

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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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 solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is the last Sunday in ordinary time and marks the conclusion of another liturgical year. This final solemnity acknowledges that believers worldwide affirm that Christ alone reigns supreme in our universe and in our church.

The first reading is taken from the Second Book of Samuel, a title created in honor of the prophet Samuel, Israel's last judge from the period of the Judges, 1200–1020 BC. (This was the time when the Israelites were ruled regionally by tribal judges, covering roughly two hundred years between the Israelites arrival in the Promised Land to the establishment of a monarchy.) In today's reading we hear about the transition between the first two kings of Israel's Monarchy period, Saul and David. The monarchy lasted nearly one hundred years, 1020–922 BC. David ascended to the throne of the United Monarchy around the year 1000 BC. While Saul's reign over the monarchy was filled with the typical turbulence of a transition in governance from regional judges to a single king, under King David, Israel for the first time in their history had a single king that united and guided the people of Israel. The monarchy was a form of government that the people of Israel had wanted for themselves, despite the warnings of the judge and prophet Samuel (see 1 Sm 8).

In the reading today we hear of the people's anointing of David as King of Israel, succeeding Saul. In 2 Samuel 5:1-5 (we hear only verses 1-3 of 2 Sm 5 in this reading) we also learn that David was thirty years old when he was anointed King of Israel, and he reigned as Israel's king for thirty-three years. With David, God established the Davidic Covenant (see 2 Sm 7:8-17), the promise that David's house and kingdom would last forever, and the promise of an heir who would "build a house for my name" (2 Sm 7:13). Long after the monarchy was gone, many Israelites looked back at the reign of King David as Israel's golden years. The earliest Christians came to believe that Jesus was the fulfillment of the covenant that God had established with King David. This is why we hear Jesus referred to as "Son of David" often in the Gospels (see, for example, Mk 10:46-52).

Today's Gospel reading is Luke's account of Jesus' agonizing death on the cross. We hear how Jesus was taunted while suffering on the cross. The Jewish rulers and Roman soldiers jeered and mocked Jesus calling him, "King of the Jews." The idea of anyone claiming the political title of "king" was a particularly sensitive and dangerous idea in the days of the Roman Empire when Caesar alone was professed as the King of the Empire. The perception of Jesus claiming the title of "king" was rooted in the centerpiece of his public ministry—"the kingdom of God." Certainly many of Jesus' followers believed he was their long awaited Messiah and King who would restore the golden age of Israel's Monarchy.

The second reading is taken from Paul's Letter to the Colossians. It contains one of the earliest Christological hymns in the New Testament (Col 1:15-20). Most scholars believe Paul inherited this hymn and embedded it into his letter. Paul inserts this hymn into his Letter to the Colossians as a way of connecting with this community in their common belief in the supremacy of Jesus as King of the universe. This hymn reinforces the remarkable irony of those mocking Jesus on the cross as "King of the Jews." Dating back to the original generation of believers, this hymn unites believers in all ages in our firm conviction that Jesus Christ alone reigns supreme.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

THANKSGIVING AND GIVING THANKS

As we look forward to our Thanksgiving weekend, the parish staff would like to "Give Thanks" to the many excellent volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents every week here in our Religious Formation and Worship Programs.

We work closely with many adults, and young adults, who plan, teach, pray and work with the Preschool, Elementary, Middle School and Confirmation Religious Formation Programs as well as the Worship Ministries. We know how impossible our jobs would be without their dedicated commitment to these programs, and we cannot thank them enough. If you know some of these wonderful individuals, please share with them your thankfulness for their work and service to the youth of our parish.

Elementary and Sunday School Catechists and Aides

Michelle Plichota, Tracey Connolly, Marisa Ferrari, Susan Hill, Carol Ferguson, Joyce Kopp, Carolyn Arlen, Shirley Murray, Mary Power, Gail Bierschbach, Michelle Ficyk, Roman Plichota, Laurel Hoetger

Middle School Catechists, Confirmation Catechists and Youth Ministry

Bob Kuhr, Sherry Kuhr, Gerryanna Luscri, Crystal Flood, Shatomi Kerbawy, Rosie Burns-Pavlik

Children's Liturgy of the Word Facilitators

Nancy Gilbert, Katy Baracco, Jennifer Weber, Chris Wiatr

Education and Worship Ministries

All ushers, greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, Worship Commission members, lectors, sacristans, decorators, choir members, choir director, Education Commission members, those who assist at fellowship, and those who assist at the Religious Formation Masses.

Mary Taylor and Tim Westfall



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.

**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."

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING TAG WEEKEND



Christmas Tags are available after all the Masses this weekend 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!

RIGHT TO LIFE/LIFESPAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Lifespan Christmas cards will be available for purchase after all the Masses this weekend and next weekend.

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!

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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

This 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. Envelopes for this charity were 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!

ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES, USA

If you would like to make a donation to the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, envelopes are available on the table in the gathering space of the church. 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.



Sweatshirts for the children of Boyssville. These are probably the only Christmas gifts the children will receive they were donated by the parishioners of St. Gerald's church and the Knights of Columbus and a big thank you for all of the donations!

Thank you for your donation!

