

THE VOICE

October 13, 2019

ST. GERALD

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

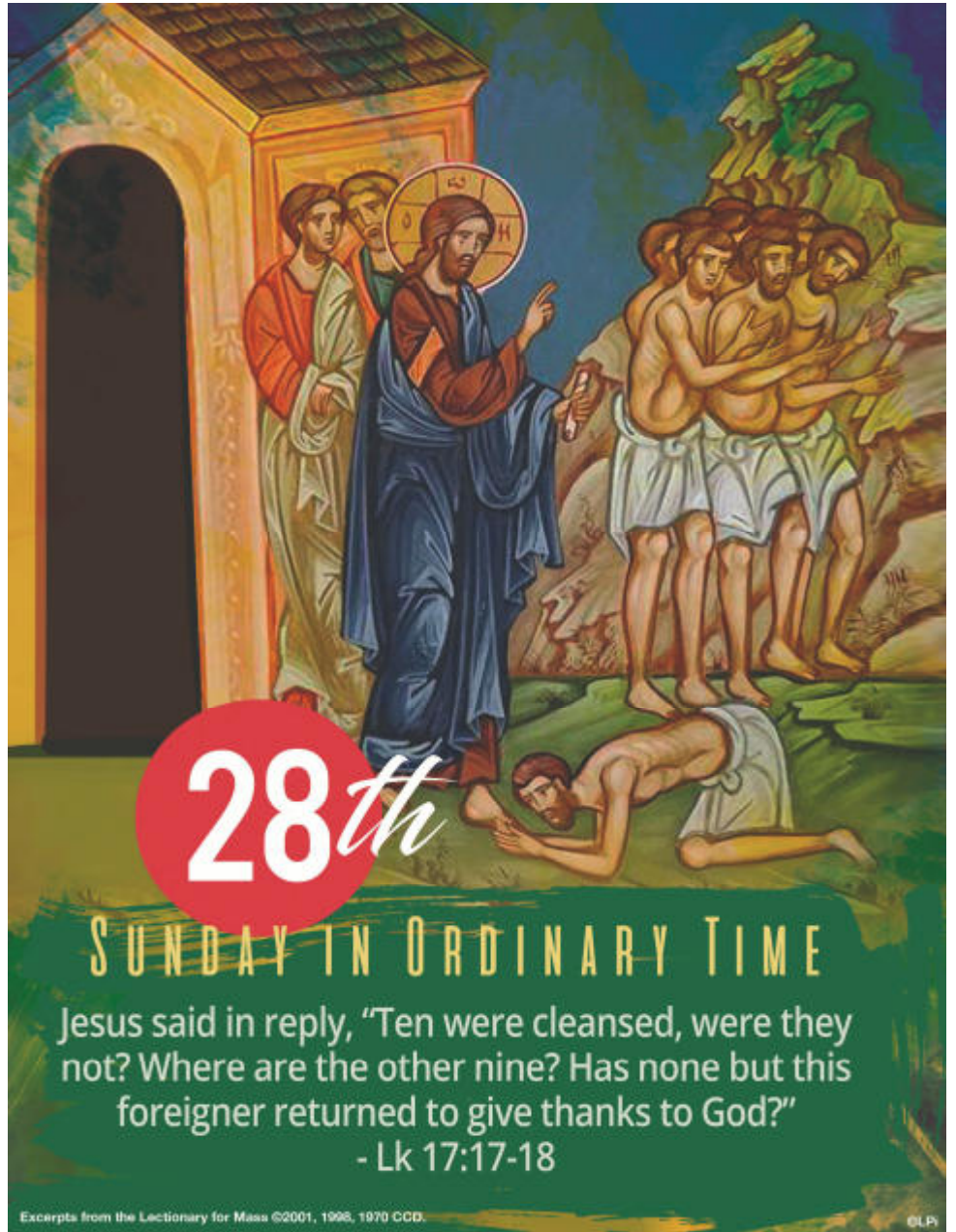
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Next Sunday we will be having the
**Celebration of the Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on
October 20th at the 12:00 PM Mass.**
The Most Reverend Bishop Donald Hanchon celebrant.

