

THE VOICE

JANUARY 1, 2017

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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

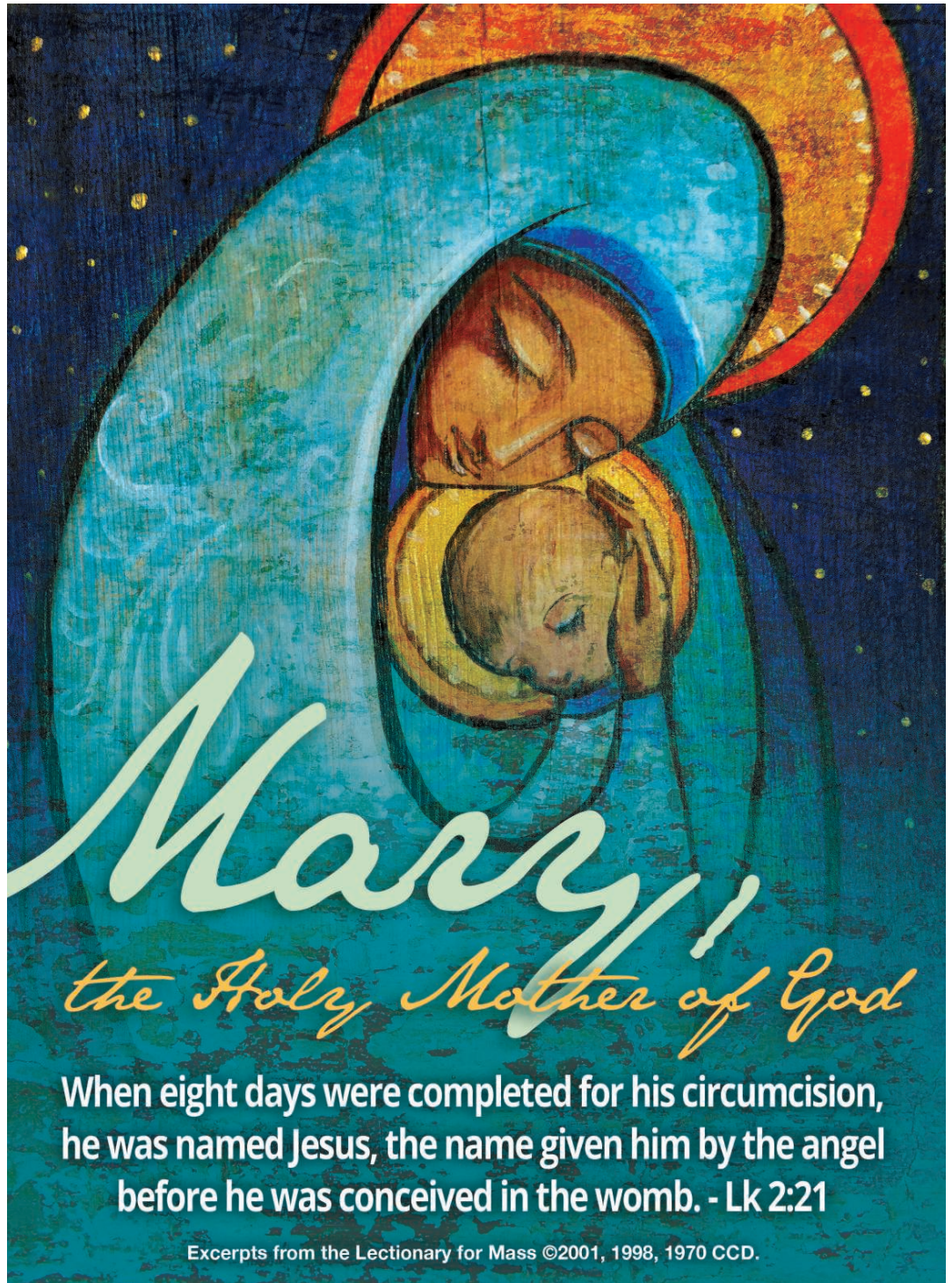
WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

RITE OF

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



The list of names of those remembered
by poinsettias is on pages 4 and 5.

