

# THE VOICE

November 17, 2019

## ST. GERALD

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

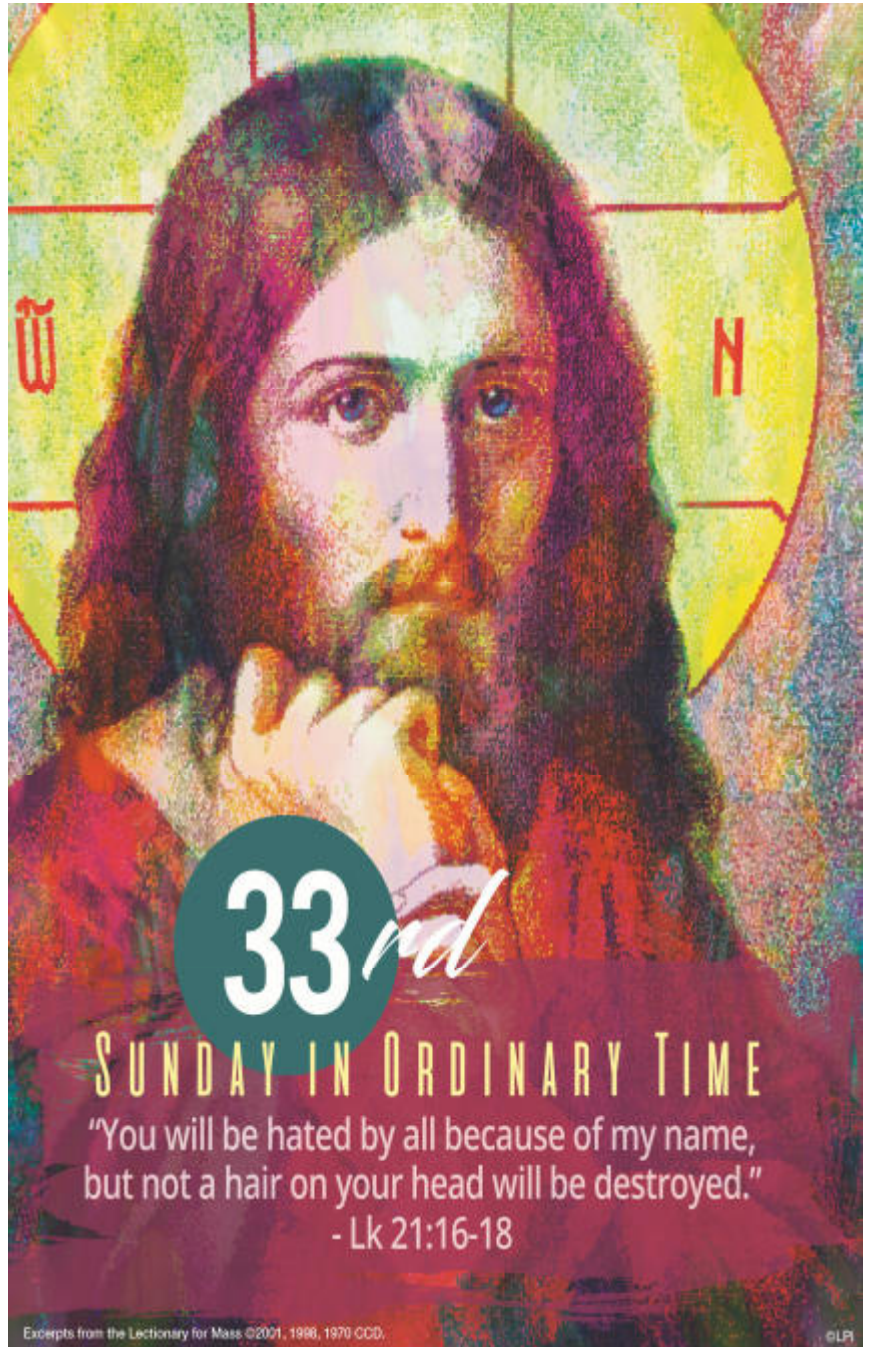
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

### WEEKDAYS

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

### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



Our lost and found drawer is full of many different items that have been left in the building. If you have lost anything in the last few months, please take the time to look through the Lost and Found drawer located in the gathering space of the church. Items that are left unclaimed will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you.

