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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.

Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus said to them in reply, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

— Lk 13:2-3



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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
March 30 and 31 for your donations!

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



MARCH 25 - MARCH 29

Monday 9:15 AM
Salvatore Caruso
 Requested by Graziano Canini

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Jackie Mojeske
 Requested by Mary Melonio

Wednesday
 No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Jerry Kopasz
 Requested by Barbara Kopasz

Friday 9:15 AM
Salvatore Caruso
 Requested by Graziano Canini

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: IS 7:10-14; 8:10/PS 40:7-8, 8B-9, 10, 11 [8A, 9A]/
 HEB 10:4-10/LK 1:26-38
 TUESDAY: DN 3:25, 34-43/PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC, 8-9
 [6A]/MT 18:21-35
 WEDNESDAY: DT 4:1, 5-9/PS 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20
 [12A]/MT 5:17-19
 THURSDAY: JER 7:23-28/PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/LK 11:14-
 23
 FRIDAY: HOS 14:2-10/PS 81:6C-8A, 8BC-9, 10-11AB, 14
 AND 17 [CF. 11 AND 9A]/MK 12:28-34
 SATURDAY: HOS 6:1-6/PS 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21AB [CF. HOS
 6:6]/LK 18:9-14
 NEXT SUNDAY: JOS 5:9A, 10-12/PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9A]/2
 COR 5:17-21/LK 15:1-3, 11-32

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**SPECIAL NEEDS COLLECTION
 UPDATE**

Our current collection amount to date for
 Special Needs is
\$15,868.00.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.
 Because of your generosity we are able
 to make continued improvements to our
 parish.



St. Gerald Parish
 Communal Penance Service
 With the opportunity
 for individual confession
 and absolution
 Monday, April 1 at 7:00 PM



5:00 PM		March 30 Fr. Kris	
For Joann Pavco Requested by Joseph Pavco	Servers	Eli Gerhardt Adrianna Gerhardt	
	Lector/ Ushers	Ellen Stacey 5:00B	
8:30 AM		March 31 Fr. Roodbeen	
For Barbara Brown Requested by Matthew Yokom	Server	Gabe Smith	
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30B	
10:15 AM		March 31 Fr. Kris	
For Paul & Teresa McLoughlin Requested by John & Angela McLoughlin	Lector/ Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri 10:15A	
	12:00 PM		March 31 Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00A	

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week
March 30 and March 31
 Team C

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday,
 March 31 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of March 3	\$ 12,666.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of March 3	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - March 3	\$340,963.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - March 3	\$327,456.00

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.



SAVE THE DATE
Vacation Bible School
June 24th – June 28, 2019

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM CLASSES FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020

We are looking for volunteers to help with our 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Program for this fall. We have a large number of students and need more adult leadership. We especially would like to have an adult male as small group discussion leader for our boys in the program.

If you are willing to share your faith and lead a class for either grade, please call Gerryanna regarding requirements, schedule and review of the program at gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com or call 248-476-7677, ext. 208.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE THANKS

On behalf of Christian Service and the American Red Cross, thank you to all of those who helped to make our recent blood drive a success. In a special way, we would like to thank Mary Nowak for stepping up and coordinating the drive after the retirement of Barb Seabolt. I would also like to thank Bob Kinggo from Holy Name Parish in Birmingham for lending us a hand and giving us pointers. Our next blood drive is scheduled for July.

SOUP SUPPER

Just like our annual pancake supper, we will once again be having our annual Lenten Soup Supper on Tuesday, April 2nd from 5:30 PM until 7:30 PM. This year we will welcome from St. Paul of the Cross, Fr. Pat Brennan C.P. He will be speaking to us about *Finding Joy at the Foot of the Cross*.

Fr. Pat Brennan C.P. has been a vowed Passionist religious for over fifty years and a priest for forty-five years. During this time he has served as a seminary formation director, master of novices, and retreat director at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit and over nineteen years at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, California. In addition, Fr. Brennan has completed graduate studies in Clinical Psychology, as well as D. Min. studies at the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago, specializing in preaching in a multi-cultural setting.

In order to make this soup supper a success, we will need volunteers and donations of some baked goodies. If you can help in any way, please call the Christian Service office at 248-476-7677, Ext 204.



LOOKING FOR MEN & WOMEN WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE ALTAR SERVERS



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 OR CALL 248-476-7677 EXT. 202

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you take communion to anyone whether a family member, a parishioner or someone else, please let us know by either emailing www.stgeraldworship@gmail.com or calling 248-476-7677 ext. 202.

ALSO

If you have a PYX that belongs to the parish, will you please let us know by either emailing www.stgeraldworship@gmail.com or calling 248-476-7677 ext. 202. Thank you!



EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, April 20th, starting with blessing of bread, butter and food baskets in church at 11:00 AM.

Donations of wrapped candy and plastic Easter Eggs filled with wrapped candy are needed in order to make this a successful event.

Please place your donation of Easter Eggs in the plastic bins located in the vestibule of the Church.

All donations are necessary by April 7, 2019.



Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM



Do you need help with food for your Easter dinner? St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul conference can assist with pantry items or the cost of meat and perishables. Please call 248-476-7677, ext. 220, by April 10, 2019 and leave a message. We will return your call to determine how we can help you.



OPERATION RICE BOWL

This program has inspired Catholics in the U.S. to pray, fast, learn and give as we increase our understanding of our global community throughout our Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. Rice Bowls and information are available in the entrance of the Church. Please consider making a donation to this very worthy cause.

