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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

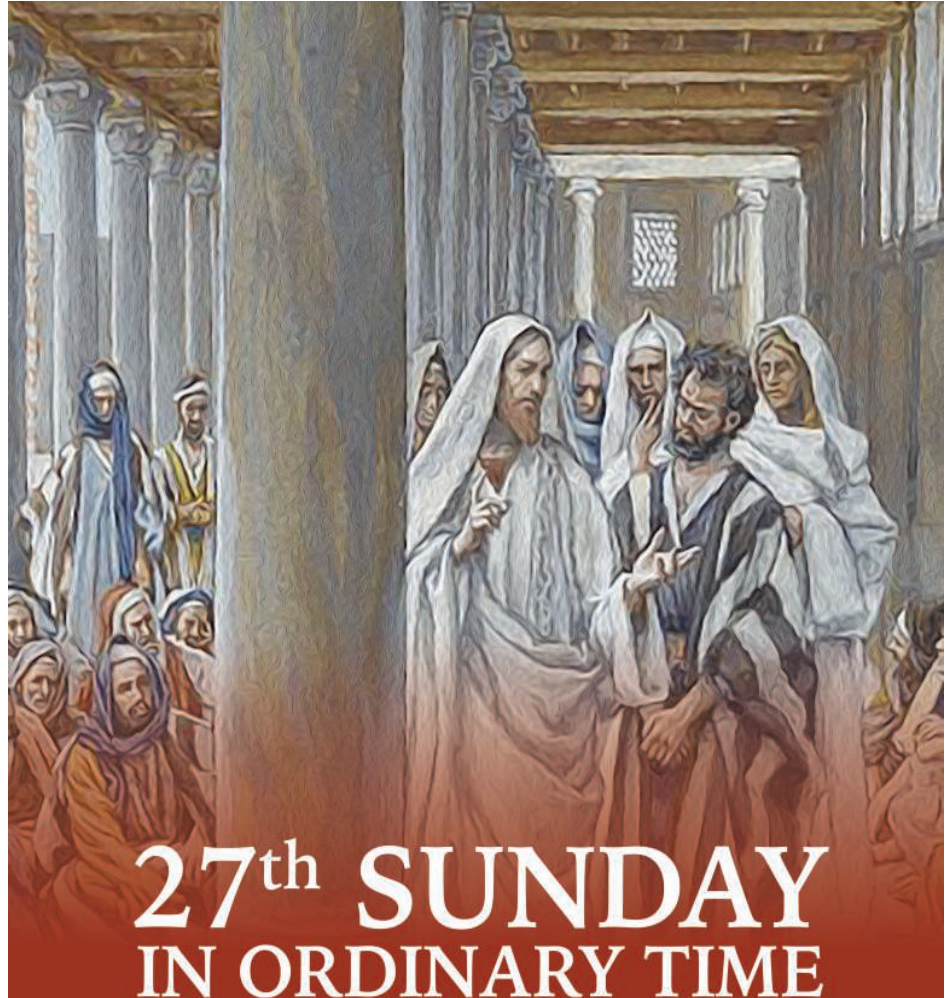
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures:
*The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone...?"*

- Mt 21:42ab

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION TRUCK

Fall cleaning?

On October 21 and 22

the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here for your donations.

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

OCTOBER 9 - OCTOBER 13



Monday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and Goderman Families
 Requested by C. Kemp

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Frank Olshanski (living)
 Requested by Mary Lou Olschansky

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
John Keyes
 Requested by Matthew Egbers

Friday 9:15 AM
Fr. Joseph Ryder (Anniv.)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: JON 1:1—2:2, 11/JON 2:3-5, 8/LK 10:25-37
TUESDAY: JON 3:1-10/PS 130:1B-4AB, 7-8/LK 10:38-42
WEDNESDAY: JON 4:1-11/PS 86:3-6, 9-10/LK 11:1-4
THURSDAY: MAL 3:13-20B/PS 1:1-4, 6/LK 11:5-13
FRIDAY: JL 1:13-15; 2:1-2/PS 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16/LK 11:15-26
SATURDAY: JL 4:12-21/PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/LK 11:27-28
NEXT SUNDAY: IS 25:6-10A/PS 23:1-6/PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20/
MT 22:1-14 OR 22:1-10

