



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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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.

The VOICE

OCTOBER 2, 2016

The readings for the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time address some of the characteristics of faith necessary for the life of the believer. Chief among these are patience, humility, and courage.

The first reading contains the opening words from the Book of Habakkuk. This prophetic text begins with Habakkuk complaining to the Lord about the violence and misery he sees all around. Active in the southern kingdom of Judea around the year 600 BC (in the years leading into Israel's deportation and exile to Babylon), Habakkuk cried out to God for divine justice. God's response to Habakkuk amounted to his prophetic call and commission: "Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily." (The vision contains God's judgement against those who oppressed and mistreated his people). But before God conveys the vision to Habakkuk, he challenges the prophet to be patient in anticipation of the vision's fulfillment. Patience with God and trust in God's word are marks of faith that define the life of the "just one."

In the Gospel reading, the apostles make a seemingly simple request of Jesus: "Increase our faith." Jesus offers a twofold response—both a pithy proverb as well as a more measured saying. His initial reply to the apostles is a comment on the power of faith: even a tiny amount of authentic faith ("a mustard seed") renders amazing results. But then Jesus offers another perspective to consider when making the request to "increase our faith." Drawing upon the servant-master relationship—one in which the apostles would be very familiar—Jesus speaks about role expectations between the servant and the master. And Jesus' message is clear: the master (God) has demands that require an obligation and commitment from his servants (disciples). For the apostles to increase their faith, they must begin by exercising an attitude of humility. By a humble submission of their will to God, the apostles (and disciples of all ages) will increase their faith.

Over the next four Sundays, the second reading is taken from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy. This letter, along with 1 Timothy and Titus, are commonly grouped together under the title of the Pastoral Letters. Most scholars are convinced that these letters should be classified as deutero-Pauline letters; that is, letters written in Paul's name and with his authority by the next generation of Pauline Christians. The pastorals are commonly dated to around the year AD 100, and the actual author is unknown. One of the characteristics of the pastorals is the way in which they offer Paul as a model of an ideal church leader. Today's reading captures this well. As a church leader who imparts "the gift of God" by the "imposition of [his] hands," the author encourages believers to have the same "power and love and self-control" as that of the beloved Paul. Rather than be ashamed of the faith when faced with the "hardship" that comes from preaching and living the good news of Jesus Christ, the author exhorts his audience to have the courage and commitment exhibited by Paul. For believers a generation removed from the historical Paul, his words have become "the norm" in the faith and love in Christ Jesus.

It is interesting to note that within a generation after Paul's death around AD 64, followers of Christ viewed the Pauline tradition as a "rich trust" to be guarded by the community. Paul quickly became an icon of the faith for his courage to preach the Gospel.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

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

OCTOBER 3 - OCTOBER 7

Monday 9:15 AM

Richard Wojnar

Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Delores Mohammed

Requested by Mary Melonio

Wednesday 9:15 AM

NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Gladys Kryszak

Requested by Jean and Arnie Nickel

Friday 9:15 AM

Mary Ellen Ducharme

Requested by
 Ron Brumfield

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: GAL 1:6-12/PS 111:1-2, 7-10/LK 10:25-37
TUESDAY: GAL 1:13-24/PS 139:1-3, 13-15/LK 10:38-42
WEDNESDAY: GAL 2:1-2, 7-14/PS 117:1-2/LK 11:1-4
THURSDAY: GAL 3:1-5/LK 1:69-75/LK 11:5-13
FRIDAY: GAL 3:7-14/PS 111:1-6/LK 11:15-26
SATURDAY: GAL 3:22-29/PS 105:2-7/LK 11:27-28
NEXT SUNDAY: 2 KGS 5:14-17/PS 98:1-4/2 TM 2:8-13/LK 17:11-19

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



First Friday, October 7
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 following 9:15 AM Mass until 9 AM Saturday
Scheduled Adorers Needed
 Sign-up sheets in narthex



RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Save the date!

