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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.

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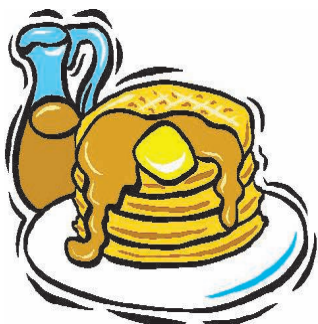
Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



**6th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

FEBRUARY 13

5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Please join us for all the pancakes, sausage and eggs you can eat provided by the Knights of Columbus. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Prices are:

Adults (13 years and older) - \$6.00
Children (12 years to 4 years) - \$3.00
Family - \$20.00

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 12 - FEBRUARY 16

Monday 9:15 AM

Delores Kozlowski

Requested by Sally Bolda

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Newell Bentley

Requested by Bob and Monica Koenig

Wednesday

9:15 AM

Mary Ann Yates

Requested by Robert Yates

7:00 PM

Aline Merlihan

Requested by Gail Merlihan

Thursday 7:00 PM

James Carnegie, Jr.

Requested by Matt and Julie Fischer

Friday 9:15 AM

Mike and Peggy O'Dea (50th Anniv.)

Requested by Tim and Nicole O'Dea



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: JAS 1:1-11/PS 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77A]/
Mk 8:11-13

TUESDAY: JAS 1:12-18/PS 94:12-13A, 14-15, 18-19 [12A]/
Mk 8:14-21

WEDNESDAY: JL 2:12-18/2 COR 5:20--6:2/PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB,
12-13, 14 AND 17 [CF. 3A]/MT 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY: DT 30:15-20/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 [40:5A]/
Lk 9:22-25

FRIDAY: IS 58:1-9A/PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 18-19 [19B]/MT
9:14-15

SATURDAY: IS 58:9B-14/PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11AB]/LK
5:27-32

NEXT SUNDAY: GN 9:8-15/PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [CF. 10]/1
PT 3:18-22/MK 1:12-15

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



Wednesday, February 14
9:15 AM and 7:00 PM
Masses

PLEASE NOTE THAT ASHES WILL ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MASSES.

Lectors assigned for Ash Wednesday:

9:15 AM Mass - Tim Westfall and Monica Murone

7:00 PM Mass - Nancy Stone and Sharon McCarthy



FEBRUARY 18, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM February 17 Fr. Kris

For
Robert E. Blankenship
Requested by
Bob & Diane Blankenship

Servers

Eli Gerhart
Isabelle Gerhart

Lector/
Ushers

Diane Blankenship
5:00A

8:30 AM February 18 Fr. Kris

For
Mary Muscat
Requested by
Camilleri Family

Servers

Gabe Smith

Lector/
Ushers

Ray Pisani
8:30A

10:15 AM February 18 Fr. Roodbeen

For
All Our
Parishioners

Servers

Luke Horsburgh
Jack Truant

Lector/
Ushers

Gerryanna Luscri
10:15B

12:00 PM February 18 Fr. Kris

For
Mary Louise Torres
Requested by
Judy Czajka

Servers

Need Servers

Lector/
Ushers

Christine Greig
12:00A

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday,
February 18th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

February 17 and February 18

Team A

Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Jan. 28 \$ 8,226.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of Jan. 28 \$ 9,096.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - January 28 \$282,630.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - January 28 \$280,687.00

Electronic Deposit of Donations is Available at St. Gerald.
Forms are Available on the Bookshelf in the Gathering
Space of the Church or on our website At
stgeraldparish.org.

Lenten Little Black Books

will be available in the Gathering Space of
the church beginning this weekend. A
small donation would be appreciated!



GOODBYE RECEPTION FOR TONY WAGNER



Please join us next Sunday, February 18, following the 8:30 AM Mass for a special reception in the Social Hall honoring Tony Wagner. Tony will be leaving our parish to make his new home in Florida. If you had the privilege of knowing Tony, you would understand how much he will be missed. Not only did he help out the parish in so many ways, he always had a smile on his face. He made St. Gerald Parish a main part of his life. Join us to wish Tony the best on this new adventure in his life!

2017 ST. GERALD CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

In an effort to reduce expenses, the 2017 St. Gerald Contribution Statements will not be mailed out. If you need a copy of your contribution statement, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. With a prior request, statements can be emailed or picked up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. Please allow at least one week after request.



- Jelly/Jam
- Cookies
- Canned Fruit
- Juice
- Saltine Crackers
- Canned Pasta
- Soup

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.

Pray for our Sick:

Doug Foley	Kimberly Thompson	Karen Hall
Charles Minear	Erin Malloy	Jim Sockow
Betty Hunter	Wanda Reiner	Rose Hickey
Linda Malloy	Tom Kopiwoda	Roberta Provenzano
Ralph Wenski	Pat Fanilone	Cynthia Kopiwoda
Florence Ptak	Beth Croitori	Connie Boedigheimer

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, February 12

- 8:40 am - Rosary
- 9:15 am - Mass
- 5:30 pm - Elem. Religious Formation
- 7:00 pm - Evangelization Meeting

Tuesday, February 13

- 8:40 am - Rosary
- 9:15 am - Mass
- 5:00 pm - Elem. Religious Formation
- 5:00 pm - Pancake Supper**
- 7:00 pm - K of C Officers' Meeting



Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

- 9:15 am - Mass (with distribution of ashes)
- 7:00 pm - Mass (with distribution of ashes)



Thursday, February 15

- 10:30 - SVDP Meeting
- 12:30 - Pinochle group planning meeting
- 6:20 pm - Rosary
- 7:00 pm - Mass
- 7:45 pm - Holy Hour



Friday, February 16

- 8:40 am - Rosary
- 9:15 am - Mass
- 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross**
- 8:00 pm - AA Meeting

Saturday, February 17

Indian Catholic Association Event

- 3:30 pm - Confessions
- 5:00 pm - Mass



Sunday, February 18

First Sunday of Lent

- Blood Pressure Screening after all Masses**
- Botsford Commons Visit**
- Sunday Fellowship**
- 8:30 am - Mass - (Reception for Tony Wagner following Mass)
- 10:15 am - Mass
- 10:15 am - Children's Liturgy of the Mass
- 10:15 am - Sunday School
- 12:00 pm - Mass

PLANNING MEETING FOR PINOCHLE

Do you enjoy playing pinochle? We would like to start a card group St. Gerald. It would get together once a week in the Social Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons at 12:30 PM to play some Pinochle, socialize and have some snacks. What better way to spend your afternoon?