UPCOMING EVENT

The Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is 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!

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.



**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.

A WEEK AHEAD:

Monday, November 21

9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, November 22

9:15 AM Mass

11:00 AM Thanksgiving Basket Distribution

Wednesday, November 23

7:30 PM Adult Choir

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day

9:15 AM Mass

Friday, November 25

9:15 AM Mass

7:30 PM Holy Hour

8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, November 26

Gift Tag Weekend

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

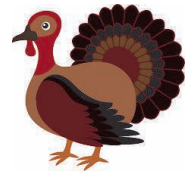
Gift Tag Weekend

8:30 AM Mass

10:15 AM Mass

10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:00 PM Mass





EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

“Welcoming the Lord with a Humble Heart,” an Advent Day of Reflection, will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Thursday, December 1, beginning at 8:30 AM.

Father Patrick Gonyeau will lead the day of prayer and reflection, which will explore how this Advent season can be a time of encountering God’s mercy and deepening our relationship with Jesus. Father Gonyeau is the associate pastor of The Cathedral Cluster of parishes as well as the Evangelization Coordinator for the Central Region of our Archdiocese.

The cost of \$30 includes a light breakfast and lunch.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help fund this event and other important work of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, which helps parishes build strong faith formation programs that support the work of evangelization at all levels and stages.

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

2ND ANNUAL CAPUCHIN SCHOOL NIGHT OUT Thursday, December 8, 5:30 PM

Enjoy a night of mingling with likeminded young adults and learn how to support the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. The event will be held at Brew Detroit, 1401 Abbott St, Detroit, MI. \$50 advance ticket includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, drinks, music and a brewery tour. Proceeds benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Purchase tickets online at www.CSKDetroit.org or by calling (313) 579-2100, ext. 170.

ADVENT EVENING FOR COUPLES

A “Couples Evening of Reflection” will be held on Tuesday, December 6, at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center. The evening begins with registration from 5:30-6:00 pm and the program ends at 9 pm. Led by the St. Paul Ministry Team, the program includes conferences, personal time for reflection, and a Prayer Service. The evening cost is \$40 a couple and includes dinner. To register, contact Lynnette Marshall at 313/286-2800 or email at lmarshall@stpaulretreat.org. On-line registration at <https://www.stpaulretreat.org/event/advent-evening-of-reflection-for-married-couples/>

BULLETIN REMINDER

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 12 noon on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.

HELP NEEDY FAMILIES IN SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN THIS CHRISTMAS

You can help alleviate some of the financial burdens for needy families here in southeast Michigan and make their Christmas a little brighter through the Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan Adopt a Family program. Families to benefit from this program were nominated by parishes or a local Catholic social service organization such as the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. These families need help with necessities like food, rent, utilities, and medical care. You can specify assisting a family identified by number or divide your gift among all the families listed. Donate online by credit card through the Adopt a Family link on the Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) website: www.ccsem.org or mail your check to:

CCSEM Adopt a Family
Kelly Luttinen
15945 Canal RD
Clinton Township, MI 48038-1610

Make checks out to CCSEM with “Adopt a Family” in the memo line. If you would like to help a specific family, remember to specify the family identification number in the memo line. The donation deadline is December 8 at the close of business. Questions? Call Kelly Luttinen at 248-548-4044 ext 3261 or email: luttinenk@ccsem.org

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOULS OF

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MARCH 5, 1926
NOVEMBER 12, 2016

AND

ELIZABETH WEISMILLER

+

SEPTEMBER 13, 1920
NOVEMBER 14, 2016



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THESE
WOMEN O LORD,
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON THEM



KNIGHTS CORNER

Our Newest Knight is Fr. Kris; 2017 Dues Notices Soon Will Be Sent to You

It is official now. Fr. Kris, our Pastor, is now our brother Knight as the paperwork transferring his membership to our Council has been approved. Fr. Kris joined the K of C a few years ago while he was assigned to the Shrine of the Little Flower. He also has accepted appointment as our Council Chaplain. To mark his new status, Fr. Kris was presented with an official Council shirt at a recent meeting. Vivat Jesus, brother.

Financial Secretary, Bob Kuhr, will soon be sending out notices that it is time for you to renew your annual dues for 2017. Included with that notice will be a Take 5 request. That is a request for a \$5 donation to supplement the charitable giving done by the State K of C. When the money produced by the State Charity Raffle wasn't able to meet the requests for help 39 years ago, the State Council started Take 5. Since then the program has raised \$1.5 million. Please participate if you can; the extra money is put to good use throughout the State.

Hats off to Guard Jack Davis our Knight of the Month for November and to Jerry and Kathy Smith our Family of the Month for November. Although Jerry is not a Knight, he and Kathy are being cited for their work on the Parish Council and for other volunteer efforts they do during the year including hosting donut Sundays.

A reminder that our Food for Family program is an on-going one and the parish pantry supplies bags of food to the needy every week. When your grocery store has a "Buy one, get one free sale," put the free one in the St. Gerald Pantry. How is that for painless giving!



Our Newest Knight: Fr. Kris

Keep Informed of Council Activities, Read the Knights Corner in the Voice Every Sunday

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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. 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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