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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.



**4th SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PANDAMANIA

JUNE 19TH TO JUNE 23RD

REGISTRATION FORM ON PAGE 4 OF THE BULLETIN

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

MAY 8 - MAY 12

Monday 9:15 AM

John Hans

Requested by Gretchen Guisbert

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Joachim and Gladys D'sa

Requested by Jean D'sa

Wednesday

No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Matthew Boyer

Requested by Mary Taylor

Friday 9:15 AM

Nancy Smith

Requested by Monica Harley



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ACTS 11:1-18/PS 42:2-3; 43:3-4/JN 10:11-18

TUESDAY: ACTS 11:19-26/PS 87:1B-7/JN 10:22-30

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 12:24--13:5A/PS 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/JN 12:44-50

THURSDAY: ACTS 13:13-25/PS 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27/
JN 13:16-20

FRIDAY: ACTS 13:26-33/PS 2:6-11AB/JN 14:1-6

SATURDAY: ACTS 13:44-52/PS 98:1-4/JN 14:7-14

NEXT SUNDAY: ACTS 6:1-7/PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1
PT 2:4-9/JN 14:1-12

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

**MAY 14, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 PM May 13 Fr. Puzio

For William Strick Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship Monica Murone 5:00A

8:30 AM May 14 Fr. Roodbeen

For Michael Hoots Requested by Family	Servers	Gabe Smith Nina Stephanie DeSilva
	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani Rosa Russenberger 8:30B

10:15 AM May 14 Fr. Roodbeen

For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Ashley Grabinski Luke Horsburgh
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone 10:15B

12:00 PM May 14 Fr. Puzio

For Gene Zann Requested by Jim & Sharon Zann	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Chris Greig 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

May 13 and May 14

Team C

May 20 and May 21

Team A

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons
Sunday, May 14th following the 8:30 AM Mass

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of April 23	\$ 8,418.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of April 23	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - April 23	\$412,809.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - April 23	\$387,200.00

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



Pray for our sick :

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| Wanda Reiner | Beth Croitori |
| Tony Wadrick | Sean English |
| Loretta Zahn | Carol Reinke |
| Dick Campbell | Erin Malloy-Tingle |
| Charles Minear | Andy Mosher |
| Rita Knight | Cyndy Fenech |
| John MacDougall | Emily Choike |
| Josephine Meyers | Corinne Wedge |
| Megan Schroeder | Linda Malloy |
| Wanda Johnson | Stephen Cleary |
| Bob Johnston | Nancy Kolliker |
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| Nell Sagripanti | Joan Preston |
| Andy Vermiglio | Joan Koeppen |
| Joan Goniea | Renee Skoczylas |
| Ralph Wenski | Joan Koeppen |
| Nadeen Ouelette | Betty Hunter |
| John Dillon | James Cooper |



TIM'S TIDBITS

Recently, there have been some films released that are touching upon belief in God. I'm speaking of three films in particular, I have seen all three. They are, "Jackie", "Silence" and "The Shack."

Bishop Robert Barron wrote recently about the film "Jackie" in an article entitled, "*Jackie and the Priest*". It is available on his blog online. The film recounts the days after the funeral for her husband, the President. As Bishop Barron notes, "During the days immediately following the assassination, she was, understandably enough, bewildered, angry, and deeply sad, even to the point of asking God to take her life. Seeing the pain Jackie was enduring, her brother-in-law, Bobby Kennedy, recommended that she speak to a priest—and thus we have these simple and wonderful conversations between the widowed first lady and John Hurt's clergyman." Jackie and the priest meet several times.

Later in the article, Bishop Barron writes, "My favorite scene with Jackie and the priest is the last one they share. She laments that she should have married "a lazy, ordinary, ugly man." Considering the depth of her suffering, the priest says, "Let me tell you a parable." He then unfolds the story of Jesus' healing of the man born blind, recounted in the Gospel of John. The disciples of the Lord, he tells her, wondered whose sin had caused the man's blindness, his own or his parents. "Neither," Jesus answered. "Rather, he was made blind that the works of God might be revealed in him." Then, gazing intently at the former First Lady, the priest says, "Right now, you are blind. Not because you've sinned, but because you've been chosen—that the works of God might be revealed in you." More next week!

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We thank all of you who have enrolled your Kroger Plus Cards with our St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at St. Gerald. As a result, this past year we have received \$673.53 from the Kroger Rewards Program. This, along with all the other support we receive from our generous parishioners, enables us to help the less fortunate in our area with food, rent, utility assistance and other needs.

