

The VOICE

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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.

When each liturgical year comes to a close, the Church chooses a Gospel reading that focuses on Jesus' eschatological (end-time) discourse. The synoptic Gospels, in particular, preserved many of Jesus' end-time sayings.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke each devote nearly an entire chapter for Jesus' eschatological discourse, and each place this discourse in Jerusalem, days within Jesus' suffering and death (see and compare Mt 24:1-36, Mk 13:1-37, and Lk 21:5-36). The end-time would be followed by Jesus' return and God's final judgment upon the world. Not surprisingly, Matthew and Luke rely heavily on Mark for this material, but Matthew and Luke also redact the Markan material to their theological and literary needs. For example, whereas Mark has Jesus tell only the four apostles (Peter, James, John, and Andrew) about the signs of the end-time, Luke presents Jesus telling "some people" about the upcoming signs, providing additional details and descriptions. In this way, Luke continues to present Jesus' mission and message of inclusivity.

Today's reading from Luke is divided into three parts: Jesus foretells the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem; he speaks about the "signs" that will signal the arrival of the end-time; and he forewarns about the coming persecution of believers. Significantly, each of these events, originally spoken by Jesus around the year AD 30, had come to various levels of fruition by the time of Luke's writing of his Gospel and Acts, around AD 85. The Jerusalem Temple was, in fact, destroyed by the Romans in AD 70 as part of the carnage from the Jewish-Roman war of AD 66–73. Some end-time signs had occurred, such as war (the Jewish revolt against Rome) and the appearance of false messiahs (the Jewish rebel, Theudas, AD 46). Persecution of believers was already well underway by AD 85, with the widely known martyrdoms of Peter and Paul around AD 64 (and including the death of most of the original apostles), as well as regional and localized social harassment of Christians by neighboring non-believers. With some of Jesus' eschatological teachings being realized within the first two generations of Christianity, one of the nagging problems for the early church was a reasoned explanation for the delay in the second coming of Christ.

The second reading is taken from the closing remarks of Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians. Today's reading offers us some insights into the practical problems associated with some of the earliest believers who either regarded the return of Christ so imminent that they did not need to work, or that the age to come had already arrived in which no work would be required. The author of Second Thessalonians offers some strong feedback for those in the congregation refusing to work: "Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food." The delay in the return of Christ presented some very interesting problems among some of the early Christian communities.

The first reading is taken from the prophet Malachi, thought to be active in the early years following Israel's return from exile and captivity in Babylon. Even after only a few generations upon the return to their land, many of the Jewish people had apparently lapsed into immoral and idolatrous behavior. Even the priests were no longer listening to God's word. In today's reading, we hear Malachi prophecy of the "day that is coming" where God's wrath and justice will be seen by all.

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

NOVEMBER 14 - NOVEMBER 18

Monday 9:15 AM

Battel, Whitaker and Hamway families
 Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Sophie Shields
 Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Wednesday
NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Gladys Kryszak
 Requested by Marsha Lochinski

Friday 9:15 AM

**Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht
 and Donarman Families**
 Requested by C. Kemp



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: RV 1:1-4; 2:1-5/PS 1:1-4, 6/LK 18:35-43
TUESDAY: RV 3:1-6, 14-22/PS 15:2-5/LK 19:1-10
WEDNESDAY: RV 4:1-11/PS 150:1-6/LK 19:11-28
THURSDAY: RV 5:1-10/PS 149:1-6, 9/LK 19:41-44
FRIDAY: RV 10:8-11/PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/
 LK 19:45-48
DEDICATION: ACTS 28:11-16, 30-31/PS 98:1-6/MT 14:22-33
SATURDAY: RV 11:4-12/PS 144:1-2, 9-10/LK 20:27-40
NEXT SUNDAY: 2 SM 5:1-3/PS 122:1-5/COL 1:12-20/LK 23:35-43
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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))



Church Support

Actual Offertory for Weekend of October 30 \$ 7,747.00
 Budget Offertory Weekend of October 30 \$ 8,800.00
 Actual Offertory July 1 - October 30 \$168,208.00
 Budget Offertory July 1 - October 30 \$158,400.00

Job Posting

**MAINTENANCE POSITION
 AVAILABLE AT ST. GERALD**

Some of the responsibilities include light carpentry, electrical work, plumbing, grounds maintenance and other duties as directed by the Pastor.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or speak to Fr. Kris. Thank you!

