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JULY 23, 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

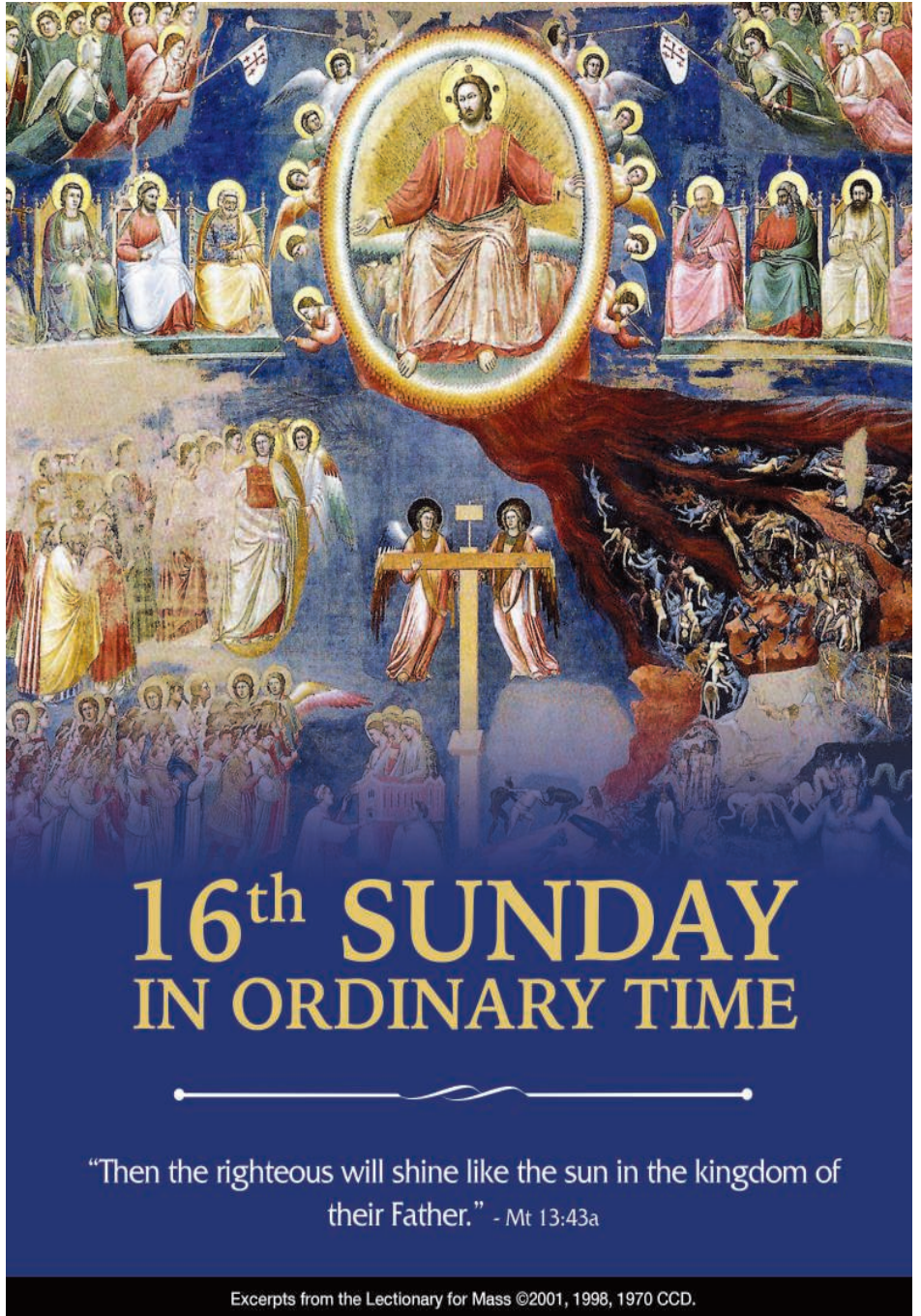
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



**16th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Items Needed:

Juice Cereal Jam/Jelly Canned Fruit

Please place your donations in the bin located at the main entrance of the church.
Thank you!

