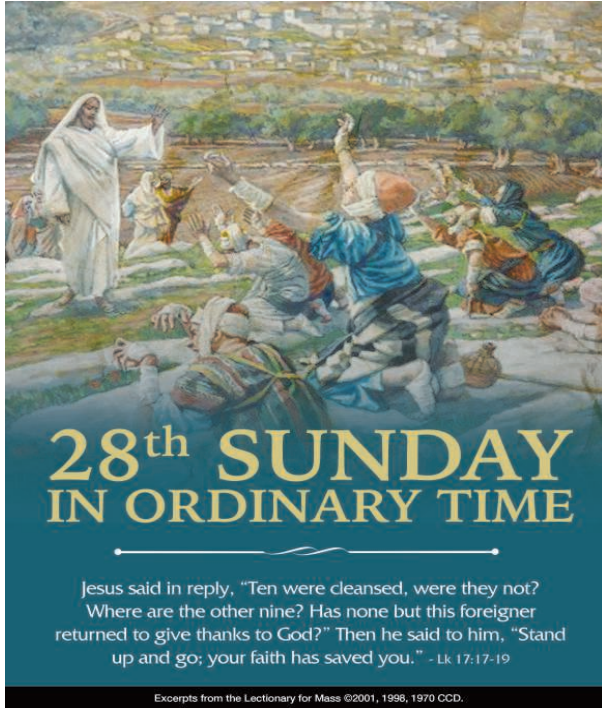


# The VOICE

OCTOBER 9, 2016



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## ST. GERALD

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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.

**Let us welcome Archbishop Allen Vigneron this weekend as our celebrant at the 12 Noon Confirmation Mass.**

The readings for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time challenge us to be mindful of the good gifts God has given to each of us. A spirit of gratitude for God's generosity ought to characterize the life of a believer.

The first reading is taken from the Second Book of Kings. As the title to the First and Second Book of Kings implies, most of the material in these two texts covers the kings of the northern and southern kingdoms of Israel and Judah. This time period spans about four hundred years of history, from the death of King David (961 BC) to the period of Judah's deportation and exile into Babylon (597/87 BC). Inserted into this kingly material are stories about two northern kingdom prophets, Elijah (1 Kings 17–19) and Elisha (2 Kings 2–9). Today's reading is taken from stories remembered and preserved about the prophet Elisha, who was active during the reign of four kings of Israel, covering the years around 850–800 BC. 2 Kings 5 is an extended and adventurous story about Naaman, the army commander of the king of Aram, who suffered from leprosy. (The kingdoms of Israel and Aram were allies at this time.) The excerpt heard in today's reading recounts the actual miracle of the cleansing of the leprosy of Naaman. One of the striking features of the reading is the tension between Elisha and Naaman in the aftermath of the healing (and tension drives the entire story of 2 Kings 5:1-27). Elisha refuses to accept a gift from Naaman, who wanted to show Elisha his gratitude for being cured of leprosy. Rejected by Elisha, Naaman turns to offer a holocaust of thanksgiving to the God of Israel, who Naaman begins to worship as his Lord and God.

The healing of Aramean Naaman is a remarkable story from the Old Testament of a non-Israelite (i.e., a Gentile) showing faith in the God of Israel. These stories, of course, anticipate Jesus' invitation to all people (Jews and Gentiles alike) to accept God's offer of salvation made manifest in and through his public ministry.

The Gospel reading of the cleansing of the ten lepers is a miracle story unique to the Gospel of Luke. Our third Evangelist begins by reminding us that Jesus is on his final journey to Jerusalem. Mention of him traveling through Samaria and Galilee sets the stage for Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan leper. The gathering of ten lepers outside the village would not have been atypical, since lepers often lived in isolated colonies, separated from those "clean" and uninfected with this contagious disease. This miracle story actually serves as a rather interesting cautionary tale. The ten lepers, in approaching Jesus, initially appeal to God's mercy: "Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!" Out of compassion, Jesus heals the ten lepers with the minimum of instructions, "Go show yourselves to the priests." (This would have been in accord with the Mosaic purity laws). Only one of the lepers actually came back to thank Jesus before reporting to the priest. To this leper Jesus said, "Stand up and go; your faith have saved you." Whereas nine of the lepers were cleansed out of God's mercy, only one was saved, out of his faith and gratitude to God. The fact that it was the Samaritan (non-Jewish) leper may have been a reason why Luke included this story in his Gospel which portrays Jesus as the universal Savior.