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

JANUARY 2—JANUARY 7



Monday 9:15 AM
Elizabeth Weismiller
 Requested by Sally Bolda

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Lavo Cardozo
 Requested by Brenda Hayes

Wednesday
NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Dr. Fannie Delacruz
 Requested by Friends

Friday 9:15 AM
Mary Lou Petryk
 Requested by Julee Burger

Saturday 9:15 AM
Mary Ann Yates
 Requested by Bob Yates

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 JN 2:22-28/Ps 98/JN 1:19-28
TUESDAY: 1 JN 2:29--3:6/Ps 98/JN 1:29-34
WEDNESDAY: 1 JN 3:7-10/Ps 98/JN 1:35-42
THURSDAY: 1 JN 3:11-21/Ps 100/JN 1:43-51
FRIDAY: 1 JN 5:5-13/Ps 147/Mk 1:7-11 OR LK 3:23-28 OR 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
SATURDAY: 1 JN 5:14-21/Ps 149/JN 2:1-11
NEXT SUNDAY: IS 60:1-6/Ps 72/EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6/MT 2:1-12
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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))



Wanda Reiner
 Tony Wadrick
 Loretta Zahn
 Dick Campbell
 Charles Minear
 Rita Knight
 John MacDougall
 Josephine Meyers
 Corinne Wedge
 Wanda Johnson
 Ralph Wenski
 Laurie Aldrich
 Mary Ann Alcalá
 Andy Vermiglio
 Joan Goniea
 Bill Borchert
 Nadeen Ouelette

Beth Croitori
 Bill Walker
 Carol Reinke
 Erin Malloy-Tingle
 Andy Mosher
 Cyndy Fenech
 Emily Choike
 Dennis Hill
 Erin Malloy-Tingle
 Stephen Cleary
 Nancy Kolliker
 Margaret Joyal
 Joan Preston
 Gerry Makowski
 Sue Kowzan
 Gabbie Frey
 Megan Schroeder



Parish Offices will be closed from December 23 through January 2. If this is an emergency and you need to reach someone in the Parish Office, please leave a message at 248-477-7470, extension 212 and someone will return your call.

JANUARY 8, 2017
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 PM January 7

For Matthew Boyer Requested by Julie Marcy	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Tim Westfall Alice Sheehan 5:00B

8:30 AM January 8

For Teagan & Nowak Families Requested by Paul & Mary Nowak	Servers	John Smith Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin Paul Borchert 8:30C

10:15 AM January 8

For Gladys Kryszak Requested by McPhail Family	Servers	Ashley Grabinski Claire Pagnucco
	Lector/ Ushers	Sofia Mansoor Rob Gulick 10:15B

12:00 PM January 8

For Angelo Russo Requested by Family	Servers	Fernando Guerra Angie Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra Chris Greig 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

January 7 and January 8 Team C January 14 and January 15 Team B

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 and their name will be added to our prayers.

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

TIM'S TIDBITS

A *grand* 'Thank You' is due to all those who helped with the Christmas celebrations - the altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, greeters, choirs who made the celebrations prayerful and celebratory. And, especially, the people who came to help with the church environment. Direction was given and they took off with the ideas and made our Christmas beautiful. We hope everyone was delighted to see the décor for Christmas and the Christmas Liturgies were prayerful and meaningful for everyone. A lot of work and thought went into our celebrations.

Today is the Church's oldest celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also designated as the World Day of Prayer for Peace. There can be no better way to start the New Year than to honor our Blessed Mother and pray with her for peace in our world. As we pray together today at God's invitation, let us be mindful of how the Holy Mother of God cares for the Church and the world that her Son died to save.

Living the Paschal Mystery

Mary faced a great mystery she could not understand, reflected on God's will for her, and she was affirmed in her yes to become the mother of the Savior. We face many challenges during life, must ponder God's will for us, and be affirmed in our yes when we encounter the One who comes to save. The name Jesus (=savior) already points to a life of self-giving and suffering that Mary as Jesus' mother will experience. The surprise suggested by the first two readings is that we who our God's children (second reading) also participate in this experience of self-giving and suffering; this is how we receive blessing (first reading). The yes all of us must make to do God's will necessarily means that we cannot escape dying to ourselves. We are affirmed by this festival's readings, however, in that we are given the grace to place ourselves in God's hands and do God's will. Like both the shepherds and Mary, we seek healthy affirmation by returning over and over again to encounter the divine Son.

May we continue to live in the Season of Christmas!

DEEPENING YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST

You are invited to join a 10 week course called ALPHA, a time to deepen your relationship with Christ.

This is a unique, fun and rewarding course being offered at Holy Family Church in Novi. (Meadowbrook Rd and Ten Mile Rd)

ALPHA is a worldwide FREE course that begins with dinner, then a 20 minute Video and ends with sharing among your new friends. The course starts at 6:30 PM and always ends promptly at 8:30 PM.

Please consider attending ALPHA which is starting on January 5th with an introduction to the 10 week course. Holy Family Parish is extending an invitation to St Gerald Parish to fill a table of 10 people. You will be with your fellow parishioners which will lead you in a deeper relationship with Christ and one another.