Some good news is that you no longer need to re-enroll each year to continue designating our St. Vincent de Paul Conference as your beneficiary organization.



If you have not already done so, you can enroll your Kroger Plus Card with us by following the steps below. **This will in no way affect the rewards you receive personally from your card.**

If this is the first time you are registering, you will need to set-up an account first.

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

- Click "Create an account".
- Put in your e-mail address and create a password.
- Confirm the password.
- Enter plus card or alternate ID number.
- Go to Community Rewards (near bottom)
- Follow the steps (name, address, etc.)
- Choose Organization 90868.
- Click Enroll.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Last weekend we celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion to 20 wonderful second graders. A huge thank you goes out to all who provided some kind of desert or other form of food for the reception after mass. It was a wonderful way to conclude the celebration. In a special way, I would like to thank the staff at Joe's Produce for providing us with the wonderful fruit, meat and cheese trays, and to Costco for the wonderful cake.

CROP WALK

If you are participating in the Farmington Crop Walk this weekend, please meet at the First United Methodist Church at 1:00 PM.



PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendar, if you haven't already, for SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH for our annual picnic. I am in the planning stages of this and it is fast approaching. In a few weeks you will see a signup sheet at the entrance of the church, in which you can sign up to volunteer, the more hands we have the better and smoother it will go. I thank you all in advance for your help and support of this picnic. Happy Good Shepherd Sunday! Matt

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Last Sunday, 20 children received the sacrament of First Communion. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey.



Trading sunglasses and sunscreen for earmuffs and jackets, a hearty group of volunteers worked on the church gardens and grounds last Saturday. Thanks to the Garden Committee for organizing the clean-up, to Fr. Kris for a pizza break, and to Our Lord for holding off the rain, much was accomplished. Look at the over-filled dumpster and the beauty of the grounds to verify the work done! THANK YOU to all who participated!

Food Pantry Needs:

Cereal	Canned Tuna	Jelly
Cookies	Juice	



PandaMania
Where Kids are
Wild About God
at St. Gerald Parish
June 19–23
10:15 AM–12:45 PM
for students entering
Kindergarten thru 5th grade

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Grade in September _____

School _____

Any placement requests (siblings or friends)?

Food Allergies or other medical conditions?

Opt out of pictures for bulletin, website?

Parent Signature

Emergency (cell) Phone

Fee: \$15.00...checks made payable to St. Gerald

Questions????
Mary Taylor
248-476-7677 ext. 1
taylor.mary04@yahoo.com
or
Gerryanna Luscri
luscrifamily@hotmail.com



St. Gerald Mom's Corner



Our next meeting will be Sunday, May 21st! We will pray the Rosary. You can bring your own or one will be provided along with a leaflet that shows how to pray the rosary. We will share ideas for fun projects, outings and our outreach event in the planning.

Keep checking “The Voice” for all upcoming events, charitable outreach acts and meeting dates. All are welcome!

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.

WOMEN'S GROUP UPDATE

Just a reminder that we are having an indoor/outdoor plant exchange and Bunco night on Monday, May 15, at 6:00 PM in the Church Social Hall. So gather your plants and bring them that night if you would like to exchange. Otherwise, just come to socialize and play Bunco or Rummy Cube with other women. Please bring a beverage of your choice and an appetizer or dessert to share. Call Joanne at 810-858-7121 to RSVP and let her know if you will be bringing a Bunco or Rummy Cube game. Thanks, hope to see you there!

ENCOUNTER CHRIST

CSA WEEKEND



This weekend is CSA Weekend, which marks the beginning of our annual Catholic Services Appeal.

The theme of the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal, *Opening Doors to Encounter Christ*, reflects our Holy Father's invitation to all Catholics to renew their personal relationships with our Savior, as “the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.”

Gifts to the CSA make possible a wealth of ministries, programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit each day. No one parish could provide all of these blessings, which benefit so many.

Our CSA is a pledge program, which allows you to spread your gift over several months. Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2017 Catholic Services Appeal.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

*Confirm your place NOW at the
FRUIT OF THE VINE
WINE EVENT & FUNDRAISER
Saturday, May 20th beginning at 7:00 PM*



* * *
Sommelier, Joe Lozano will guide us on a taste journey with wine sampling provided during an informative presentation.

H'ordervous and desserts will be provided.

Wine Exchange option for those who wish to participate: Simply bring three (3) bottles of the SAME wine; one to open and two to exchange. Upon arrival, you'll be provided with two personalized wine tags to mark your choices. You will go home with two new bottles to share or gift away.

