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JULY 22, 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

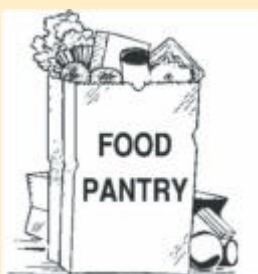
Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place
and rest a while." So they went off in the boat by themselves
to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

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



Donations of following items needed:

Tuna Helper
Canned Vegetables
Mac and Cheese Boxes

Tuna Fish
Canned Soup
Jelly/Jam



MASS INTENTIONS

JULY 23 - JULY 27

Monday 9:15 AM
Dominic and Lena Ponzetti
 Requested by Graziano Canini

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Jim Meloche
 Requested by Family

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Special Intention
 Requested by Friend

Friday 9:15 AM
Eugene Wojnar
 Requested by Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: MI 6:1-4, 6-8/PS 50:5-6, 8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23 [23B]/MT 12:38-42

TUESDAY: MI 7:14-15, 18-20/PS 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8A]/MT 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY: 2 COR 4:7-15/PS 126:1BC-2AB, 2CD-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/MT 20:20-28

THURSDAY: JER 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/PS 36:6-7AB, 8-9, 10-11 [10A]/MT 13:10-17

FRIDAY: JER 3:14-17/JER 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13 [CF. 10D]/MT 13:18-23

SATURDAY: JER 7:1-11/PS 84:3, 4, 5-6A AND 8A, 11 [2]/MT 13:24-30

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 KGS 4:42-44/PS 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [CF. 16]/EPH 4:1-6/JN 6:1-15

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

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of July 7	\$ 7,588.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 7	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory as of July 7	\$ 18,971.00
Budget Offertory as of July 7	\$ 18,192.00



Doug Foley	Jim Lewis	Kimberly Thompson
Charles Minear	Karen Hall	Erin Malloy
Beth Croitori	Jim Sockow	Wanda Reiner
Linda Malloy	Rose Hickey	Pat Fanilone
Ralph Wenski	Roberta Provenzano	Nancy Kolliker
Anna Iadipaolo	Yolanda Fenech	Genevieve Browne

JULY 29, 2018 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM July 28 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Molly Joy Requested by Family	Servers	Isabelle Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Ellen Stacey 5:00A
8:30 AM July 29 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Rosa Russenberger 8:30C
10:15 AM July 29 Fr. Kris		
For Marilyn McEvelly Requested by McEvelly Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15B
12:00 PM July 29 Fr. Roodbeen		
For John Arthur Buhagiar Requested by Gjerding Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 12:00B

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, July 22 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week


July 28 and July 29
 Team D

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

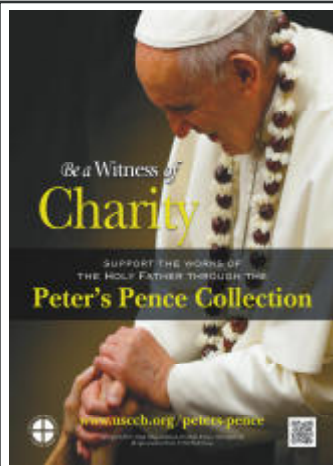
When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org.

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 the office at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and their name will be added to our prayers.



Let us welcome our newest members:
Zachary and Melanie Fragoso
 We are glad you are here!



Next week, we will take the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Please take an envelope home and return next weekend in the Sunday Collection basket. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

BUNCO NIGHT IS TUESDAY, JULY 31ST

in the St. Gerald Parish Social Hall beginning at 6:30 PM.



Please enter building in door across from the white garage in the church parking lot. Call or text Kim Weigold at 248-921-7195 if you would like to attend or for more

information. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a beverage of your choice. To participate in prizes, please bring \$5 (prefer singles) and 6 quarters totaling \$6.50. See you there! Everyone welcome.

CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR

Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek
 Wednesday August 8, 2018
 Tour leaves St. Gerald Parish at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM

For information and to sign up call:
 Richard Smith 313/421-0204 or
 Bruce Roberts 248/756-9257 or
 Richard Rosowski 248/477-2511



Even Gardeners take a little vacation and we have several traveling around the same time! So any of the lovely helpers who work the Spring or Fall clean ups are welcome to pull a few weeds or help water the plants as you see the need. We have been fortunate with rain so far this summer, but it looks like a dry spell is coming. Thank you in advance. Your Garden Committee.

CSA - NATIONAL COLLECTIONS

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal fund the Archdiocese of Detroit's contribution to six national collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops each year. The bishops in the United States created national collections so dioceses could combine resources and more effectively carry out our mission as Catholics. Each collection represents our community of faith at work in our country and around the world.

