

# THE VOICE

August 18, 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.



**20<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the  
earth on fire, and how I wish it were already  
blazing!" - Lk 12:49

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## GARAGE SALE THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped with the garage sale  
this past weekend.

We couldn't have done it without you!

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**



**AUGUST 19– AUGUST 23**

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

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Doc and Julie Woodard**  
 Requested by Croitori Family

Wednesday  
 No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Dennis Weberlein**  
 Requested by Barbara Valasek

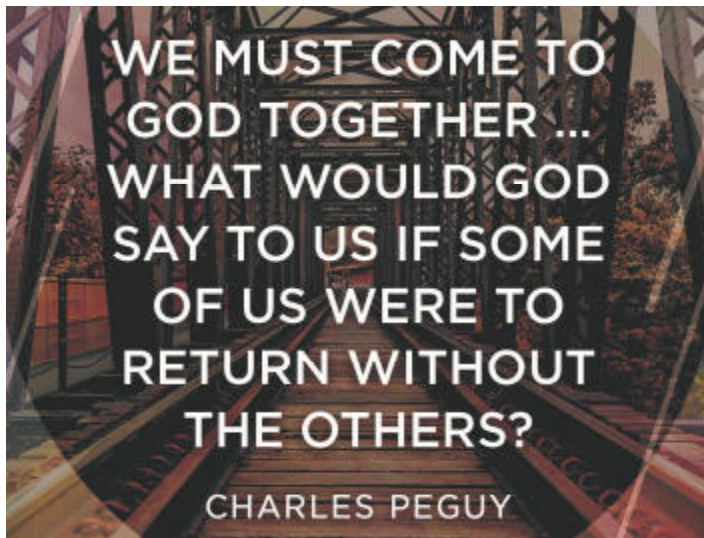
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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/ Mt 19:16-22  
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30  
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16  
 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/ Mt 22:1-14  
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40  
 Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51  
 Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2, [Mk 16:15]/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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



**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!

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME  
 AUGUST 25, 2019**

5:00 PM		August 24 Fr. Puzio	
For <b>Lucille Strick</b> Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lectors/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A	
8:30 AM		August 25 Fr. Kris	
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30B	
10:15 AM		August 25 Fr. Roodbeen	
For <b>Maria Civita, Guiseppe, Neil, Onesta &amp; Antonio Morelli</b> Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15A	
12:00 PM		August 25 Fr. Kris	
For <b>Patrick Hesper</b> Requested by Gina Hesper	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B	

**Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week**  
August 24 and August 25  
 Team D

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](http://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 11	\$ 9,625.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of August 11	\$ 9,096.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of August 11	\$ 58,400.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of August 11	\$ 54,576.00

**RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE TO POLAND AND POLONIA**

This weekend we are participating in the annual collection for Religious Assistance to Poland and Polonia. Please pray for the Church in Poland and give generously so that the Church may bring the new evangelization to its people at home and abroad. Thank you!





**A MIDDLE SCHOOL  
EVENT LIKE NO  
OTHER!**

**FREE TICKETS FOR ST.  
GERALD YOUTH.**

The NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) invites grades 6-8 for a one-day dynamic event called Holy Fire: Great Lakes. Sunday, October 13th, 2019 from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Stroh Center at Bowling Green State University.

We will leave St. Gerald parking lot by 8:30 AM and return at approximately 5:30 PM.

For more details on music, topics and speakers, go to [www.aod.org/ministries/youth-ministry/holy-fire/](http://www.aod.org/ministries/youth-ministry/holy-fire/)

Call Gerryanna at 248-476-7677 or email at [gerryanna.youthministry](mailto:gerryanna.youthministry) to reserve your free ticket and arrange carpool.



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](mailto:gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com)



**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.

**BULLETIN REMINDER**

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 12 noon on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com). All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.



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!

**Pray for our Sick:**

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

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF  
THE SOUL OF**

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PAPACHARALAMBOUS**

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AUGUST 4, 2019

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LORD,  
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT  
SHINE UPON HIM.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Set the Earth on Fire**

My wife can get so invested in a sporting event where one of her favorite teams is playing that she sometimes must leave the room due to the stress. That is heavy-duty investment! I remember her on the sidelines for our son's soccer games or our daughter's lacrosse games. Her emotions were intense, and she cheered loudly for her children. She never yelled at a referee because it wasn't about them. It was about wanting to see her children, or her favorite team, achieve something great. Her passion was fueled by love and her connectedness to something or someone.

