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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

In the Gospel reading for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear Jesus define the conditions for discipleship. Jesus' words are an important reminder for followers of all ages to seriously "calculate the cost" of what you profess in faith.

The Gospel reading for today is actually a collection of Jesus' sayings, and much of the material is unique to the Gospel of Luke. It is possible that some (or most) of these Jesus' sayings were originally independent of each other, and that Luke himself wove them together under the general heading of sayings on discipleship. Within Luke's narrative context, Jesus directs these sayings to the "great crowds" that were following him on his journey to Jerusalem. We hear three different conditions for discipleship in today's reading. First, a disciple must prioritize relationships in life. One's primary relationship must be centered on Jesus. From that single relationship, all other relations, including family and self, can be ordered. Second, a disciple must be willing to suffer. The "cross" of Christ should be the guiding image and template by which disciples come to understand the divine, as well as come to understand the purpose in one's life. Third, a disciple must "renounce all his possessions." Dependence on material goods and wealth serve only to distract a disciple's total commitment to God and the mission of discipleship that follows.

Jesus offers two metaphors (the construction of a tower and the king marching into war) as a means of inviting the crowds to seriously discern whether or not they were ready to take the next step beyond simply listening to Jesus to actually following Jesus as one of his disciples. Calculating the cost of discipleship should be taken with equal or greater measure than any other area of our lives. Jesus' challenge is as applicable today as it was when originally heard by the crowds who witnessed Jesus from afar.

The second reading is taken from Paul's Letter to Philemon. Only on rare occasions do we hear a Sunday reading from Philemon. Two reasons account for such a minimal use of this Pauline letter. First, the letter is very short, only twenty-five verses in length. So there is not much material to draw upon for a Sunday reading. Second, and perhaps more importantly, Philemon is not very theological in nature compared to Paul's other letters. The letter basically takes up the question of how to treat slaves who have become believers in Christ. Written from prison (traditionally identified as the city of Rome) around the year AD 60–61, Paul meets and converts a slave by the name of Onesimus. Paul comes to discover that he knows Onesimus' slave-owner, a man named Philemon. The letter from Paul is an appeal to Philemon to treat Onesimus as a "brother" now that he is a fellow Christ-believer. Paul also hints at his desire to have Onesimus work on his behalf for the Gospel, but is unwilling to assume such duties for Onesimus without Philemon's "consent."

Similar to Jesus' conditions for discipleship, Paul is challenging both Philemon and Onesimus to seriously "calculate the cost" of their discipleship. Is Philemon willing to give up his possession of Onesimus for the service of the Gospel? And is Onesimus willing to give up his possible newfound freedom and become a "slave" of Christ Jesus, a title by which Paul often referred to himself? In their association with Paul, both Philemon and Onesimus encountered a follower of Christ who truly modeled Jesus' conditions for discipleship.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

A Week Ahead



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS SEPTEMBER 5 - SEPTEMBER 9

Monday 9:15 AM
For All Our Parishioners

Tuesday 9:15 AM
For All Our Parishioners

Wednesday 9:15 AM
NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Shirley O'Connell
Requested by Ava Halliday

Friday 9:15 AM
Alice Tybor
Requested by St. Gerald Vincentians

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 COR 5:1-8/PS 5:5-7, 12/LK 6:6-11
TUESDAY: 1 COR 6:1-11/PS 149:1-6, 9/LK 6:12-19
WEDNESDAY: 1 COR 7:25-31/PS 45:11-12, 14-17/
 LK 6:20-26
THURSDAY: MI 5:1-4A OR ROM 8:28-30/PS 13:6/MT 1:1-16, 18-23 OR 1:18-23
FRIDAY: 1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27/PS 84:3-6, 12/LK 6:39-42
SATURDAY: 1 COR 10:14-22/PS 116:12-13, 17-18/
 LK 6:43-49
NEXT SUNDAY: EX 32:7-11, 13-14/PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 TM 1:12-17/LK 15:1-32 OR 15:1-10

