

DECEMBER 4, 2016

Second Sunday of ADVENT

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, December 8th

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
which is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass times are:
9:15 AM and 7:00 PM

December 10th and 11th

Gift Giving Weekend

All gifts purchased for our Gift Giving Program
are due back this weekend.

Monday, December 19th at 7:00 PM

Advent Reconciliation Service
with individual confession and absolution

Sunday, December 18th at 6:00 PM

Taize Prayer Service

Join us for a service of music, prayer and quiet reflection. This hour is
exactly what we need to slow down and remember what is truly
important during this holy season of Advent.

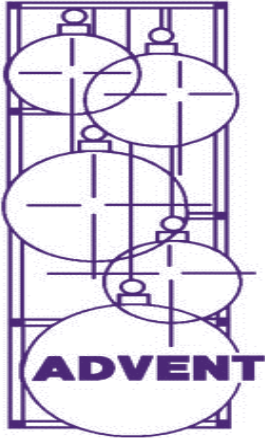


ALL ARE WELCOME

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

DECEMBER 5 - DECEMBER 9



Monday 9:15 AM
Marino Dall'Olmo
 Requested by Graziano Canini

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Donarman Families
 Requested by C. Kemp

Wednesday
NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Marino Dall'Olmo
 Requested by Graziano Canini

Friday 9:15 AM
Roy Mauzay
 Requested by Sally Bolda

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: IS 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26
TUESDAY: IS 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14
WEDNESDAY: IS 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30
THURSDAY: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/EPH 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
FRIDAY: IS 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19
SATURDAY: SIR 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9A, 10-13
NEXT SUNDAY: IS 35:1-6A, 10/Ps 146/JAS 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

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

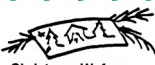
DECORATE
 the Church

Christmas Decorating Schedule

Many hands are needed. Please consider coming to help decorate the church on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 21 –
 starting at 1 PM
Thursday, December 22 –
 starting at 1 PM
Friday, December 23 –
 starting at 2 PM

No RSVP is needed, but consider helping out when you can. Thank you!!

 Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are available in the Parish Office during our regular office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. If you would like an Oplatki and are unable to come during office hours, please call 248-477-7470 and other arrangements can be made. A freewill donation would be appreciated!

DECEMBER 11, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 PM December 10 Fr. Kris		
For Mary & Julian Stachowski Requested by Delphine Midura	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00B
8:30 AM December 11 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Mario Rossi Requested by Flora Rossi	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani 8:30A
10:15 AM December 11 Fr. Kris		
For Reta Durant Requested by Best Friends Ever	Servers	Ashley Grabinski Luke Horsburgh
	Lector/ Ushers	Rick Stone 10:15B
12:00 Noon December 11 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Fernando Guerra Angie Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Chris Greig 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

December 10 and December 11 Team C December 17 and December 18 Team D



REMEMBER
in your prayers

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| Wanda Reiner | Beth Croitori |
| Tony Wadrick | Bill Walker |
| Robin Kafcas | Carol Reinke |
| Dick Campbell | Erin Malloy-Tingle |
| Charles Minear | Andy Mosher |
| 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 |
| Laurie Aldrich | Margaret Joyal |
| Mary Ann Alcalá | Joan Preston |
| Andy Vermiglio | Gerry Makowski |
| Joan Goniea | Sue Kowzan |
| Bill Borchert | Gabbie Frey |
| Nadeen Ouelette | Megan Schroeder |
| Sue Kowzan | |

Children of the parish in grades Preschool-6 are invited to participate in the St. Gerald Gospel Enactment of the Christmas Story at the 6:00 Christmas Eve Mass



HAT AND MITTEN DONATIONS

Please bring a pair of mittens, gloves, hat, scarf or socks to help us decorate the tree in the church gathering space.

THANK YOU ST. GERALD PARISHIONERS!

