

THE VOICE

APRIL 2, 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

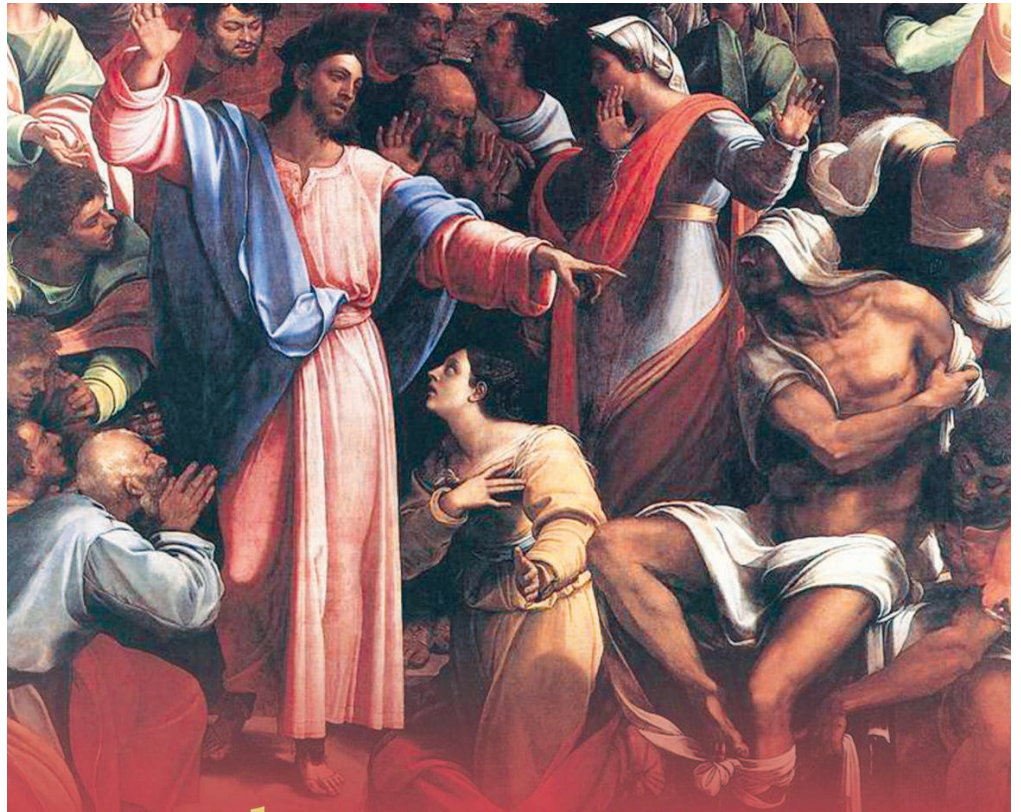
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." —Jn 11:25

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ON PAGE 3 OF THE BULLETIN

**Good Friday ~ Living Stations of the Cross ~
Friday, April 14th at 12:30 PM**

Reflection and prayer of Christ's powerful journey and crucifixion presented by our parish teens.
Good Friday Liturgy begins at 1:15 PM

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

APRIL 3 - APRIL 7

Monday 9:15 AM

Julius D'sa

Requested by Jean D'sa

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Edward Olschansky

Requested by Mary Lou Olschansky

Wednesday

No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Fr. Albert Kolch (Anniv.)

Requested by Parish

Friday 9:15 AM

Victoria Toomer

Requested by Brenda Hayes



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 OR 13:41C-62/
PS 23:1-6/JN 8:1-11

TUESDAY: NM 21:4-9/PS 102:2-3, 16-21/JN 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY: DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/DN 3:52-56/JN 8:31-42

THURSDAY: GN 17:3-9/PS 105:4-9/JN 8:51-59

FRIDAY: JER 20:10-13/PS 18:2-7/JN 10:31-42

SATURDAY: EZ 37:21-28/JR 31:10-12ABCD, 13/JN 11:45-56

NEXT SUNDAY: MT 21:1-11/IS 50:4-7/PS 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/
PHIL 2:6-11/MT 26:14--27:66 OR 27:11-54

