

THE VOICE

JANUARY 8, 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

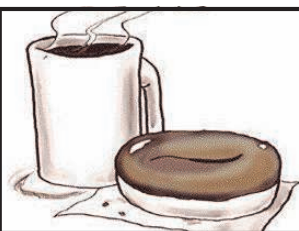
Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Join us for some coffee, donuts and conversation next Sunday, January 15th following all the Masses in the Parish Social Hall

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;
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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 9—JANUARY 13

Monday 9:15 AM

Terry Baillargeon

Requested by
 Geri and Frank Adams

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Fr. Festus Ejimadu

Requested by Jeannette Inamdar

Wednesday

NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Bob Koenig

Requested by Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Beatrice and Joseph Frendo

Requested by Yolanda Fenech



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY: IS 42:1-4, 6-7 OR ACTS 10:34-38/PS 29/
 Mt 3:13-17**

**TUESDAY: HEB 2:5-12/PS 8/MK 1:21-28 OR HEB 1:1-6
 AND 2:5-12/PS 8/MK 1:14-20 AND 1:21-28**

WEDNESDAY: HEB 2:14-18/PS 105/MK 1:29-39

THURSDAY: HEB 3:7-14/PS 95/MK 1:40-45

FRIDAY: HEB 4:1-5, 11/PS 78/MK 2:1-12

SATURDAY: HEB 4:12-16/PS 19/MK 2:13-17

**NEXT SUNDAY: IS 49:3, 5-6/PS 40/1 COR 1:1-3/
 JN 1:29-34**

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**JANUARY 15, 2017
 SECOND SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM January 14 Fr. Roodbeen

For
Lucille Strick
 Requested by
 Bob & Diane
 Blankenship

Servers

Isabelle Gerhart
 Eli Gerhart

Lector/
 Ushers

Diane Blankenship
 5:00B

8:30 AM January 15 Fr. Kris

For
Josephine Soave
 Requested by
 Family

Servers

Clarisa Russenberger

Lector/
 Ushers

David Wells
 8:30B

10:15 AM January 15 Fr. Kris

For
**Frank & Edna
 Cannizzaro**
 Requested by

Servers

Luke Horsburgh

Lector/
 Ushers

Mary Power
 10:15C

12:00 PM January 15 Fr. Kaiser

For
**All Our
 Parishioners**

Servers

Fernando Guerra
 Angie Guerra

Lectors/
 Ushers

Sue Wardle
 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

January 14 and January 15

Team B

January 21 and January 22

Team D

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Dec. 25	\$ 5,783.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Dec. 25	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Dec. 25	\$241,159.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Dec. 25	\$228,000.00

Christmas Collection 2016

Actual Christmas Collection	- \$32,505.00
Budget Christmas Collection	- \$30,000.00

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EPIPHANY



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TIM'S TIDBITS

Living the Paschal Mystery

Just as Christ's birth sharpened the contrast between light and darkness, so will our faithful discipleship magnify this contrast, too. The disturbing message of this gospel is that we cannot follow Christ and expect that we won't experience troubling challenges. There is a price to pay for being the light. There is a price to pay for living this story.

Each fresh look at the Christmas story reminds us that all Christian living is paschal mystery living; that is, the rising (the Light) happens only when dying to self (darkness) is embraced. It ought not to surprise us, then, how much darkness accompanies these beautiful Christmas season gospels; nor should it surprise us that there is a cost in our own lives for living the gospel. We continue to choose self-giving, nevertheless, because God's star always guides us and fills us with joy as we surrender to God's will and follow the Light that has come into our midst. (Living Liturgy, 2017)

About Liturgy

East and light as symbol: We all know that the sun rises in the east, but probably most of us don't realize what a strong symbol this has always been, both in Christian theology and architecture.

Resurrection: All four gospels mention that it was early in the morning on the first day of the week that they found the tomb empty. Hence, the sun rising in the east is a natural symbol for resurrection. Morning Prayer, ideally celebrated early in the morning, is a resurrection prayer and has motifs of light and glory as well as praise.

Second Coming: From earliest times Christians look east for Christ's Second Coming, the source of light and a new dawning day. Some cemeteries will bury the dead facing east.

Church axis: Early church buildings were always constructed on an east-west axis; the altar was situated at one end so the assembly, standing facing the altar, faced east. A parallel symbolism of this axis is that as they left the building they left facing west – a symbol for darkness, sin and evil. This was a constant reminder that the light showered upon them at liturgy was to be taken into a world darkened with sin, that they were to be the light dispelling that darkness.

