



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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.

The readings for the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time are a continuation of the readings from last Sunday. On both Sundays, we hear about God's judgment toward those who are self-centered and self-indulgent at the expense of others.

The first reading is taken again from the Book of Amos. One of the hallmarks of the two-hundred-year period of the divided kingdom (922–721 BC) was the rise of the prophets. The northern kingdom of Israel saw Hosea and Amos. Isaiah and Micah were prophets active in the southern kingdom of Judah. These prophets emerged and spoke of God's displeasure with his chosen people who too often ignored the Mosaic law that defined them historically and culturally, and who were unfaithful to the terms of the covenantal promises God established with their ancestors.

In the first reading, Amos speaks of the rich being "the first to go into exile." Scholars date this prophecy to around 750 BC, just a few decades before being fulfilled as the Assyrian Empire was on the verge of capturing and destroying the northern kingdom of Israel in 721 BC. Many of the Old Testament prophets saw the political and military fortunes of Israel and her neighbors as controlled by God. The abuse and complacency of the social and political elites toward the poor and unclean of Amos' time went a long way, in his view, toward explaining Israel's defeat and exile at the hands of the Assyrians. The leaders of Israel indulged in the luxuries of life while oblivious to the impending threat about to consume them as a people: "Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lambs taken from the flock, and calves from the stall!" Amos prophesied that God would hold them accountable for such behavior.

The Gospel reading is once again a parable unique to the Gospel of Luke. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus develops the idea of God's judgment upon the rich who exploited the poor. Luke likely preserved this parable because it develops further one of his favorite motifs, that of the great reversal. It is not by accident that Jesus directs this parable to the Pharisees. The rich man's self-centered perspective and desire to be separated from the unclean resembles much of what Jesus criticized in the Pharisees. The contrast between this rich man and Lazarus in both clothing and food is extreme but typical for Jesus' day. Many of the social elites had gates surrounding their homes so that the unclean and extremely poor people would be kept at a safe distance. And the rich man's refusal to share table fellowship with Lazarus is in sharp contrast with Jesus' table fellowship with the poor and marginalized. For Luke, the parable captures well the great divine reversal that would be experienced in the age to come.

The second reading from 1 Timothy is some of Paul's final words to his beloved coworker Timothy. In this deutero-Pauline letter, the apostle Paul is portrayed as offering advice for Timothy. It is advice the author hopes all leaders of Christian communities will follow. He begins by listing various virtues to cultivate as a leader in the community: righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. The author then "charges" Timothy: "Compete well for the faith." It is a charge that Jesus and Amos make to their audiences as well. Competing well for the faith is not so much about winning the contest as it is about offering mercy and forgiveness to self and other.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE.

Francis of Assisi

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.

Weekday Mass Intentions

SEPTEMBER 26 - OCTOBER 1

Monday 9:15 AM

Eugene Kerwin

Requested by Monica & Bob Koenig

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Walter Winiarski

Requested by Victor Winiarski

Wednesday 9:15 AM

NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and
Donarman Families**

Requested by C. Kemp

Friday 9:15 AM

William Trachsel

Requested by
Rosalie, Kath, & Diane

Saturday 9:15 AM

Bob and Monica Koenig

Requested by Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: JB 1:6-22/PS 17:1-3, 6-7/LK 9:46-50

TUESDAY: JB 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/PS 88:2-8/LK 9:51-56

WEDNESDAY: JB 9:1-12, 14-16/PS 88:10-15/LK 9:57-62

THURSDAY: DN 7:9-10, 13-14 OR RV 12:7-12A/PS 138:1-5/JN 1:47-51

FRIDAY: JB 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/PS 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14/LK 10:13-16

SATURDAY: JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/PS 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130/LK 10:17-24

NEXT SUNDAY: HB 1:2-3; 2:2-4/PS 95:1-2, 6-9/2 TM 1:6-8, 13-14/LK 17:5-10

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

**OCTOBER 2, 2016
 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM October 1 Fr. Kris

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| For Bernice, Louis & Dennis Kaye Requested by Joe Pavco | Servers | Need Servers |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Tim Westfall 5:00B |

8:30 AM October 2 Fr. Roodbeen

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| For All Our Parishioners | Servers | Molly Swaine |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Candy Rosowski 8:30C |

10:15 AM October 2 Fr. Kris

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| For William Shea Requested by Shea Family | Servers | Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Sofia Mansour Nancy Stone 10:15B |

12:00 Noon October 2 Fr. Kris

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| For Robert McGuigan Requested by Fr. Kris Nowak | Servers | Emma DuLong Jack DuLong |
| | Lectors/ Ushers | Christine Greig 12:00B |

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

October 1 and October 2 October 8 and October 9

Team C

Team D



Beginning on **October 1st** at the **First Saturday Mass**, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during the Liturgy. This will occur, now, at every First Saturday Mass. If you wish to be anointed, **please sit in the first bench** that begins each section. The first two sections, when you come into church, should be seated first. Father will come to you and anoint you with the Oil of the Sick. What a beautiful way to celebrate the Liturgy of First Saturday.