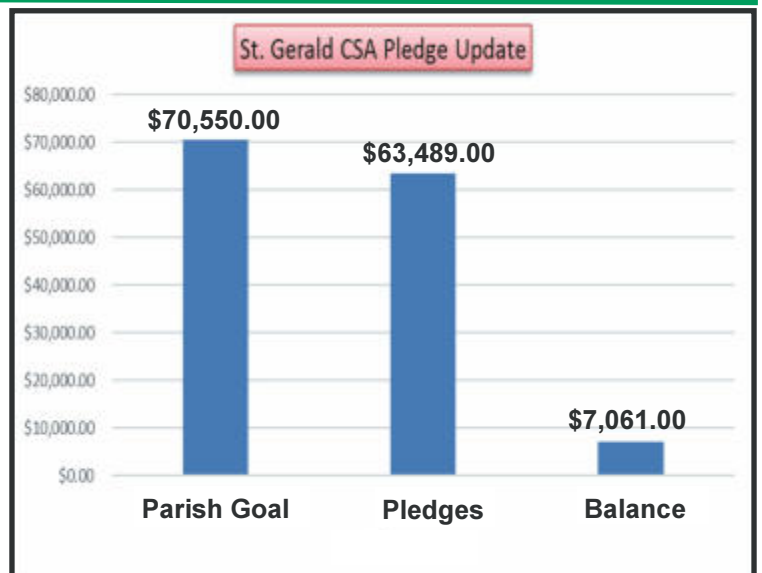
CSA gifts are given to the collections for the Catholic University of America, Catholic Communication Campaign, Holy Land, Church in Latin America, Catholic Home Missions, and Black and Indian Missions. For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org.

2018 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SUPPORT & EDUCATION SERIES: DEEPER REFLECTIONS
JULY 24TH AT SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY – 50 YEARS OF HUMANAE VITAE

On July 25 1968, Blessed Pope Paul VI released his encyclical *Humanae Vitae* reaffirming the Church's perennial teachings on the nature of conjugal love and the rejection of contraceptives. This year marks 50 years since this prophetic document exploded onto the scene! Does this document still hold relevance for today's marriages, families, and society? We'll hold up the mirror of *Humanae Vitae* to our own marriages to see how we're reflecting God's love to the world around us. **RSVP to nfp@aod.org and visit www.aod.org/nfp for upcoming dates and more information!**

CSA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to CSA. If you have not sent back your card, please do so. As you can see in the chart to the right, we are getting very close to our goal and would appreciate your help. Any amount is appreciated. You can return your card to church by dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, mailing it back in with the envelope provided or dropping it off in the Parish Office. If you are unable to give at this time, please return your card and indicate this on the pledge card. Any amount not collected will become the responsibility of St. Gerald. As always, your generosity and support is very much appreciated!



Events happening in and around our community

SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER AUGUST 19TH – 26TH

PLEASE SIGN UP AT NORTHCONGREGATIONALCHURCH.ORG

Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church, St. Gerald Catholic Church, the Muslim Community Mosque and North Congregational Church will be hosting 30 – 35 homeless people, including families, the week of August 19th at North Congregational. We will provide transportation, meals, housing, entertainment and hospitality for our guests for a week from Sunday evening through the following Sunday morning. Guests spend their days at work, S.O.S. – in training and counseling, or elsewhere preparing to transition into housing before returning to North Congregational in time for dinner.

This endeavor takes many to hands to make it successful. We will need about 1,000 hours of volunteer time and donations of hundreds of food items to welcome our guests. If every person in our places of worship can sign up for one volunteer shift or one food item, we will be able to give our guests a wonderful week. Please know that every volunteer task will have a coordinator who will direct and guide each process for your shift.

Signing up to volunteer or provide food donations can be done through the website at NorthCongregationalChurch.org. You may also contact Danny Hawkins directly and he will sign up for you. If you have any questions, you may contact him at NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com or 248 217-1750.

A PROGRAM TO HELP COUPLES HEAL AND RENEW THEIR MARRIAGES

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? · Are you constantly fighting? · Or, do you simply shut down? · Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it make it worse?

RETRouvaille CAN HELP!!

The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of twelve follow up (or Post) sessions over the course of six weeks. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

OUR NEXT PROGRAM IS AUGUST 10-12 AT THE SHERATON IN ROMULUS

Please pass this information on to anyone who you suspect might be a hurting couple. For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HelpOurMarriage.com

FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

Breakfast at Annie's Restaurant in Livonia on August 16th at 9:00 AM

Widowed men and women are invited to meet at 9 AM on August 16th for coffee, breakfast and conversation in a friendly setting at Annie's Restaurant, 33427 Plymouth Road in Livonia. RSVP to Tom at 734-927-0610.

Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at www.widowedfriends.org



PRIESTLY VOCATIONS: THE WATCHMEN REGIONAL DISCERNMENT GROUPS

Regional Discernment Groups are for men ages 16-55 who want to actively discern the call of the Lord in their lives. These groups will meet for time of prayer, presentations on discernment, food and fellowship with other like-minded men.

Upcoming event: July 26 at Church of the Divine Child, Dearborn, 6 PM.

