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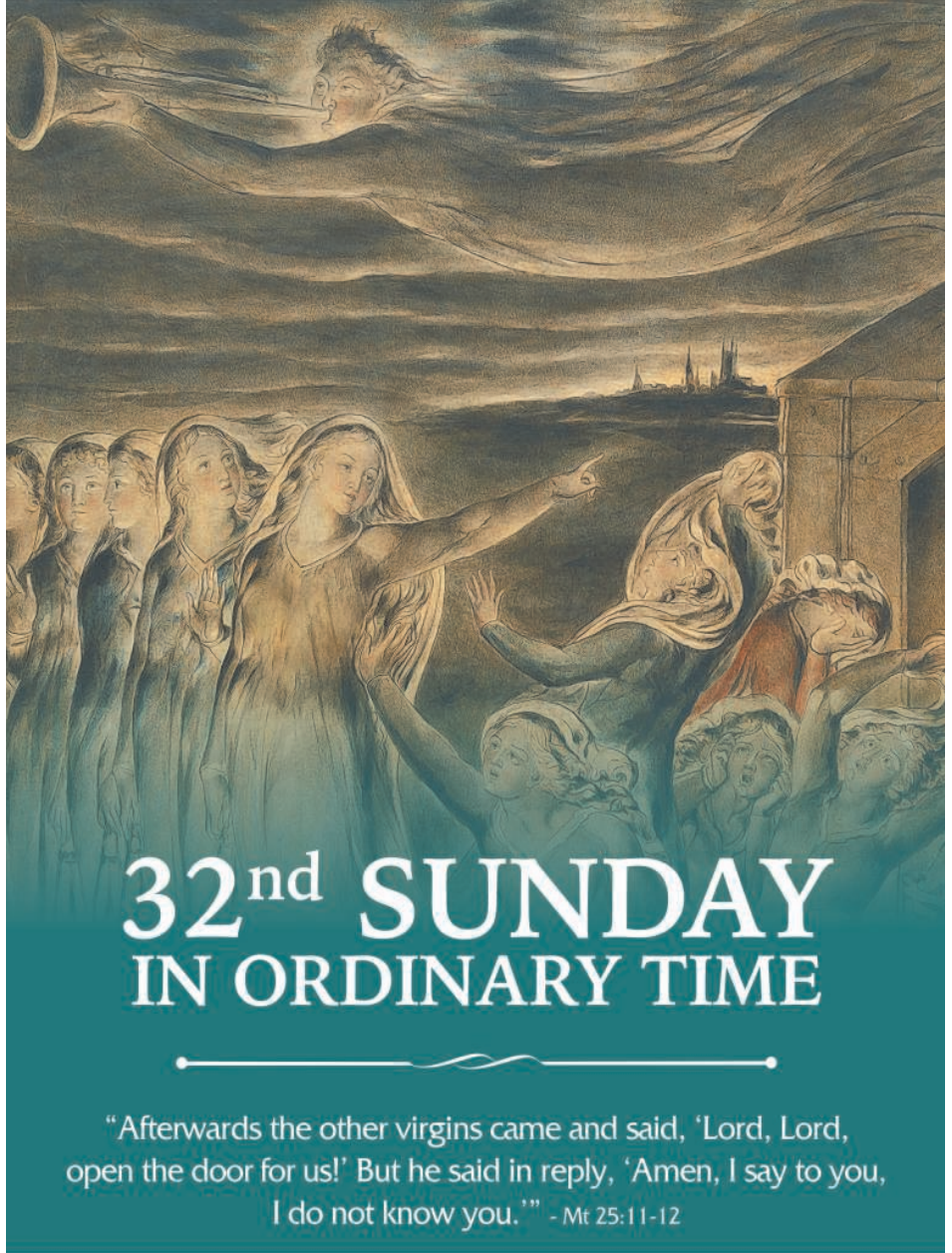
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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.