This anointing is to meant to give strength to those in need, no matter the ailment. "This sacrament gives the grace of the Holy Spirit to those who are sick: by this grace the whole person is helped and saved, sustained by trust in God..."

(Pastoral Care of the Sick, General Instruction, article 6)

Saint Francis says:

Let us bless the pets!



We will have Pet Blessing on Saturday,
 October 1st at 10:00 AM in the parish parking lot

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.



Ways to Give
Priests' Retirement Fund

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection for our priests' retirement. The *With Thanks for Their Service in Christ* collection will support the Priests' Pension Plan, which provides a monthly pension as well as health and automobile insurance to priests at age 70.

As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our senior priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pension from the Priests' Pension Plan for basic needs, such as food, housing, and transportation.

Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to our community by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the *With Thanks for Their Service in Christ* collection. Envelopes are at the end of the pews this weekend. Please place your donation in the second collection basket. Thank you for your support.



We would like to extend our deepest appreciation to everyone who pitched in to make the Fall Festival a success. These events here at St. Gerald cannot happen without great volunteers like you. We would also like to send a special thank you to Heeney-Sundquist for their generous donation of the raffle tickets. Also, to Fresh Thyme Market in downtown Farmington for donating 30 gallons of ice cream. If you haven't been there, please go, you will not be disappointed. And to Lilas Pierogi in Livonia, who came and set up a vendor booth at the beer tent Saturday night. They were amazing. Everyone loved them! Thanks again from the staff here at St. Gerald.

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**

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 call 248-477-7470.



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.

Tim's Tidbits

"But you, people of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness."

In today's second reading, Paul's letter to Timothy encourages him to be faithful to the commandment of God until the return of Jesus Christ. Paul would know and expect that his letter would be read to the local gathering of believers and so the phrase "I charge you" could apply to those who listen to the reading of his letter as well as to Timothy. In this vein, the words of Paul's letter are addressed also to us today. (Sourcebook, 2016)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin this month. If you are seeking to become a member of the Catholic Church or need to make your First Communion and/or Confirmation or have questions, plan on attending when we begin sessions on **Wednesday, September 28 at 7 PM in Classroom 2**. Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, please contact me. You will find a flyer insert in this week's bulletin.

The RCIA process introduces an individual to the person of Jesus through His Word (Scripture), Community (the Parish Family), Worship and Service. By virtue of our Baptism, we are all disciples and as disciples we are to follow Jesus' parting words to us "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." He was not just talking to his current disciples; He was talking to his future disciples –Us. "The ministry of every baptized person is discipleship." (Team RCIA by Nick Wager).

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 at 248-477-7470 x 202 or timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com.



Don't forget about the Pet Blessing coming up on October 1st on the parish grounds after the Saturday (9:15AM) morning mass. We look forward to seeing all animals great and small. Have a good week!



Let us give a warm welcome to our newest members
Larry and Joanne Desjarlais
 and **Kathleen Lewis**
 Welcome to our parish!

Bundle days – October 15th and 16th for St. Vincent de Paul donations

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

Flu Shots


Flu shots will be administered on Sunday, October 16, 2016, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM. Because we need to know approximate numbers, there is a sign up sheet at the Health Ministry Information Table in the social hall.

Blood Pressure Screening

Screening will begin the last weekend of each month after each Mass. Look for us in the social hall. The first weekend will be **September 24 and 25**. I will need volunteers to help take Blood Pressures, please call me at the below number.

Health and Wellness Bulletin

Each month we will have different topics available at the Health Ministry table. Please let me know if you have any special topic request. Barbara Seabolt 248-477-4752



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS . . .
 Jam and Jelly
 Canned Fruit and Soup
 Canned Vegetables
 Spaghetti Sauce
 Macaroni and Cheese

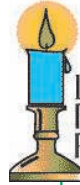
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GARDEN NEWS



School's started and the summer flowers are browning...fall must be coming! Our loyal area heads have given hours of labor all summer improving the beauty of the church property. Our garden angels have been trimming hedges, putting in fall mums in the gazebo area, but more volunteers are needed for plant thinning and weed removal. Your TIME is one of the great gifts you can offer! This will make our Fall Clean-Up {date TBD} easier. So don't put away those tools, stack up the brown yard bags and join us. Many hands make light work. God Bless




LET'S PRAY FOR...

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

| Offertory Snapshot | |
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| Actual Offertory Weekend of September 11 | \$ 9,760.00 |
| Budget Offertory Weekend of September 11 | \$ 8,800.00 |
| Actual Offertory July 1 - September 11 | \$104,173.00 |
| Budget Offertory July 1 - September 11 | \$ 96,800.00 |

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

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 25 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time K of C Pancake Breakfast 8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 10:15 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Mass 1:00 pm Baptism 6:30 pm Evening of Reflection Confirmation | 26 9:15 am Mass 5:30 pm Elementary Religious Formation | 27 9:15 am Mass 9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 5:00 pm Elementary Religious Formation | 28 7:00 pm Vicariate Bible Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm RCIA Mtg.  | 29 7 pm Mass | 30 9:15 am Mass 7:30 pm Holy Hour 8:00 pm AA Mtg. | 1 First Saturday K of C Tootsie Roll Sale 9:15 am Mass (with Anointing of the Sick) 10:00 am Pet Blessing 3:30 pm Conf. 5:00 pm Mass |



Game Night is back ...