All parishioners are invited to join us for this celebration.
Please keep our Confirmation candidates, families and sponsors in your prayers.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



OCTOBER 14 – OCTOBER 18

Monday 9:15 AM
Mary and Anne Folich
 Requested by Croitori Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Ann Valasek
 Requested by Barbara Valasek

Wednesday
 No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Fr. James O'Hagan
 Requested by St. Gerald Parish

Friday 9:15 AM
Mary Bresnahan
 Requested by Dennis Weberlein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13b]/Lk 11:42-46
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [7]/Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8a]/Lk 12:8-12
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

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

Pray for our Sick:

Nicole Zapinski Victoria Angelosanto Yolanda Fenech
 Rick Stone Jennifer Mondoux Bonnie Haun

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to request a mass intention for a loved one deceased or living, please come to the Parish Office or call 248-477-7470.



St. Gerald is now equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher to help you with a receiver if needed for Mass.



Crackers
 Rice
 Package Potatoes
 Canned Spam
 Deluxe Mac and Cheese
 (no butter or milk required)
 Juice

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME
 OCTOBER 20, 2019**

5:00 PM October 19 Fr. Kaiser

For
**Bernice, Louis
 & Dennis Kaye**
 Requested by
 Joseph Pavco

Lector/
 Ushers Ellen Stacey
 5:00A

8:30 AM October 20 Fr. Kris

For
**All Our
 Parishioners**

Lector/
 Ushers Jim Bergin/
 Hannah Smith
 8:30A

10:15 AM October 20 Fr. Roodbeen

For
Allen Metivier
 Requested by
 Ray & Claudia Pisani

Lector/
 Ushers Ray Pisani
 10:15C

12:00 PM October 20 Bp. Hanchon

For
Ann Mazurek
 Requested by
 Family

Lector/
 Ushers Rob Seely
 12:00B

**Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week
October 19 and October 20
 Team D**

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, October 13 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of September 29	\$ 6,654.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of September 29	\$ 9,096.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of September 29	\$116,986.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Sept. 29	\$118,248.00

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.



**THE ST. VINCENT
 DE PAUL DONATION
 TRUCK**
 is here this weekend
 for your donations.



ST. GERALD ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS DONATIONS!

St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference has had a busy summer helping our neighbors in need with food, rent, utilities and prescription co-pays, especially the last three months.

As a result, the funds available to help are becoming depleted. If you are able to help, our neighbors in need would be most grateful. If you haven't completed your planned annual charitable contributions, please consider St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul. Cash or checks to St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul can be deposited in the Poor Boxes in the gathering space. Envelopes are also available on the credenza in the gathering space. You may use these envelopes to deposit your contribution into the weekend collection or the Poor Box.

Thank you for all you do to help our neighbors in need, often families with children. We would also ask for your prayers for those we help and the Vincentians who serve.



MERCY IN ACTION 2019

This year for our Mercy In Action, St. Fabian, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Gerald will be having an Oktoberfest benefit dinner for St. Christine. The event will be hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows and take place on **Saturday, October 26th from 6:00-11:00 PM.** There will be beer, wine and other drinks available along with many German food dishes. Tickets for this event are \$20.00 and are available in the Parish Office. If you have any questions regarding this event or would like to purchase tickets, please call 248-477-7470. Checks should be made payable to "St. Christine Christian Services".



Do you enjoy playing pinochle or would like to learn? Come join the card group on Thursday afternoons in our parish social hall. Please arrive by noon with card play beginning at 12:30 PM. What better way to spend your Thursday afternoons. You do not need to call ahead to join in the fun, just stop in and make some new friends!



**ATTENTION 7TH AND 8TH GRADE FAMILIES
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AT THE CONFIRMATION
RECEPTION**



Next weekend is our Confirmation Mass for our Candidates at St. Gerald at the Noon Mass. Current 7th and 8th Grade families are asked to contribute food items and volunteer to help at the reception that follows the Mass.