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

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM September 10 Fr. Kris

For Matthew Boyer Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda Del Rosario 5:00A

8:30 AM September 11 Fr. Kris

For Cutinha, Valder & Moras Families Requested by Simon & Stella Cutinha	Servers	Gabe Smith John Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	David Wells 8:30A

10:15 AM September 11 Fr. Roodbeen

For Dominic Soave Requested by Mary & Brent Taylor	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco
	Lector/ Ushers	Mary Power Sofia Mansour 10:15B

12:00 Noon September 11 Fr. Kris

For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Fernando Guerra Angela Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

September 10 and September 11 September 17 and September 18
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Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory Weekend of August 21	\$ 9,608.00
Budget Offertory Weekend of August 21	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - August 21	\$76,399.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - August 21	\$70,400.00



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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 \$66,657.00, which is 92% 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.



Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 5th, in observance of Labor Day!

INSTALLATION MASS FOR FR. FESTUS

Sunday, September 18, 2016
 11:30 AM Mass
 at Ss. John and Paul Parish
 7777 28 Mile Road
 Washington Twp., MI 48094



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.

Food Pantry Donations Needed:

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| Macaroni and Cheese | Paper Towels |
| Canned Soup | Dish Soap |
| Canned Vegetables and Fruit | Juice |
| Canned Tuna Fish, Chicken or Salmon | Instant Potatoes |
| Cooking Oil | Laundry Detergent |

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!



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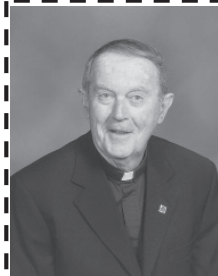
EVANGELIZATION

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Jesus called us to be fishers of men, and to go make disciples.

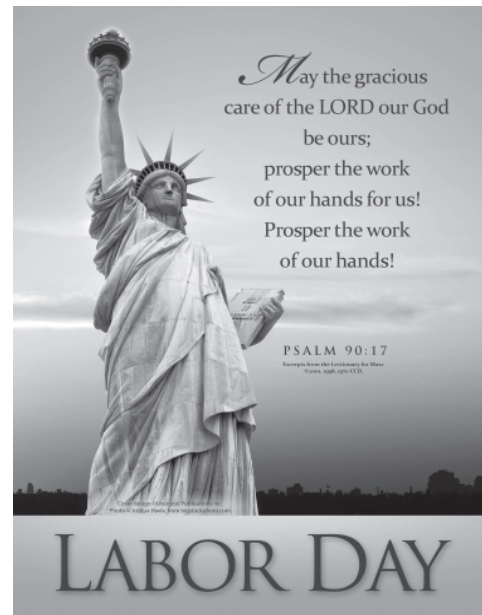
Please consider joining the Evangelization Team in the mission of Christ. Together we identify the needs of our community and provide opportunities to enrich the journey with faithful purpose.

Our planning meeting is on Monday, September 12. Please meet in Room 2 at 7:00 PM.



PANCAKES FOR A CAUSE

The Knights will be dedicating the net proceeds of their September 25 pancake breakfast to help fund a memorial to Msgr. Ed Baldwin, a well-loved past weekend assistant here at St. Gerald. Family and friends of the Monsignor are trying to create a 21 room memory unit at St. Anne Mead, a Southfield nursing home where he spent his last four years at the facility. Msgr. Baldwin also was a member of the St. Gerald K of C Council.



PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK . . .

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

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!

Prices are: Adults 13 and up - \$10; Seniors 62 and older - \$8.00;
Children 12 to 5 - \$7.00; children 4 and younger free.

Saturday, September 10th

11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Classic Car Show -

Food and 50/50 raffle sale will be available

Entrance fee for classic cars is \$5.00

1:00 PM-3:00 PM

Family fun afternoon with a moonwalk, games, ice cream sundaes,
cider and doughnuts for sale.