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

JULY 24 - JULY 28

Monday 9:15 AM

Robert A. Papler
Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Helen Dobbs
Requested by C. Kemp

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Molly Joy
Requested by Friend

Friday 9:15 AM

Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Goderman Families
Requested by C. Kemp



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: EX 14:5-18/EX 15:1BC-6/MT 12:38-42

TUESDAY: 2 COR 4:7-15/PS 126:1BC-6/MT 20:20-28

WEDNESDAY: EX 16:1-5, 9-15/PS 78:18-19, 23-28/ MT 13:1-9

THURSDAY: EX 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20B/DN 3:52-56/ MT 13:10-17

FRIDAY: EX 20:1-17/PS 19:8-11/MT 13:18-23

SATURDAY: EX 24:3-8/PS 50:1B-2, 5-6, 14-15/ JN 11:19-27 OR LK 10:38-42

NEXT SUNDAY: 1 KGS 3:5, 7-12/PS 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130/ROM 8:28-30/MT 13:44-52 OR 13:44-46

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

**JULY 30, 2017
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM July 29 Fr. Kris

For Frederick Strick Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00B

8:30 AM July 30 Fr. Kris

For Bill Borchert Requested by Fr. Kris & the St. Gerald Staff	Servers	Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30A

10:15 AM July 30 Fr. Roodbeen

For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Ashley Grabinski
	Lector/ Ushers	Mary Power 10:15A

12:00 PM July 30 Fr. Kris

For Beiting Family Requested by Bob Beiting	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Rob Gulick 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

July 29 and July 30

Team B

August 5 and August 6

Team D

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, July 23rd following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of July 9	\$ 7,925.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 9	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - July 9	\$ 22,233.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - July 9	\$ 18,192.00

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

Please pray for our sick:

Wanda Reiner	Beth Croitori	John Dillon	Stephen Cleary
Janice Ronan	Marianna Schiffman	Bob Johnston	Nancy Kolliker
James Cooper	Joe Maggie	Laurie Aldrich	Linda Malloy
Dick Campbell	Erin Malloy-Tingle	Nell Sagripanti	Joan Preston
Charles Minear	Andy Mosher	Andy Vermiglio	Joan Koeppen
Rita Knight	Cyndy Fenech	Joan Goniea	Lillian Malley
Chelsea Wright	Emily Choike	Ralph Wenski	Marjorie Allen
Josephine Meyers	Corinne Wedge	Nadeen Ouelette	Betty Hunter

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.

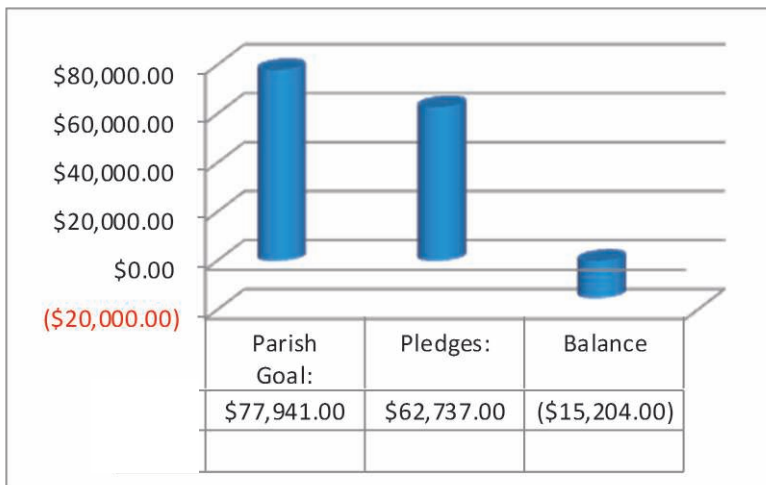
REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES

If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the program last year, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677 ext. 201 or via email at taylor.mary04@yahoo.com and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Return these forms as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation classes, grades 7 and 8, will gather on alternate Sunday evenings from 6:30 PM-8:30 PM, Students in grades 1-6 may choose to attend classes either on Mondays from 5:30 PM-6:45 PM or Tuesdays from 5:15 PM-6:30 PM. The Preschool and Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) class will be held during the 10:15 AM Mass. **Registration forms are due by August 15th. If you had children in the program last year and did not receive a registration form or have any questions, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 1 or taylor.mary04@yahoo.com.**

REMINDER: Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit children of the parish are to receive two full years of religious formation before reception of a sacrament.

