



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, 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.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 21, 2016

The readings for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time warn believers against the presumption of privilege. The Christian life and the salvation derived from it require more than just a profession of faith; one must put faith into action.

Since the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (June 26), we have taken the Gospel readings from Luke's travel narrative (9:51—19:44). Luke reminds us of the journey in the opening words to today's Gospel reading: "Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem." Throughout the travel narrative, Luke has focused on Jesus teaching to three different groups: the crowds, his disciples, and his opponents (typically the Jewish religious leaders, the scribes and the Pharisees). In today's reading, Jesus is speaking to the crowds of would-be followers. The conversation begins with a single question from someone in the crowd, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" Jesus' answer serves as both a warning and a challenge. Simply acknowledging that you were present and listening to God's word ("We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets") does not secure one's salvation. In fact, passive listeners to the words of Christ will face divine rejection on Judgment Day, condemned as "evildoers!" Further, God's mercy and salvation will be offered not only to Israel, but to people of faith from all the nations who were "strong enough" to "enter through the narrow gate" through works of justice, mercy, and compassion to all those in need.

The first reading is from the prophet Isaiah. The Book of Isaiah is the longest text of the Bible, sixty-six chapters in length. The final section, Isaiah 56–66, is referred to as "Third Isaiah" and is thought to have been compiled sometime after Israel's return from the Babylonian Exile, post-537 BC. With First Isaiah (chapters 1–39) containing materials dating back to the historical Isaiah, beginning around 735 BC, and Second Isaiah (chapters 40–55) preserving the words and activities of the prophet active during the Babylonian Exile about 550 BC, the entire Book of Isaiah covers over two hundred years of Israel's history. Today's reading is taken from the final words of this prophetic text. It foreshadows a time when all the "nations of every language" will gather together and see God's "glory." The Book of Isaiah ends with Isaiah's vision of the consummation of this age. Isaiah sees God active in this age, bringing together all the nations of the earth, including "the distant coastlands." God gathers people from these vast nations and brings them to his "holy mountain," Jerusalem, even elevating some of them to the roles of "priests and Levites." In his teaching to the crowds on his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus, too, foresaw God's divine intervention at his second coming: "And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God."

In the second reading from Hebrews, we hear the author characterize community members as having "drooping hands" and "weak knees." Throughout this letter, the author is critical of his community, commenting that they are in danger of ignoring "so great a salvation" (2:3), have become "sluggish in hearing" (5:11; 6:12), do not assemble as a community (10:25), and are not upholding its original confession of faith (4:14; 10:23). The author exhorts his community to view the trials they face as believers as part of the "discipline" of faith. Only with discipline and endurance can one put faith into action and enter into the kingdom of God.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

A Week Ahead



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 22 - AUGUST 26

Monday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and
Donarman Families
Requested by C. Kemp

Tuesday 9:15 AM
For All Our Parishioners

Wednesday 9:15 AM
NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
For All Our Parishioners

Friday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and
Donarman Families
Requested by C. Kemp

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 2 THES 1:1-5, 11-12/PS 96:1-5/MT 23:13-22
TUESDAY: 2 THES 2:1-3A, 14-17/PS 96:10-13/MT 23:23-26
WEDNESDAY: RV 21:9B-14/PS 145:10-13, 17-18/JN 1:45-51
THURSDAY: 1 COR 1:1-9/PS 145:2-7/MT 24:42-51
FRIDAY: 1 COR 1:17-25/PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11/MT 25:1-13
SATURDAY: 1 COR 1:26-31/PS 33:12-13, 18-21/MT 25:14-30
NEXT SUNDAY: SIR 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/PS 68:4-7, 10-11/
HEB 12:18-19, 22-24A/LK 14:1, 7-14

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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

AUGUST 28, 2016 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM August 27 Fr. Kris

For
Joann Pavco
Requested by
Joe Pavco

Servers

Jackie Hoerner

Lector/
Ushers

Lyda Del Rosario
5:00A

8:30 AM August 28 Fr. Kris

For
Harold Barr
Requested by
Marjorie Barr

Servers

John Smith
Gabe Smith

Lector/
Ushers

Ray Pisani
8:30B

10:15 AM August 28 Fr. Roodbeen

For
Leo Baillargeon
Requested by
Rich & Pauline

Servers

Eli Gerhart
Isabelle Gerhart

Lector/
Ushers

Rick Stone
10:15C

12:00 Noon August 28 Fr. Kris

For
**All Our
Parishioners**

Servers

Need Servers

Lectors/
Ushers

Rob Gulick
Christine Greig
12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

August 27 and August 28

Team B

September 3 and September 4

Team C



PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARD TODAY!

