

# THE VOICE

JULY 29, 2018

## ST. GERALD

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
A Servant Church Of  
The Archdiocese of Detroit

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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.



**17<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted." - Jn 6:12

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

## CSA REMINDER. . .

If you still have not turned in your CSA pledge card, please do so by placing it in the Sunday Collection basket or returning it to the Parish Office. Any amount of contribution would be appreciated. If you are unable to give, simply indicate this on your card.

Thank you!



**MASS INTENTIONS**

**JULY 30 - AUGUST 4**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Dominic and Lena Ponzetti**  
Requested by Graziano Canini

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Ed Fenech**  
Requested by Yolanda Fenech

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Dominic and Lena Ponzetti**  
Requested by Graziano Canini

Friday 9:15 AM

**Special Intention**  
Requested by Friend

Saturday 9:15 AM

**Lazar and Pauline Croitori**  
Requested by Croitori Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY: JER 13:1-11/DT 32:18-19, 20, 21 [CF. 18A]/  
MT 13:31-35

TUESDAY: JER 14:17-22/PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13 [9]/  
MT 13:36-43

WEDNESDAY: JER 15:10, 16-21/PS 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18  
[17D]/MT 13:44-46

THURSDAY: JER 18:1-6/PS 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6AB [5A]/  
MT 13:47-53

FRIDAY: JER 26:1-9/PS 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14C]/MT 13:54-58

SATURDAY: JER 26:11-16, 24/PS 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34  
[14C]/MT 14:1-12

NEXT SUNDAY: EX 16:2-4, 12-15/PS 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54  
[24B]/EPH 4:17, 20-24/JN 6:24-35

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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 15 . . . . .	\$ 9,784.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 15 . . . . .	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory as of July 15 . . . . .	\$ 28,755.00
Budget Offertory as of July 15 . . . . .	\$ 27,288.00



Doug Foley	Sofia Weiland	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

**AUGUST 5, 2018  
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM August 4 Fr. Kris		
For <b>Fr. John Menner</b> Requested by Joe Pavco	Servers	Isabelle Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00B
8:30 AM August 5 Fr. Kris		
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30A
10:15 AM August 5 Fr. Roodbeen		
For <b>Nicholas Tuz</b> Requested by Tuz Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15C
12:00 PM August 5 Fr. Kris		
For <b>Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht &amp; Goderman Families</b> Requested by C. Kemp	Servers	Knights of Columbus
	Lector/ Ushers	Knights of Columbus 12:00A

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, August 5 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

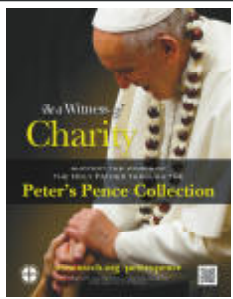
**Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week**  
**August 4 and August 5**  
Team A

**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](http://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](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) and their name will be added to our prayers.

**First Friday, August 3**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
following the 9:15 AM Friday morning  
Mass ending with Benediction at  
5:00 PM. Scheduled adorers needed.  
Please see sign-up sheet in the  
narthex for times.





Today we are taking the Peter's Pence Collection, which supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. This collection is taken up by Catholics around the globe and helps the Holy Father reach out to people suffering in our world, especially those enduring the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. Please be generous.

**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.

**CSA - YOUNG ADULT AND CAMPUS MINISTRY**

Volunteers will take to the streets of Marine City during Maritime Days and invite people to go into Holy Cross Church to light a candle, say a prayer, or speak with a priest during Nightfever next Saturday, August 4.

The *Nightfever* initiative, which grew out of World Youth Day 2005, combines adoration, reconciliation, prayer, music, and an opportunity to bring new people into the Church. *Nightfever* in our Archdiocese is coordinated through the Office for Young Adult and Campus Ministry and supported by your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal.

Holy Cross Church will be open for *Nightfever* from 7:30 to 10 PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be displayed, and the altar decorated with candles and Divine Mercy rays. For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to aod.org



Even Gardeners take a little vacation and we have several traveling around at 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.



**Tuna Helper  
Canned Vegetables  
Mac and Cheese Boxes  
Tuna Fish  
Canned Soup  
Jelly/Jam**

**LIBRARY REMINDERS . . .**

Please come visit our library located in the southwest vestibule of the church building. You are welcome to take a book home to read, all we ask is that when you borrow a book to be sure to sign it out. Also, make sure to return your book when finished, so others can enjoy it as well.



**WE PRAY FOR THE  
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF  
DR. THADDEUS C.  
RADZILOWSKI**

+  
FEBRUARY 4, 1938  
JULY 20, 2018

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO  
THADDEUS O LORD, AND MAY  
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM

**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 19<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup>

### PLEASE SIGN UP AT [NORTHCONGREGATIONALCHURCH.ORG](http://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 19<sup>th</sup> at North Congregational Church. 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 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](http://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](mailto: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](http://HelpOurMarriage.com)

## St. Regis Divorced Catholics Group

Walk with us!

Walk from Holy Name (1 mile) to Dick O'Dows.