In the second reading from Second Timothy, we hear preserved one of the early Christian hymns, a "saying" professed by the author as "trustworthy." It offers beliefs of all ages assurances of the gift God has given us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*Dr. Daniel J. Scholz*

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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**Weekday Mass Intentions**



**OCTOBER 10 - OCTOBER 14**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Jessy Lukose**  
 Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Phillip Blaze**  
 Requested by Brenda Blaze

Wednesday 9:15 AM  
**NO MASS**

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Fr. Joseph Ryder**  
 Requested by St. Gerald Parish

Friday 9:15 AM

**Jessy Lukose**  
 Requested by Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** GAL 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/PS 113:1-7/LK 11:29-32  
**TUESDAY:** GAL 5:1-6/PS 119:41, 43-45, 47-48/LK 11:37-41  
**WEDNESDAY:** GAL 5:18-25/PS 1:1-4, 6/LK 11:42-46  
**THURSDAY:** EPH 1:1-10/PS 98:1-6/LK 11:47-54  
**FRIDAY:** EPH 1:11-14/PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/LK 12:1-7  
**SATURDAY:** EPH 1:15-23/PS 8:2-7/LK 12:8-12  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** EX 17:8-13/PS 121:1-8/2 TM 3:14--4:2/LK 18:1-8  
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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))



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 Gerry Makowski  
 Norma Bazzett

Offertory Snapshot	
Actual Offertory Weekend of September 25...	\$ 9,512.00
Budget Offertory Weekend of September 25...	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - September 25 .....	\$120,503.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - September 25 .....	\$114,400.00

**OCTOBER 16, 2016  
 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM	October 15	Fr. Puzio
For <b>Irene Fiori</b> Requested by Joan Fiori	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00B
8:30 AM	October 16	Fr. Kris
For <b>Walter &amp; Grace Mazurek &amp; Alan Metivier</b> Requested by Ray & Claudia Pisani	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Thad Radzilowski 8:30B
10:15 AM	October 16	Fr. Kris
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Yvonne Nemeth 10:15A
12:00 Noon	October 16	Fr. Puzio
For <b>Shirley O'Connell</b> Requested by Ava Halliday	Servers	Need Servers
	Lectors/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B

**Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks**  
October 15 and October 16      October 22 and October 23  
 Team A      Team B



	<b>FOOD PANTRY NEEDS ...</b>
	Jam and Jelly Canned Fruit Canned Soup Canned Vegetables Women's Deodorant

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





**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI**

This Sunday, October 9th, fifteen young people will be received as full members of the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Archbishop Allen Vigneron. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey. They are: **Marc Ball, Alexis Bandy, Emily Chojnacki, Justine Czyrka, Matthew DeMartini, Henry Ficyk, Gabrielle Gjerding,**

**Christopher Ihm, Ellise Makowicz, Victoria Nolan, Enya Perez, Marco Riggi, Nicole Sabbah, Joel Taylor, and Abigail Thomson.**



**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



Anointing of the sick

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.

**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**

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.



Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This mission supports seminary training for future native priests, helps missionaries outfit a mission school and helps supply clinics with much needed medicine. Please take an envelope at the end of the pew home with you this weekend and return next weekend. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and please be generous in next weekend's second collection for the Society of the Propagation on the Faith.

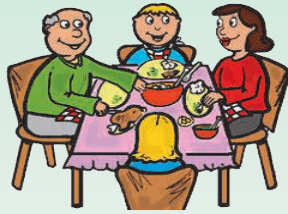
**LIBRARY REMINDERS...**

Please come visit our library located in the southwest vestibule of the church building. You are welcome to take a book home to read, all we ask is that when you borrow a book to be sure to sign it out. Also make sure to return your book when finished, so others can enjoy it as well. Thank You!



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Thank you to all who participated in Mercy on Action Day 2016!  
 This was an amazing day of service and outreach and everyone had a great time. We hope this continues and look forward to working with all in the future.



### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin via e-mail at [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto: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!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>9</b> <b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 10:15 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Confirmation Mass 	<b>10</b> 9:15 am Mass  5:30 pm Elementary Religious Formation  <i>Columbus Day Observed</i>	<b>11</b> 9:15 am Mass 9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 5:00 pm Elementary Religious Formation 7:00 pm Parish Leaders' Meeting 8:30 pm Council Meetings 	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm Vicariate Bible Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm RCIA Mtg.	<b>13</b>  7 pm Mass	<b>14</b> 9:15 am Mass 7:30 pm Holy Hour 8:00 pm AA Mtg.	<b>15</b> World Mission Sunday Weekend <b>Bundle Days</b> 11:00 am Memorial Mass for Dennis Hengy 3:30 pm Conf. 5:00 pm Mass





## FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN DINNER, CONVERSATION AND GAMES

### Corsi's Italian Restaurant in Livonia – October 12<sup>th</sup>

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.widowedfriends.org)

## EVANGELIZATION

The Evangelization Office is offering pastors and staff hospitality training, so they are prepared to receive others in the name of Jesus Christ, and to share Christ with those who walk in the doors of their parishes.

Your CSA gifts are helping to fund this training through the Catholic Hospitality Training Institute, which is being offered at St. Anastasia Parish, Troy, on Tuesday, October 11.

The training consists of four main sessions focusing on developing attitudes and behaviors for compassionate, Christ-like, and powerful service. Each session will conclude with participants choosing ideas and practices to act on once they return to their parishes. There will also be time for participants to practice the techniques they learn as well as to reflect, share, and network. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [www.AOD.org](http://www.AOD.org).

## Family Game Night

with a special recognition of our Gardening Volunteers  
is planned for

**Saturday, October 22nd 2016 from 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.

## THE FIRST YEARS AND BEYOND

A Comedy Date Night for Young Marrieds  
(Young Marrieds = First 10 years of marriage)

**Saturday, November 5, 2016, 6:30 – 9:00 PM** at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

Enjoy a date night of marriage boosting fun with other Young Married couples! Comedian Shawn Reynolds, father of six and self-proclaimed "trophy husband", will provide a belly laughing look at the realities, challenges and joys of married life together. The cost is \$40/Couple – Dinner, dessert, open bar. Don't miss out ...register today!  
<https://youngmarriedseveing.eventbrite.com>

## 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](http://www.americaneedsfatima.org). Phone Ron at 734-432-9744 for more information.

## 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.



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**KNIGHTS CORNER**

**Advance Degree Ceremony Tuesday; Pancake Event Nets \$1,000 for Msgr. Baldwin Tribute**

Several of the members who have the opportunity to attain the second and third degrees of our order Tuesday, Oct. 11 are eligible for a bonus. Those members already have participated in enough events to earn a free Council apron. They also qualify for officer positions.

The degree ceremony will be held at Our Lady of Victory Parish in Northville. We will car pool from the St. Gerald parking lot at 5:30 PM. Participation is free. The dress of the day is business attire or your Council shirt and badge. The ceremony will take about two hours and will be followed by refreshments and fellowship.

Be sure to mark Sunday, Oct. 30 on your calendar. Knights and their families will be gathering at the 10:15 AM mass to pray together. Please wear your Council shirt or business attire with your Council badge and sit in the front pews of the right center section in front of the ambo. This is an opportunity to set an example to the other men of the parish.

**The Msgr. Baldwin benefit pancake breakfast resulted in a big boost to the efforts by his family and friends to name a memory care unit at St. Anne’s Mead nursing home in his honor. Our pancake breakfast Sept. 25 netted \$909 which the officers rounded up to an even \$1,000.**

Behind every pancake breakfast produced by St. Gerald’s Knights is a pile of dirty cups and pots and pans. And behind that pile are Knights doing the cleanup. After a morning of mixing pancake batter at last month’s event, Frank Gariepy (left) put cups through the dishwasher. Andy Williams was in charge of washing the big pots.



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**SACRAMENTS**

**Rite of Reconciliation:**  
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**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

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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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