If you have not already turned in your pledge card, please consider making a donation to help us reach our goal of \$72,484.00. **Currently we have pledges in the amount of \$64,742.00, which is 89% of our goal.** If you are unable to make a donation at this time, simply return your CSA card and indicate this on the front of the card. Thank you for your generosity in helping our parish meet its goal for programs we all benefit from through the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of August 7	\$14,579.00
Budget Offertory Weekend of August 7	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - August 7	\$57,964.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - August 7	\$52,800.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK . . .

Wanda Reiner	Beth Croitori
Bill Walker	Robin Kafcas
Dick Campbell	Erin Malloy-Tingle
Andy Mosher	Rita Knight
John MacDougall	Emily Choike
Dennis Hill	Corinne Wedge
Wanda Johnson	Stephen Cleary
Ralph Wenski	Nancy Kolliker
Laurie Aldrich	Margaret Joyal
Mary Ann Alcalá	Joan Preston
Andy Vermiglio	Gerry Makowski
Cyndy Fenech	Charles Minear
Josephine Meyers	Carol Reinke
Erin Malloy-Tingle	

RAFFLE TICKETS FOR PARISH FESTIVAL AVAILABLE

Stop into the Office to pick up your Parish Festival raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5 each or a book for \$100. First prize is \$3000!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MERCY DAY IN ACTION IS OCTOBER 1ST, COME JOIN US!!

Our Christianity calls us to serve one another in love. It is through the experience of service that we encounter the love of God. When we give of ourselves completely without reserve amazing things happen. Abundant blessings are received. This day of service is organized vicariate by vicariate. To participate call Candy Desjarlais @ 248-476-7677 ext 204 or email desjarlais.candy@gmail.com

Also there will be two sign up weekends first being August 20th and 21st and then August 27th and 28th after all masses in the social hall.

DONATIONS OF FLEECE NEEDED:

One or our many projects for "Mercy Day In Action" are fleece blankets for cancer patients. We are accepting donations of 1 and 1/2 yards of two different prints of fleece to make each blanket. Please drop your donation off in the box located in the Social Hall. Thank you!

FALL 2016 SCRIPTURE STUDY

CONTINUE THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide. The study will continue with the Gospel of Matthew (followed by The Gospel of John).

Location: **St. Gerald Church Farmington, MI**

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

Dates: **September 14, 2016 – November 16, 2016**

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides. No need to register. Also bring your coffee/water...

Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.

RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE TO POLAND AND POLONIA

Today, we participate in the annual collection for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia. Please pray for the Church in Poland and give generously so that the Church may bring the new evangelization to its people at home and abroad. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Jelly
Spaghetti Sauce
Macaroni and Cheese
Canned Soup

ELECTRONIC DEPOSIT OF DONATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT ST. GERALD. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE OR ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

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.

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.

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS NEEDED

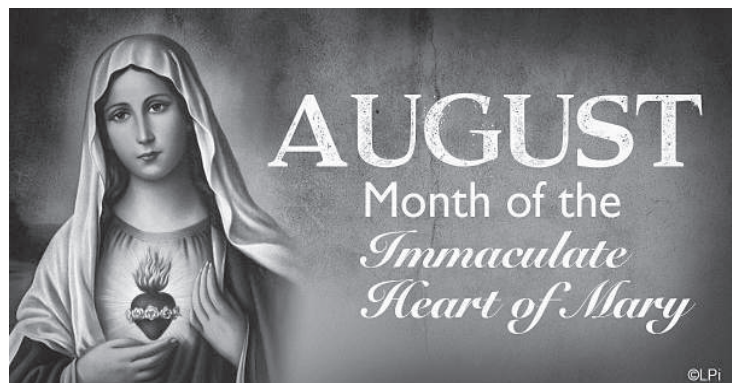
Are you at least 55 years of age with maturity, wisdom, patience and the willingness to help children? Share your life experiences by volunteering as a foster grandparent in Oakland County! Volunteer during the day in local schools and youth facilities. Organized through Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, foster grandparents provide support to children with special or exceptional needs and serve as role models, tutors, mentors and friends. Serving 20 to 40 hours per week, income-eligible volunteers also receive a small stipend, pre-service orientation, and monthly in-service training sessions. Learn more about becoming a foster grandparent! Call Carol Wall at 248-559-1147, ext. 3919 or emailwallc@ccsem.org.

SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY/INSTITUTE FOR MINISTRY

Many students are registering for classes at Sacred Heart Major Seminary this month, thanks to Parish Empowerment Fund scholarships funded by gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal.

Our major seminary not only prepares men for ordination to the priesthood and the permanent diaconate, it offers degree and certificate programs for lay women and men seeking to be "new evangelists for the new millennium" at the Institute for Ministry. Through discernment and theological reflection, the institute guides and challenges commuter students to deepen their commitment to spiritual growth, attend to their call, and identify their gifts for service in the Church.

For more information about Sacred Heart Major Seminary or the Institute for Ministry, please go to www.shms.edu. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.AOD.org.



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.

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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin via e-mail at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. (no hard copies please) by 12 noon on Mondays. Keep text between 75-150 words. Your article may be edited (shortened) to create space. Thank you!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
 PARISH FESTIVAL
 SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10
 WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

A LOOK AHEAD:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 12:00 pm Mass 1:15 pm K of C Installation	22 9:15 am Mass	23 9:15 am Mass 9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions	24	25 7 pm Mass	26 9:15 am Mass 7:30 pm Holy Hour 8:00 pm AA Mtg.	27 3:30 pm Conf. 5:00 pm Mass
28 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 12:00 pm Mass	29 9:15 am Mass	30 9:15 am Mass 9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions	31	1 10:30 am SVDP Meeting 7 pm Mass	2 First Friday (Eucharistic Adoration following morning Mass) 9:15 am Mass 7:30 pm Holy Hour 8:00 pm AA Mtg.	3 First Saturday 9:15 am Mass for Life 3:30 pm Conf. 5:00 pm Mass



**FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN
LOCAL BREAKFASTS**
Schedule for Sept. 2016

Please join us for good food, great conversation and an opportunity to meet new friends

Ladies Breakfast -- 1st & 3rd Monday of every month, Ladies only – 9:00 AM
Connor’s Restaurant, Five Mile Road E. of Haggerty in Northville.
RSVP to Carol O. at 313-562-3080 -- Coming up in Sept.: 9/12 & 9/26
This month we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday due to the holiday.

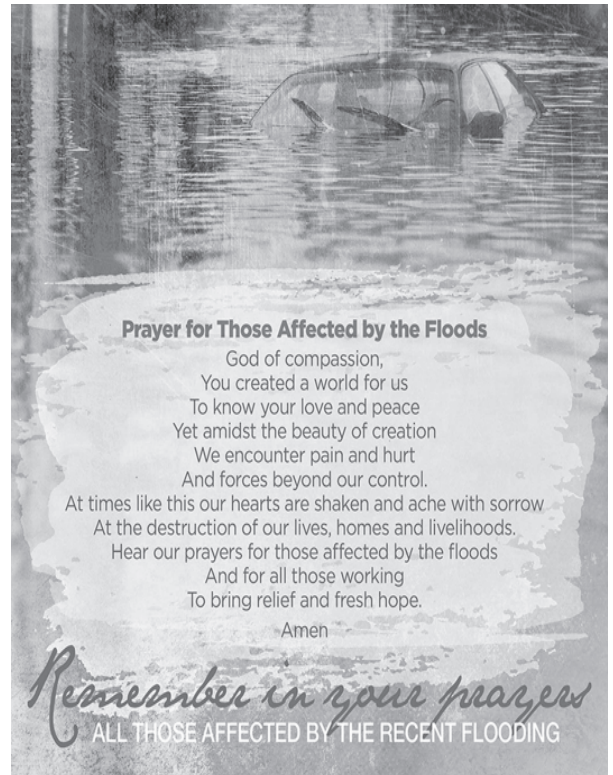
Coed Breakfast -- 1st Thursday of every month – 9:00 AM -- Richard’s
Restaurant, Plymouth Rd. at Eckles in Plymouth.
RSVP to Jerry C. at 734-455-2651-- Coming up in Sept.: 9/01

