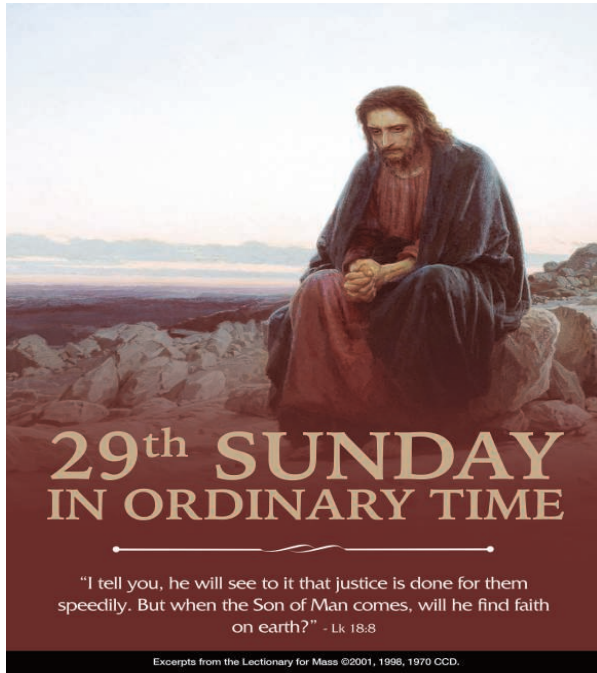


# The VOICE

OCTOBER 16, 2016



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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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time revolve around the theme of persistence. In many matters concerning our faith, we are challenged as disciples of Christ to have tenacity and perseverance.

The first reading from the Book of Exodus recounts one of the early battles Moses and the Israelites faced with opposing forces. As they travelled through the unwelcomed territories of the various desert regions on their way to the Promised Land, Moses and his army (under the command of Joshua) were over 600,000 men strong. They would have been perceived as a grave threat to the people living in and near the regions through which they were passing. The Amalekites were one such people who choose to wage war against Israel rather than allow them to freely pass. We hear in today's reading how God was present with Moses and the Israelites in battle only for as long as Moses could keep the staff in his hands raised. With the help of his brother Aaron and his assistant, Hur, together they were able to support Moses, lifting his staff above the battlefield. While Moses' hands were held high and his staff was raised, Joshua and his army "mowed down Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword." God expected the Israelites to work together and remain committed to each other throughout their forty-year trek in the wilderness.

In the second reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy, we hear the author once again present Paul as the model for church leadership: "Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it [Paul]." Within a generation after Paul's death (around AD 100 at the writing of Second Timothy), Paul's status among Christians was already revered.

The author then offers some insight into Scripture and sound advice to his audience in the name of Paul. First, he speaks of the power of Scripture: it "is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in righteousness." Second, he gives a "charge" to the community leaders to whom he writes: "proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient." He further adds, "Convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching." For the author of Second Timothy, leadership within these early Christian communities requires consistency in modeling the faith to the believers within their congregations.

The Gospel reading is the parable of the persistent widow. This parable is unique to the third Gospel. Luke likely preserved this parable because it conflates two of his favorite topics: prayer and widows. Throughout Luke–Acts, for example, Luke presents prayer as an essential component in the life of believers—ranging from the prayers of Mary and Zechariah in the infancy narrative (the canticle of Mary, Luke 1:46–55, and the canticle of Zechariah, Luke 1:67–79) to the community of believers gathered in Jerusalem after Jesus' ascension in the earliest stages of the Church (Acts 2:42–47; 4:23–35). Luke also consistently presents Jesus' concern for widows: Jesus raises the widow's son from the dead (7:11–17), decries scribes who take advantage of widows (20:45–47), and holds up widows as models of faith because they generously give to others in need (21:1–4). In today's parable, Jesus teaches the disciples that God responds "speedily" to those who pray with fervor and constancy.