St. Gerald St. Vincent DePaul Conference thanks you for your generosity. Our special collection the weekend of November 4th raised \$9,836.00. You are an exceptionally kind and generous parish. Your contributions will help us continue to be the "hands and feet of Jesus." Your generosity shows the love you have for the poor and needy. Thank you again on behalf of all those your generosity enables us to help. In His love and peace, Your St. Gerald Vincentians

HELP PROVIDE A HOLIDAY FOOD BASKET FOR OUR CHRISTMAS FAMILIES



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|------------------|-------------------|
| Oatmeal | Cereal |
| Cans of Frosting | Mac & Cheese |
| Pancakes & Syrup | Canned Vegetables |
| Canned Fruit | |



There will be one rehearsal on Saturday, December 17th at 11:00 AM in the church. Please contact Mary Taylor by December 8th to sign up at 248 476-7677, ext. 201 or taylor.mary04@yahoo.com.

**ST. GERALD PARISH
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
2016-2017**

The Advent/Christmas Mass Schedule

Daily Mass—M, T, F-9:15 AM; Th-7:00 PM & First Saturday-9:15 AM;

Weekend Mass—Dec. 10-11, 17-18

Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday, 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception—
(Holy Day of Obligation)**

Thursday, December 8 - 9:15 AM & 7:00 PM Masses

Christmas Eve—Saturday, Dec. 24

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM Children's Mass, 10:00 PM Choir Mass & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day—Sunday, Dec. 25

8:30 AM Mass, 10:15 AM & 12 Noon Masses

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31
5:00 PM Mass

**New Year's Day, Feast of Mary,
Holy Mother of God**

Sunday, January 1 - 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM & 12 Noon Masses

First Friday observance-adoration,

Friday, Dec. Jan. 6

Adoration begins after the 9:15 AM Mass and ends at 9:00 AM Saturday with benediction followed by 9:15 AM Mass of Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday Mass

Saturday, Jan 7—9:15 AM

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, Jan 7 - 5:00 PM,

Sunday, Jan 8 - 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon

The Advent Reconciliation/Confession Schedule

Regular Reconciliation/Confession every Saturday at 3:30 PM

(No Confession Dec. 24)

Monday, Dec. 19 -

Parish Reconciliation Service —7:00 PM

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOULS OF**

JOSEFINA ALAFRIZ

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NOVEMBER 16, 1919
NOVEMBER 25, 2016

AND

JOSEPHINE BEALS

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OCTOBER 29, 1931
NOVEMBER 25, 2016



**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO JOSEFINA AND JOSEPHINE
O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON THEM**

Special thank you to all who helped and to everyone who made donations to our Thanksgiving Food Program. We couldn't have done it without you!



Thanksgiving Food Baskets



70 Thanksgiving Food Baskets were distributed to those in our community on November 22nd.



FATHER FESTUS AND HIS NIGERIAN MISSION

Father Festus is now at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Washington, MI but wants all his past St. Gerald Parishioners and friends to know that his Nigerian Mission continues. He established a non-profit corporation in 2014, CORE Nigeria, to support his Mission and is again planning to spend four weeks this January meeting the needs of the poor in his Nigerian community. He will be hosting his annual multi-day medical mission that provides no-cost doctor, nursing, medicine and equipment to anyone who presents themselves in need of care. He will maintain his food pantry and, if he has sufficient financial resources, he hopes to address educational needs and “rescue” imprisoned people who are unable to pay their medical bills. In essence, Father Festus still has an aggressive plan to continue doing God’s work in Nigeria!

The St. Gerald Community has been extraordinarily supportive of Father Festus’ Mission. We are aware of the many demands on your income but respectfully request you to prayerfully consider contributing again to Father’s Mission. CORE Nigeria envelopes are in the greeting area of the Church and can be mailed, given to Mary Hoots or placed in a regular Mass offertory collection. Your donation will be recognized by an appropriate charitable contribution receipt. Whether you can contribute or not, your prayers and support are always appreciated and you will remain in Father’s prayers.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "That's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime. Envelopes are located at the ends of the pews. Thank you!