If you have called and are interested in joining the pinochle group or would like more information, please join us on **Thursday, February 15 at 12:30 PM** for a planning meeting.

The purpose of this meeting will be to get everyone acquainted and set a start date to begin playing cards. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com.

Look forward to seeing you there!



Thank you for your generosity!

Although our teens had fun working together to make and sell sub sandwiches for the Super Bowl fundraiser, the bigger blessing was that of our parish generosity! My thanks goes to each teen, parent and customer who supported this venture. We are blessed, and are grateful.

We are growing in unity and faith and hope others join us in our meetings and activities.

Sincerely, Gerryanna Luscri



Check out the Teen News Board for activity dates and volunteer opportunities.



Next weekend we will have a second collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation helps restore the Church and build the future in over 25 countries still struggling to recover in the aftermath of communist rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. Please take an envelope located at the end of the pews home with you today and place in the second collection next weekend. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your generosity.



GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!!

The Health Ministry has scheduled a Blood Drive for Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Blood Drive appointment sheet is in the Social Hall at the Health Ministry table. Please sign up, or call Barbara Seabolt at 248-477-4752 (H) or 248-231-4184 (Cell), blseabolt@att.net, or go online to www.redcrossblood.org using the sponsor code stgeraldch

Next blood drive will be July 15, 2018.

Thank you for your support on saving many lives by giving blood and your time.

STEWARDSHIP

What value do we place on our membership in the community of the church?

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Just over a month ago we were still celebrating the Christmas season. In another few days we will begin the season of Lent. This section of Ordinary Time is quite compressed. But it gives us enough time to complete the first chapter of Mark, which we do today. We meet the leper who, cured of his leprosy, cannot keep quiet about what Jesus did for him. He provides an example of the believer testifying to Christ's power.

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.



ST. GERALD EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

This Easter Season the church will once again be decorated with memorial flowers. Parishioners have the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away through donations toward the purchase of these Easter flowers. Suggested donation this year remains \$10.00 per name.

Just fill out the form below or use the envelope provided to you in your church envelope packet! Place your form and donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Donation" (or use envelope provided in envelope packet) and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office.

A list of the donors and memorial names will appear in the bulletin for our Easter Sunday Edition.

IN MEMORY OF:

(Please legibly print name of deceased)

REMEMBERED BY:

(Your name)

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: () _____

(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)

Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church



LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Lent is the season which runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of total fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. In keeping with the spirit and meaning of the Lenten fast, Catholics are encouraged to observe the Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday and until the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

The law of fasting binds persons from the completing of their 18th year to the beginning of their 60th year, i.e., from the day after their 18th birthday to the day after their 59th birthday.

The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing - as far as quantity and quality are concerned - approved local custom. The order of meals is optional; i.e., the full meal may be taken in the evening instead of midday. Also: (1) the quantity of food taken at the two lighter meals should not exceed the quantity taken at the full meal. (2)The drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast.

The law of abstinence binds persons from the completion of their 14th year - i.e. from the day after their 14th birthday throughout life.

The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat. Permissible are soup flavored with meat, meat gravy and sauces.

St. Peter Chrysologus (380-450) states in his "Sermon 43" that *"Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting ... they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not at all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself. . . . Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain to the earth. However much you cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, show virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit. When you fast, if you mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gathering by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others."*



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In today's Scripture reading from the Book of Leviticus, the Lord tells Moses and Aaron how to delicately handle those who have contracted leprosy in the camp. In St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus shows great compassion to a leper who asks Christ to make him "clean." In spite of Christ's instruction not to, the man publicly proclaims the miracle of his healing. St. Paul instructs us to give glory to God in everything we do and to imitate Christ in all things. As Jesus' disciples, how do we show compassion and love to the outcasts of our day? Consider offering time at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter serving our less fortunate brothers and sisters.



DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE THIS LENT!

Do something different this year! Do something life-changing! Take a 40-day journey to become the best version of yourself! There are inspirational videos, practical tips and encouraging stories. It's free! All you have to do is sign up at:

DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp to have the Best Lent Ever!

OPERATION RICE BOWL

We will again be participating in Catholic Relief Services Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl. This program has inspired Catholics in the U.S. to pray, fast, learn and give as we increase our understanding of our global community throughout

our Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. All Religious Education children will receive their Rice Bowls from their classes during the week of February 5th. Additional Rice Bowls and information are available in the gathering space of the Church. Please consider making a donation to this very worthy cause.



Bible Study FOR LENT



THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

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

Location: **Parish Social Hall**

Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM

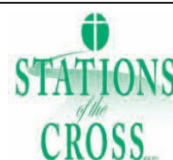
Dates: **February 28 – May 3, 2018**

NOTE: No class on March 28, 2017

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

Note – study will not meet if the Farmington Schools are closed due to weather.

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



Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM



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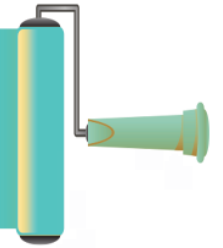
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