*Dr. Daniel J. Scholz*

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**Weekday Mass Intentions**

**OCTOBER 17 - OCTOBER 21**



Monday 9:15 AM  
**Fr. James O'Hagan (Anniv.)**

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Jerry and Barbara Kopasz**  
 Requested by Best Friends Ever

Wednesday 9:15 AM  
**NO MASS**

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Gladys Kryszak**  
 Requested by Jean and Arnie Nickel

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Eugene Wojnar**  
 Requested by Joanne Wojnar

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY: EPH 2:1-10/PS 100:1-5/LK 12:13-21**  
**TUESDAY: 2 TM 4:10-17B/PS 145:10-13, 17-18/LK 10:1-9**  
**WEDNESDAY: EPH 3:2-12/IS 12:2-6/LK 12:39-48**  
**THURSDAY: EPH 3:14-21/PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/LK 12:49-53**  
**FRIDAY: EPH 4:1-6/PS 24:1-6/LK 12:54-59**  
**SATURDAY: EPH 4:7-16/PS 122:1-5/LK 13:1-9**  
**NEXT SUNDAY: SIR 35:12-14, 16-18/PS 34:2-3, 17-19, 23/2 TM 4:6-8, 16-18/LK 18:9-14**

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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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Laurie Aldrich	Margaret Joyal
Mary Ann Alcalá	Joan Preston
Andy Vermiglio	Gerry Makowski
Joan Gonía	Norma Bazzett

**Church Support**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of October 2 . . . . \$ 10,839.00  
 Budget Offertory Weekend of October 2 . . . . . \$ 8,800.00  
 Actual Offertory July 1 - October 2 . . . . . \$131,342.00  
 Budget Offertory July 1 - October 2 . . . . . \$123,200.00

**OCTOBER 23, 2016  
 THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM October 22 Fr. Kaiser		
For <b>Michael Hoots</b> Requested by June Summers	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00A
8:30 AM October 23 Fr. Kris		
For <b>Leonard Schoenborn</b> Requested by Ray & Claudia Pisani	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani 8:30C
10:15 AM October 23 Fr. Roodbeen		
For <b>Ed &amp; Virginia Gulick</b> Requested Brian, Lynne & Robbie	Servers	Ashley Grabinski Luke Horsburgh
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone Rob Gulick 10:15A
12:00 Noon October 23 Fr. Kris		
<b>FOR ALL OUR PARISHIONERS</b>	Servers	Need Servers
	Lectors/ Ushers	Christine Greig 12:00A

**Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks**

October 22 and October 23 Team B      October 29 and October 30 Team D



Jam and Jelly  
 Canned Fruit  
 Canned Soup  
 Canned Vegetables  
 Women's Deodorant



This 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 keep the Missions in your prayers.

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

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.



Welcome  
Our *New*  
Members

LET US  
WELCOME OUR  
NEWEST MEMBERS

The Timothy and Kathleen Alexander  
Family

Kenneth and Sandra May

Elizabeth Sobush

We are happy that you have become part of  
our St. Gerald Family

#### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

At St. Gerald we welcome all and encourage anyone 18 years of age and older to become registered members of the Parish.

Registration is a simple process that is done at the Parish Office during office hours 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday or by picking up a Registration form located on the book shelf in the gathering space of the church and sliding a completed form under the Parish Office door. Keeping our records current is also important. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please call the information into the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. If you are moving from our parish, please let us know.

#### TIM'S TIDBITS

*"Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed, because you know from whom you learned it ..."*

Today's second reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy, we hear Paul continue to instruct and encourage Timothy in preaching the Word of God. Paul reminds Timothy that all of Scripture is inspired by God; in the passage we hear at Liturgy today, Paul is referring to the writings of the Old Testament. Paul understood that Jesus came to fulfill the Scriptures and that persistence in proclaiming the Word of God was his primary responsibility. He urges Timothy to make it his as well. (Sourcebook 2016)

Jesus tells us today that our continual prayer does indeed make a difference, and that it is the one way to make sure that there will still be faith on earth when he returns.

The season of Fall is all around us. Leaves are falling to the ground and the Fall smell is in the air. Take some time to walk outside and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. We can meditate on the mysteries of God during this season.

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](mailto:timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com). Have a good week!

#### 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](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) and their name will be added to our prayers.

