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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.



Ash Wednesday

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6TH

MASS TIMES: 9:15 AM and 7:00 PM

With distribution of ashes

(Please note ashes will only be distributed during the Masses)

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



MARCH 4 - MARCH 8

Monday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and Goderman Families
 Requested by C. Kemp

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Salvatore Caruso
 Requested by Graziano Canini

Wednesday 9:15 AM
Darlene Trivan
 Requested by Croitori Family

7:00 PM
For All Our Parishioners

Thursday 7:00 PM
Joseph and Neil Morelli
 Requested by Lisa Morelli and Family

Friday 9:15 AM
Monica Koenig
 Requested by Barbara Kerwin

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: SIR 17:20-24/PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11A]/MK 10:17-27
TUESDAY: SIR 35:1-12/PS 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 AND 23 [23B]/MK 10:28-31
WEDNESDAY: JL 2:12-18/PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 12-13, 14 AND 17 [CF. 3A]/2 COR 5:20—6:2/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: DT 26:4-10/PS 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [CF. 15B]/ROM 10:8-13/LK 4:1-13

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

Lectors assigned for Ash Wednesday:
 9:15 AM Mass - Joanne Wojnar
 7:00 PM Mass - Sharon McCarthy

Stations of the Cross



Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM



Remember man that you are dust and into dust you shall return.



Lenten Little Black Books are available in the Gathering Space of the church. A small donation would be appreciated!



**MARCH 10, 2019
 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 PM			March 9	Fr. Roodbeen
For Stephanie Cison Requested by Milkiewicz Family	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A		
8:30 AM			March 10	Fr. Roodbeen
For Luigina Nardelli Requested by Julee Berger	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30B		
10:15 AM			March 10	Fr. Kris
For Richard Nelson Requested by Josephine Meyers	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 10:15A		
12:00 PM			March 10	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00B		

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week
March 9 and March 10
 Team D

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, March 3 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of February 18	\$ 8,237.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of February 18	\$ 9,096.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of Feb. 18	\$320,853.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Feb. 18	\$309,264.00



OPERATION RICE BOWL

It's hard to believe that this Wednesday will yet again begin another Lenten season. Lent provides us with time to reflect on the temptations we face and remember we rely on God for all things. Through our participation in Operation Rice Bowl, we put our faith into actions and our prayers and alms help people in need around the world. Please take home a Calendar and Rice Bowl located on the table in the main entrance of the church for your family. Please return your Rice Bowls to church by Palm Sunday.

Shrove Tuesday



St. Gerald Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Why Cook? Come join us at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, eggs and some delicious desserts. All the cooking will be done by our Knights of Columbus. This is a great time to get out of the cold and spend some time with fellow parishioners, neighbors and friends while listening to some great music provided by Harmony Town Chorus.

Ticket Prices

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

Tickets can be purchased at the door on the evening of the dinner.

THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please take an envelope at the end of the pew home with you and return it next weekend in the collection basket. You can learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

DONATIONS TO CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation to **The Church In Central and Eastern Europe**, you can do so from March 3 through March 17. Thank you!

St. Gerald Is Hosting An Another Way Pregnancy Center Baby Shower March 16th And 17th After All The Masses



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Another Way Pregnancy Center

Donations of items such as: baby clothes (new and slightly used sizes Preemie to 2T), baby care items, diapers, wipes, etc. are appreciated.

ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available. Please visit our Parish Website at stgeraldparish.org and click on Online Giving to get started or pick up the instruction sheets on the bookcase in the gathering space of the church. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

COME 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



Let us welcome our newest members:

Daniel and Sandra Azzopardi

2018 ST. GERALD CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT



If you need a copy of your 2018 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 will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!

Please pray for:



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Genevieve Browne	Joan Goniea
Phyllis Marek	Kimberly Thompson
Ralph Wenski	Erin Malloy
Jim Sockow	Wanda Reiner
Rose Hickey	Pat Fanilone
Roberta Provenzano	Nancy Kolliker
Doug Foley	Pam Akey
Tim O'Brien	Michael Polcyn
Shel Levine	Yolanda Fenech
Joyce LaMarra	Monica Koenig
Laurel Hoetger	

ST. GERALD EASTER MEMORIALS

Easter Season is fast approaching and as we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, parishioners will have the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away.

Simply fill out the form below! Place your form in an envelope marked "Easter Memorial" and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office no later than Monday, April 8.