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



Please pray for our sick:

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|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Betty Hunter | Pat Fanllone | Stacey Bywalec | Beth Croitori |
| Jerome Williams | Wanda Reiner | Charles Minear | Andy Vermiglio |
| Ralph Wenski | Karen Hall | Florence Ptak | Jim Sockow |
| | James Cooper | Kimberly Thompson | |

OCTOBER 15, 2017
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM			October 14	Fr. Kris
For Angelo Russo Requested by Family	Servers	Servers Needed		
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A		
8:30 AM			October 15	Fr. Kris
For Stefano Petitta Requested by Flora Rossi	Servers	Servers Needed		
	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30B		
10:15 AM			October 15	Fr. Kris
For Charles Thomas Goheen Requested by Borchert Family	Servers	Luke Horsburgh		
	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15C		
12:00 PM			October 15	Bp. Reiss
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	John Smith Isabelle Gerhart Eli Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart		
	Lectors/ Ushers	Ian Width Xanthe Ficyk Evelyn Penner 12:00B		

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

Oct. 14 & Oct. 15 Team B Oct. 21 and Oct. 22 Team D

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, October 15th following the 8:30 AM Mass.



St. Gerald is now equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher to help you with a receiver if needed for Mass.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Sept. 24	\$ 8,870.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Sept. 24.	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Sept. 24	\$111,359.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Sept. 24	\$107,303.00

RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



Next Sunday
 Celebration of the
 Reception of the
 Sacrament of Confirmation
 October 15th
 12:00 PM Mass
 The Most Reverend Bishop
 Francis Reiss celebrant.

All parishioners are invited to join us for this celebration. Please keep our Confirmation candidates, families and sponsors in your prayers.



As we start off a new school year, here are a few opportunities for service in our community and to meet old and new friends.

Join us... we'll be expecting you :)

- ◆ **Oct. 14th** (Saturday) Mercy Day in Action; Teen volunteers welcome to help with blankets and other activities in the Parish Social Hall.
- ◆ **Nov. 3rd** (Friday) Square Dancing Event; details coming soon.

More opportunities are happening; read the entire bulletin to keep informed. Email or call Gerryanna @ 248-476-7677, ext. 208 for more information and joining our Youth Group.



Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 28th,
 6:30 PM-8:30 PM

South parking lot of St. Gerald Parish
 Fill your trunks with candy and treats to share
 Costumes optional Rain or shine!
 A parish celebration of Hallow-eve!
 Followed by a Knights of
 Columbus cookout in the Social Hall
 Free will offering appreciated

Kids of All
 Ages Welcome

RSVP
 taylor.mary04@yahoo.com
 with number attending by
 October 24th if possible



GARDEN NEWS



Fall clean-up dates are Saturday, **November 4 and 11**. Many hands are needed as well as donations of brown compost bags. You can place your bag donations in the box located in the hallway outside the parish office. If you are interested in helping or need more information, please call one of the volunteers listed below:



John McLoughlin at 248-477-2477; Nancy Lacey at 248-943-6272; Gerryanna Luscri at 248-477-5098; or Johanna Ward at 248-478-2849.



BRINGING FORTH THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE.

As you are aware, during the Mass, folks are asked to bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. Please, if an usher asks you take bring them up, say yes! It is an honor to do so, as what is brought forward becomes Christ's Body and Blood. Article 73 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, "At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist the gifts which will become Christ's Body and Blood are brought to the altar."

Please join us for Holy Hour with Rosary on Thursday nights in church following 7 PM Mass concluding at 8:30 PM. All are welcome!