It was nice meeting many of you at our first meeting and at the ladies dinner out. We talked about many things and came up with many ideas. We have decided that this group will be for women of all ages—from young adults through Seniors. We will vary the days of our meetings, events, and activities so that more people can attend so be sure to check the bulletin each week for updates.

We had ladies night out, which was open to all women in the parish on Wednesday, November 30th at Border Cantina in Novi. We worked on a mission statement for our group and talked about an official name.

PLEASE
join us

MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, December 9th

ALL ages welcome.

7:00 PM SHOWTIME! Come at 6:30 for good seats and treats :) Share the invitation and bring a friend.

Movie will be audience choice of 3 genre options.

RSVP to

timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com or
luscrifamily@hotmail.com



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



ST. GERALD CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS 2016

This Christmas Season the church will once again be decorated with memorial poinsettias in gold metallic pot covers.



Parishioners have the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away through donations toward the purchase of these poinsettias and other festive greenery.

Suggested donation this year is \$10.00 per name.

Just fill out this form! Place your form and donation in an envelope marked “Poinsettias” and drop it in the collection basket at weekend Masses or bring it to the Parish Office. If you have more than one name, then just make your list and submit that with your name and phone number. Thank you. A list of the donors and memorial names will appear in the bulletin for our New Year’s Edition.

(DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 19)

In Memory of: _____
(Please legibly print name of deceased)

Remembered by: _____
(Your name)

Your phone number: () _____

The Pilgrimage to Poland

May, 2017

11-day guided trips to most breathtaking parts of POLAND
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Contact: Fr. Kris at 248-477-7470 ext. 203

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KNIGHTS CORNER

Officers Will Meet Tuesday, Will Hear Report From Charity Gambling Study Committee

Council Officers will meet Tuesday at 7 PM with a report from the Charity Gambling Study Committee, the most important item on the agenda. A committee of Thom Seabolt, Frank Gariepy and Bruce Berend was appointed by GK Fred Gerometta at the October membership meeting to look into the feasibility of the Council becoming involved in the State of Michigan sanctioned program.

The program allows a charity to unite with a gaming organization in sponsoring gaming such as poker in a tightly controlled environment. Seabolt, Gariepy and Berend spent a day with members of St. William of Waterford Council at a Westland poker site. They will report on that experience along with the results of discussions they have had with other Councils. It is expected that they also will make a report at the Dec. 20 general membership meeting.

Financial Secretary Bob Kuhr has been busy sending out notices that the 2017 dues are now due. For those members with an e-mail address registered with the Council, the notice was sent on-line, saving about \$41 in postage and stationery. Members without e-mail were sent notices via U.S. mail. If you didn't get your notice by now, give Bob a call at 248-888-9335.

The K of C has been awarded by the national St. Vincent de Paul Society with the 2016 Sam Carocci Humanitarian Disaster Relief Award. The award recognized the Knights for its commitment to the national "House in a Box" program, started by the Society in 2005. The program gives boxes of new household items to families affected by natural disasters, helping them make a fresh start. The Knights have been helping with the program since 2013.

PGK Bruce Roberts again will coordinate our Council's State Charity Raffle program. If you need additional tickets or need information on the prizes, talk to Bruce at 248-756-9257. Remember to put your membership number (found on your membership card) and our Council number (#13673) on the stub of every ticket you turn in. Our Council receives \$1 for every sold ticket and if a ticket you sell wins a big prize, you could be awarded as much as \$1,000.

Catch up on Archived Knights Corners at www.stgeraldparish.org/bulletins

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
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- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant.....x 212
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- St. Vincent de Paul x 220

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Music and Youth Ministry

- Mary Melonio x 222
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Maintenance

Tom Kruger

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. 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.