Men’s Breakfast -- 2nd & 4th Thursday of every month, Men only – 9:00 AM.
Steve’s Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Rd. in Livonia. No RSVP
necessary. For further information call Dick at 313-534-0399
Coming up in Sept.: 9/8 & 9/22

Coed Breakfast -- 3rd Thursday of every month – 9:00 AM. Annie’s
Restaurant, 33427 Plymouth Rd. W. of Farmington in Livonia
RSVP to Tom N. at 734-927-0610 -- Coming up in Sept.: 9/15

Coed Breakfast – 5th Week of The Month Club – 9:30 AM. Archie’s
Restaurant, 30171 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Another new stop on our
adventure to find good food and room to enjoy each other’s company
while sharing breakfast and coffee. RSVP to Tom N. at 734-927-0610
by 9/20 -- Coming up in Sept.: 9/27

Widowed Friends is a “peer” support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit.
For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at
www.widowedfriends.org



Prayer for Those Affected by the Floods

God of compassion,
You created a world for us
To know your love and peace
Yet amidst the beauty of creation
We encounter pain and hurt
And forces beyond our control.
At times like this our hearts are shaken and ache with sorrow
At the destruction of our lives, homes and livelihoods.
Hear our prayers for those affected by the floods
And for all those working
To bring relief and fresh hope.
Amen

Remember in your prayers
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THE RECENT FLOODING

S.T.A.G. MINISTRIES

Singles Together After God

Attention all single 30-50 year olds!

Want to join other faithful doing fun social activities and growing in faith?

Join us to discuss the launch of a singles ministry in which you can find valuable companionship among other faithful in our area. All are welcome, as this singles ministry is directed toward those who wish to remain single *and* those looking for a potential spouse. We hope you will attend our launch/information meeting on Wednesday, September 21st, 2016 to meet other people from neighboring parishes in the area and share your ideas and input. For questions or more information please call: Monica Gorzenski at 810-730-0017

Wed., Sept. 21 from 7 - 8:30 PM

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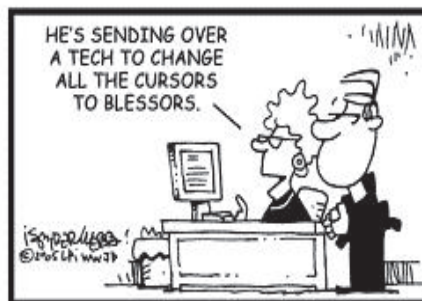
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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



*Welcome
Glad you're here!*

Let us welcome Mary Melonio, our newest member of the staff. Look for more information on Mary in future editions of the bulletin.



KNIGHTS CORNER

Staffing a Grill is added to Knights' Duties at Sept. 9-10 Parish Festival Duties

We've been asked to shoulder another job at the Parish Festival music tent Sept. 10. Festival Boss Candy Dejarlais, the parish Christian Service Coordinator, has asked the Knights to man our big grill for the night. That duty is in addition to other chores we've been asked to do.

Although a signup sheet was circulated at last week's membership meeting, another hand or two or three is always welcome. If you can spare an hour or two evenings of Sept. 9 or 10 and haven't already volunteered, give Program Director Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185.

Our own website is in the works. Guard Mike Rometty has taken on another assignment –exploring the feasibility of our own Council website. Now we have a page on the parish website – stgeraldparish.org – but we must rely for changes on the contractor who works for the parish. Setting and running our own site is complicated; watch this space for progress reports in the weeks ahead. Meanwhile, if you are away you can keep up with the Knights Corner in The Voice at www.stgeraldparish.org

With Labor Day just around the corner, look for an uptick in your Council's activities. In addition to the Parish Festival, we will be involved in a National K of C program – the Sept. 20-27 visit of the Holy Family icon, and a pancake breakfast for the parish on Sept 25 which will be a benefit to honor Msgr. Ed Baldwin, a much-loved weekend assistant here and a Council member.

Net proceeds will go to fund the creation of a 21-room memory unit at St. Anne's Mead, a Southfield assisted living facility where Msgr. Baldwin spent his last four years.

New Members Always Welcome; Recruit a Friend or the Man in the Next Pew!

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

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Administrator (248) 477-7470
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Mary Melonio x 222
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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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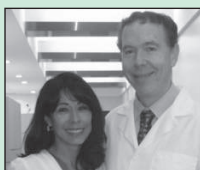
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