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



Let us welcome our newest members
Daniel and Patricia Ratajski
 to our parish.

We are glad you are here!

TIME AND TALENT!

If you would like to volunteer your time at the parish, please pick up a Time and Talent Sign up sheet located on the table in the Gathering Space of the Church. Please prayerfully consider a commitment of your time and talent to the parish by volunteering to a ministry of your choice. Thank you!



St. Gerald Mom's Corner

Help for Those in Need

The St. Gerald Mom's Club is scheduling an Outreach Day on Sunday, November 19th, after all the masses! We are collecting new socks, travel size shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, body lotion, dental floss, combs and brushes for the homeless – please consider donating to this program. The SGMC will be packing the donations we receive for distributions on Sunday, November 19th, in one of the classrooms, join us if you would like to help. There is a chest in the vestibule of the church where you can start dropping off donations! Thank you.



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.

We welcome to the Body of Christ

Siena Claire Welch

baptized Saturday,

September 30, 2017

by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Siena is the daughter of
James and Julie

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today's Gospel reading poses some challenging stewardship questions. When Christ returns, will we be found working diligently in the Lord's "vineyard;" converting our own hearts into a rich harvest of love and compassion? Calling those outside our vineyard to enter into the joy of the Lord? Or will we just be living, taking advantage of what the Lord has given us, but not doing our part in return? Jesus' parable suggests that if we aren't good stewards of the gifts we've been given then the gifts will be taken away, and we will be called to give an account for our failures. We have all we need for a bountiful harvest. What will our Lord find when He returns?

CHRISTIAN SERVICE NOTES

Mercy Day in Action is next Saturday beginning at 9AM. If you have not yet returned a volunteer form, please return it as soon as possible. You are welcome to still bring in fleece to make fleece blankets. The donations need to be at church by Thursday of this week so we will have them on Saturday morning. Please remember that there were two options which you could volunteer. Due to the number of responses, you may be asked to work on your second choice and not your first. We will accommodate as best as we can. Remember that no matter what project you are doing, it is still a charitable work.

Again, I ask that you please spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. With all the disasters that have happened recently with hurricanes and the recent event in Las Vegas, what a better time then now to pray for all those affected. Ask the Lord for guidance and to watch over our world in the coming weeks and years.



As always, if you have any questions, please call me at 248-476-7677 ext. 204. Thank you for your participation in this day of service.

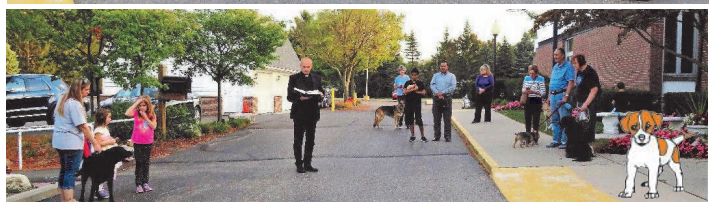
If you are helping with Mercy Day in Action and have a pair of sharp scissors, please bring them with you to cut the fleece. God Bless, Matt.



Tuesday, October 24th in the Parish Social Hall beginning at 6:30 PM. Please call or text Joan Tapin at 810-858-7121 if you would like to attend or for more information. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a beverage of your choice. If you have a Bunco game, bring it along. See you there!



Blessing of the Animals



**FALL 2017 SCRIPTURE STUDY
THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH**

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the scripture study of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Location: **St. Gerald Church Social Hall**
Time: Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Dates: **Now through November 15, 2017**
(No class on Nov 1, 2017 - All Saints Day)

Class will be cancelled if Farmington Schools are closed due to weather.

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Study guides will be available for purchase (cash) and/or bring your Bible. No need to register. Also bring your own coffee/water...

Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com), Sharon Weberlein (shrweber@aol.com) with questions or 248-477-7470.