Must be 21 years old to participate. Minimum donation of \$10/person.



Proceeds will benefit St. Gerald Religious Education Program

Contact Gerryanna Luscri NOW to be included.
luscrifamily@hotmail.com or 734-341-1999

HEALING MASS

Emmanuel Healing Ministry invites you to come to a Healing Service on Thursday, May 11 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower from 7-9 PM. Confessions will be available at 6:20 PM. Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered followed by the opportunity to be prayed over for *any* intention. Fr. Alex Kratz will preside. Call Margaret Williams (248) 477-0767 for information. This will be our last healing service.



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

We will be conducting an **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TEAM TRAINING** on **Wednesday, May 10, from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM** in the social hall. You do not need any previous training, just willing to help in the event of an emergency, such as: severe weather, power outage, fire, threat, etc. Suggestions of people would be ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, people at large. We need as many people as possible trained. If you have any questions please contact me at blseabolt.mi.rr.com or call 248-477-4752, Barbara Seabolt.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org or "like" our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.

THEOLOGY on TAP

with **Mark Livingston**
7:00 PM on Friday, May 12
at the Grand Tavern on Drake Road.



Bring a friend and enjoy a night of good conversation and information.

THE FIRST YEARS AND BEYOND

*The First Years and Beyond Spring Dinner
Date Night for Young Marrieds*

Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are invited to treat each other to an enjoyable, relaxing and entertaining dinner date night along with other Young Married couples!

Friday, May 19, 6:30 – 9:00 PM
St. John Neumann Parish (Canton)
www.aod.org/youngmarrieds

\$50 per couple – Includes dinner, dessert, open bar, live entertainment, and dancing!

The evening will feature national speakers, authors and Catholic radio hosts **Peter and Debbie Herbeck** in their lively, heart felt, and faith-inspired talk – **"Love Never Fails."**

Peter and Debbie will share how they overcame personal shortcomings and potential pitfalls in their own early years of marriage by putting the other and Christ first, and the practical wisdom and strength of union they gained along the journey!

Young Marrieds = First 10 years of marriage.
Engaged couples welcome to attend!
Babysitting available.



Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday, May 9th at 7:00 PM
In the Parish Social Hall - All are welcome!



KNIGHTS CORNER

Event Managers Sought for June 11 Picnic Grilling, Corn Toss and SOS Dinner in August

In addition to writing this article most Sundays, Program Director Tom McPhail has the task of finding Knights to serve as manager of various events. Several important events are on the horizon and need someone to direct them.

One is leading the Knights in grilling the hot dogs and burgers at the Parish Picnic on Sunday, June 11, and recruiting helpers. Also, on the same day but requiring much more lead time, is the task of overseeing the Corn Toss demonstration. We are hoping that the demo will lead to a series of tournaments that will attract new Knights. A third event is organizing and serving a dinner for about 45 people during the week of August 20 at the South Oakland Shelter at North Congregational Church. This is a great opportunity for spouses to join in. It is an easy project for three or four couples.

A reminder that the annual Council election process is underway. Nominations for the 10 officer positions are still open and will remain so until the actual voting during the May 16 Membership Meeting. Nominees must be in good standing and hold the Third Degree of our order. Terms are for one year beginning July 1, except that of the Trustee, which is for three years.

The winners of the State K of C Charity raffle are posted on www.MIKoC.org with PGK Bruce Roberts the only winner from our Council. He won \$150. In all, the raffle produced \$245,384 of which \$49,077 was returned to the Councils. A final return for our Council hasn't been announced but is expected to top \$105.

Several of our members have yet to attain the Second and Third Degrees of our Order, those that promote unity and fellowship. The next Degree Ceremony is Monday evening, May 22, at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. There is also another ceremony Sunday morning, June 4, at nearby Monaghan Council on Farmington Road, south of Eight Mile. For details or to reserve a spot, contact Membership Chair Shatomi Kerbawy at 248-434-7561 or GK Fred Gerometta at 248-763-3196.

We will honor our deceased members at a Memorial Mass at 7 PM Thursday, May 25. Bring your spouse as we remember these special men.

Heading for the cottage this summer? Stay in touch with the Knights Corner in the Voice at www.stgeraldparish.org

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)

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Maintenance Accountant
Tom Kruger 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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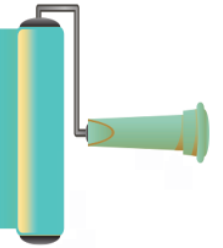
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