning that if you want to drink something other than water, tea or coffee you must bring it. The Council will provide the main dish – undetermined at this point – you should bring a dish for 10 to pass.

Be a Recruiter – ask a fellow parishioner to join our Council!

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours

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

STAFF

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Mark Koss 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. Kris 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. Kris 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. Kris (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. Kris 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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