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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

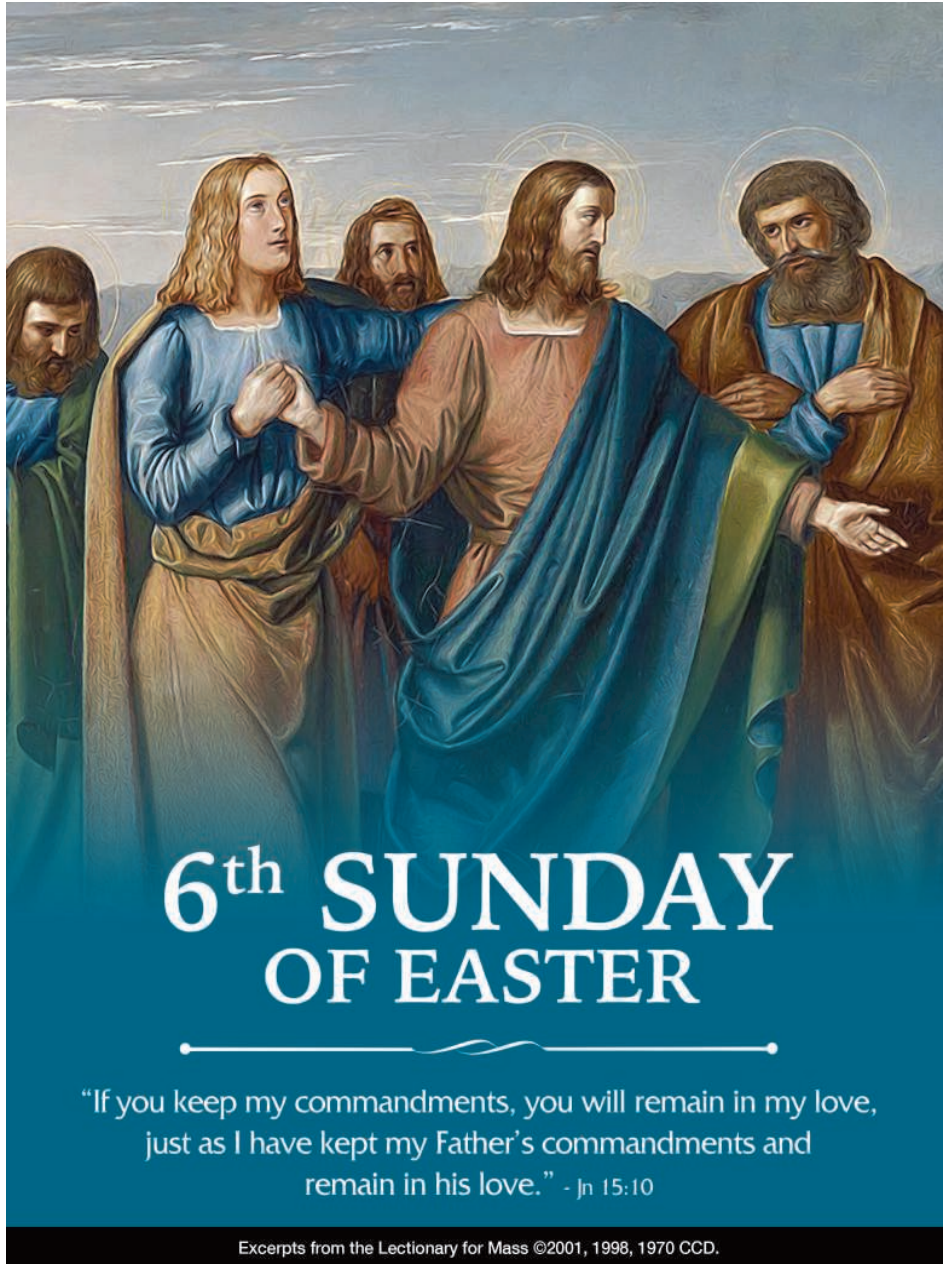
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



**6th SUNDAY
OF EASTER**

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and
remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 18TH TO JUNE 22ND
10:15 AM—1:00 PM

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HALLWAY OR ON THE TABLE
AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.



MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 7 - MAY 11



Monday 9:15 AM

Jim Meloche

Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

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

Requested by C. Kemp

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Hanna Temme (In Thanksgiving)
Requested by Bob and Monica Koenig

Friday 9:15 AM

John O'Connell

Requested by Mary O'Connell

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ACTS 16:11-15/PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B [CF. 4A]/JN 15:26--16:4A

TUESDAY: ACTS 16:22-34/PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3, 7C-8 [7C]/JN 16:5-11

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 17:15, 22--18:1/PS 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/JN 16:12-15

THURSDAY: ASCENSION: ACTS 1:1-11/PS 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/EPH 1:17-23 OR EPH 4:1-13 OR 4:1-7, 11-13/MK 16:15-20

FRIDAY: ACTS 18:9-18/PS 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8A]/ JN 16:20-23

SATURDAY: ACTS 18:23-28/PS 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 [8A]/ JN 16:23B-28

NEXT SUNDAY: ACTS 1:15-17, 20A, 20C-26/PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19A]/1 JN 4:11-16/JN 17:11B-19

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

**MAY 13, 2018
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

5:00 PM May 12 Fr. Roodbeen

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| For Margaret Weberlein Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein | Servers | Eli Gerhart Isabelle Gerhart |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Diane Blankenship 5:00A |

8:30 AM May 13 Fr. Roodbeen

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| For Michael Hoots Requested by Family | Servers | Servers Needed |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Rosa Russenberger 8:30A |

10:15 AM May 13 Fr. Kaiser

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| For All Our Parishioners | Servers | Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Nancy Stone 10:15B |

12:00 PM May 13 Fr. Kaiser

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| For Mary Louise Torres Requested by Marina Brezinsky | Servers | Angela Guerra |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Christine Greig 12:00A |

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday,
May 13 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week

May 12 and May 13

Team A

Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot

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| Actual Offertory for Weekend of April 22 | \$ 8,037.00 |
| Budget Offertory for Weekend of April 22 | \$ 9,096.00 |
| Actual Offertory July 1 - April 22 | \$416,645.00 |
| Budget Offertory July 1 - April 22 | \$388,104.00 |

Pray for our Sick:

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|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 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 |

CSA WEEKEND

This weekend is CSA Weekend, which marks the beginning of our annual Catholic Services Appeal. The theme of the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal is *Opening Doors to Grow with Christ*. As we unleash the Gospel throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit, we grow in our love of Jesus as his missionary disciples.

Gifts to the CSA make possible more than 100 ministries, programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese every day. No one parish could provide all of these blessings, which benefit so many.

Our CSA is a pledge program, which allows you to spread your gift over several months. Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal. You may pledge your gift online. More information on online giving will be in the next issue of the Voice.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our **Parish Picnic** is fast approaching... sign up now to help with games and be included in the fun on **Sunday, June 10th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) volunteers are needed. **M-F June 18 to 22nd** 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Family involvement makes it more fun. Let us know where you'd like to help:

- ◆ Teen Crew Leaders
- ◆ Craft Station Assistants
- ◆ Food Prep Crew
- ◆ Drama Actors

Set up and tech help is needed. Let us know how you'd like to be involved. Email: Gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

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.**

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

GRADUATE MASS AND BREAKFAST

On Sunday, June 3rd at the 10:15 Mass, St. Gerald will be celebrating those graduating from **high school** and **college** this year. During this Mass we will recognize our graduates and bestow a special blessing upon them. If you are graduating this year and are able to attend this Mass, please come dressed in your cap and gown. If you did not receive a letter from me or know of someone who is graduating this year and would like to be a part of this Mass, please call Matt at 248-476-7677 Ext 204. Be sure to include the number of people who are attending. Thank you!