Celebration of the Reception of the
Sacrament of Confirmation
 October 9th
 12:00 PM Mass
 The Most Reverend Archbishop
 Allen H. Vigneron celebrant.



All parishioners are invited to join us for this celebration. Please keep our Confirmation candidates, families and sponsors in your prayers. A small reception will follow.

OCTOBER 9, 2016
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM October 8 Fr. Kris

For **Matthew Boyer**
 Requested by
 John & Doris
 Juzswik

Servers

Need Servers

**Lector/
 Ushers**

Diane Blankenship
 5:00A

8:30 AM October 9 Fr. Kris

For **Dennis Paslawski**
 Requested by
 Christine Paslawski

Servers

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**Lector/
 Ushers**

Jim Bergin
 8:30A

10:15 AM October 9 Fr. Kris

For **All Our Parishioners**

Servers

Need Servers

**Lector/
 Ushers**

Mary Power
 10:15C

12:00 Noon October 9 Archbishop Vigneron

For **Gloria Lewis**
 Requested by
 Yolanda Paletta

Servers

Isabelle Gerhart
 Eli Gerhart
 John Smith
 Gabe Smith
 Rob Gulick
 Emma DuLong

**Lectors/
 Ushers**

Teddi Williams
 Fernando Guerra
 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

October 8 and October 9

Team D

October 15 and October 16

Team A



On the **First Saturday Mass** each month, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during the Liturgy. 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)

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: **Now – 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.

**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.

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



Let us give a warm welcome to our newest member
Chris and Sue Henley
Welcome to our parish!

TIM'S TIDBITS

This weekend, at all the Masses, we will hand out a "Mercy in Action" slip of paper. As you may know this is the Year of Mercy, as proclaimed by Pope Francis. On the slips of paper are ways for you to participate in this year. There are slips for children and adults. This corresponds to the "Mercy Day in Action" that took place on October 1 and is a way for everyone to be involved in the Year of Mercy. Please take a slip when the basket is passed to you.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) has begun. 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, this is for you. Our sessions meet Wednesdays **from 7 PM to 9 PM in Classroom 2**. Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, please contact me.

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. Have a good week!

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the heart.



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>2</p> <p>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>K of C Tootsie Roll Sale</p> <p>8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 10:15 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm Confirmation Classes</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:15 am Mass</p> <p>5:30 pm Elementary Religious Formation</p> <p>7:00 pm Evangelization Meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:15 am Mass</p> <p>9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</p> <p>5:00 pm Elementary Religious Formation</p> <p>7:00 pm K of C Officer's Meeting</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00 pm Vicariate Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Confirmation Candidate's Reconciliation Service</p> <p>7:00 pm RCIA Mtg.</p> <p>7:45 pm Adult Choir Practice</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>7 pm Mass</p>	<p>7</p> <p>First Friday</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration following morning mass</p> <p>9:15 am Mass</p> <p>8:00 pm AA Mtg.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3:30 pm Conf. 5:00 pm Mass</p>
<p>9</p> <p>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 10:15 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Confirmation Mass</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>9:15 am Mass</p> <p>5:30 pm Elementary Religious Formation</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:15 am Mass</p> <p>9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</p> <p>5:00 pm Elementary Religious Formation</p> <p>7:00 pm Parish Leaders' Meeting</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 pm Vicariate Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice</p>  <p>7:00 pm RCIA Mtg.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7 pm Mass</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:15 am Mass</p> <p>7:30 pm Holy Hour</p> <p>8:00 pm AA Mtg.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Bundle Days</p> <p>11:00 am Memorial Mass for Dennis Hengy</p> <p>3:30 pm Conf. 5:00 pm Mass</p>

Offertory Snapshot	
Actual Offertory Weekend of September 18 . . .	\$ 6,818.00
Budget Offertory Weekend of September 18. . .	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - September 18.	\$110,991.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - September 18.	\$105,600.00