**NOVEMBER 20, 2016
 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
 KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

5:00 PM November 19 Fr. Kris

For Edward Midura Requested by Delphine Midura	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00A

8:30 AM November 20 Fr. Puzio

For Phillip Blaze Requested by Brenda Blaze	Servers	Gabe Smith John Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30A

10:15 AM November 20 Fr. Kris

For Giovanni Rotondo Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Servers	Luke Horsburgh
	Lector/ Ushers	Rick Stone 10:15B

12:00 Noon November 20 Fr. Kris

For Irene Fiori Requested by Joan Fiori	Servers	Fernando Guerra Angie Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Rob Gulick Fernando Guerra 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

November 19 and November 20 Team D November 26 and November 27 Team B



PRAY FOR...

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| Dick Campbell | Erin Malloy-Tingle |
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| 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 |
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| Mary Ann Alcala | Joan Preston |
| Andy Vermiglio | Gerry Makowski |
| Joan Goniea | Norma Bazzett |
| Bill Borchert | Gabbie Frey |

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 PARISH OFFICE OR ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE**



Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Family Mass November 20th

The Monday Religious Formation classes are sponsoring a Family Mass next Sunday to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King at the 12:00 PM Mass. Children have contributed to the writing of the Prayers of the Faithful, which will be read by a representative of each class. Children have also been selected to serve in the ministry of greeter, gift bearer and ushers. All parishioners are invited to come and bring their families.

Everyone in the family is asked to bring one, or more, of the following items to Mass to donate to our Blessing Bags, which will be distributed to the homeless: Granola bars, fruit snacks, gloves, mittens, hats, scarves, travel size soap and shampoo, socks, gum, toothpaste, toothbrush, deck of cards, or a \$5.00 bill.

There will be no Sunday School classes or Children's Liturgy during the 10:15 Mass on November 20th.

Dear Music Lovers:



I would like to invite you to the Fox Theater where former students from St. Damian School along with the first few choir members here at St. Gerald will be singing before a Christmas play on Sunday, December 4, 2016. The show begins at 2 PM; we will be singing on the staircase in the main lobby before the show. This year the show is Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer. The tickets for our guests have been discounted to \$33.65 instead of \$37.00 on the main floor. This makes a wonderful Christmas gift for family and friends, especially proud grandparents. You can see familiar faces, a GREAT show and encourage the love of music in these wonderful children.

I need to know very soon, by November 15th, if you are interested and how many tickets you need. Checks can be made out to cash, as I need to provide them with one check.

The event on Sunday, December 4, 2016 begins at 2 PM; we are to arrive by 12:30 PM at the FOX office Lobby.



Please include name, number of tickets, payment and if you'd like to pick up your tickets or prefer to have them mailed to you. Thank you! You may drop off your payment at the parish office or give it to me after any Mass. Mary Melonio, mmelonio@aol.com, 734/578-4179



FUNERAL GREETERS NEEDED

This rewarding service of greeting guests at the door, being kind, helpful and assisting with simple needs is appreciated by everyone. Commitment opportunities will vary upon need and availability of volunteers. Helpful and compassionate persons interested in assisting

family and visitors during funeral masses are encouraged to contact Gerryanna Luscri (734-341-1999) or Tim Westfall (248-477-7470 x 202) of the Evangelization Committee. Consider answering the call to this need in our parish.

TIM'S TIDBITS

As we come close to the end of the liturgical year, the focus of our scriptures turns toward the end-times. With the bare trees and onset of cooler temperatures, it seems a natural indication to ponder the end of all things. As we move through our celebration of Liturgy today, let us pray for the strength to face whatever comes in our future, so that we may be ready for the coming of the Lord.

In today's second reading we hear Paul reminding the brothers and sisters in Thessalonica of how he worked among them without expecting pay for his labors. He holds this up to them as an example that they should imitate. Apparently Paul did not want to be a burden on their resources, though it is likely that they showed him some form of hospitality. He takes issue with those who have been busybodies, acting in a disorderly fashion. This is not acceptable among those who should be doing the Lord's work. (Sourcebook 2016)

There are two events of interest that are coming up. You may see flyers posted around the building for these. The first is the Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Monday, November 21st at 7:30 PM at Nardin Park United Methodist Church, which is located at 29887 W. 11 Mile Rd in Farmington Hills. People of Faith will come together that evening to give thanks for what God has given to us. It is sponsored by the Farmington Area Interfaith Association. All are welcome!

Another event is entitled, "Catherine of Siena – a woman for our times." Adrian Dominican Sister, Nancy Murray, OP performs as St. Catherine of Siena. She is the sister of actor, Bill Murray. It will take place on Wednesday, December 7th at 7 PM at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in West Bloomfield. Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting the Christian Service Office at (248) 681-9424. This is a well done performance. Have a good week!



St. Gerald keeps a Book of Remembrance in our gathering space during the month of November. We invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book at any time during the month of November. The deceased listed in the Book of Remembrance are remembered during the Prayers of the Faithful at each of our weekend Masses in November.

