## THE VOICE

August 11, 2019

## ST. GERALD

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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.





ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

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

#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

#### August 12- August 16



Monday 9:15 AM Fr. John Menner, CSB Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM Lavo Cardozo Requested by Blen Cardozo

> Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 9:15 AM Mr. Gilbert Pompa Requested by Lee Pompa

Ann Valasek Requested by Barbara Valasek

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

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: DT 10:12-22/PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12A]/ Мт 17:22-27

TUESDAY: DT 31:1-8/DT 32:3-4AB, 7, 8, 9 AND 12 [9A]/MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY: DT 34:1-12/PS 66:1-3A, 5 AND 8, 16-17 [CF. 20A AND 10B]/MT 18:15-20

THURSDAY: VIGIL: 1 CHR 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 COR 15:54B-57/LK 11:27-28. DAY: RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB/PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10BC]/1 COR 15:20-27/LK 1:39-56

FRIDAY: Jos 24:1-13/PS 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 AND 24/ Мт 19:3-12

SATURDAY: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2A AND 5, 7-8, 11 [CF. 5A]/MT 19:13-15

NEXT SUNDAY: JER 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 [14B]/ HEB 12:1-4/LK 12:49-53

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#### RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE TO POLAND AND POLONIA

The Church in Poland asks its friends in the United States for spiritual help through their prayers and financial help through their offerings. The annual collection will be taken in the Sunday collection basket next weekend. Your donation will assist the education of Polish priests, Polish American students and the missionary work of Polish religious across the world. It will provide charitable aid to parishes and catholic institutions in Poland and fund formation programs for lay leaders serving Polonia in the USA. If you would like to make a donation, please pick up an envelope on the table in the gathering space of the church. Thank you!

#### DONATIONS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you can do so now through August 22nd. Thank you!

### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**AUGUST 18, 2019** 

5:00 PM	August 17 Fr. Kris		
For Helen & Leonard Stachowski Requested by Delphine Midura	Lectors/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00B	
8:30 AM	August 18 Fr. Kris		
For <b>Anthony Camilleri</b> Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani 8:30A	
10:15 AM	August 18 Fr. Roodbeen		
For <b>Steve Mazurek</b> Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15C	
12:00 PM	August 18 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00A	

#### **Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week** August 17 and August 18 Team C

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, August 18 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

#### 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.

#### Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of August 4 \$ 13,146.00 **Budget Offertory for Weekend of August 4** \$ 9,096.00 Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of August 4 \$ 48,775.00 Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of August 4 \$ 45.480.00



## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West. Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.



How did you become interested in the Catholic faith? Were you born into the faith? Were you invited in?

We are looking for others who have the gift of evangelization and

sharing God's love with others. Is that you? Come join us as part of the Evangelization Team of St. Gerald. Helping with programs of outreach and church activities to inspire fellowship and growth.

Come join the purpose of the new evangelization of faith in our community.

Contact Gerryanna Luscri at 248-476-7677 x208 or email gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com.

## WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

**ALAN HOWLEY** 

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JANUARY 1, 1936 JULY 31, 2019

AND

**DOUGLAS WHEELER** 

May 26, 1966 August 3, 2019

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO ALAN AND DOUGLAS O LORD,
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON THEM



#### AN INVITATION TO JOURNEY!

The **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** (RCIA) is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into:

Believing with the Church community Living with the Church community Praying with the Church community Serving with the Church community

#### The RCIA is intended to serve:

- The unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those baptized Catholics who have not completed the Initiation Sacraments.

#### The RCIA Process is much more than a program:

- It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Christ in a powerful manner.
- It is an answer to the Gospel invitation "Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your soul will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Please consider joining us. Have Questions...need more information? Please contact Fr. Kris Nowak or the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

#### MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Please pick up a mat in the gathering space of the church for our 'mats for homeless' program. This is a simple project in which you take home the supplies provided and simply follow the directions that come along with them. What do you need to make the mat? Simple, all you need is a sewing machine. You may return the mats to the parish throughout the month of August. The final weekend to return them will be September 7th and 8th. If you have any questions, please call the Christian Service office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. God Bless! Matt



Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald Parish. They are:

Bridget and Maurice Brosnan and Larry Trudell

We are glad you are here.

#### Pray for our Sick:

Norma Bazzett	Monica Koenig	Betty Murphy
Bonnie Haun	Christine Godbey	Yolanda Fenech
Phyllis Marek	Doug Foley	Cindy Porter
Ralph Wenski	Joseph Brown	Erin Malloy
Theresa Rich	Agnes Bongero	Wanda Reiner
Rose Hickey	Joyce LaMarra	Joan Goniea
Roberta Provenzano	John MacDougall	Nancy Kolliker

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS Plan Wisely

What would happen if you found out right now that relatives of yours were coming into town tomorrow, and they hoped to stay with you? You can either tell them they can't stay with you, or you immediately begin a process of furiously cleaning, straightening up, and grocery shopping in anticipation of your guests. If you don't have to do anything to prepare because your home is perfect, clean, and fully stocked, perhaps you don't live in your home or you are obsessive compulsive. I suspect most people reading this would go into panic mode!

We spend much time putting off things until later. Then when something unexpected happens, we swing into action to deal with it or prepare for its effects. We would have acted differently if we knew what was coming down the road.