**Please Pray
For Our Sick**

We welcome to the
Body of Christ

Natalie Lule Vega
baptized Sunday
September 25, 2016
by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Natalie is the daughter of
Albino and Ofelia

Godparents are
**Emmanuel Vega Hernandez and
Raquel Lule Montoya**

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**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

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

October is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Month. The Archdiocese of Detroit will support those desiring a baby while remembering those who have been lost at a Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral next Sunday, October 9. The Mass will feature a blessing for married couples desiring a baby, and a prayer for couples who have lost a pregnancy, infant, baby, or child. Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help fund this Mass, which is sponsored by the archdiocesan Marriage, Family Life, Pro-Life, and Natural Family Planning ministries. The Archdiocese offers classes in Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods for married couples seeking families. Endorsed by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, NFP is a way of life by which couples recognize natural, biological signs of fertility and infertility. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.AOD.org.

Family Game Night

with a special recognition of our Gardening Volunteers
is planned for

Saturday, October 22nd 2016

6:45 to 10:30 PM

Everyone is welcome to join us as we recognize our wonderful volunteers who helped beautify the church and rectory grounds. From donating funds for improvements, to hours of labor and care, we want to publically thank everyone who volunteered and made a difference. Pizza and salad will be provided. BYOB, if desired.



Bring a friend, a snack to share and your game of preference, and join us in the Social Hall. There will be cards, board games, music and more.



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.

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.

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.



HALLOWEEN

at

Sacred Heart Major Seminary

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids who visit the seminary. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy, please bring them to the boxes located in the vestibule of the church or the religious formation office. Thank you for your continued generosity in placing a smile on God's children.





KNIGHTS CORNER

Thanks to Parishioners who Supported Msgr. Baldwin Pancake Benefit Last Sunday

A big "Atta Boy" is due the crew who produced last Sunday's pancake breakfast, a benefit to help build a memorial tribute to Msgr. Ed Baldwin, a much loved weekend mass celebrant here. Headed by Dave Bednarski, the crew consisted of GK Fred Gerometta, Frank Gariepy, Rich Rosowski, Terry Grabinski, Ken May, Tony Wagner, PGK Patrick Rogers, Roger Stacey, Dennis Weberlein and Bill Croitori. Also Brian Gulick, Tom McPhail, Armin Russenberger, Mike O'Dea, Bob Kuhr, Jack Davis, Rogers Otti, Len Lemanski, Richard VandenBrul and Andy Williams.



And thanks to the parishioners who generously supported the tribute building effort. Hard numbers won't be known until next week, but a preliminary review indicates the best revenue figure since the Knights began the breakfast 11 years ago. Net proceeds will be donated to St. Anne's Mead Assisted Living facility in Southfield where Msgr. Baldwin spent his last four years.

For the 20 members who have yet to reach the second and third degrees of our order, a ceremony is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 11 at Our Lady of Victory Council in Northville. Registration opens at 6 PM. Participation is free. Refreshments will follow the ceremony. Business attire or your Council shirt is the dress of the day. We will carpool from the St. Gerald parking lot at 5:30 PM. Reserve your spot by contacting Membership Director Shatomi Kerbawy at 248-434-7561.



October will be a busy month for Knights. In addition to this weekend's Tootsie Roll sale and the Life Chain pro-life, the Officers will meet Tuesday, Oct, 4, the degree ceremony is Oct. 11, the general membership meeting is Oct. 18, we help with the Trunk 'n' Treat party Oct. 29, and pray together Oct. 30 at a corporate communion mass at 10:15 AM.

Show off your Knighthood by wearing a K of C logo pin in your suit or shirt lapel. Colorful pins available from PGK Bruce Roberts for \$1 each or 3 for \$3. See him at a meeting or at the Noon Mass on most Sundays when he ushers.

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

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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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