32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’” - Mt 25:11-12

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

Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 14th at 7:00 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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

NOVEMBER 13 - NOVEMBER 17

Monday 9:15 AM

John Piasentin

Requested by Mr. and Mrs. John Cochetto

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Luscri Family

Requested by Family

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Bashir Jabra

Requested by Graziano Canini

Friday 9:15 AM

**Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and Goderman Families**

Requested by C. Kemp

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: WIS 1:1-7/PS 139:1B-10/LK 17:1-6

TUESDAY: WIS 2:23—3:9/PS 34:2-3, 16-19/LK 17:7-10

WEDNESDAY: WIS 6:1-11/PS /PS 82:3-4, 6-7/LK 17:11-19

THURSDAY: WIS 7:22B—8:1/PS 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/
LK 17:20-25

FRIDAY: WIS 13:1-9/PS 19:2-5AB/LK 17:26-37

SATURDAY: WIS 18:14-16; 19:6-9/PS 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/
LK 18:1-8

SATURDAY: DEDICATION: ACTS 28:11-16, 30-31/PS 98:1-6/
MT 14:22-33

NEXT SUNDAY: PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/PS 128:1-5/
1 THES 5:1-6/MT 25:14-30 OR 25:14-15, 19-21

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

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!

Please pray for our sick:

Betty Hunter	Pat Fanllone	Linda Malloy	Beth Croitori
Jerome Williams	Wanda Reiner	Charles Minear	Andy Vermiglio
Ralph Wenski	Karen Hall	Florence Ptak	Jim Sockow
James Cooper	Kimberly Thompson	Rose Hickey	Erin Malloy
Roberta Provenzano			

**NOVEMBER 19, 2017
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM November 18 Fr. Palazzolo

For
Edward Midura
Requested by
Delphine Midura

Servers

Servers Needed

Lector/
Ushers

Nancy Brennan
5:00B

8:30 AM November 19 Fr. Palazzolo

For
**All Our
Parishioners**

Servers

Servers Needed

Lector/
Ushers

Thad Radzilowski
8:30B

10:15 AM November 19 Fr. Kris

For
Giovanni Rotondo
Requested by
Josephine Rotondo &
Family

Servers

Luke Horsburgh

Lector/
Ushers

Caron Kott
10:15B

12:00 PM November 19 Fr. Roodbeen

For
**Henry & Marie
Martin &
Francis Doré**
Requested by Family

Servers

Servers Needed

Lectors/
Ushers

Sharon McCarthy
12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

Nov. 18 & Nov. 19

Team B

Nov. 25 and Nov. 26

Team A

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, November 12th following the 8:30 AM Mass.



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

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING TAG WEEKEND

Christmas Tags will be available after all the Masses the weekend of **November 18th and 19th** and then again on **November 25th and 26th** in the Social Hall. Everyone is welcome to take one or more tags to help the needy in our community. Please note the gifts are due back the weekend of Dec. 9th and 10th. Thank you!

GIFT CERTIFICATES FROM GROCERY STORES NEEDED!

We are accepting food cards from Kroger and Meijer to give help during the holiday and throughout the year. Just drop your donation in the Sunday collection basket or bring to the Parish Office. Thanks!

ON THE RISE BAKERY



This weekend, members from *On the Rise Bakery* are here to sell some of their baked goods. This bakery is located in Detroit and is a part of the Capuchin community. Their ministry is to employ people who have recently been released from prison. The work

of their mission at the bakery is to give a place to those men who are trying to get back on their feet, some of the employees have been out of prison for a month, while some have been out for a few years. So please stop by the social hall today after mass and pick up some of the many goodies that they have available.

EVANGELIZATION

In daily life, we must see that it is not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy.

Brother David Streindl-Rast (www.gratefulness.org)

(cut above to use as bookmark)

EVANGELIZATION...SHARING GOD WITH OTHERS

The Evangelization Committee of St. Gerald is committed to our parish community. The aim is to transform our culture and provide conversation about our Catholic faith.

It is a call to holiness.

Consider becoming part of this ministry and purpose in our church.

Contact Tim Westfall or Gerryanna Luscri, or refer to the parish calendar for meeting dates at stgeraldparish.org We encourage you to listen to **Ave Maria Radio AM 990**; you'll be surprised at how interesting our faith is.

Listen and be informed. This isn't your grandmother's Catholic Church.



WORSHIP

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



In a special way, our Book of Remembrance is placed out for the month of November as a way to remember our loved ones as well.

You may fill in names of your beloved dead. We pray that they enjoy the Heavenly Banquet Christ has prepared for them.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS!

Please remember to sign up to serve at the weekend Masses at

<http://signup.com/go/bhQvgtb>.

In order to be able to print the assignments in the parish bulletin, it is requested that you sign up at least two weeks in advance. Also, please type in your full name when you sign up. Thank you for your service to St. Gerald.