For more information, locations and dates visit detroitpriest.com



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

At St. Gerald we welcome all and encourage anyone 18 years of age and older to become registered members of the Parish.

Registration is a simple process that is done at the Parish Office during office hours 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday or by picking up a Registration form located on the book shelf in the gathering space of the church and sliding a completed form under the Parish Office door. Keeping our records current is also important. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please call the information into the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. If you are moving from our parish, please let us know.

CARDINAL DEARDEN MEMORIAL

You are invited to a prayer service in memory of John Cardinal Dearden on Wednesday, August 1st from 7 to 9 PM at St. Therese of Lisieux Parish. This memorial marks the 30th anniversary of his passing and is sponsored by the Cardinal Dearden Legacy Project. The cardinal served the Church with great distinction at the Second Vatican Council and as our archbishop from 1958 to 1980. He invited Catholics to grow a vibrant Church through adult education and restructured the archdiocese to engage us in building the Kingdom of God. A reception with light refreshments will follow the prayer service. St. Therese of Lisieux is located at 48115 Schoenherr, just north of 21 Mile in Shelby Twp. For more information, call 586-264-9815 or search Facebook: johnfranciscardinaldearden.



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!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today’s Scripture readings present the theme of the Good Shepherd. The prophet Jeremiah warns those shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock that their evil deeds will not go unpunished. He prophesies about Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Who God will lift up as a righteous shoot from David’s line. St. Paul reminds us how, through Christ, we are brought together in Him. In St. Mark’s Gospel, Jesus shows compassion by taking pity on the crowd, the lost sheep, and begins to instruct them. How can we seek a deeper relationship with Christ, the Good Shepherd? Do we, in the spirit of evangelization, encourage with love our brothers and sisters who have left the faith to reopen their hearts to Jesus — to allow Him personally into their lives? Begin by asking them to attend Alpha or another evangelization series at your parish.

What's Happening

Monday, July 23
8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, July 24
8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, July 25
No Mass

Thursday, July 26
6:20 PM Rosary
7:00 PM Mass
7:45 PM Holy Hour

Friday, July 27
8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, July 28
3:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, July 29
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Mass
10:15 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass



What is the Catholic Church and what do we believe?

Do you want to learn more about your faith? ...our Catholic rituals, beliefs, gestures, members?

The answers are in a small flip book called
“Welcome to Our Church/Your Guide For The Mass”.

Thanks to our Evangelization Committee this book is available at the table in the gathering space of our church. Pick one up and learn more about why and how we practice our faith. Feel free to take it home, pass on the information, or return it to the table for another person.



Knights Corner

Make Plans to Attend the Council's Annual Family Pot Dinner on Saturday, August 18

Chicken will be the entrée for the annual Council Pot Luck dinner scheduled for Saturday, August 18. The event begins with cocktails and appetizers at 6 PM followed by dinner around 7 PM. PGK Fred Gerometta will prepare the chicken pieces, using a secret family recipe developed by his great grandfather in Italy before World War I. He also will command the grill pit.



Barbara Sebolt will be coordinating the other parts of the menu --- the dishes diners are asked to bring -- appetizers, sides and desserts. Contact her at 248-477-4752 or 248-231-4184 and discuss what dish for eight you should bring. To refresh your memory, the event is BYOB, which means bring your own bottle or bottles. Keep in mind that in the past a taste of whatever you brought is often enjoyed after dessert, so bring enough. You are welcome to take home whatever you bring.

As in the past few years, the Gerometta's generously have opened their home and its roomy yard to the Council for this family event. It is a grand time to meet and greet Brother Knights and their spouses or to renew acquaintances. Make plans now to attend. Directions to the Gerometta homestead will be provided later in a separate email or snail mail.

Each year the State Council holds an Essay Contest for school age kids to introduce them to the Knights of Columbus. The contest is held in the fall and is a very low key event, requiring a minimum of labor. Early in our history we conducted a contest, but it was dropped because of a lack of leadership. With nearly 100 children in our parish education program, an Essay contest should work, if there is a coordinator to push it. If interested, contact Program Director Tom McPhail at 248-875-1185. The deadline for ordering contest materials is fast approaching.

Looking Ahead – We still are in need of Knights to help serve as support for the Noon Mass on the first Sunday of the Month. The next Mass is August 5. Serving as an Usher, Eucharistic Minister, Lector or altar server enriches your prayer. Some of these positions require a bit of training, which is available. Contact Program Director Tom McPhail at 248-875-1185.

Keep Informed about Your Council; Read the Knights Corner in The Voice Each Sunday!

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

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Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

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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
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Music Ministry

Mary Melonio x 222
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Worship Ministry x 202

Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.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 Parish Office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway and the gathering space of the church 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 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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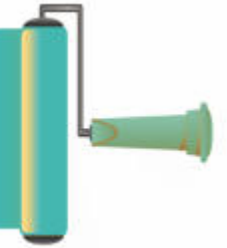
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