To volunteer your time or donate a food item, please contact Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or email myokom.sgp@gmail.com.



Do you know someone who would like to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized and need to be confirmed or receive First Eucharist? What is the RCIA process?

Is God calling you to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please come to the RCIA. Are you getting the feeling that you should be learning more about your relationship with God and how He works in your life by becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Please come to the RCIA. Do you have questions? Come to the RCIA. To join, speak to Fr. Kris after Mass or call the Parish Office at (248) 477-7470.



Let us welcome our newest members:

Mary Lewis and
Timothy Thornton
and
Beth Trybuski

Welcome to St. Gerald, we are glad you are here!



People ask at times, “Where does the money collected on World Mission Sunday go?”

This collection, the responsibility of the local office of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is taken in every parish throughout the world on the day designated by our Holy Father. Then the results of this collection is sent to the National Office of the Society in each of these countries.

Then notices are sent to the local Bishop in each of the 1,200 missionary dioceses throughout the world of the results of this collection and the amount of grants available to him. Then that Bishop requests information from the local parishes in these dioceses as to what their needs are.

While this is being done, nine percent of the funds are sent to the Catholic Near East Association to aid schools and clinics that are run by Catholic Sisters in the Middle East where the Christian population is so small.

A determined amount is sent to these 1,200 Bishops for the administration of their diocese and for the training of their Seminarians and future Sisters. When he receives word of what these parish communities need, such as a new church, school, clinic or orphanage, he then requests funds for these projects to the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples in Rome for approval.

When this is completed, funds are sent directly from our Country to these missionary dioceses for distribution to those who made these requests. About \$12 million dollars come from the United States. Five-hundred thousand dollars of these funds come from the people of the Archdiocese of Detroit. We have the most successful collection in our Country, thanks to the mission-mindedness of the people here.

There are envelopes at the end of the pews this weekend for this mission collection. Please take an envelope home and return it next weekend in the collection basket.

Those who wish to give to the World Mission Sunday collection through the [online giving program](#), can do so starting October 13 through October 27. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



WE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
MARIANNE WEBER

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OCTOBER 29, 1944
OCTOBER 6, 2019

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MARIANNE O LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON
HER



GARDENS AND GROUNDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Another change in season and Mother Nature presents needed work to our dedicated volunteer gardeners!

Our Annual Fall Clean-up will be coming up and people as well as brown lawn bags will be needed.

The past few years in which fall and spring clean-ups have been held have eased the maintenance, but we are in need of a few more area heads who can help beautify and remove weeds BETWEEN the clean-ups!

The backyard of the rectory as well as the area North of Mary's garden at the west front of the church need area heads.....couple, family, single....to manage and supervise care. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Please consider this ministry and gift of time!

Week at a Glance



Monday, October 14

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
5:30 PM Religious Formation

Tuesday, October 15

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help
5:00 PM Religious Formation
6:30 PM K of C Membership Meeting

Wednesday, October 16

No Mass
7:00 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM RCIA
7:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, October 17

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

Friday, October 18

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

Saturday, October 19

3:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, October 20
World Mission Sunday

8:30 AM Mass
10:15 AM Mass
10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:00 PM Confirmation Mass

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. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.



Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26th,

6:30 PM

South parking lot of St. Gerald Parish

Fill your trunks with candy and treats to share

Costumes optional Rain or shine!

A parish celebration of Hallow-ee!

Followed by a Knights of Columbus chili and

hot dogs cookout in the Social Hall.

Free will offering appreciated.

Kids of All Ages Welcome

**RSVP to gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com or marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com
with number attending by October 21st, if possible**

CAREGIVER DAY RETREAT

Tuesday, October 29

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center
23333 Schoolcraft Road, Detroit, MI

Cost is \$30.00 per person

Reflective talks
Conversation
Sacramental Anointing
Hot Lunch

Questions: Contact Lynnette Marshall at
lmarshall@stpaulretreat.org

COME, ENCOUNTER CHRIST!

A special "Come, Encounter Christ!" gathering for youth and families will be held at Guardian Angels Parish in Clawson next Sunday, October 20.