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

The beatification ceremony for Father Solanus Casey is November 18 starting at 4 PM at Ford Field in Detroit. Doors will open at 2 PM. Tickets are available on-line starting October 9th at www.fordfield.com. Tickets are free. More information is available at solanuscasy.org/beatification and aod.org.



"Only a tender, compassionate love that seeks to serve those most in need, whatever the personal cost, is strong enough to overcome a culture of death and to build a civilization of love.

Let us open our hearts and reflect on how God might be calling each of us to witness the sacredness of human life."

— Cardinal Seán O'Malley



HALLOWEEN
at
Sacred Heart Major Seminary

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner and **Sacred Heart Major Seminary** needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many children who visit the seminary. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of Halloween candy, please bring them to the bins located in the vestibule of the church or the Religious Formation Office no later than October 24th. Thank you for your continued generosity in placing a smile on God's children.

	Jelly	Soup
	Juice	Tuna Fish
	Vegetables	Pork & Beans
	(corn, peas, etc.)	Cookies



SYATP Day 2017 (See You At The Pole) was on Wednesday, September 27th. In the midst of controversy to support our neighbor, faith and country, students nationwide gather to show their support for peace on campuses and in their communities. Thank you to all students who joined in prayerful unity at their campus. (Pictured are students at Stevenson High School, Livonia).

CSA PLEDGE UPDATE . . .

We are still **\$5,249.00** away from our goal of \$77,941.00. **If you have not turned in your CSA card, please consider making a donation to help us reach our goal.** You can either donate electronically or turn in your donation (cash/check) by dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, mailing it back in with the envelope provided or dropping it off in the Parish Office.

Every contribution, big or small is greatly appreciated. Thank you!



KNIGHTS CORNER

Congratulations of Fr. Kris; Pancake Breakfast Produces More Than \$3,400 for Hurricane Victims

Congratulations to Fr. Kris on his formal Installation today as St. Gerald’s Pastor. Since his arrival a little more than a year ago as Parish Administrator, he has been a whirl-wind in directing repairs and improvements to the property and buildings. He is our Council Chaplain.

Although the final figures are not yet available, it appears that the net proceeds of the September 24 Pancake Breakfast will exceed \$3,400. At this writing, the Officers have not considered if the Council will dip into the bank account and add to that figure. If it does, the decision will probably require confirmation by the members at the October 17 membership meeting. Whatever the final number, 100% of the money will go to help the victims of recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida. *Many thanks to our generous St. Gerald parishioners.*

This year’s “Trunk or Treat” event is scheduled for Saturday, October 28. As usual, the Knights will be cooking chili and hot dogs. If a Knight can produce a crock pot of chili (even though a Knight’s wife is the real cook), let Program Director Tom McPhail know at 248-875-1185. Based on last year’s turnout, we will need 9 or 10 crock pots of chili.

Don’t forget that October 29 is another fifth Sunday and a time when Knight families gather together at the 10:15 AM Mass. Come a few minutes earlier than normal wearing your Council shirt and/or badge and sit in the center right section. It is important to remind other members of the parish of the spiritual side of our Knighthood.

Last month’s formal Installation of Officers, held jointly with the St. Fabian Council, went smoothly. Because of schedule conflicts and illness, six officers were absent. Nonetheless, they are considered installed by District Deputy Jim Escott. Grand Knight Fred Gerometta reminds us that the Council is in need of a Right to Life Director and a Lecturer. The former position works with State and Supreme programs and promotes Right to Life issues. The Lecturer provides brief inspirational and entertainment programs at Council meetings. If interested, contact Fred at 248-763-3196.

Next Casino Bus is November 8, 2018. Trips are January 10, March 7, June 6, August 8 and November 7

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

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

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Tom Kruger

- Accountant
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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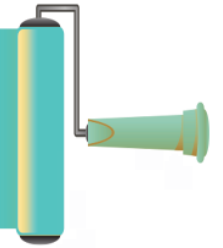
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