

# THE VOICE

APRIL 8, 2018

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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.



**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY  
OF EASTER**

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands,  
and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be  
unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

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



## **Pancake Breakfast Coming in Two Weeks!**

*Knights of Columbus Cooking Breakfast after  
8:30 AM and 10:15 AM Masses on April 22nd.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**APRIL 9 - APRIL 13**



JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU

Monday 9:15 AM

**Giovanni Rotondo**

Requested by Lisa Morelli and Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Robert McGrath (Anniv.)**

Requested by St. Gerald Parish

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Mary Margaret and George Retelle**

Requested by Mary Beth Retelle

Friday 9:15 AM

**Special Intention**

Requested by Friend

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY: IS 7:10-14; 8:10/PS 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8A, 9A]/  
HEB 10:4-10/LK 1:26-38**

**TUESDAY: ACTS 4:32-37/PS 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5 [1A]/JN 3:  
7B-15**

**WEDNESDAY: ACTS 5:17-26/PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7A]/  
JN 3:16-21**

**THURSDAY: ACTS 5:27-33/PS 34:2 AND 9, 17-18, 19-20  
[7A]/JN 3:31-36**

**FRIDAY: ACTS 5:34-42/PS 27:1, 4, 13-14 [CF. 4ABC]/  
JN 6:1-15**

**SATURDAY: ACTS 6:1-7/PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/  
JN 6:16-21**

**NEXT SUNDAY: ACTS 3:13-15, 17-19/PS 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7A]/  
1 JN 2:1-5A/LK 24:35-48**

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

**APRIL 15, 2018  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 PM April 14 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>Richard McAskin</b> Requested by Sharon & Dennis Weberlein	Servers	Isabelle Gerhart Eli Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00A

8:30 AM April 15 Fr. Kris

For <b>Walter Winiarski</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30C

10:15 AM April 15 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Servers	Sarah Weber
	Lector/ Ushers	Rick Stone 10:15A

12:00 PM April 15 Fr. Kris

For <b>Carol Kronk</b> Requested by Mark Kronk & Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 12:00A

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday,  
April 15 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

**Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week**

April 14 and April 15

Team A

*Parish Support*

**Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of March 26 . . . . . \$ 9,408.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of March 26 . . . . . \$ 9,096.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - March 26 . . . . . \$368,796.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - March 26 . . . . . \$351,720.00

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](http://stgeraldparish.org).

**Pray for our Sick:**

Doug Foley	Jim Lewis	Kimberly Thompson
Charles Minear	Karen Hall	Erin Malloy
Beth Croitori	Jim Sockow	Wanda Reiner
Linda Malloy	Rose Hickey	Rose Pierce
Ralph Wenski	Roberta Provenzano	Pat Fanilone

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL  
CLOTHING AND GOODS  
DRIVE**



Time to start your Spring  
cleaning!

The St. Vincent de Paul truck  
will be here the weekend of  
April 14 and 15  
for your donations!



Let us welcome our newest  
members to St. Gerald Parish:


**Alan and Penny Howley  
Buddy and Sara Jones and Family  
Mary O'Connell  
Margaret Thoma**

We are glad you are here!

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE

### Upcoming Events:

April 14/15 - St. Vincent De Paul Clothing and Goods Drive  
 June 3 - Graduate Breakfast following the 10:15 AM Mass  
 June 10 - St. Gerald Parish Picnic following the 12 noon Mass

 <p>Food Pantry Donations Needed</p>	Tuna Helper	Crackers
	Canned Meats	Jam and Jelly
	Canned Tuna	Rice
	Canned Fruit	Pork and Beans
	Juice	Canned Vegetables

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, April 9

8:40 AM Rosary  
 9:15 AM Mass  
 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation

### Tuesday, April 10

8:40 AM Rosary  
 9:15 AM Mass  
 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation  
 7:00 PM Worship Commission Meeting

### Wednesday, April 11

7:00 PM Vicariate Bible Study  
 7:30 Adult Choir



### Thursday, April 12

12:00 PM Pinochle  
 6:20 PM Rosary  
 7:00 PM Mass  
 7:45 PM Holy Hour



### Friday, April 13

8:40 AM Rosary  
 9:15 AM Mass  
 8:00 PM AA Meeting

### Saturday, April 14

**St. Vincent de Paul Truck here this weekend**  
 3:30 PM Confessions  
 5:00 PM Mass

### Sunday, April 15

#### Third Sunday of Easter

**St. Vincent de Paul Truck here this weekend**  
 8:30 AM Mass  
 10:00 AM Botsford Commons visit  
 10:15 AM Mass  
 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 10:30 AM Sunday School  
 12:00 PM Mass  
 6:30 PM Confirmation Classes