The Archdiocese originally hosted these gatherings in preparation for Synod 16 and, thanks to gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, thousands of faithful Catholics were able to grow in their relationship with Jesus at parishes throughout the Archdiocese. This "Come, Encounter Christ!" is designed especially for middle and high school youth and their families and will feature dynamic preaching, powerful praise, and worship music, opportunities for reconciliation, and Eucharistic adoration.

The "Come, Encounter Christ!" at Guardian Angels will be held from 6-8 PM in conjunction with the archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to aod.org.

Say one Hail Mary for our Parish today!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

To Give of Oneself

In the South, the use of "Yes, Sir," "Yes, Ma'am," and "Thank you," have been drilled into many a little person's brain. Unfortunately, as time goes by, those social conventions seem to be in danger, even in the very places that have held them sacred for so long. In fact, I have found that I sometimes will even get a strange look when I utter similar words to a stranger or passer-by. It seems manners are being traded for acceptance of ill-conceived tolerance, even tolerance of the ill-mannered.

We know this is nothing new when we look at the story of Jesus' healing of the ten lepers. After healing ten, only one comes back to show gratitude to the healer. Why did 90% of those healed not offer thanks?

We all find our lives filled with blessings. We may sometimes think we deserve the good things we receive. We may also believe because everyone receives the same gifts — things like life, air, and the planet — that God didn't single us out, and our obligation to offer thanks is diminished. However, gratitude is never obligated. The other 9 did not get their leprosy back due to ungrateful hearts. Gratitude is simply the gift we give to the one who was generous to us in the first place. A gift for a gift. Generosity gives birth to more generosity. Without as much gratitude in the world, there is less chance for an increase of love and generosity. So, who do you need to thank today?

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



KNIGHTS CORNER

Busy Agenda and an Early Spaghetti Dinner Will Occupy Members at Tuesday's Meeting

A busy agenda faces Council 13673 members at Tuesday's regular monthly business meeting. Prior to the opening gavel, members will be served a spaghetti dinner by Hospitality Chair Ken May. He will be serving it at 6:30 PM with a very tasty meat sauce, using the same family recipe that was acclaimed last year. Meeting highlights will include:

- A call for chili cooks and servers for the October 26 Trunk 'N' Treat which has grown to be popular with parish kids, parents and grandparents. We are looking for 10 crockpots of chili and eight servers.
- A report on how we are handling the more than \$1,300 in net proceeds from the September 22 Pancake Breakfast. Also, Deputy Grand Knight Frank Gariepy, in line to be promoted to Grand Knight next year, will announce who will replace him as Pancake Boss.
- An accounting on how Council members did at the St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk on Belle Isle September 28. Four members walked accompanied by a spouse and an offspring to raise money for the Parish SVDP Society.
- Although it is mid-October there will be reports on two Christmas related projects – our annual Sweatshirt Collection drive to benefit youngsters at Holy Cross Children's Service, the former Boysville, and our *Keep Christ in Christmas* campaign.
- A report on the response by members to their invitation to the October 19 Officer Installation and Dinner. Members were asked to respond by October 13 to GK Dave Bednarski at 248-368-8373 or by e-mail to gk13673@mikofc.org. The evening will begin with Mass at 5 PM followed by the ceremony in church and then a catered dinner in the Social Hall at approximately 7 PM. Business attire is the dress of the day.
- Presentation of certificates to the October Knight of the Month and October Family of the Month. Financial Secretary Bob Kuhr was named Knight of the Month by Council officers and, in a rare sweep, he and wife Sherry were cited as Family of the month for their efforts as major forces in the parish St. Vincent de Paul efforts. Both also volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers and for many Council projects. Congratulations!



Bob Kuhr Frank Gariepy Ken May

Take a Peek at the Remodeled Supreme Council Website -- www.kofc.org

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:

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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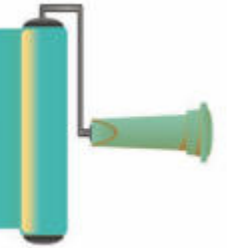
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