Posture: In the early church it was customary to turn eastward for prayer. During baptisms the elect would face westward to renounce Satan and then turn eastward to recite the Creed. (Epiphany, Living Liturgy, 2017)



This Christmas we have three beautiful nativity scenes at St. Gerald.



**Reminder:
All Religious
Formation
Classes will
resume on the
week of
January 9th**

2016 St. Gerald Contribution Statement

If you need a copy of your 2016 Contribution Statement, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. With a prior request, statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!



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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.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER AND THE MOVEABLE FEASTS
(for the year 2017)**

Know, dear brothers and sisters,
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.

On the **first** day of **March** will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.
On the **sixteenth** day of **April** you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

[In those places where the Ascension is observed on Thursday:

On the **twenty-fifth** day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.]

[In those places where the Ascension is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter:

On the **twenty-eighth** day of **May** will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.]


On the **fourth** day of **June**, the feast of Pentecost.

On the **eighteenth** day of **June** the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the **third** day of **December**, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.


Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.



MORE MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

Remembering: Granata Family
Annamaria & Alan Yarrow
Mom & Dad Purchiaroni

Remembered By: Norma & Robert Bazzett



**We welcome to the
Body of Christ**

*Ann Marie Egbers
and
Everett Kyle Egbers*

*baptized Monday,
December 26, 2016
by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak*

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 this weekend, Sunday, January 8th. Join us after the 12 Noon Mass, 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 join us. You can show up to either 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.

From Our Archdiocese

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today, on this celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord, a common theme emerges in the Scripture passages from Isaiah, St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, and St. Matthew's Gospel. Jesus, our Lord and Savior, through the Church, welcomes all people to the faith — not just a few chosen ones. In a spirit of evangelization and hospitality, do we invite and welcome any and all who seek faith in Christ's truth? Do we ourselves discover this truth through Eucharistic worship, evangelization, RCIA, and faith formation programs, including Bible studies, to learn of God's abundant gifts?

RCIA

The archdiocesan Worship Office is offering nine RCIA topics on four Saturdays, January 14, 21, 28 and February 4 at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

RCIA, which stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is the program that brings new members into the Church. The Worship Office uses CSA funds to develop certification programs for RCIA ministers and formation for RCIA teams, as well as for RCIA consultation to parishes.

Because of CSA gifts, topics are only \$5 each and will include an overview of the RCIA, the pre-catechumenate and catechumenate, presiding at minor rites, purification and enlightenment, and Canon Law for RCIA teams.

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




ENCORE REMARRIAGE WORKSHOPS

Considering getting married again? Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) can help you and your future spouse welcome Christ into your union, improve your communication skills, and position your relationship to grow stronger over time! Adhering to Church teachings and led by Dr. Janusz Wrobel, a skilled CCSEM therapist, Encore remarriage workshops focus on replacing communication styles from the previous relationship with new ones based on trust and friendship. Couples bringing children into their new union will benefit from additional content on talking with children about the pending marriage and issues that can arise in a blended family. The next Encore workshop is Saturday, January 28, 2017. All sessions are at CCSEM in Royal Oak at 1424 East 11 Mile Road. To learn more and register, call 248-548-4044 ext. 3100 or email: youngbloodb@ccsem.org

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

Interested in helping a child improve their academic and learning skills? Are you available twice a week between 3:00 and 5:00 pm? Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) needs volunteers to work with children from Hispanic families in the first through fifth grades at schools in Pontiac. You don't need a background in Spanish! The students speak English and need help with their homework and other academic activities. This is a good fit for high school and college students as well as retirees or others who have afternoons free. Volunteer tutors team up with onsite CCSEM staff for support and coordination. Learn more by calling Aidee Benavides at 248-338-4250 ext. 3719 or e-mail: benavidesm@ccsem.org

A LOOK INTO THE WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>9</p> <p>9:15 AM Mass</p> <p>5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation</p>  <p>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:15 AM Mass</p> <p>9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</p> <p>5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation</p> <p>7:00 PM Parish Leaders' Meeting</p>	<p>11</p> <p>NO MASS</p> <p>7:00 PM RCIA</p> <p>7:30 PM Adult Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>7:00 PM Mass</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:15 AM Mass</p> <p>7:30 PM Holy Hour</p> <p>8:00 PM AA Meeting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>3:30 PM Confessions</p> <p>5:00 PM Mass</p>	<p>15</p> <p>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Sunday Fellowship</p> <p>Blood Pressure Screenings after all Masses</p> <p>8:30 AM Mass</p> <p>10:15 AM Mass</p> <p>10:15 AM Sunday School</p> <p>12:00 PM Mass</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Classes</p>

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