7:00 PM-11:00 PM




Saturday night Beer Tent! **21 and older!**

Live band "The Clatter " \$7 admission



(If you would like to volunteer, please email desjarlais.candy@gmail.com)

A LOOK AHEAD:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 12:00 pm Mass 1:15 pm Baptism	5 Parish Offices Closed 9:15 am Mass 	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
11 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 12:00 pm Mass	12 9:15 am Mass 7:00 pm Evangelization Meeting	13 9:15 am Mass 9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting 8:30 pm Commission Mtgs.	14 7:00 pm Vicariate Bible Study	15 10:30 am SVDP Meeting 7 pm Mass	16 9:15 am Mass 7:30 pm Holy Hour 8:00 pm AA Mtg.	17 3:30 pm Conf. 5:00 pm Mass



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.

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

SEPTEMBER 9: A NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Following a summer of violence and racial unrest across our country, Catholics throughout the United States on September 9 will observe a Day of Prayer for Peace in our Communities.

Here in the Archdiocese of Detroit, a vigil service will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 PM on September 9 at St. Augustine and St. Monica Parish, 4151 Seminole Street in Detroit. All Catholics are invited to attend, or to observe this special prayer initiative at their own parish or in their homes.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have offered various resources for observing this special day of prayer. These resources may be accessed online at www.usccb.org/racism.

The following is a prayer for peace for all Catholics in the Archdiocese:

Most merciful and compassionate God, Father of Peace. You call us to live as your sons and daughters. Open the hearts and minds of people that we might work together for an end to violence anywhere in our human family. May our prayers and penance and whatever suffering we endure help us to become instruments of your mercy and healing, peace and justice. Protect all those who keep us from harm, allowing us to live safe and free. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Mother of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

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



Find yourself at the Farmington Farmers Market Saturday, October 8th, for the 1st annual Polish Festival in celebration of Polish National

Heritage Month. This special event taking place during the farmers market will feature live music, polish dancers, a seasonal polish light beer crafted from smoked wheat by the Farmington Brewing Company to pair with homemade pierogi, potato pancakes, grilled sausage and sauerkraut. Shop the farmers market for pumpkins, fall squash, crisp apples, fresh cider and a wide variety of baked goods, pantry specialties and artisan crafts for home and garden. 9AM-2 PM, Grand River & Grove Street in downtown Farmington. Father Kris will also be coming to bless the market and ring the market bell.

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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 ht-tinenj@ccsem.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Our first Parish Council Meeting for the 2016-2017 calendar year is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13 beginning at 7 PM



KNIGHTS CORNER

A Few More Council Volunteers Needed Sept. 10 to Help at Parish Festival

We still need a couple of guys to work the beer tent Sept. 10 as part of the Parish Festival. We will be pouring beverages and/or grilling. The idea is that volunteers will be working a two hour shift, which will give you time to enjoy the music. If you can spare the time, give Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185.

This writer has been referring erroneously to the main K of C Council in New Haven, Connecticut, as the “national” council. Properly, it is known as the Supreme Council since it has been a global organization for some time. The K of C spread to Mexico, Canada, Poland, Korea and the Philippines years ago. Lately it has begun organizing in Estonia and parts of Africa. Henceforth, whenever we refer to the Supreme Council, think of it as the head office.

Speaking of the head office, it has stepped up its training for local Council officers, using webinars, training sessions that can be accessed via a home computer or tablet. A webinar designed to train Council members to be recruiters at www.kofc.org, the Supreme website. Then click the *For Our Members* box in the upper right corner. Then click on *Membership Recruitment video*.

Several other important events are taking place this month besides the Parish Festival and the training webinar. On Sept. 21 an icon of the Holy Family goes on display in the church as part of a Supreme Council program. Mass at 7 PM Thursday, Sept. 22 will feature prayers to the Holy Family.

On Sept. 25, the day will start with the pancake breakfast the Council will cook for parishioners and at Noon a second and third degree ceremony will be take place at the Robert Jones Council in Lincoln Park. For the dozen Council members lacking those degrees it is an excellent opportunity for you to progress in our Order.

List www.stgeraldparish.org among your computer favorites for Council 13673 news!

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

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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. 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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