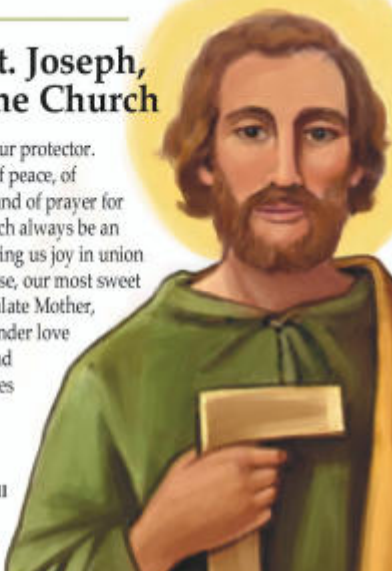


Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Church

St. Joseph! Always be our protector. May your inner spirit of peace, of silence, of good work, and of prayer for the cause of Holy Church always be an inspiration to us and bring us joy in union with your blessed spouse, our most sweet and gentle and Immaculate Mother, and in the strong yet tender love of Jesus, the glorious and immortal King of all ages and peoples.
Amen

—Pope St. John XXIII

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If you need a copy of your 2018 Contribution Statement, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!

Week at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Third Sunday Of Lent 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 11:15 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	25 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation	26 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation	27 7:30 PM Choir Practice	28 12:00 PM P nochi 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	29 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross 8:00 PM AA Meeting	30 St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Days 3:30 PM Confession 5:00 PM Mass

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)

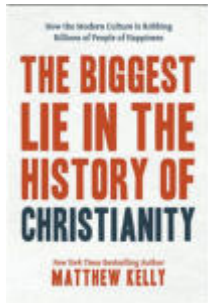
REMEMBERED BY:

(Your name)

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: () _____
(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)



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



BOOK REFLECTION:

**Chapter 3
The False Promises and Lies
of this World**

It is true that modern culture is constantly feeding us lies and false promises. We are bombarded with ‘buy this-buy that’, ridiculous weight loss remedies, quick-fix hacks and ideas that ‘anything different from what you’re doing will make you happier’. All lies.

Everywhere we turn, someone is trying to impress their idea of happiness upon us. So, where is the truth?

God wants you to be happy. God created you for happiness. "Getting what you want doesn't make you happy. ...you simply never can get enough of what you don't really need." Stepping away from the lies of the world, is a step toward happiness. We must recognize our lax attempts to be purposeful and happy. Not identifying what stands in our way of happiness is as bad as building obstacles in the path of happiness.

To really be happy one must get motivated. Change your attitude. Be positive. Smile at others. Be helpful to others. Be bold; go out of your way to serve others. That is where happiness lies. In the spirit of love, kindness and care. Happiness is in action.

To submit your reflection of a chapter from the book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, email:

gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

COMMUNION VISIT TO BOTSFORD COMMONS

On March 17, the residents at Botsford Commons enjoyed their communion visit with our Team #2 from St. Gerald, as they were provided a little Irish entertainment.



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HEALING SERVICE

at St. Gerald Parish
with Fr. Aniello Salicone
provided by Marian Peace Center
Friday, May 10

7:00 PM Mass followed by talk and Healing Service
Flyers and details will be available soon
in the main entrance of the church.

Contact Margaret Williams at 248-477-0767 for questions.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

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. Next week, please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



WE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
DONALD KEHOE

+
MARCH 12, 1940
MARCH 10, 2019

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
DONALDO LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM.

DONATIONS TO CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation to **Catholic Relief Services**, you can do so from March 24 through April 7. Thank you!



Knights Corner

Join Your Fellow Knights at Sunday's Family Communion Mass; April Brings Lenten Soup and Officer Nominations
Next Sunday, March 31, is a Fifth Sunday of the month and that means it is time for another Council 13673 Family Communion Mass. Bring your family and join your brother Knights and their families at the 10:15 Mass.

Dress of the day is your Council shirt or a sport/suit coat with your Council badge. Sit in the front pews in the center right section in front of the ambo where the lector stands. The Family Communion Mass is a tradition of the Knights. It sets a powerful example to other men and women of the parish as it displays the spiritual side of our Knighthood.

Congratulations to DGK Frank Gariepy, our pancake boss, who is celebrated as Knight of the Month for March. Also celebrated is Bill Croitori and wife Joanne who are our Family of the Month.

April will be a busy time for the Council. On April 2, we will be helping with the Parish Lenten Soup Supper, an event sponsored by the Christian Service Commission. PGK Fred Gerometta is scheduled to serve his very popular ham and split pea soup.

On Sunday, April 7, we will be serving as ushers and Eucharistic Ministers at the Noon Mass. After the 7 PM Mass on Thursday, April 11 you are invited to join some of the officers in greeting newcomers to our parish. The event is the Parish Evening of Welcome and is designed to allow new or potential members to learn about our parish and its' activities.

The monthly Membership Meeting on April 16 will start at 6:30 PM with PGK Fred Gerometta and Program Director Tom McPhail dishing up a hardy stew accompanied by homemade bread. The annual process of electing our officers will start during that meeting. To run for office, candidates must have attained the Third Degree of our Order and have dues paid to date. Nominations will remain open until the May 21 meeting, when the election will take place. Officers, except for the Trustee, will begin their one year terms on July 1, the start of a new fraternal year.

The Mother and Unborn Baby Care Pregnancy Center is marking another year of operation with a banquet April 27. For more information or tickets, call 248-559-7576. Our Council is participating by taking a half page ad in the program booklet. Members approved the \$375 expenditure at the February 19 Membership Meeting.

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
- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant x 212
- Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

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
- Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com

Music Ministry

- Mary Melonio: Director of Music x 222
- Cell: 734-578-4179 or Email: mmelonio@aol.com

Worship Ministry x 202

- Norma Battel
- 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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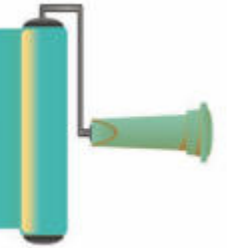
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