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



First Friday, April 7th
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
following the 9:15 AM Mass.
Scheduled Adorers Needed.
Sign-up sheets in Gathering Space.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of March 19 . . .	\$ 8,424.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of March 19 . .	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - March 19	\$355,768.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - March 19	\$325,600.00

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

APRIL 9, 2017
PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD

5:00 PM April 8 Fr. Seweryn

For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship Tim Westfall 5:00B

8:30 AM April 9 Fr. Roodbeen

For Walter Winiarski Requested by Victor Winiarski	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin Ray Pisani 8:30A

10:15 AM April 9 Fr. Kris

For Giovanni Rotondo Requested by Josephine Rotondo	Servers	Ashley Grabinski
	Lector/ Ushers	Rob Gulick Sofia Mansour 10:15C

12:00 PM April 9 Fr. Kris

For James Acho Requested by Stella Grima	Servers	Angela Guerra Fernando Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski Mary Power 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

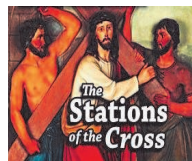
April 8 and April 9

Team C

April 15 and April 16

Team A

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, April 2nd following the 8:30 AM Mass



Friday evenings during Lent
at 7 PM



St. Gerald Parish
Communal Penance
Service
with the opportunity
for individual confession
and absolution
Monday, April 10 at
7:00 PM

TIM'S TIDBITS

We begin the Fifth Week of Lent. Our second reading today, invites us to live in Christ. We must live in the spirit of Christ. It is by believing and through baptism that we receive this Spirit who dwells within us and gives us new Life.

Next week is Palm Sunday our Liturgies that weekend will tend to be a bit longer, as we have the blessing of palm branches and processions.



At the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, we wash the feet of volunteers from our parish community. If anyone would like to have their feet washed at the evening Mass, please let me know.

On Good Friday, we will have stations that the Confirmation students will enact at 12:30 PM. At 1:15 PM the Good Friday Service will begin. This is a service with three parts; the Liturgy of the Word, the Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. We will venerate one cross, like we did last year, the cross that is draped in the gathering space. Around 5:00 PM, you are welcome to come and help decorate the church for Easter.

On Holy Saturday morning, we have the egg hunt, butter lamb and basket blessings. In the evening at 8:30 PM is the Great Easter Vigil. If you have never been to the Easter Vigil, I hope you would consider coming. This year, we will have one adult confirmation. It is a beautiful Liturgy and the high point of the Church Year. Have a prayerful week.



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 the office at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and their name will be added to our prayers.



Parish Council and Commission Meeting night was changed for the month of April. The Council and Commissions will meet this **Tuesday, April 4th** beginning at 7:00 PM in the Parish Social Hall.



Holy Week Schedule

April 8 and 9 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Masses: Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon

April 13 – Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
Night Watch at the Garden of Repose from 8:30 PM until Night Prayer at 10:30 PM

April 14 – Good Friday

Living Stations of the Cross at 12:30 PM
Good Friday Liturgy at 1:15 PM
Private Veneration of the Cross from 3:00–5:00 PM

April 15 – Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Baskets and Easter foods at 12:00 PM
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 PM
with simple reception following

NO 3:30 PM CONFESSIONS OR 5 PM MASS

April 16 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon



Wanda Reiner
Tony Wadrick
Loretta Zahn
Dick Campbell
Charles Minear
Rita Knight
John MacDougall
Josephine Meyers
Megan Schroeder
Wanda Johnson
Ralph Wenski
Laurie Aldrich
Mary Ann Alcalá
Andy Vermiglio
Joan Goniea
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Stephen Cleary
Nancy Kolliker
Margaret Joyal
Joan Preston
Gerry Makowski
Sue Kowzan
Rick Stone
Betty Hunter
James Cooper
Renèe Skoczylas

UPCOMING EVENTS



FRUIT OF THE VINE: WINE TASTING & EXCHANGE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 20th 7:00 PM

Proceeds to benefit our Religious Education Program
Suggested donation of \$10 per person
RSVP to Gerryanna Luscri for details at
luscrifamily@hotmail.com



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PANDAMANIA

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June 19th to 23rd.

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5 years old to 5th Grade.