St. Gerald CSA Pledge Update



CSA NOTE . .

Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to CSA. If you haven't already done so, please return your card to church by dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, mailing it back in with the envelope provided or dropping it off in the Parish Office. Please help us reach our goal of \$77,941.00!

If you are unable to donate at this time, simply return your card indicating that you are not able to contribute this year. Thank you!



AN INVITATION TO JOURNEY!



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into:

- Believing with the Church community
- Living with the Church community
- Praying with the Church community
- Serving with the Church community

The RCIA is intended to serve:

- The unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those baptized Catholics who have not completed the Initiation Sacraments.

The RCIA Process is much more than a program:

- It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Christ in a powerful manner.
- It is an answer to the Gospel invitation "Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your soul will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Have Questions... need more information? Contact Tim Westfall, Pastoral Associate at 248-477-7470 x 202 or email timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

On July 11th, we had a group of nineteen women attend the Russian Orthodox Monastery in Harper Woods. The tea luncheon was wonderful and the gardens were beautiful. Thank you Karen Goheen for organizing this unforgettable event for us!

As always, if you have any ideas or would like to host an event, please email thehorsburghs@netscape.net or call the Parish Office. Thank you!

BULLETIN REMINDER

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 12 noon on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading, Saint Paul bids us to take comfort in knowing that when God invites us to pray to him, he knows our true needs, even if we do not. The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us even if we can't come up with appropriate words; even when we don't have a clue what to ask for. We are not left alone. Good stewards know that prayer is an important part of living a life in Christ. The important thing is to make space for God. Do we let God into our hearts? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to pray within us?



If you have borrowed a pyx to take communion to someone and are done with it, please return it to the sacristy. If you are still using a pyx, please let us know by emailing timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com or call the Parish Office and let us know that you have it. Thank you!

Do you hear God calling and challenging you to minister to the sick? The Spiritual Care department at Beaumont Hospital-Farmington Hills (formerly Botsford Hospital) is needing individuals to give communion to Catholic patients. It is a powerful and wonderful way to serve your community. If interested, please call Chaplain Kurt Stutz at [248-471-8850](tel:248-471-8850) for all the details.



**SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER SIGN UPS
NORTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
AUGUST 20TH – 27TH**

South Oakland Shelter (SOS) provides homelessness prevention, sustainable housing and career development strategies and programs for homeless and at-risk people seeking stabilization and self-sufficiency.

We are hosting the shelter at North Congregational Church with them and the Muslim Community Mosque the week of August 20th. Combined, we will provide transportation, meals, housing, entertainment and hospitality for 30 to 35 clients for a week from Sunday evening through the following Sunday morning. Guests spend their days at work or at SOS – in training and counseling - in Lathrup Village before returning to North Congregational in time for dinner. Every task will have a coordinator who will direct and guide each process.



Signing up to volunteer or provide food donations can be done through North's website at NorthCongregationalChurch.org. If you need assistance with the online sign up you may also contact Danny Hawkins at 248-217-1750.

DRIVERS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES . . .

If you live in the area of Nine Mile and Gill Road and are able to drive someone to a weekend Mass here at St. Gerald, please contact the Parish Office. We have received calls from two parishioners who are not able to drive and are looking for transportation to a weekend Mass. Thank you for any support you are able to give!



St. Vincent de Paul is in need of summer and winter clothing of all types in good condition. Please remember them when you are cleaning out your closet. You may place your donations in one of the blue bins located in the church parking lot behind the garage. Thank you as always for helping those less fortunate in our community!



WE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
JOANNE A. PAPLER

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JULY 16, 2017

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JOANNE O LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to request a mass intention for a loved one deceased or living, please contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

**We welcome to the
Body of Christ**

Ella Mae Van Tilburg
and
Anastasia Maria Valkanos

*baptized Sunday,
July 16, 2017*

by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Ella Mae is the child of
Marshall and Kelly Van Tilburg
&

Anastasia Maria is the child of
Elliott and Andrea Valkanos



FATHER SOLANUS CASEY BEATIFICATION SET FOR NOVEMBER 18 AT FORD FIELD IN DETROIT

The Capuchin Franciscan Order of St. Joseph in Detroit has announced that the date for the Father Solanus Casey beatification ceremony will be Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Ford Field in Detroit. This follows the historic announcement by Pope Francis on May 4 that Father Solanus Casey will be elevated to Blessed in the Roman Catholic Church. Details on the Fr. Solanus Casey beatification ceremony, including ceremony time, will be released in the coming weeks and available at solanuscasy.org/beatification and aod.org. Ticket information will be made available by August 15. Ford Field will be configured to accommodate approximately 60,000 guests for the ceremony.



