

THE VOICE

FEBRUARY 12, 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.
and 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.



6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all. Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’*” —Mt 5:33-34a, 37

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PANCAKE SUPPER
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Volunteers and donations of baked items such as cookies, brownies, etc., are needed. If you can help or would like to donate a baked item, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



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
 FEBRUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 17**



Monday 9:15 AM
Special Intention
 Requested by Friend

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Aline Merlihan
 Requested by Family

Wednesday
NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Enrico and Ida Canini
 Requested by Graziano Canini

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: GN 4:1-15, 25/PS 50:1, 8, 16BC-17, 20-21/MK 8:11-13
TUESDAY: GN 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/PS 29:1A, 2, 3AC-4, 3B, 9C-10/
 MK 8:14-21
WEDNESDAY: GN 8:6-13, 20-22/PS 116:12-15, 18-19/MK 8:22-26
THURSDAY: GN 9:1-13/PS 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/MK 8:27-33
FRIDAY: GN 11:1-9/PS 33:10-15/MK 8:34--9:1
SATURDAY: HEB 11:1-7/PS 145:2-5, 10-11/MK 9:2-13
NEXT SUNDAY: LV 19:1-2, 17-18/PS 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/1 COR
 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of January 30 . . . \$ 8,086.00
 Budget Offertory for Weekend of January 30 . . . \$ 8,800.00
 Actual Offertory July 1 - Jan. 30 \$289,840.00
 Budget Offertory July 1 - Jan. 30 \$272,800.00

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

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.

**FEBRUARY 19, 2017
 SEVENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM February 18 Fr. Kris		
For Ann and John Niwa Requested by Lorraine Boore	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Sue Wardle 5:00A
8:30 AM February 19 Fr. Kris		
For Virginia Foti Requested by Steve & Rosalie Rudzki	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30A
10:15 AM February 19 Fr. Kris		
For Dorothy Baillargeon Requested by Richard & Pauline	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone 10:15B
12:00 PM February 19 Fr. Roodbeen		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

February 18 and February 19 Team D February 25 and February 26 Team A

Please join us for a group discussion on

Resisting Happiness

By: Matthew Kelly

Starting:

Tuesday, February 28th at 10:30 AM
 in Classroom 2

Please call Mary Taylor at 248-477-7470, ext. 201 or email: taylor.mary04@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending.



Reminder: Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, February 14 at 7 PM

TIM'S TIDBITS

February is Catholic Press Month. It's been named such for a number of years now. The president of the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada, Greg Erlandson, wrote this, "It is critical that Catholics not only have access to sound news coverage and commentary, but that they hear directly from their leaders on the issues of the day and have the resources to see their world through the eyes of faith. Only the Catholic press gives Catholic leaders a voice with which to be heard by their people — unmuted, uncensored and independent of the preconceptions and prejudices of too many secular media outlets."

What Catholic Press do you subscribe to? For a few years now, I like to subscribe to another Diocesan newspaper. I used to subscribe to the *Catholic New World*, from the Archdiocese of Chicago. It has a new name now, *Chicago Catholic*. Now, I subscribe to, *The Pilot*, from the Archdiocese of Boston. I also read, *The Michigan Catholic*, of course. Many diocesan papers are online as well. Several other Catholic magazines and newspaper include *America*, *the Jesuit Review*, *Commonweal*, *US Catholic* and the *National Catholic Reporter*. On a daily basis, I try to read all of these or their articles online. It's important to keep abreast of our Catholic leaders and our Holy Father. And in light of recent events, reading the wonderful teachings and speeches by our beloved Holy Father is important.

An important TV station is, *Catholic TV*. They are out of the Archdiocese of Boston and have partnered locally with our Catholic Television Network of Detroit (CTND). Catholic TV is America's Catholic Television Network. Their mission statement reads as follows: "Catholic TV is a beacon of Hope and a unique Herald of the simple, yet profound Message of Jesus Christ, Who is made truly present among us in the Breaking of the Bread. Utilizing powerful technology, we strive to connect People of Faith. Through relevant, inspiring and prayerful programming we educate, teaching the Wisdom of God in the Catholic Tradition, endeavoring to move people of all ages, cultures and attitudes toward the Fullness of Life."

Have you seen the new movie, *Silence*? It's about the early Jesuit mission to Japan. It's well done. I saw it the first weekend it came out in Michigan. A brief synopsis from the website states: "Martin Scorsese's SILENCE tells the story of two Christian missionaries (Andrew Garfield and Adam Driver) who face the ultimate test of faith when they travel to Japan in search of their missing mentor (Liam Neeson) — at a time when Christianity was outlawed and their presence forbidden. The celebrated director's 28-year journey to bring Shusaku Endo's 1966 acclaimed novel to life will be in theaters this Christmas." The star, Andrew Garfield, prepared for his role by making the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius with Fr. James Martin, SJ. It is a long movie, but worth seeing.