This is a beautiful way to begin 2017. Please call Peggy O'Dea 248-872-6109 to register or for more information.

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING THANK YOU

We would like to extend a special thank you to all the wonderful people who came out on December 17th to help with the Christmas gift distribution. Special thanks goes out to Bob Kuhr, Kathy Gariepy, Linda, Karen Goheen, Laurel Hoetger, Janet Schultz, Lynne Schultz, Nancy Lacey, Sally Bolda, Susan Horsburgh, Scott Horsburgh, Chris Gariepy, Hunter Desjarlais, John McLoughlin and Norma Battel. We helped 35 families this Christmas and also donated some gifts to the jail ministry in Pontiac and the Franciscan ministry in Detroit to help the homeless. A blessed new year to you all!!

All Religious Formation classes will break for the Christmas Holiday beginning December 21st and will resume on Monday, January 9th.



THANKS St. Gerald parishioners from the K of C Knights for helping provide 39 sweat shirts as Christmas gifts for the youngsters at Holy Cross Children's Services, the successor to Boysville. Grand Knight Fred Gerometta (right) presented the gift-wrapped boxes to Jim Escott (left) a State K of C official, for delivery to the HCCS east side facility.



Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Dec. 18	\$ 10,054.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Dec. 18	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Dec. 18	\$239,652.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Dec. 18	\$220,000.00



Remembered with Poinsettias

<i>Remembering:</i>	<i>Remembered by:</i>	<i>Remembering:</i>	<i>Remembered by:</i>
Fr. Ronald Alder	Reynolds Family	Paul & Eileen Hamann	Reynolds Family
Edward Barann	Lee Barann & Family	John Hawkins	Norine Murphy
Charles Berend	Gloria & Bruce Berend	Donald Hicks	Sharon Hicks
Glyda Berend	Gloria & Bruce Berend	John Hoffman	Joan Hoffman
Bergin Family	James Bergin	Michael Hoots	Bob & Sherry Kuhr
Robert E. Blankenship	Bob & Diane Blankenship	Gerald Ignash	Barbara Ignash
Joseph Bongero	Agnes Bongero	Kaye Family	Joseph Pavco
Mary & Chester Borkowski	Joseph Pavco	Gus Kott	Caron Kott
Leo Henri & Despina Boudreau	Steve & Stephanie Conatser	John & Margaret Kramer	Reynolds Family
Mary Durkin Carr	Agnes Bongero	Carol Kronk	Mark Kronk & Family
Clyde Centers	Joanne Dixon	Bill & Richard Kuhr	Bob & Sherry Kuhr
Edna Centers	Joanne Dixon	Jean Legowicz	Caron Kott
Casimir Cholewa	Barbara Cholewa	Leona & Elias Lemanski	Barbara & Len Lemanski
Eileen Cholewa	Barbara Cholewa	Robert Lindenmuth	Wife and Children
Ann & Joe Coils	Joseph Pavco	Connor Maher	Norine Murphy
Charles & Betty Jo Conatser	Steve & Stephanie Conatser	Marciano & Zanotti Family	Peter & Armando Zanotti
Terry Connolly	Bob & Sherry Kuhr	Wilda McAskin	Bob & Diane Blankenship
Mary Connor	Dan & Sue Connor	James & Leona McGowan	Barb & Bob Kopf
Jeanne Crowe	Sharon Hicks	Lillian (Pat) McGowan	Bob & Family
Kate Crowe	Sharon Hicks	Agnes & Joseph Midura	Delphine Midura
Norbert Crowe	Sharon Hicks	Edward Midura	Delphine Midura
Felipe del Rosario, Jr.	Lyda & Francis del Rosario	Annie & August Mikkola	Art & Pam Mikkola
Felipe del Rosario, Jr.	Louay, Liza & Sofia Mansoor	David Murphy	Norine Murphy
Drumm Family	Barbara & Len Lemanski	Barbara & Albert Nizio	Barbara & Len Lemanski
Mary Friedman	Dan & Sue Connor	Edward Nowak	Paul & Mary Nowak
Carmel Galea	Stella Galea	Irene & Leonard Nowakowski	Rotenheber Family
Lee & Pat Garbarino	Art & Pam Mikkola	Helen Ouellette	Gloria & Bruce Berend
Evelyn Gates	Deb & Carmine Palombo	William Ouellette	Gloria & Bruce Berend
Reginald Gates	Deb & Carmine Palombo	Our Loved Ones	Carl & Christine Wiatr
Gero Family	Joseph Pavco	Anna Palombo	Palombo Family
Charles & Sunny Gomory	Joseph Pavco	Joann Pavco	Joseph Pavco