## St. Gerald Parish Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29th  
6:30 PM-8:30 PM  
south Parking Lot.  
All are Welcome  
Costumes optional  
Rain or shine  
Many cars filled with  
Candy and treats



A parish celebration of Hallow-eev.  
Followed by a Knights of Columbus  
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Dogs, Brats and Chili!!!  
Kids of all ages welcome!  
This is a community event in a safe  
environment so come and enjoy!  
RSVP [taylor.mary04@yahoo.com](mailto:taylor.mary04@yahoo.com)  
with the number attending by  
October 25th.





## YOUTH MINISTRY

Next weekend, the Young Faith Activators of Christ's Teaching (YFACT) are hosting their annual Urban Youth Retreat for high school-aged youth at the Faholo Retreat Center.

The retreat will give urban teens the opportunity to share their faith while participating in team-building activities, like wall climbing. YFACT is a peer-led ministry in the city of Detroit that pulls youth leaders from multiple parishes. The group's goal is to empower Detroit youth to grow closer to Jesus Christ and to be powerful witnesses and agents of His teaching.

Your gifts to the CSA make possible events like this, which is sponsored by the archdiocesan Offices for Black Catholic Ministry and Youth Ministry.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [www.AOD.org](http://www.AOD.org).

### 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](mailto:dlb882@gmail.com)) if you have questions or call 248-477-7470.



## 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.



## 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!  
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## ENCORE REMARRIAGE WORKSHOP - October 22

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 by calling 248-548-4044 ext. 3100 or email [youngbloodb@ccsem.org](mailto:youngbloodb@ccsem.org).

## More Mercy Day In Action Pictures





### **KNIGHTS CORNER**

#### **Sign Up at Tuesday’s Member Meet for Neighborhood Food Drive Next Weekend**

Last Tuesday six of our members gained full knighthood as they attained the second and third degrees of our Order in ceremonies at Our Lady of Victory Council in Northville. Receiving the Formation and Knighthood degrees were Richard Bigger, Juan Garcia-Juarez, Armin Russenberger, Rick Stone, Rogers Otti and Anand Thakur. Reaching the Knighthood degree means the men have been given a fuller understanding of what is expected of a Knight. They now are eligible to hold office in our Council and, because of past service at Council events, several passed the last hurdle to qualify for their Council apron which will be awarded at next Tuesday’s membership meeting. The men were accompanied by GK Fred Gerometta, PGK Rich Smith, Membership Director Shatomi Kerbawy and Program Director Tom McPhail.

Our involvement in the annual parish Trunk ‘n’ Treat is one of the agenda items at Tuesday’s membership meeting. A call for chili cooks and kitchen help for the Oct. 29 event will be made at the meeting. This year Gerryanna Luscri, Norma Battel, Kelli Dulong and Julie Poisson, the latter two wives of Council members, will be in charge of the event which is a big hit with the younger set and their moms.

Members also will be asked to ratify a decision by the Officers to write a check for an even \$1,000 to St. Anne’s Mead assisted living facility for the tribute to Msgr. Ed Baldwin. The Sept. 25 pancake breakfast netted \$909 to which the officers added another \$91.

PGK Rich Smith will be announcing the kickoff of our annual sweatshirt drive for the youngsters at Holy Family Children Services, formerly known as Boysville. Details of the drive are in a story elsewhere in this issue of The Voice. If you can help with this project, see him at the meeting.

Brothers Shatomi Kerbawy and Mike Rometty are organizing another neighborhood food drive for next weekend, Oct.22-23. They will be signing up workers for both days. The last Sunday of the month is a fifth Sunday traditionally a time when Knights and their families attend mass together. So plan to attend the 10:15 AM mass Oct. 30 and sit together in the front pews of the right center section, in front of the ambo. Wear your Council shirt or your badge so you will be recognized as a Knight.

***Keep Informed of Council Activities – Read the Knights Corner Sundays in The Voice!***

### **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**

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Administrator ..... x 203  
Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate ..... x 202  
Email: timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com  
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant.....x 212  
Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

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##### **Maintenance**

Mark Koss

##### **Accountant**

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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