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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 28, 2016

The readings for the Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time speak to the cost of discipleship. The challenge lies in weighing and covering the cost against all the other pressing commitments in one's life.

The readings for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time warn of the dangers of self-exaltation and of the importance of humility. Jesus and the wisdom traditions of Israel placed a high value on the virtue of humility in all that we do and say as a believing community.

The first reading is taken from the Book of Sirach, also known as “The Wisdom of Ben Sira” or “Ecclesiasticus.” Originally written in Hebrew around 200 BC, this text was translated into Greek in the year 117 BC by the grandson of Joshua ben Sira. The commonly used title of the book, “Sirach,” comes from the Greek form of the original author's name. Today's reading is taken from the book's largest section (Sir 1–43), where much of the wisdom material focuses on moral instruction. In particular, today we hear about the importance of humility. Not only does this Jewish sage encourage others to “conduct your affairs with humility,” he challenges those in positions of authority and power to “humble yourself the more.” According to Sirach, the virtue of humility is cultivated when one discerns the wisdom of the ages (“appreciates proverbs”) and listens to others with “an attentive ear.”

The Gospel reading is the parable of the invited guests and is found only in the Gospel of Luke. The setting of the parable is significant: Jesus was invited on a Sabbath to the home of “one of the leading Pharisees” for dinner. In other words, this was a dinner party for the religious and social elites of Jesus' day. Being invited to such a gathering would have been considered a privilege. As the other invited guests arrived and sat in places of honor at the table, Jesus used this occasion to tell the group a parable he saw applicable to the cultural norms at work in the social interactions around the table. The parable contained a twofold message. The first has to do with the prudence of humility in public arenas. To avoid potential embarrassment, it is best to let others—especially the host—exalt you by giving you a seat of honor (“a higher position”) at the dinner table. In fact, one of the marks of true humility is to allow others to define where you rank within their social circles.

This first message sets the stage for the second message of the parable, which Jesus directed to the host of the dinner party (a “leading Pharisee”). Jesus challenged the Pharisee (and by association the other religious leaders at table with him) to invite not their relatives, friends, or wealthy neighbors to the next banquet, but rather invite the socially marginalized in their midst, “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.” Jesus taught them that in doing so, they would receive divine blessing and be “repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.” In a culture that placed high value on the social norm of reciprocity, Jesus' words likely seemed absurd to many of them, at least initially. But Jesus still applied the principle of reciprocity to the banquet—he simply invited his Pharisaic host to seek repayment from God rather than neighbor or relative. Jesus' second message was profound: God himself repays the generous host for those unable because of their station or lot in life.

The second reading is once again taken from Hebrews. The author contrasts the experiences of Moses and the Israelites in the desert who encountered God in fear and trembling with those who now experience God through the person of the crucified and resurrected Christ. We can be assured that Jesus, “the mediator of a new covenant,” brings us face-to-face with God almighty. All believers are called by Christ to gather at the heavenly banquet that awaits us.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

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

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., Chaplin 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...

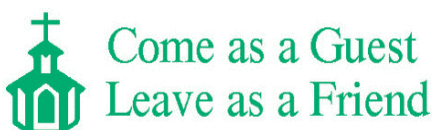
Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.

Welcome!

We welcome to St. Gerald Parish the following families who have joined the parish since July 1st:

- Ishmael Adibauh**
- Marian Adibauh**
- Carol Duchene**
- Dolores Lypka**
- James and Camille Mayotte**
- Alban and Antoneta Rrethatokaj**
- Juan and Maria Vega**

May you be nourished here at the altar of the Lord and grow closer to our Savior Jesus Christ as a member of this parish family. *We give thanks to God that you are with us!*



TIM'S TIDBITS

I hope you have been enjoying the sunshine and warm days this summer. We really have had a hot summer, so it's good to have some rain in these parts. We continue to pray for those who have been affected by flooding in parts of the United States.

We can always use your help! Communion Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Sacristans are needed for the Weekend Masses. Training is provided. It is a rewarding ministry, just ask anyone that you see involved in the particular ministry. Call me or email me if interested.

I have been working on some research regarding the oil painting of "Mary" that hangs on the eastern niche wall. The oil was painted by the artist Joseph Maniscalco, who had a studio in Detroit. It was a gift to St. Alexander Parish in memory of Fr. Albert C. Kolch, the second pastor of St. Alexander's. He died in 1975, while serving as Pastor. When St. Alexander closed, we acquired this artwork. I am continuing the research and will write more in another article.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin in September. If you are seeking to become a member of the Catholic Church or have questions, plan on attending when we begin sessions. More information will be available. Have a good week!



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LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM

A NOTE FROM OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBER MARY MELONIO.

I am so happy to accept the position of Music Director, here at St. Gerald. My last position was at St. Damian in Westland where I was the Music Director and worked closely with the children of the school, developing their love for music and the Lord. I have also taught music at Divine Child High School and directed many musicals. I will be scheduling choir practice for the adults and children within the next couple of weeks. Looking forward to meeting everyone!

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Gerald Church Fall Festival

September 9th and 10th



Friday, September 9th, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Spaghetti Dinner! Amazing Magical Entertainment!
Time with Friends!