By the way, there is a Detroit connection to this movie. One of the movie's executive producers is Matthew Malek. He attended the University of Detroit Jesuit High School and was a student at Sacred Heart Major Seminary for awhile. His story in the *Detroit Free Press* quotes, "When Matthew Malek was a young Detroit seminary student flying to Rome in the early 2000s to attend pontifical college, he took a book to read on the plane that was recommended by his rector, who is now Detroit's Archbishop Allen Vigneron. "I told Archbishop Vigneron I wanted to read every important Catholic novel of the 20th Century, and this was the one I hadn't read," says the metro Detroit native. The book was "Silence," a 1966 novel by Shusaku Endo."

May God be with you!



GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!!

The Health Ministry has scheduled a **Blood Drive** for **Sunday, February 19, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** The Blood Drive appointment sheet is in the Social Hall at the Health Ministry table. Please sign up, or call Barbara Seabolt at 248-477-4752, or go online to www.redcrossblood.org using the sponsor code **stgeraldch.**



Thank you for your support on saving many lives by giving blood and your time



Food Pantry Donations Needed

- Peanut Butter
- Jam/Jelly
- Canned Fruit and Soup
- Tuna Helper
- Tuna Fish
- Mac and Cheese
- Juice
- Cereal
- Sugar Free Syrup

Feast of St. Blaise Blessing of Throats February 3rd



- 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 Gonica
- Bill Borchert
- Nadeen Ouelette
- John Dillon
- Nell Sagripanti
- James Cooper

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



Events happening in and around our community

LENT/SPRING SCRIPTURE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study of the Gospel of John study using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide.

Location: **St. Gerald's Church hall**
Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Dates: **March 8 – May 3, 2017**

NOTE: No class on March 15, 2017 and April 12, 2017



All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides. Study guides will be available for \$10. No need to register.

Note – study will not meet if the Farmington Schools are closed due to weather.

Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com) or Sharon Weberlein (shrweber@aol.com) if you have questions or call 248-477-7470.

RIGHT TO LIFE-LIFESPAN DROP OFF BABY SHOWER



St. Gerald, in cooperation with Right to Life -Lifespan, will be accepting donations of new and gently used baby items, clothes, furniture and maternity clothes on the weekend of March 11 and 12. Your donations may be placed in the playpen located in the social hall that weekend. Monetary donations will also be appreciated.

Carnival Dance Party

**Saturday, February 25, 2017
6:15 PM**

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The India Catholic Association opens up its Spring Festival to the parishioners of St. Gerald

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2017 Weekend Dates:

March 24-26	Holiday Inn Express, Troy
April 28-30	Holiday Inn Express, Troy
June 23-25*	St. Joseph, Lake Orion
September 22-24*	Sts. Cyril & Methodius, Sterling Heights
November 3-5	Holiday Inn Express, Troy

***In Parish Weekend - Couples go home at night. All other weekends are at hotels.**



For information and registration:

Call 888-322-9963
encounterdetroit.org

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!

CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR

Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek
Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Tour leaves St. Gerald Parish at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM



For information and to sign up please call:

Richard Smith at 248-747-6817; Bruce Roberts at 248-756-9257; or Richard Rosowski at 248-477-2511.

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**WE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
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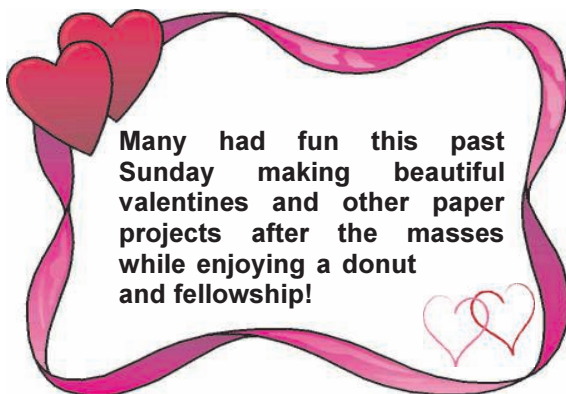
**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
MARGARET O LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER**



On Fellowship Sunday, February 5th, we had a wonderful time making crafts for Moms, Dads, Grandparents, and all the children. We enjoyed Christian fellowship, making new friends and having paper airplane races. Some of the wonderful Valentines made by the children and their families are displayed on the walls in the St. Gerald Mom's corner in the social hall. Please stop by and see their Valentines this week!

Many thanks to our founding mothers: Vivica Garcia, Milbia Rometty (with her daughter Julianna) and Cindy Kovack for their generous donations of decorations, supplies, treats, and their time of set up and clean up. God, Bless you Ladies and what an incredible blessing you are to our parish! Our next meeting is Sunday, March 19th after the 12 PM mass. Hope to see you then! Watch for news on our Easter craft day coming soon!

The purpose of St. Gerald Mom's Corner is to provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their Christian faith to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as service projects, parties, speakers, outings and discussion – moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. The meetings will take place the 3rd Sunday of the month after 12:00 mass in one of the classrooms.



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