The names of those remembered will be listed in our bulletin on Easter Sunday weekend.

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)



A LOOK AHEAD:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Fellowship 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:15 AM Mass 12:00 PM Mass 1:00 PM Baptisms	4 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation	5 5:40 AM Rosary 8:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 2:00 PM Nursing Home Mass 4:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation 6:00 PM Pancake Supper 7:00 PM K of C Officers' Mtg	6  9:15 AM Mass 6:00 PM Mass (Distribution of Ashes at Mass)	7 12:00 PM Pinocchio 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	8 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross 5:00 PM AA Meeting	9 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
10 First Sunday of Lent 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:15 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	11 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation	12 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting	13 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice	14 12:00 PM Pinocchio 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	15 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross 8:00 PM AA Meeting	16 Right to Life Michigan and Another Way Pregnancy Baby Shower 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

LENTEEN 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 your 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."

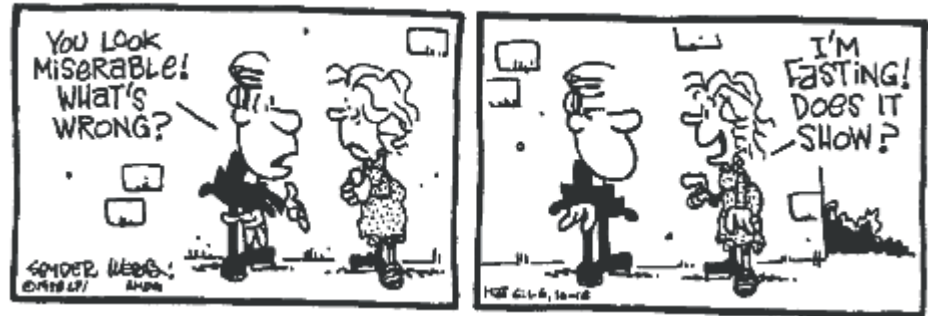
LENTEEN WORD SEARCH



- ABSTAIN
- ALMS
- ASH WEDNESDAY
- CROSS
- CRUCIFIXION
- FASTING
- FORTY DAYS
- GOOD FRIDAY
- HOLY THURSDAY
- LENT
- PALM SUNDAY
- PRAYER
- REPENTANCE
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ASH WEDNESDAY



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Worldwide Marriage Encounter is the largest pro-marriage organization in the world and promotes Weekend experiences for couples who want to make their good marriage even better. It's not a retreat, nor a marriage clinic, nor group sensitivity. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing Christian Marriage. This is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and together focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention!

Weekends are for Catholic priests and religious too! Your commitment to serve the people of God is a vocation and relationship at the service of communion. Weekend tools can help you see your ministry in a whole new light and connect more meaningfully with those you serve.



2019 Weekend Dates:

- March 15-17 DeWitt, MI
- June 21-23 Troy, MI
- August 16-18 Petoskey, MI
- September 27-29 Troy, MI
- November 15-17 Adrian, MI

For information and registration:

Call 888-322-9963
encounterdetroit.org



Knights Corner

Knights of Columbus Insurance Program Stands On Strong Ethical Ground

This week's article is by Greg Bennett, the K of C insurance agent assigned to our Council. A charter member of our Council, he can be contacted at 248-884-4095 or gregory.bennett@kofc.org

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its' leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies. At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it. In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come. But don't just take our word for it. In 2018 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute.

Permanent life insurance is our signature product. It provides money to your family when you die, and builds cash value while you live. It's guaranteed. It's secure. It's dynamic. Issue ages 0-80.

Term life insurance provides affordable protection to your loved ones for temporary needs. It's simple, affordable and straightforward. Issue ages 18-70.

Long-term care insurance helps you pay for your extended medical needs in a nursing home facility or in the comfort of your own home. Issue ages 18-75.

Annuity is a retirement savings product, can be non-qualified, IRA, Roth, SEP, or more. Issue ages 0-85.

Disability income insurance helps replace lost income when you are unable to work due to a disability resulting from an illness or accident. Issues ages 18-61.

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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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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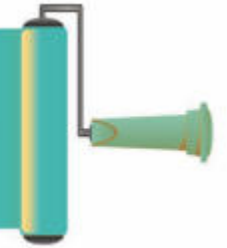
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