

THE VOICE

AUGUST 6, 2017

ST. GERALD

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The Archdiocese of Detroit

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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.



**THE TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD**

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

“We remember how you loved us to your death,
and still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you when you come,
in your glory, Lord, we remember,
We celebrate, we believe.”

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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

AUGUST 7 - AUGUST 12

Monday 9:15 AM

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

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Paul McDonald and Family
Requested by Koenig Family

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Fr. John Menner, C.S.B.
Requested by Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Jerry Iadipaolo
Requested by Gerryanna Luscri



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: NM 11:4B-15/PS 81:12-17/MT 14:13-21

TUESDAY: NM 12:1-13/PS 51:3-7, 12-13/MT 14:22-36 OR 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY: NM 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26-29A, 34-35/ PS 106:6-7AB, 13-14, 21-23/MT 15:21-28

THURSDAY: 2 COR 9:6-10/PS 112:1-2, 5-9/JN 12:24-26

FRIDAY: DT 4:32-40/PS 77:12-16, 21/MT 16:24-28

SATURDAY: DT 6:4-13/PS 18:2-4, 47, 51/MT 17:14-20

NEXT SUNDAY: 1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A/PS 85:9-14/ROM 9:1-5/ MT 14:22-33

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

**AUGUST 13, 2017
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM August 12 Fr. Kris

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

8:30 AM August 13 Fr. Kris

For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani 8:30C

10:15 AM August 13 Fr. Kaiser

For Sister Lynn Roebert Requested by Tuz Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Rick Stone 10:15C

12:00 PM August 13 Fr. Kris

For Lavo Cardozo Requested by Blem Cardozo	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Mary Power 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

August 12 and August 13

Team A

August 19 and August 20

Team B

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, August 6th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Please pray for our sick:

Wanda Reiner	Beth Croitori	John Dillon	Stephen Cleary
Janice Ronan	Marianna Schiffman	Bob Johnston	Nancy Kolliker
Annamaria Celini	Jim Sockow	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

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.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of July 23 \$ 7,988.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 23 \$ 9,096.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - July 23 \$38,636.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - July 23 \$36,384.00

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.



Faith Formation Registration

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.marv04@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.marv04@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 as soon as possible 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!



**Food Pantry
Needs**

**Cookies
Cereal
Jam/Jelly**

**Tuna
Canned Fruit**

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.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOULS OF:

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JULY 27, 1939
JULY 29, 2017

STEPHANIE RYZNAR

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NOVEMBER 10, 1918
JULY 26, 2017



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO JOSEPH AND
STEPHANIE O LORD,
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON THEM.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and in today's Gospel reading we hear it proclaimed that on Mount Tabor, Peter, James, and John caught a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. The event took place shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. In today's second reading from Peter, we hear his personal testimony. This comes from a man who spent more than three years with Jesus. Peter witnessed his humanity. He saw Jesus hungry, tired, and finally, rejected and crucified. But he also saw Jesus feed the 5,000, walk on water, heal the sick, and raise the dead. He saw Jesus in his glory when he was transfigured. He saw Jesus risen from the dead and ascend into heaven with the promise that he is coming again in power and glory. How strong is the stewardship of our own faith? Do we accept Peter's apostolic witness to Jesus as Christ? Does this testimony help us acknowledge and trust Christ Jesus as our Lord and savior?

St. Gerald Mom's Corner



Hello Ladies! I have no doubt everyone is enjoying this beautiful summer and the wonderful weather we have been having! Just letting you know that our next planning meeting will be Sunday, August 20th after the 12:00 Mass. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Looking forward to hearing new ideas for outreach projects, field trips and activities. Most of all we look forward to enjoying fellowship with each other and meeting new members of our parish. Hope to see all of you there! God bless each of you and your families. His Peace and Blessings!

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.



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
August 20th – 27th**

Please Sign Up at NorthCongregationalChurch.org
St. Gerald Catholic Church, the Muslim Community Mosque and North Congregational Church will be hosting 30 – 35 homeless people, including families, the week of August 20th at North Congregational. We will provide transportation, meals, housing, entertainment and hospitality for our guests for a week from Sunday evening through the following Sunday morning. Guests spend their days at work, S.O.S. – in training and counseling, or elsewhere preparing to transition into housing before returning to North Congregational in time for dinner.

This endeavor takes many to hands to make it successful. We will need about 1,000 hours of volunteer time and donations of hundreds of food items to welcome our guests. If every person in our places of worship can sign up for one volunteer shift or one food item we will be able to give our guests a wonderful week. Please know that every volunteer task will have a coordinator who will direct and guide each process for your shift.

Signing up to volunteer or provide food donations can be done through the website at

NorthCongregationalChurch.org. You may also contact Danny Hawkins directly and he will sign up for you. If you have any questions you may contact him at NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com or 248 217-1750



**We welcome to the
Body of Christ**

*Violet Briggs
and
David Ezekwudo*

*baptized Sunday,
July 30, 2017
by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak*



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 solanusc Casey.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.