FORMATION

Children of the parish, preschool-5th grade, are invited to participate in the St. Gerald Gospel Enactment of the Christmas Story at the 6:00 Christmas Eve Mass



There will be one rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th at 11:00 AM in the church. Please contact Mary Taylor by December 7th to sign up, 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Have you taken a look at the Youth Ministry/ Teen News board near the main entrance? Check out the sign up sheets for events and outreach needs and keep in the loop.

November 19th, Sunday, Outreach Day after all masses

December 2nd, Saturday, Christmas Craft Day

December 6th, Wednesday, Advent Tea

December 17th, Sunday, Youth Group hosting Fellowship after all masses

For information contact Gerryanna Luscri gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com or call 248-476-7677 x 208



St. Gerald Mom's Corner

-Outreach Day! November 19th Sunday after the 12:00 Mass

We are collecting the items listed below for the "South Oakland Shelter." The shelter, through volunteers, transports homeless clients to a different church each week and helps provide meals, clothing and a place to sleep until they can transition into permanent housing. (Please visit Handup.org where you can learn more about the S.O.S). We are collecting **new socks, travel size shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, body lotion, dental floss, combs and brushes** for the homeless. The SGMC will be packing the donations. Your donations can be placed in the chest located in the main entrance of the church. Thank you!

- ◆ Christmas Nativity Ornament Craft and Pizza! December 2nd at 10:30 AM
- ◆ January Snow Day planning meeting to be determined

Looking forward to seeing all of our members again and meeting new members too! God bless each of you and your families.

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.

FOOD DRIVE

HELP US FEED FAMILIES FOR
THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS IN 2017!!!



Please place your donation in the box located at the main entrance of our church.

Items Requested:

GROCERY GIFT CARDS FOR TURKEYS/MEAT

CEREAL/OATMEAL/COCOA
CRANBERRY SAUCE
TUNA / TUNA HELPER
MAC AND CHEESE
CRACKERS
CAKE MIX/FROSTING
PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP
CANNED YAMS
PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY
COFFEE/TEA
SPAGHETTI SAUCE/PASTA
CANNED VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

**DROP OFF DONATIONS BY
NOVEMBER 12TH**

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204



ST. NICHOLAS TEA WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2017 6:00PM PARISH SOCIAL HALL \$11 PER PERSON

All are welcome at the Annual Tea.

This year it is called the St. Nicholas Tea, as it falls on his Feast day.

It has been a St. Gerald tradition to come together in the season of Advent to break bread with a group of friends and enjoy a short Advent Reflection.

This year our reflection will be on St. Nicholas.

You may host an entire table, or come as a single person and we will provide a place for you. Table Hostesses provide dessert and festive place settings for their table. St. Gerald's provides a St Nicholas Reflection and dinner with tea and coffee.

Bring an unwrapped toy to support the Farmington Area Goodfellows.

Please contact Diane Gerometta for more information or to make your reservation at
248-763-3193 or dgerometta1@gmail.com

Seating is limited and tables fill up quickly; reserve your spot early so you are not disappointed!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection to support Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM), which is the social justice arm of the Archdiocese of Detroit. As you may know, CCSEM provides valuable services and programs that bring help and hope to our brothers and sisters most in need. CCSEM's many ministries touch the lives of more than 20,000 people each year. Perhaps you or a loved one has benefited from its behavioral health, adoption and foster care services; outreach to the Hispanic community; or services for senior citizens and caregivers. Your gift will ensure CCSEM can continue to bring the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to those in need, regardless of their race or religious, culture or creed. For more information about CCSEM or to make a donation online, please visit ccsem.org.

FOOD FOR THE POOR

Please welcome Fr. Anthony Palazzolo next weekend as he will be here to speak at all of the masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Palazzolo will share personal witness about *Food For The Poor's* mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another. Fr. Palazzolo was ordained for the Diocese of Mandeville in Jamaica in 1993. In addition to preaching on behalf of *Food For The Poor*, he works for the Family Life Office in the Diocese of St. Augustine, as an advisor-counselor.

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven with ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were prudent. The foolish did not prepare for the wait, they brought no extra oil to keep their flames burning bright. The prudent bridesmaids brought extra oil, just in case the wait was longer than they had expected. And the wait was long. Some of those who were supposed to be waiting were not prepared for the wait, with disastrous consequences. Good stewards heed Jesus' warning: Be prepared to wait for the Lord's return. Is your faith strong enough to endure the wait? Will the "flames" of passion for the Lord endure? What are you doing to keep your passion for the Lord from burning out?

Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father,
on this day, help us remember those
who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure.
Enkindle in our consciences a desire
to serve those who served their country selflessly.
Give us the grace to aid those
who have given aid and protection to us and others
both here and overseas.
Let us never forget the causes for which they fought
or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.
May we always be mindful of those
who paid the price for our freedom,
just as your Son gave his life
to free us from the bondage of sin.
Amen.



Remember our Veterans
November 11

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

You can relieve some of the financial burdens for needy families throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit and make their Christmas a little brighter through the CCSEM Adopt a Family for Christmas program. Nominated by Catholic parishes throughout the Archdiocese, these families are in need of help with basic necessities like food, rent, utilities and medical care. Go to ccsem.org/adoptafamily to see the list of families and donate online, or mail a check to the address below. Make checks payable to CCSEM with "Adopt a Family" in the memo line. To help a specific family, put their number in the memo line as well. The deadline to donate is December 7. Questions? Contact Kelly Luttinen at (248) 548-4044 x3621 or luttinenk@ccsem.org.

CCSEM

Attn: Kelly Luttinen,

15945 Canal Road, Clinton Township, MI

A Week Ahead

Monday, November 13

9:15 am - Mass

5:30 pm - Elem. Religious Formation

Tuesday, November 14

9:15 am - Mass

5:00 pm - Elem. Religious Formation

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, November 15

7:00 pm - RCIA

7:00 pm - Vicariate Bible Study

7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, November 16

10:30 am - SVDP Meeting

7:00 pm - Mass

7:45 pm - Holy Hour

Friday, November 17

9:15 am - Mass

8:00 pm - AA Meeting

Saturday, November 18

Food for the Poor

Gift Tag Weekend

3:30 pm - Confessions

5:00 pm - Mass

Sunday, November 19

Food for the Poor

Gift Tag Weekend

St. Gerald Mom's Group Outreach Day

8:30 am - Mass

10:15 am - Mass

10:15 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:15 am - Sunday School

12:00 pm - Family Mass

6:00 pm - Speaker - Our Lady of Guadalupe



KNIGHTS CORNER

How Does New Honor Guard Attire Rate with You? Military Look Replaces Feathery Chapeaus



The New Look

The Supreme K of C Council decided at its annual convention earlier this year to modernize the look of Fourth Degree Honor Guards. Gone are the feathery chapeaus, capes and tuxedos, replaced by a blue sports coat, gray slacks and a black beret. The ceremonial swords are being retained.

The deadline for the completion of the switch to the new look is July 1, 2018, the start of a new fraternal year. Undoubtedly, the deadline will be extended given the cost of the new gear. What do you think of the new look? Too much of a military look? A welcome update that was long overdue? Let Program Director Tom McPhail know in an E-mail to tanamcphail@att.net.

Bring your appetite to the November 21 Membership Meeting. Chili will be served after the business meeting, which Grand Knight Fred Gerometta promises to complete in less than an hour, a feat he has accomplished before. House Committee Chair Ken May could use some help with the meal. First in the kitchen with the preparation and then afterwards with the cleanup. If you have always enjoyed these meeting chow times and have never visited the kitchen, your assistance would be welcomed. Remember a rule of the sea: a boat moves best when everyone pulls their oar. In this case grab a towel.

While on the subject of monthly Membership Meetings, now is a good time to mark your calendar with the dates for the remainder of the fraternal year. The good Lord willing, we will be meeting on December 19, January 16, February 20, March 20, April 17, May 15 and June 19.

Going to be Away from Home for A Time? Read the Voice online 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)

STAFF

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203
- Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate x 202
Email: timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com
- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant. x 212
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All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

Christian Services

- Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinator x 204
Email: myokom.sgp@gmail.com

- St. Vincent de Paul x 220

Education

- Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201
Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com

Music Ministry

- Mary Melonio x 222
Cell: 734-578-4179 or Email: mmelonio@aol.com

Youth Ministry

- Gerryanna Luscri x 208
Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

Maintenance
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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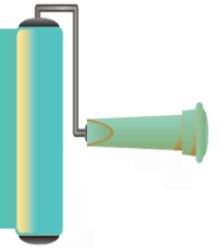
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