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Julia & Anthony Pavco	Joseph Pavco	Barbara Stone	Paul & Mary Nowak
June & John Pavlic	Celeste & Ed White	Hali Stone	Paul & Mary Nowak
Grandma Peltz	Gloria & Ron Bozak	Julia & Bud Stutzner	Joseph Pavco
Howard Petter	Diane, Dan and Suzanne	Bradley Teagan	Paul & Mary Nowak
Ernest & Cecelia Protzer	Joseph Pavco	Marion Teagan	Paul & Mary Nowak
Marc Proulx	Sharon Hicks	Tom Thompson	Bob & Sherry Kuhr
Grace L. Reed	Barb & Bob Kopf	Arnett Toran	Sara Toran
James & Lynn Reynolds	Reynolds Family	Alfredo Villarreal	John & Diana Parizon
Henry Rotenheber	Rotenheber Family	Edwardo Villarreal	John & Diana Parizon
Mary & Joseph Rytel	Joan Hoffman	Ernesto Villarreal	John & Diana Parizon
Nathan Ross Sherman	Kim & Jerry Weigold & Fam.	Roberto Villarreal	John & Diana Parizon
Flossie Shockley	Sara Toran	Christine Westfall	Timothy Westfall
Solak Family	Celeste & Ed White	Joseph Westfall	Timothy Westfall
Edward Sroka	Timothy Westfall	Sophie Westfall	Timothy Westfall
Eleanor Sroka	Timothy Westfall	William Westfall	Timothy Westfall
Mary & Julian Stachowski	Delphine Midura	Mark White	Celeste & Ed White
Connie Stafford	John & Diana Parizon	Helen & Buddy Winqest	Joseph Pavco
William Stafford	John & Diana Parizon	Charles & Margaret Zichy	Reynolds Family



ST. GERALD MOM AND WOMEN'S CLUB

The St. Gerald Mom and Women's Club is a group for women of all ages - from young adults through Seniors! We get together for fellowship, fun and more!

We will have an outing next week, Sunday, January 8th. We will start the day by going to 12 noon Mass, then we will meet for lunch in downtown Plymouth at the Box Bar, after that we will go to the ice carving show in Plymouth. Feel free to choose any or all of these options. You can show up to any of these events on your own, with a friend, with a spouse, or with the family. You will probably see some of us at the ice show any time between the hours of 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM. We hope to see you there. Dress warm.

Wishing you all a healthy, Happy New Year.
Be sure to check the Voice and the church website for upcoming activities.



KNIGHTS CORNER

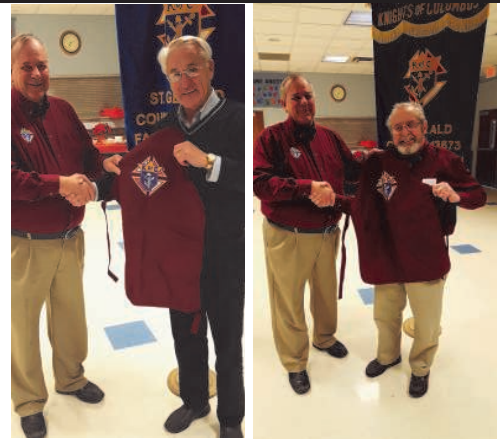
Happy New Year to All, Council Presented with Star Council Award for 2015-16 Activities

Best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year from Grand Knight Fred Gerometta and all the officers and to our hard working members and their families.

Last Tuesday’s membership meeting turned out to be Awards Night. The big award being the fifth Star Award in the Council’s eleven year history. Brother Darren Losey who was Grand Knight during 2015-16 accepted the award from District Deputy Jim Escott. Program Director Tom McPhail, Membership Director Shatomi Kerbawy and Losey also received Star Award lapel pins.

GK Fred Gerometta also did some awarding, presenting brothers Michael O’Dea and Thom Seabolt with their Council aprons. Members who attain the third degree of our order and who volunteer for five projects in three years are awarded a free apron.

Congratulations to brother Peter Becks who was recognized as December’s Knight of the year and to Nancy and Tom Lacey who were cited as December’s Family of the Month. Jerry and Kathy Smith were presented a certificate as November’s Family of the month.



Grand Knight Fred Gerometta presented both Mike O’Dea (left) and Thom Seabolt (right) with their Council aprons last Tuesday. Congratulations to both of them!

“Our prayer cannot be reduced to an hour on Sundays. It is important to have a daily relationship with the Lord.” *Pope Francis*

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

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Education

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- Mary Melonio x 222
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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.

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