CSA - UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

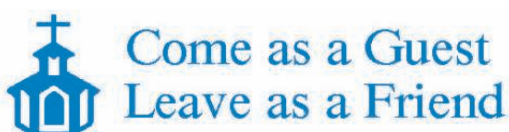
A "mini" Amazing Parish Conference will be held on Wednesday, August 16, at Detroit's Sacred Heart Major Seminary this month for those who currently serve on a parish leadership team but did not have the opportunity to attend the three-day conference in April 2016.

Part of the *Unleash the Gospel* evangelization initiative, Amazing Parish was focused on the revitalization and reinvigoration of parishes across the Archdiocese of Detroit. The mini conference will offer a full-day immersion into the Amazing Parish model, and will feature national presenters and a local panel sharing best practices.

Thanks to gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, the cost for the mini-conference is only \$150 per parish. The cost covers a pastor and four members of his leadership team for the 12-hour event and includes three meals.



Order an IHM Sisters Raffle ticket today. Cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$250. With 144 chances to win, more than \$10,000 is awarded through the raffle. Monthly drawings from October 2017 through June 2018. All proceeds support the IHM Retirement Fund. Tickets can be purchased from your favorite IHM Sister or by contacting the IHM Development Office at (734) 240-9860 or develop@ihmsisters.org.

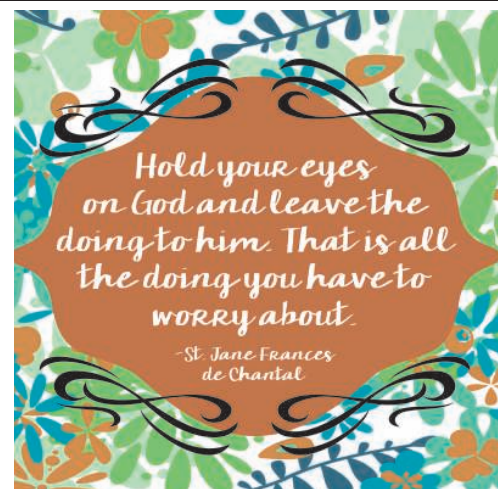


FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

On months with 5 weeks we will enjoy a coed breakfast and camaraderie at various restaurants in the area. All widowed men and women are invited to join us Monday, August 28, 2017 at 9:30 AM at Big Boy Restaurant, 6360 N. Wayne Rd. (at Hunter) in Westland. Come meet new friends, have good food and great conversation in a safe and friendly setting. Order off the menu, separate checks. No walk-ins please. RSVP by August 20 to Tom N. at 734-927-0610. Widowed Friends is a "peer" support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at www.widowedfriends.org

Prayer to Unleash the Gospel

God our Father, you have called us
to be witnesses to Jesus
and have commissioned us to lead
all people to encounter him.
Send your Holy Spirit
to enlighten our minds
so that your will may be clear to us and that we may accept it.
Dwell within our souls
and make our hearts your own.
Transform us into a band of
joyful missionary disciples
embracing the fruits of Synod 16
so as to share the good news
of Jesus Christ in Southeastern Michigan
through joyful
evangelization and service.
Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle
in them the fire of your love. Amen.
Saint Anne, pray for us.





KNIGHTS CORNER

Event Leader Still Sought for Aug. 23 Dinner for Homeless during South Oakland Shelter Week

Wow! It is August already and soon the kids will be heading to school. But before we say good bye to summer there is much to do. First off, the Council will be hosting another bus trip Wednesday, August 9, to the Fire Keepers Casino outside Battle Creek. Contact PGK Rich Smith (248-747-6817) for tickets.

Starting August 20, St. Gerald parishioners will be helping with the South Oakland Shelter (SOS) project at North Congregational Church located at 36500 W. Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills (between Halstead and Drake). See the article elsewhere in this edition for details and volunteer opportunities. The Council will be cooking dinner for the 35 or so homeless folks being helped by SOS on Wednesday, August 23. A project leader is still being sought to lead the dinner project; helpers are all lined up. Contact Program Director Tom McPhail (248-875-1185) if you can spare four hours to lead this project.

A reminder that our August 15 membership meeting falls on a Holy Day, which will delay the start of the meeting until the completion of the 7 PM Mass. You won't miss much beauty sleep since Grand Knight Fred Gerometta promises a fast gavel. It probably won't match the 28 minute July meeting, but he'll be close.

Chancellor Frank Gariepy, the Council's Corn Toss czar, will be conducting a corn toss tournament during the annual Council Pot Luck picnic Saturday, August 26. The Pot Luck will begin at 5:30 PM with cocktails. It is a BYOB event and you are expected to bring a dish for 10. Coordinate your dish with Arlene McPhail (248-880-8156) who is in charge of making sure we don't have just broccoli and brownies to eat.

Congratulations to Brother Claude Centers. He started August by celebrating his 68 year as a Knight and on August 2 celebrating his 91st birthday. On July 23, Claude turned in his ushers badge, ending 70 unbroken years of passing the basket. He and wife Pat are founding members of St. Gerald and an outstanding example to all of us.

Learn more about the K of C program of "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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Tom Kruger
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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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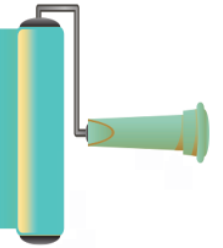
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