What does your stewardship way of life look like? Are you living as if you have forever, or are you living as if Jesus could return any moment and your life here on earth could end tomorrow? The gift of time is often taken for granted. If we live more mindfully of that gift, we waste less of it and maximize the moments in which we find ourselves. We give of ourselves in ways that are more meaningful and productive. The gift of tomorrow is not promised to you, but the gift of today has already been given. Use this day wisely because who knows what tomorrow may bring.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

#### **CSA - National Collections**

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal fund our local Church's annual contribution to six national collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. 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 Appeal, and Black and Indian Missions. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to aod.org.

## Week at a Glance

Monday, August 12 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, August 13 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help

> Wednesday, August 14 No Mass

Thursday, August 15
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)
9:15 AM Mass

12:00 PM Pinochle 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour

Friday, August 16 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, August 17 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, August 18 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 12:00 PM Mass



**CSA Update** . . . We appreciate your support of the CSA Program here at St. Gerald. Every donation, no matter how big or how small, helps us to reach our goal. Our suggested giving amount per family is \$215.00, which would allow us to reach our goal of **\$69,539.00**. We know some families cannot afford the \$215.00 and others can afford more. Please prayerfully consider your donation amount. It is not an equal gift we ask for, it is an equal sacrifice. If you are unable to donate at this time, just return your pledge card indicating you are unable to make a donation to CSA this year.



## Activities Within our Community



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS WALK

How can I get some well needed exercise, visit a Detroit jewel, and help a worthy cause? The answer is to participate in the annual St. Vincent de Paul Friends Walk on Belle Isle.

You can do this by registering online at www.friendswalk.org and joining me on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at Belle Isle. Click on the "Register" icon and follow the prompts. Be sure to register with the St. Gerald Team.

Walkers can then solicit online donations or cash/check donations made to St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference. All donations will then go 100% to our parish conference.



Registration at Belle Isle is at 9:00 AM, and the walk begins at 10:00 AM. There is an \$11 State Park Recreation Pass required per vehicle.

If you can't join me for the walk, you can make a pledge online by going to www.friendswalk.org. Click on the "Donate" icon. Select St. Gerald Conference as your team. Select a team member like Robert Kuhr or anyone else registered with our team.

For more information, call Bob Kuhr at 248-888-9335.

#### SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER AUGUST 18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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 18<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.** 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.

There is an alternative to divorce!

This quite possibly could be the best gift you ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family and your friends!!

\*Please pass this information on to anyone who you suspect might be a hurting couple\*

The next Retrouvaille program begins Friday, August 23rd, in Romulus, Michigan.

For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HelpOurMarriage.org



## Fall Scripture Study – The Gospel of Matthew

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide. The study will focus on the Gospel of Matthew.

Location: **St. Gerald's Church social hall** Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM Dates: **September 11 – November 13, 2019** 



### All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study.

Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides.

No need to register.

Contact Mary Taylor (marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.



#### **Knights Corner**

#### Call Now with the Dish You and Your Family will be Bringing to the August 24 Pot Luck

The time is now to contact either Diane Roberts (248-477-4172) or Arlene McPhail (248-880-8156) with the dish you and your family plan to bring to the Council's Pot Luck on August 24. The dish should serve at least 10 people and be one of the following: appetizer, salad (green, pasta, bean, other), main side (a starch, pasta, vegetable) or dessert. The Council is

providing the entrée – pork tenderloin. If there is a food allergy or other dietary problem, let Diane or Arlene know.

The dinner is a "bring your own bottle event" (BYOB), meaning that you should bring the beverages of your choice that you and your family will enjoy the whole evening. The Council will provide coffee, tea and water. Appetizers will be served starting at 6 PM and dinner will be served at approximately 7, allowing the 5 PM mass goers time to settle in.

PGK Fred and Diane Gerometta again have agreed to host the Pot Luck, which is a family event – children are welcome. If you need directions, contact Program Director Tom McPhail at 248-875-1185.

Thanks to brothers Jerry Weigold, Bob Beiting and PGK Fred Gerometta who helped our Council host the District 12 summer meeting on July 29. The semi-annual gathering bought selected leaders from the four other Councils that make up the State Council's District 12.

Prior to the business meeting, the trio served a light dinner to the Grand Knights, Deputy Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries, Membership Directors and Program Directors from Holy Family, St. Fabian, Our Lady of Victory and St. Francis (Our Lady of Sorrows) Councils. We also were joined by State Secretary Walter K. Winkle, Jr., State Training Director Jim Escott, Detroit Archdiocesan Membership Director Hans Hansen, and District 12 Deputy Director Don Garon.

Thanks to brother Scott Horsburgh for stepping up to lead our Council's effort to provide a dinner for the 40 or so clients and volunteers at the South Oakland Shelter August 21. Joining him at the North Congregational Church, which hosts the shelter, will be Chancellor Terry Grabinski and daughter Ashley and PGK Bruce Roberts and wife Diane.

The new supply of Council shirts has arrived. See PGK Roberts if you have been waiting for one.

Accountant

Kim Shepard

Have Photography Talent? Your Council Can Use It! Contact Program Director McPhail at 248-875-8185.

#### 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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#### **SACRAMENTS**

Rite of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the office.

#### **Baptism**

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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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