**When:** Wednesday, August 15 at 7:00 PM

**Where:** Meet at the parking lot at Holy Name  
(630 Harmon Street, Birmingham)

**RSVP:** [divorcedcatholic@gmail.com](mailto:divorcedcatholic@gmail.com)  
or Terry Lindner (586)917-3216



**FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN**  
Breakfast at Annie's Restaurant in Livonia on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

Widowed men and women are invited to meet at 9 AM on August 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.widowedfriends.org)*

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

*August 21st at Sacred Heart Major Seminary – NFP in the (Extra)Ordinary Times*

As Ordinary Time marches on in the Church, the routine of NFP can help us grow in our marriages through the ordinary and extra-ordinary times. From the ho-hum to the incredible, NFP is there inviting us to live and love through it all. We'll explore the comfort we can draw from the consistency of NFP in our lives through whatever life throws our way.

**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!**

## 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




**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.

**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.




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 focus on God miraculously feeding the hungry. In the Second Book of Kings, the Lord uses the prophet Elisha as His instrument to supply nourishment for 100 men from 20 barley loaves. In St. John's Gospel, the evangelist tells of a time near Passover, when Jesus multiplies a few loaves and fish to accommodate more than 5,000 followers. Both passages point toward Christ's institution of the Eucharist at His Last Supper with His disciples. The Holy Eucharist is the "source and summit" of our faith. We become what we consume. For those who are able, frequent partaking of Christ in Holy Communion can bring a deeper relationship with Him. St. Paul reminds us that we have received a calling from the one Lord in one faith and one Baptism. In a spirit of evangelization, we respond to this invitation to discipleship by personalizing Jesus in our life and then sharing our Eucharistic joy with everyone we meet. Please read Archbishop Allen Vigneron's pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel*, at [unleashthegospel.org](http://unleashthegospel.org) to learn more about evangelization in our Archdiocese



**Monday, July 30**  
8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass

**Tuesday, July 31**  
8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass  
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help  
6:30 PM Bunco Game Night

**Wednesday, August 1**  
No Mass

**Thursday, August 2**  
6:20 PM Rosary  
7:00 PM Mass  
7:45 PM Holy Hour

**Friday, August 3**  
**First Friday - Eucharistic Adoration**  
8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

**Saturday, August 4**  
**First Saturday**  
9:15 AM Mass  
3:30 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Mass

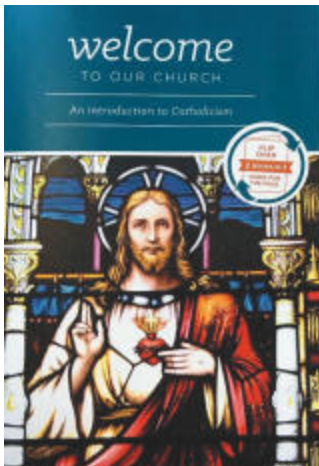
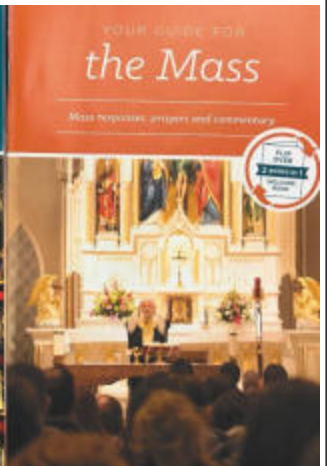
**Sunday, August 5**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Botsford Commons Visit**  
8:30 AM Mass  
10:15 AM Mass  
12:00 PM K of C Communion Mass

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**

**Council Budget for 2018-19 Gets Unanimous Approval; State Council Sponsors Dec 7-9 Retreat**

The pizza was tasty, the various reports concise and informative, plans for the future were discussed and a budget for the new fraternal year was approved unanimously. So went the July 17 Membership Meeting. The big decision was the approval of the 2018-19 budget as presented by Treasurer Rich Rosowski. He anticipates that we will take in \$19,730 with dues, five casino bus trips and three pancake breakfasts being the major revenue sources. He anticipates Council expenses of \$20,383 with nearly half of that amount going to various charities.



Brother Brian Gulick, who coordinates our *Keep Christ in Christmas* program, received approval to purchase 300 car magnets depicting Jesus' manger scene. The Council will also be involved with other area K of C Councils to fund 10 billboards with the *Keep Christ in Christmas* theme. Brian is looking into the purchase of a large lawn sign with the same theme.

The meeting was another featuring a light dinner at 6:30 PM. Pizzas with a variety of toppings from Primo's in Livonia served by Hospitality Chief Ken May were a big hit. The next Event Chow meeting, featuring sweet corn and hot dogs, is scheduled for September 18.

Karen Goheen, a long time parish volunteer, was honored as July's Family of the Month for her work as President of the St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference. PGK Patrick Rogers, our newly elected Warden, was honored as Knight of the Month.

GK Dave Bednarski announced an all-Knights spiritual retreat December 7-9 at St. Paul of the Cross, sponsored by the Michigan State Council. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$215 and covers five meals and two nights' lodging. For more information or to register, visit [www.stpaulretreat.org](http://www.stpaulretreat.org) or call 313-535-9563. If interested in forming a group within the Council to attend, call Program Director Tom McPhail at 248-875-1185.

**ODDS & ENDS:** Remember that the July 29 Family Communion Mass has been rescheduled to the Noon Mass on August 5. Barbara Seabolt is coordinating the dishes to bring to the August 18 Pot Luck. She can be contacted at home at 248-477-4152 or 248-231-4184. **View the latest National K of C News, Visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) or [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)**

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.  
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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 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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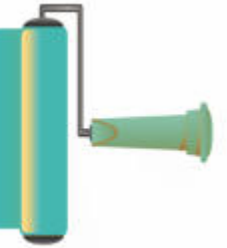
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