## YOUTH MINISTRY



### ALLELUIA! Happy Easter!

Our Savior, Jesus Christ, has conquered death and everything that diminishes the Divine life in us and among us. His resurrection from the dead is not simply a fact of history to be retold at Easter. It is a mystery to be lived everyday. As Christians, we are just as

inspired by the presence of Jesus among us as those who first saw the empty tomb.

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Join us for a parent & teen dinner on Sunday, April 22nd. Location to be determined. Rsvp to Gerryanna @ 248-477-7677 x 208.

## RELIGIOUS FORMATION

### SAVE THE DATE!

**St. Gerald Church  
 Vacation Bible School  
 June 18th - 22nd  
 10:15 AM - 1:00 PM**



### FRESH THYME GIVING BAGS FOR OUR SVDP CONFERENCE



During the month of April, every reusable Fresh Thyme Giving Bag that you purchase at the Farmington store will result in a \$1.00 contribution to our St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference. The price of a bag is \$2.99.

So, buy a bag and keep reusing it to support our conference and our environment!

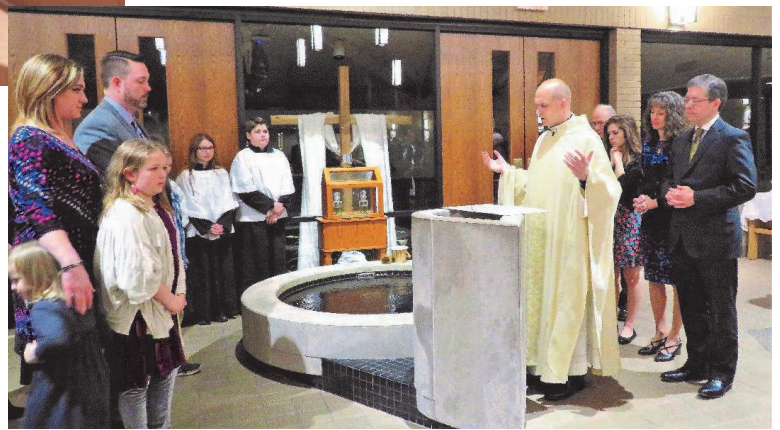


**Easter Memorial Flowers**  
 Please remember the John Klem Family,  
 remembered by Nancy Norton





### Blessing of Easter Baskets and Easter Foods



**Congratulations to Scott Horsburgh (left) and Daniel Irvin (middle), with Tim Westfall, who became full members of the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil.**



**Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time during Holy Week! Whether you helped during the Mass or at the reception, we are very thankful for your part. Have a Blessed Easter Season!**



# Events happening in and around our community

## 2018 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SUPPORT AND EDUCATION SERIES: DEEPER REFLECTIONS

April 24th at Sacred Heart Major Seminary – NFP, Subfertility and Infertility

April 22 – 28, 2018 is National Infertility Awareness Week. Approximately 1 in 8 couples will struggle to build their family. At this meeting we'll explore NFP in relation to subfertility and infertility. Couples have found help from NFP to identify and treat a variety of fertility concerns. The Church recognizes the pain of infertility and offers her love and support to couples dealing with this unique cross. We will come together to offer prayer, comfort and understanding for all those affected by infertility.

RSVP to [nfp@aod.org](mailto:nfp@aod.org) and visit [www.aod.org/nfp](http://www.aod.org/nfp) for upcoming dates and more information!



Tuesday, April 24th in the St. Gerald 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!

## FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

5<sup>th</sup> Week of the Month Coed Breakfast Club  
Senate Coney Island in Northville –April 30

On months with 5 weeks we enjoy a coed breakfast and camaraderie at various restaurants in the area. All widowed men and women are invited to join us Monday, April 30, 2018 at 9:30 AM at Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Drive (off Haggerty between 5 and 6 Mile) in Northville. Come meet new friends, have great conversation and enjoy good food. Order off the menu, separate checks. No walk-ins please. RSVP by April 23 to Tom at [734-927-0610](tel:734-927-0610). Widowed Friends is a "Peer" Support Group offering widowed men and women a variety of enrichment activities to facilitate the journey from loss to a new sense of joy and purpose. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at [www.widowedfriends.org](http://www.widowedfriends.org)

## BIBLE STUDY

### 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**

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

Now through **May 3, 2018**

**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](mailto:dlb882@gmail.com)) or Sharon Weberlein ([shrweber@aol.com](mailto:shrweber@aol.com)) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.



## DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA

### MOTHER TERESA CIRCLE #1413

The Daughters of Isabella are hosting a Polish Dinner/Entertainment Fundraiser on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM. It is for the benefit of the ongoing works of our circle. A complete catered dinner and Polish deserts will be served. Entertainment and raffles will go on throughout the evening. The cost per ticket is \$25.00. It will be held at St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia Michigan in the Activity Center.

Come and join us for an evening of great food and entertainment.

**To order your tickets call:**

734-744-7686 or 248-471-3962

## AQUINAS COLLEGE VISIT DAY – FRIDAY, APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup>

Aquinas College in Grand Rapids is hosting an AQDay for all high school juniors and seniors interested in visiting their beautiful 117-acre campus. The Admissions Office invites you to come and discover what life at AQ is really all about. Get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad, and more.

Please visit [aquinas.edu/aqday](http://aquinas.edu/aqday) for more details or to register for the event on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today's First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles details how the early community of believers was of one heart and mind, portioning all possessions with no claim of ownership over them. All goods were held in common and allocated according to need. In St. John's First Letter and Gospel, the evangelist teaches us about strength of faith in Christ, which guides us to love God and to answer His commission to send disciples forth to conquer the world. We profess in awe, along with St. Thomas, *My Lord and my God!* As faithful stewards, these passages inspire us to share our many blessings with our parish, the Archdiocese, the worldwide Church, and our neighbors in great need. Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with your family and visit the Divine Mercy Center in Clinton Township.



**KNIGHTS CORNER**

**Past Grand Knight Rich Smith Takes Over As Membership Director**

Past Grand Knight Rich Smith has a new job with the Council. He will take over the job of Membership Director immediately. He was appointed to the position by Grand Knight Fred Gerometta, who announced the appointment at last Tuesday’s Officers’ Meeting. Smith succeeds Shatomi Kerbawy, who asked to be relieved due to a lack of time. Kerbawy has a new job, has started training as an Emergency Medical Tech and is the primary caregiver for an elderly and ailing mother. “Shatomi did a great job as Membership Director,” Gerometta said, “plus organizing and leading us in two major neighborhood food drives. We’re pleased that he will continue to participate in Council activities as his time allows.”



Past Grand Knight

Smith, a charter member, was the Council’s second Grand Knight, serving during the formative years of 2006-2010. During his tenure, the Council was awarded the Supreme Council’s highest honors – a Star Council and two Double Council awards. After stepping down as Grand Knight, he has taken on numerous leadership positions, presently serving as one of the casino bus leaders, as the organizer of the annual Memorial Mass and as Warden, an elected office he will continue to hold until a replacement is found or until the term ends June 30.

Smith’s move to Membership Director, which is considered an Officer position, will leave the Warden slot open in the upcoming election. Election Chair Tom McPhail said that nominations for that position and others will open at the April 17 Membership Meeting. Nominees must hold the Third Degree of our Order and be in good standing. Any member in good standing can nominate someone or a member can nominate himself. The Nominating period will be closed just before the start of voting during the May 15 Membership Meeting. McPhail is seeking a member to serve on the Election Committee and help with the election. Brother Pat McDonald is the other Committee Member.

The parish is holding a Welcome Reception for persons who have joined the parish in the last year. Help the newcomers get acquainted by joining your Officers at the April 19 event. It will follow the usual 7 PM Thursday Mass. Be sure to wear your Council shirt and your Council badge. **Join Your Brother Knights in Prayer at Our Family Communion Mass, 10:15 AM April 29!**

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**STAFF**

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- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor . . . . . x 203
- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant. . . . . x 212
- Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

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- Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinator . . . . . x 204
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- Gerryanna Luscri . . . . . x 208
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**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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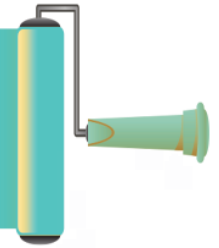
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