EVANGELIZATION

Farmington Founders Festival booth volunteers are needed. This year we will be teaming up with St. Fabian and Our Lady of Sorrows Parishes at one booth to promote our Farmington Area Catholic Churches. Let us know if you'd like to help with this evangelization. **July 20, 21, 22 (F-Sat-Sun 10-4)** Give away items are being collected for distribution. Email Gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com, if you can help at the booth, or donate items.

If you're going to listen to something, let it be GOOD!

Catholic & Christian Radio Station options:
990 AM Ave Maria Radio (avemariaradio.net)

94.3 FM Family Life Radio (myflr.org)

103.5 FM The Light (WMUZ)
106.3 FM KLOVE (klove.com)

Take a listen; learn and grow in faith.

**Just a reminder . . .
Parish Council Meeting,
Tuesday, May 8
beginning at 7:00 PM**

RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST



Pentecost Sunday is May 20, 2018. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit with the symbolic color **red**. We invite you to either bring a potted **red** geranium to decorate our sanctuary or purchase one for \$5.00 as you enter St. Gerald from the Knights of Columbus on Saturday, May 19th or Sunday, May 20th. All proceeds will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. The following week the geraniums will be planted on the parish grounds for everyone to enjoy throughout season. Thank you!



Last Sunday, 12 children received the sacrament of First Communion. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey.



"Let the children come to me"
Matthew 19: 1-10

What's Happening

Monday, May 7

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, May 8

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
7:00 PM Parish Council and Commission Mtgs.

Wednesday, May 9

No Mass

Thursday, May 10

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

Friday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 12

3:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, May 13

The Ascension of the Lord
Botsord Commons Visit
Mother's Day
8:30 AM Mass
10:15 AM Mass
10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:00 PM Mass

First Communion Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Through bread and wine at the Last Supper, and by your holy word, you gave the Eucharist to your church. You transformed common food and drink into your Body and Blood, and offered us a share in your life in ways we still cannot fully understand. Grant now that these young people will always treasure the gift they have in you. Give them the grace to be faithful to you and to remain in communion with your church. As they receive their first Communion, the Bread of Life and Cup of Salvation, make them always aware of the hope they have for eternal life in you.

Amen.

Events happening in and around our community

SEND LABORERS INTO THE HARVEST

Please join us on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Beverly Hills for a symposium on ideas and tools parishes can use to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The symposium is sponsored by the Office of Priestly Vocations and the Detroit-Oakland Serra Club. The symposium begins with Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by the program in the Social Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

At the symposium you will learn how to –

- Stimulate daily parish prayer programs for vocations
- Establish special devotions for vocations such as the Travelling Chalice or Crucifix
- Arrange Holy Hours and Adoration for vocations
- Strengthen the Catholic faith among college students
- Organize a parish vocations committee
- And much more ...

Who Should Attend? Anyone interested in promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but especially Pastors, Parish Youth and Faith Formation Ministers, Parish Pastoral Council and Commissions members, School Principals and Teachers.

For Further Information: 313.596.7400
or Cruz.Patricia@aod.org

To register: <https://vocationsymposium.eventbrite.com>
(No cost! CSA gifts at work.)

PINOCHLE ANYONE?

Do you enjoy playing pinochle? Come join the card group on Thursday afternoons in our parish social hall. Please arrive by noon with card play beginning at 12:30 PM. What better way to spend your Thursday afternoons. You do not need to call ahead to join in the fun, just stop in and make some new friends!

BULLETIN REMINDER

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by **10 AM on Mondays**. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE..

We have placed a comment/suggestion box on the table at the main entrance of the church for parishioners to share their thoughts about our parish. These comment sheets will be read by the Pastor and then, if needed, forwarded to the appropriate Area Representative for action.

It is important that you put your contact information on these sheets so that we can respond to your comment or suggestions. We truly value your input!