Adults 13 and up \$10; Seniors 62 and older \$8.00;
Children 12 to 5; children 4 and younger free.



Saturday, September 10th

Classic Car Show 11:00 AM-3:00 PM - Entrance fee for classic cars is \$5.00
Food and 50/50 raffle sale will be available




1:00 PM-3:00 PM Family fun afternoon with a moonwalk, games, ice cream sundaes, cider and doughnuts for sale.

Saturday night Beer Tent! 21 and older! 7:00 PM-11:00 PM

Live band "The Clatter " \$7 admission

A LOOK AHEAD:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
4 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 12:00 pm Mass 1:15 pm Baptism	5 9:15 am Mass Parish Offices Closed 	6 9:15 am Mass 9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 2:00 pm Nursing Home Mass 7:00 pm K of C Officer's Meeting	7	8 10:30 am SVDP Meeting 7 pm Mass	9 9:15 am Mass 7:30 pm Holy Hour 8:00 pm AA Mtg.	10 3:30 pm Conf. 5:00 pm 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.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help foster the spiritual growth of young adults attending area colleges and universities.

The Office of Young Adults and Campus Ministry helps form communities of faith on campuses, either by incorporating and strengthening the faith of those who live on campus or by building community, forming leadership, and collaborating with area parishes on commuter campuses. The office sponsors activities and programs for students, such as one-on-one pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, social justice projects, and retreats.

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A MASS FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 12 Noon
St. Joan of Arc Parish
22412 Overlake Street

St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

To learn more call 248-537-3304 or email hyt-tinenj@ccsem.org.

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

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

23815 Power Rd. Farmington, MI 48336

Family Center Room #2

HEALING MASS

On Thursday, September 1st, there will be a Healing Mass at the Shrine of the Little Flower, 2100 W. 12 Mile Road in Royal Oak. Fr. Alex Kratz will celebrate the Mass at 7:00 PM. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be available during Holy Mass. Following Mass we will have Healing Prayer Teams to pray personally over you for your intentions. Confession is available. For more information contact: Margaret Williams at 248-477-0767.

SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER

The week of August 14th North Congregational, St. Gerald Catholic Church and the Muslim Community Mosque hosted 36 guests in our building who are in the South Oakland Shelter program working towards sustainable housing solutions. These men, women and children spent every evening, overnight and morning with us sharing meals, activities and fellowship. Many thanks need to go out to the volunteers who put in over a 1,000 hours working to make our guests feel comfortable and welcome. We also need to thank the following groups and organizations who provided meals or otherwise helped us provide for our guests: City of Farmington Hills – Senior Services Transportation, Farmington Family YMCA, Farmington Hills Costick Center, First Congregational of Wayne, Pine Hill Congregational, The Murray and Levine families, the Diez Family, Farmington high school athletic teams, the St. Gerald Knights of Columbus, the Indian Catholic Association and Two Men and a Truck in Wixom. Thank you! Danny Hawkins, North Congregational coordinator for S.O.S.



KNIGHTS CORNER

A Few More Knights Needed at the Festival Music Tent Saturday, Sept. 10

A few more workers are needed for the September 10 music tent during the Parish Festival. The Knights mainly will be staffing a grill and the beer bar but some sitting jobs will be available. It appears we will have enough volunteers to divide up into two shifts; 7 to 9 PM and 8:45 to 11 PM. Give Program Director Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185 if you can help.

With the prospect of cooler weather ahead, the opportunity to wear one of the Council light jackets grows. The wind-stopping outer layer and the interior lining make them perfect for September’s cool evenings. See PGK Bruce Roberts at the Sept. 20 membership meeting to order yours. Or if you know your size, call him at 248-756-9257. The cost is \$25 with an upcharge charge of a couple of bucks for big sizes.

A big thank you to PGK Darren Losey, Shatomi Kerbawy, PGK Bruce and Diane Roberts, Brian Gulick, Trustee Bill and Joanne Croitori and Program Director Tom and Arlene McPhail for hosting last Sunday’s reception following the Installation of our officers and those of St. Francis Council.

The Council will be taking a lead role as St. Gerald parish hosts a Holy Family icon Sept. 21-27 as part of a national K of C program. The Sept. 22 Thursday night mass will include special prayers focusing on the Holy Family. Please plan on attending with your family. More details in the weeks ahead.

For those brothers who have yet to attain the two advance degrees of our order, an opportunity to do so is drawing near. Robert Jones Council in Lincoln Park will host a ceremony beginning at Noon on Sunday, Sept. 25 and Our Lady of Victory Council will host an evening ceremony beginning at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, Oct. 11. For more information, contact Membership Director Shatomi Kerbawy at 248-434-7561. He also will find a brother Knight to accompany you to the ceremony.

Sept. 25 Pancake Breakfast Net Proceeds to Benefit Msgr. Baldwin Memorial Project

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

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

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Mark Koss

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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. 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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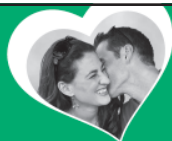


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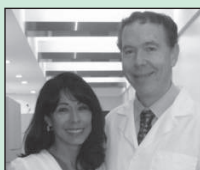
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