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With unprecedented growth over the past few years, Sacred Heart Major Seminary is living out our mission to prepare lay individuals for ministry and equipping them for the work of the New Evangelization.

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We ask that you pray for those answering the Lord's call at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. If you are feeling prompted to learn more, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information at 313-883-8696. God bless you!



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LIVING AND LEARNING WORKSHOP FOR SENIORS ON AUGUST 23

Learn about the therapeutic benefits of music and movement at a fun midday workshop for seniors on Wednesday, August 23 in Troy. This third annual Senior Living and Learning Seminar will feature a playful approach to movement through mindful and expressive dance, sure to get your body

moving, your mind expanding, and provide an infusion of joy! Lunch included, no charge for the workshop, advance registration necessary. Learn more by calling Trista Johnston 248-559-1147, ext. 3941 or email: johnstont@ccsem.org



After 70 years of continuous ushering, Claude Centers has decided to retire. This weekend he will usher for the last time at the 8:30 AM Mass. We would like to thank Claude for his dedication and ministry at St. Gerald.

He started at St. Agnes Church in Detroit in 1947. When his family moved to Farmington in 1950, he ushered at Our Lady of Sorrows until St. Gerald was established in 1964. He's been a regular ever since.

Two other milestones are just around the corner for Claude. He will mark 68 years as member of the Knights of Columbus on August 1 and will celebrate his 91st birthday the next day. He and wife Patricia are founding members of St. Gerald. We wish Claude and his family the best!



KNIGHTS CORNER

Join Your Brother Knights and Families Next Sunday in Prayer at the Family Communion Mass

Next Sunday, July 30, is a big test for our Council. It is another Family Communion Sunday and, being July, usually a lightly attended event. If an outsider sees only two rows filled, he probably will think we are a weak organization. You can prevent that impression by joining your fellow Knights and their families at the 10:15 Mass. Be sure to wear your Council shirt or badge or both. We'll be sitting in the front rows in the right center section, in front of the ambo. Come a few minutes early so you can readily get a seat.

Congratulations to Ron Bywalec on his selection as August's Knight of the Month. Our newest member, Brother Ron was recognized for his leadership in erecting the tents for the Parish Picnic. Ron is a long-time parish member and a long time Knight having previously been a member at St. Francis Council.

The South Oakland Shelter (SOS) has issued a call for volunteers and donors. St. Gerald Parish is a co-host of SOS for the week of Aug. 20-27, a role we inherited when we merged with St. Alexander. Joining us as co-hosts are the Muslim Community Mosque, and the North Congregational Church. SOS will shelter and feed 35-40 homeless adults and children at North Congregational's facility at 36500 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills (between Halstead and Drake). Although our Council and other organizations affiliated with the hosts will be serving dinners, help and food donations are needed for breakfasts and lunches during the week. Also drivers and laundry volunteers are needed. See the article elsewhere in this issue for more details. To volunteer go to www.northcongregationalchurch.org and follow the directions.

ODDS & ENDS -- Keep an eye on your snail-mail box; we soon will be mailing out invitations to the Council's Pot Luck Dinner. It will be Saturday, August 26. Lots of details on the event will be in the invitation. Plans for our Council to host the District 12 Summer Meeting have been changed. The meeting has been expanded to include two Livonia districts (10 Councils) and will be held August 6 at the Monaghan K of C. At last report, a couple of seats are open on the August 9 Casino bus. Contact PGK Rich Smith (248-747-6817) for tickets.

Learn More About Growing the Domestic Church at www.kofc.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)

STAFF

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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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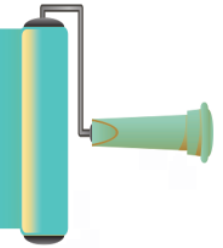
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