2018 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SUPPORT AND EDUCATION SERIES: DEEPER REFLECTIONS

May 22nd at Sacred Heart Major Seminary –
Martha, Mary, and NFP

Jesus visited the home of Martha and her sister, Mary. In her busyness Martha felt overwhelmed and alone as she tended to the needs of those she invited into her home. When she asked Jesus to make Mary help, Jesus responded to more than just her request. What can this interaction reveal to us as NFP users? We'll reflect on this story and on Jesus' words to the Martha & the Mary in each of us.

RSVP to nfp@aod.org and visit www.aod.org/nfp for upcoming dates and more information!

Next Bunco night is Tuesday, May 29th 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!



OLGC WOMEN'S RETREAT
SATURDAY, MAY 12 | 9AM-3 PM | \$40*
olgcp parish.net/register

Join the journey to discover the passionate love of the Father and claim anew your identity as His daughter.

This day of spiritual pampering includes Mass, confession, prayer ministry, praise & worship, and our dynamic keynote speaker, Karen Ervin, consecrated virgin and principal at St. Catherine of Sienna Academy. Invite your mother, sisters, and friends to come along. Everyone is welcome.

*The \$40 fee is waived for current OLGC WWP Participants.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT DIANA AT
DIRITAD@OLGCPARISH.NET.

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Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 3:00 PM
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At the door tickets: \$15.00 Everyone

Tickets available from chorus members, at the Kirksey Recreation Center, at the door, or call 734-542-9071.



KNIGHTS CORNER

Mark Your Calendar with These Key Dates When K of C members Will Be Busy!

Dates! Not the ones you find in cookies. Or the ones where two people of the opposite sex enjoy each other’s company at a dinner and a movie. Something important to Council 13673 members is taking place on these dates.

May 1 – A regular meeting of Council Officers when they will hear a report on the financial aspects of the April 22 Pancake Breakfast. The event grossed slightly over \$1,500, thanks to our generous parishioners and our mysterious “cup of coffee” benefactor. At our September and January breakfasts, he asked to buy a cup of coffee, offering four quarters. When told the coffee was on the house, he then handed Treasurer Rich Rosowski a wad of bills – \$1,500 in all. The latest appearance was April 21 when a crew of Knights was setting up the hall for the next morning’s pancakes. No one saw him enter before he asked Rosowski what was going on. When told about the next day’s pancakes, he said he was going to be out of town. He then pulled out his wallet and handed the Treasurer \$460 and departed. We thank him.

May 6 – Last week in this space we reported that the Knights would be proving the service personnel – ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, a lector and altar server for the Noon Mass and for Noon Masses on first Sundays of future months. Because no Knights already have been assigned for May 6, it was decided that the Knights would begin **June 3**. If you can participate as an usher, lector, altar server or EM, give GK Fred Gerometta a call at 248-763-3196.

May 15 – Meeting Chow returns for this regular Membership Meeting, which features more nomination time and election of Officers for the **July 1** term. The Meeting Chow will start at 6:30 PM and will feature sausage, reports Ken May, our Hospitality Chair. Other dates scheduled for Meeting Chow are **July 17** (Pizza Night), **Sept. 18** (Corn and Hot Dogs), and **Nov. 20** (Spaghetti). Food will be served at 6:30 PM with the business meeting starting as close to 7 PM as practical.

Nominations will be re-opened during the **May 15** session with voting immediately after the close of nominations. The following have accepted nomination with incumbents identified with an * following their name: Grand Knight Dave Bednarski, Deputy Grand Knight Frank Gariepy, Chancellor Terry Grabinski, Recorder Roger Stacey*, Treasurer Rich Rosowski*, Advocate Jerome Williams*, Warden PGK Patrick Rogers, Guards Michael Rometty* and Jack Davis* and Trustee (2021) GK Fred Gerometta. Other key dates are **May 24** – K of C Memorial Mass – and **June 10** –Parish Picnic.

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)

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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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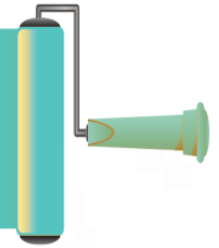
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