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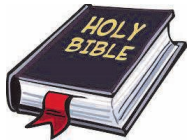
6th Grade to Adult.

Please contact Mary Taylor.



LENT/SPRING SCRIPTURE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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



Location: **St. Gerald's Social Hall**
Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Dates: **Now – May 3, 2017**

NOTE: No class on 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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey, let us remember in prayer that all humanity has been made in the image of God. Through our actions we must express that each person is precious and that their lives and welfare of all people are priorities. Please take home a Calendar and Rice Bowl for your family and follow the suggested activities during Lent. These supplies are available in the entrance of the church and are to be returned to the Christian Service office on the week of April 17th. Thank you!

Monday, April 3

Spring Break—No Formation Classes

8:40 AM Rosary

9:15 AM Mass

10:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 PM Evangelization Meeting

Tuesday, April 4

Spring Break—No Formation Classes

8:40 AM Rosary

9:15 AM Mass

10:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet

10:30 AM “*Resisting Happiness*” book discussion

2:00 PM Nursing Home Mass

7:00 PM K of C Officers’ Meeting

7:00 PM Parish Leaders’ Meeting

Wednesday, April 5

7:00 PM RCIA

7:00 PM Vicariate Bible Study

7:30 Adult Choir

Thursday, April 6

10:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

6:20 PM Rosary

7:00 PM Mass

8:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

Friday, April 7

First Friday - Eucharistic Adoration

8:40 AM Rosary

9:15 AM Mass

10:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

8:00 PM AA Meeting



Saturday, April 8

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, April 9

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Sunday Fellowship

8:30 AM Mass

10:15 AM Mass

10:15 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word

12:00 PM Mass

6:30 PM Confirmation Class



Come help decorate the Church for Easter!
Starting around 5 PM on Friday, April 14.
The more people that come to help, the less time it will take.

ST. GERALD EASTER MEMORIAL LILIES

This Easter Season the church will once again be decorated with memorial lilies. Parishioners have the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away through donations toward the purchase of these Easter Lilies and other Easter flowers. Suggested donation this year remains \$10.00 per name.

Just fill out the form below! Place your form and donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Donation" and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office.

A list of the donors and memorial names will appear in the bulletin for our Easter Sunday Edition.

IN MEMORY OF:

(Please legibly print name of deceased)

REMEMBERED BY:

(Your name)

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: () _____

(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)

Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church

**Please note: Must be received by
 Parish Office by Monday, April 3rd to be
 included in Easter Bulletin**



St. Gerald Mom's Corner



The Lenten season is upon us! The SGMC is sponsoring a Prayer Box Craft Day this weekend on Sunday, April 2nd after the 10:15 and 12:00 Masses! All are welcome! The children will be making Prayer Boxes to share with their families, as they learn about prayer, sacrifice, and giving, during the Lenten season. So, bring the family and get to know other young families and make new friends in your parish!



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.

GARDEN NEWS

Your Church Home Needs YOU!

Winter is waning . . . The crocus, tulips and daffodils have broken ground, welcoming Spring. Last year the St. Gerald Garden committee was developed, initiating Spring and Fall grounds clean-up. With the help of all our volunteers, the grounds were beautified! The committee divided the grounds into regions and volunteer region managers tackled the maintenance, planting and weeding over the summer and fall. Congregation comments and compliments acknowledged their efforts!



**SPRING CLEAN-UP SET FOR
 Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

We need MANY volunteers! Renew friendships, meet new members and work off those winter pounds! The box for brown yard waste bag donations will again be in the social hall . . . we use many!

In addition, a few new region managers are needed! Watch the VOICE for further information. To volunteer or for questions, call: John McLoughlin (248-477-2477); Nancy Lacey (248-943-6272); Gerryanna Luscri (734-341-1999); or Johanna Ward (248-478-2849).



WE PRAY FOR THE
 REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
 JOANNE M. DIXON

+
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 MARCH 21, 2017

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 JOANNE O LORD, AND MAY
 PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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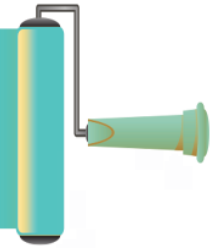
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