We realize that this time following the death of your loved one has been a difficult time for you and your family and we pray that you might find comfort in our Lord and our Blessed Mother, Mary. Please know that you are remembered in the prayers of our Parish community.



There will be a Mom's Group gathering in classroom #1 on Wednesday, November 16th at 7:00 PM. We will discuss what everyone would like from the MOMS Group and get things rolling. Please call the Parish Office and let us know if you will be attending. All are welcome!



St. Gerald Youth Group is participating in a community charity project;

“Blessing Bags” for the homeless.

We need your help in collecting items to put into large Ziploc bags that can be distributed to the poor in our community. Non-perishable foods like granola bars & fruit snacks, along with gloves, hats, scarves, or travel-size shampoo, tooth paste & brush, comb, and \$5 bills make good items to place in bags for those in need. Any practical items are greatly appreciated. Bags will be assembled after the noon Family Mass on Nov. 20th. Kindly place items in the designated collection box in the social hall.



"When we each contribute, blessings become abundant."

THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

St. Gerald’s St. Vincent DePaul Conference strives to be “the hands and feet of Jesus” within our parish boundaries.

In October, our conference helped a single mother with a teenage son; she was expecting twins. She needed help paying her October rent because she can no longer work due to her pregnancy being high-risk. This mother made a difficult and loving decision to put her twins up for adoption. She felt that she could not care adequately for them. The Vincentians who visited her gave her numbers for agencies that could assist her as she waited for the twins’ arrival.

Like Jesus, Vincentians meet our clients where they are—we go to their homes to meet them. We talk to them, pray with them (if they like) and pray for them. And finally, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best way to help the client. Sometimes, we are guided not to give financial assistance. We do, however, offer alternatives and other resources that may assist the client in meeting their needs.

St. Vincent DePaul provides emergency food and/or emergency financial assistance to parishioners and those within our parish boundaries who may need a little help to make ends meet. We offer one-time assistance. It is not our role to provide sustaining help. We provide our clients resource numbers to call if they need more help than we can give them. The goal of St. Vincent DePaul is to help our clients be self-sufficient.

We are always in need of volunteers who want to be “the hands and feet of Jesus.” If you feel you are being called to this fulfilling ministry, please contact us at (248) 476-7677 ext. 220. Leave a message with your name, phone number and the best time to call you. And finally, please pray for us and all those in need in our parish. In His love and peace, Your St. Gerald Vincentians



CHRISTMAS FAMILY CRAFT DAY

December 3rd

10:30 AM to 12:30 PM



Many crafts to choose from. Pizza will be provided. All ages are welcome!



Let us welcome our newest member to St. Gerald Parish:

Shirley Wolf

We are glad you are here!

Prayer for Vocations

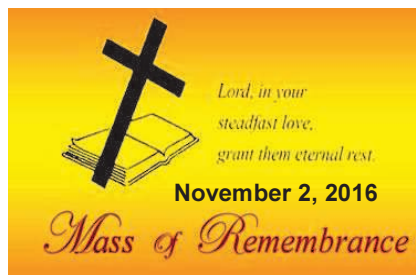
O God, source of creation and love, you invite each of us to serve you through the gift of our life. May your grace encourage men and women to serve the church as priests, deacons, brothers, sisters, and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give of themselves, and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

RIGHT TO LIFE/LIFESPAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Lifespan Christmas cards will be available for purchase after all the Masses the weekends of November 19/20 and 26/27.

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING TAG WEEKEND

Christmas Tags will be available after all the Masses the weekends of November 19/20 and 26/27 in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to take one or more tags to help the needy in our community. Please note the gifts are due back the weekend of Dec. 10th and 11th. Thank you!



HEALING SERVICE

Emmanuel Healing Ministry invites you to come to a Healing Service on Thursday, November 17 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower from 7 - 9 PM. Confessions will be available at 6:20 PM. Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered followed by the opportunity to be prayed over for any intention. Fr. Alex Kratz will preside. Call Margaret Williams at 248-477-0767 for information.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Next weekend we will have a special collection for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. This collection helps thousands in the Archdiocese of Detroit to overcome life challenges through several programs including adoption and foster care, programs for seniors, family counseling, refugee resettlement, Hispanic outreach, All Saints Soup Kitchen, and numerous other services. This organization is helping those in need move from dependence to a healthy, self-sustained life. Please support the many good works of CCSEM by placing your donation in the second collection basket next weekend. Envelopes for this charity are included in your packet of weekly donation envelopes that are mailed to your home. Additional envelopes will be available on the table in the gathering space of the church. Thank you again for your generosity!