When we look at our Church, we need to see greater passion. Sometimes that passion is there, but many times, we approach our discipleship as just another aspect of who we have become. It needs to be more than that. As we call ourselves Christian, we need to "put on Christ" so that a world in need sees not us, but Jesus. By being serious about our discipleship and living as transformed Everyday Stewards, we bear witness to the power of Jesus Christ.

Jesus said in Luke 12, "I have come to set the earth on fire." Those words sound pretty emotional to me! If we are to be like him, then we need to set the earth on fire. We need to be bold and proclaim the Good News without apology. By our actions of love and justice, we need to show the world that with the Body of Christ on earth, it is not business as usual. Surely our emotions about these things should trump the emotions we have about a sporting event. We need to ask ourselves what truly sets *us* on fire.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

*Week at a Glance*

**Monday, August 19**

8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass

**Tuesday, August 20**

8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass  
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help  
6:30 PM K of C Membership Meeting

**Wednesday, August 21**

No Mass

**Thursday, August 22**

12:00 PM Pinochle  
6:20 PM Rosary  
7:00 PM Mass  
7:45 PM Holy Hour

**Friday, August 23**

8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

**Saturday, August 24**

3:30 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, August 25**

8:30 AM Mass  
10:15 AM Mass  
12:00 PM Mass

**We welcome to the  
Body of Christ**

*Bennett Edward Loveridge*  
and  
*Megan Hope Meyer*  
who were baptized Sunday,  
*August 11, 2019*  
by *Rev. Krzysztof Nowak*



**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. 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!

# 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](http://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](http://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.

## 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 bookshelf 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.

## 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.



## Fall Scripture Study – The Gospel of Matthew

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplain 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.

**Study guides are available now for purchase in the Parish Office for \$10.00.**

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



## KNOW GOD'S WORD & UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

Join the **Catholic Biblical School of Michigan (CBSM) on Wednesdays 7-9 PM at Holy Family in Novi**, starting September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Through donations, CBSM is accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial aid granted—all are welcome to come and encounter God more deeply through the Sacred Scriptures. **Join us for an Information Night** on Wed August 21, 7 PM at Holy Family (24505 Meadowbrook Rd) in Novi. Or, **sign up by September 4<sup>th</sup>** at [cbsmich.org/register](http://cbsmich.org/register). Questions? Contact CBSM at [info@cbsmich.org](mailto:info@cbsmich.org) or 586-438-3085.



Let us welcome our newest members.  
 They are:

**Janine Semperger**  
 and  
**Riccardo and Caroline Serrentino**

We are glad you are here!



THE *Queenship* OF THE **BLESSED VIRGIN Mary**  
 AUGUST 22





**Knights Corner**

**Thursday is the deadline for reporting the dish you will bring to the August 24 Pot Luck Dinner**

The deadline for designating the dish you will bring to the Council's annual Pot Luck dinner is just around the corner – this coming Thursday, August 22. That will give our hosts – PGK Fred and Diane Gerometta – and their helpers time to complete preparations for the August 24 event. The council will be providing the main entrée of pork tenderloins. **Call our dish coordinators Diane Roberts (248-477-4172) or Arlene McPhail (248-880-8156) with your dish for 10 – appetizer, salad, main side or dessert. Also, let them know if there is a food allergy that should be made known.**



The Pot Luck will start at 6 PM with appetizers and cocktails. Dinner will be served at 7 PM or so. That will give the 5 PM mass goers time to settle in. The event is BYOB, code for bring the beverages your family will enjoy for the dinner and the fellowship that follows. The Council will supply water, coffee and tea. If you need directions to the Gerometta home, give Program Director Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the presentation of the Knight of the Year award to DGK Frank Gariepy and Family of the Year award to Treasurer Rich and Candy Rosowski. Members selected them for the honors at the June Membership Meeting.



**Meeting Chow Tuesday**

**Shish-Kabobs will be served at 6:30 PM prior to Tuesday's Membership Meeting which will start as close to 7 PM as practical. A new supply of shirts is in.**



**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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(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  
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**Christian Services**

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**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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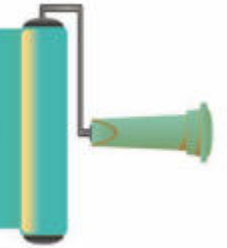
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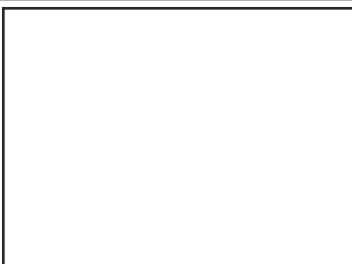
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