Saturday, October 22nd @ 6:45 PM

Join us for 5:00 Mass *and stay* for a night of fellowship, games, music and fun. Euchre, charades, and other games are planned. BYOB, and a snack to share. Pizza orders will be taken. Feel free to bring your own game preference.

LIVONIA PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY

Saturday, October 15 at Madonna University in Livonia
From Noon to 1:00 PM

Please join us in praying for peace and an end to abortions. We will gather in the parking lot. In case of inclement weather, we will move inside Madonna. Restrooms available. Participants may bring chairs. Sponsored by the Thomas Dooley K of C Council in conjunction with the America Needs Fatima Organization. Rosary Rally website www.americaneedsfatima.org. Phone Ron at 734-432-9744 for more information.

CARING FOR THE CAREGIVER WORKSHOP - September 28

Know someone who cares for a memory-impaired loved one? Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan is offering a free support workshop just for them - Caring for the Caregiver - on Wednesday evening, September 28 in Warren. Learn more by calling Trista Johnson at 248-559-1147 ext. 3941 or email: johnsont@ccsem.org

FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

DINNER, CONVERSATION AND GAMES

Corsi's Italian Restaurant in Livonia – October 12th

Widowed men and women of all ages are invited to join us for a social hour at 5:00 PM and an Italian buffet dinner served promptly at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, October 12th at Corsi's Italian Restaurant, 27910 W. Seven Mile, (3 blocks W. of Inkster) in Livonia. Cost of \$15.00 includes buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door, cash only. (Cash bar.) Stay for cards, games & conversation until 9:30. We are unable to accommodate walk-ins or late-comers. Dinner served promptly at 6:00. Please RSVP by October 9th to Cookie 248-357-2183 or Chet at 734-459-4316 or Laura at 313-274-2950. Call again if you must cancel. Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at www.widowedfriends.org



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.



CAMPUS MINISTRY

The blessing and dedication of the newly renovated Wayne State Newman Catholic Center will take place at 4 PM this Thursday, September 29. Archbishop Allen Vigneron will preside over the prayer service.

Students of the Detroit university participate in campus ministry at the Newman Catholic Center, which offers weekday and Sunday Masses, as well as a popular weekly "upper room" event. Students can also participate in faith studies, a rosary group, social activities, and events like retreats and the Life in the Spirit seminar.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow the archdiocesan Office of Young Adults and Campus Ministry to coordinate campus ministries at colleges and universities throughout our Archdiocese. The office helps form communities of faith on campuses and sponsors activities and programs for students.

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

ENCORE REMARRIAGE WORKSHOP

Know someone getting married again? Help future spouses welcome Christ into their union, improve their communication skills, and position their relationship to grow stronger over time. Learn more and register for our workshop on October 22nd by calling 248-548-4044 ext. 3100 or email youngbloodb@ccsem.org.



KNIGHTS CORNER

Tootsie Roll Sale Next Weekend; 20 Members Invited to Major Degree Rites Oct. 11

Next weekend we will be conducting our annual Tootsie Roll Drive to help the mentally impaired. This is a national program started many years ago by the Supreme Council and is usually conducted by Councils across America, including ours, on the weekend closest to Christopher Columbus Day, Oct. 12. However, since Sunday, Oct. 9, is Confirmation Sunday our drive was moved to next weekend, Oct.1-2. PGK Bruce Roberts is looking for a few men after all the weekend masses to stand at the Church doors and man the donation buckets. If you can help, give him a call at 248-756-9257.

The 20 members of our Council who have yet to attain full Knighthood in our order have received or are about to receive a personal invitation from Membership Director Shatomi Kerbawy to accompany him to a major degree ceremony Tuesday, Oct. 11 at Our Lady Victory Council in Northville. Registration opens at 6 PM. There is no cost to the individual Knight. Business attire or your Council shirt is the dress of the day.

Formerly called the Second and Third Degrees, they now are the Formation and Knighthood Degrees. The ceremony has been revised to put more emphasis on the spiritual side of the K of C. Members who reach the Knighthood degree are eligible be an Officer and qualify for a free Council apron if they have worked five events in three years.



Treasurer Bob Kuhr again will be participating in the St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor. Bob e-mailed a request for sponsors for the Oct. 9 walk. Sponsors can either walk with Bob by registering at www.fopwalk.org and searching for him by his last name only or by writing a check, payable to St. Gerald SVDP, and leaving it at the parish office.

Congratulations to Richard Bigger who is September’s Knight of the Month and to Jon and Rochelle Esper who were selected as Family of the Month. Richard was cited for his help with the Casino bus trips. Jon Esper is a busy parish volunteer, maintaining his patch of church landscaping and helping with several Council projects although he is not a Knight yet. Rachelle sings with the adult choir.

The Knights of Columbus: In Service to One, In Service to All!

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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