**ADVENT TEA BY
CANDLELIGHT
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016
6:00PM
PARISH SOCIAL HALL
\$11 PER PERSON**

All are welcome at the Annual St. Gerald Advent Tea

It has been a St. Gerald tradition to come together in the season of advent to break bread with a group of friends and enjoy a short Advent Reflection. You may host an entire table, or come as a single person and we will provide a place for you.

Table Hostesses provide dessert and festive place settings for their table. St. Gerald's provides an Advent Reflection and dinner with tea and coffee.

Please contact Diane Gerometta for more information or to make your reservation at 248-763-3193 or diane.gerometta@aon.com. Tables fill up quickly; reserve your spot early so you are not disappointed!

Synod Prayer

God our Father, you have called us to be witnesses to Jesus and have sent us on a mission to lead all people to encounter him. Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds and enkindle our hearts, so that we may grow daily as your disciples. Empower us to face bravely the challenges of our time. Keep us close to you, together with Jesus your Son, Mary our Mother, and St. Anne our patroness as we engage in Synod 16 to Unleash the Gospel. Transform us into a band of joyful missionary disciples, who will bring the message of Jesus' power and mercy to every person in southeast Michigan. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOOD DRIVE

HELP ST. GERALD FEED FAMILIES FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS IN 2016!!!

Please place your donation in either box in the gathering area of our church.

Items Requested:

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QUESTIONS CALL PLEASE CALL
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ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

If you would like to make a donation to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, envelopes will be available on the table in the gathering space of the church next weekend. Please take one home and return in the collection basket the following weekend. These donations provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces wherever they serve and to the veterans who are in VA medical centers.

A WEEK AHEAD:

Monday, November 14

- 9:15 AM Mass
- 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation

Tuesday, November 15

- 9:15 AM Mass
- 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation
- 7:00 PM Knights of Columbus Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 16

- 7:00 PM MOM's Group Meeting
- 7:00 PM RCIA Meeting
- 7:00 PM Vicariate Bible Study
- 7:30 PM Adult Choir



Thursday, November 17

- 10:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting
- 7:00 PM Mass

Friday, November 18

- 9:15 AM Mass
- 7:30 PM Holy Hour
- 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, November 19

- Gift Tag Weekend
- 3:30 PM Confessions
- 5:00 PM Mass



Sunday, November 20

- Blood Pressure Screenings after all masses
- Gift Tag Weekend
- Sunday Fellowship
- 8:30 AM Mass
- 10:15 AM Mass
- 12:00 PM Family Mass





KNIGHTS CORNER

Bring Your Appetite to Tuesday’s Membership Meeting; State Charity Raffle Tickets Coming

Bring your appetite to Tuesday’s membership meeting; we will be serving chili and hot dogs during the fellowship period after the meeting. Three brothers also will be taking home something – they are due to receive their Council aprons. In recent weeks Mike O’Dea, Rick Stone and Armin Russenberger have either received their advanced degrees or have worked enough events to qualify for their aprons. The Council has a practice of providing a sturdy free, colorful apron to members who work at five events over a three year period and who have attained the second and third degrees of our order.

Christmas is just around the corner and one of the programs sponsored by the Knights of Columbus around the world is to put Christ back into Christmas. For the last five or six years, our Council has joined with other Councils in sponsoring billboards around the metro Detroit area stressing the religious aspect of the holiday. We also gave out colorful lapel pins that proclaimed “It’s OK to say Merry Christmas.” We are looking for a brother to lead this effort this year. Not a big commitment in terms of effort or time. If interested see Program Director Tom McPhail at the meeting or call him at 248-875-1185.

The annual State Charity Raffle is underway. Watch your mail box for a packet of tickets. In all four nice trips for two will be given away along with 29 cash prizes ranging in worth from \$150 to \$1,000. The drawing will be held April 22, 2017. Top prize is a 7 day Alaskan cruise for two with all transfers, taxes, airfare and fees plus \$5,000 cash. Second prize is a 7 night stay for two at the Atlantis Paradise Island in the Bahamas with airfare, transfer, taxes and fees plus \$3,000 cash. Third prize is 7 night stay for two at the all inclusive Dream Puerto Aventuras Resort in Cancun plus airfare, transfers, taxes and fees plus \$1,000. Fourth prize is 3 nights for two at a Washington, D.C. hotel with airfare, transfers, taxes and fees plus a guided tour and \$500 cash.

In addition to helping more than 50 charities and church organizations, the raffle is a great fundraiser for our Council. For every \$5 ticket we sell, our Council receives \$1 back from the State Council – a 20% return. In addition, sellers of the top winning tickets will receive cash. Watch for your tickets in the mail.

Keep Track of State and Supreme Council Activities at www.mikofc.org and www.kofc.org

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.
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STAFF

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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. 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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