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**



**NOVEMBER 18 – NOVEMBER 22**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Jim Meloche**

Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Battel, Hamway and Whitaker Families**

Requested by Family

Wednesday

No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Alina Domanowski**

Requested by Barbara Valasek

Friday 9:15 AM

**Jim Meloche**

Requested by Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chrn 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

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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    Claire Marie Tuite-Yoder    Bonnie Haun  
Jennifer Mondoux

If you would like a name to added on the prayer list, please email [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. Thank you!



**FAMILY MASS NOVEMBER 24**

The Monday and Tuesday Religious Formation classes are sponsoring a Family Mass next Sunday at the 12:00 PM Mass. Children have helped in writing the Prayers of the Faithful, which will be read by various students. Children have also been selected to serve in the ministry of greeter, gift bearer and ushers as well as provide hospitality. All parishioners are invited to come and bring their families.

Knowing the generosity of the parishioners of St. Gerald Parish, we once again are asking for donations to our Food Pantry. All non-perishable food items, paper products and gas and grocery store gifts cards are welcome.

There will be no Children's Liturgy during the 10:15 Mass on November 24th.

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

5:00 PM                      November 23    Fr. Kris		
For <b>Edward Midura</b> Requested by Delphine Midura	Lectors/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00B
8:30 AM                      November 24    Fr. Kris		
For <b>Emil Weberlein</b> Requested by Barbara Valasek	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30C
10:15 AM                    November 24    Fr. Roodbeen		
For <b>Henry &amp; Marie Martin and Francis Doré</b> Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15B
12:00 PM                    November 24    Fr. Kris		
For <b>Brent Taylor</b> Requested by Frank & Fran Maguire	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 12:00A

**Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week**  
**November 23 and November 24**  
Team A

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, November 24 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

**Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of November 3	\$ 14,230.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of November 3	\$ 9,096.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of November 3	\$165,012.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Nov. 3	\$163,725.00

**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.

**OCCASIONAL DRIVER NEEDED FOR  
SUNDAY MASSES**

One of our members is in need of a ride to Sunday Mass on occasion. She lives in Oakmont Sr. Facility in Livonia. If this is something you would be able to do, please call the Parish Office for more information. Thank you.





St. Gerald keeps a Book of Remembrance in our gathering space during the month of November. We invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book at any time during the month of November. The deceased listed in the Book of Remembrance are remembered during the Prayers of the Faithful at each of our weekend Masses in November.

We realize that this time following the death of your loved one has been a difficult time for you and your family and we pray that you might find comfort in our Lord and our Blessed Mother, Mary. Please know that you are remembered in the prayers of our Parish community.

**Children of the parish, preschool-5th grade, are invited to participate in the *St. Gerald Gospel Enactment* of the Christmas Story at the 6:00 Christmas Eve Mass.**



**There will be one rehearsal, Saturday, December 14th, 11:00 AM in church. Please contact Mary Taylor by December 4th to sign up, 248 476-7677, ext. 201 or [marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com).**

We are thankful for all our members here at St. Gerald and hope you can participate in some functions coming up at St. Gerald and within our community. . .

**Sunday, December 1st**

Taize Prayer Service at 5:00 PM. Invite sponsors, family and friends to join you for this evening of prayerful reflection and music.

**Tuesday, December 3rd**

Advent Tea Dinner; helpers needed to serve and wait tables for service hours during the event.

**Saturday, December 7th**

Tis the season to be jolly at Holly Days in Downtown Farmington!

- Greens, Gifts, and Giving Market 10 AM-6 PM
- Free movies at the Farmington Civic Theater 10 AM-1 PM
- Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus 10 AM-4 PM
- Light Up the Grand parade begins at 6 PM
- Tree lighting at the Governor Warner Mansion with sing-a-long 7 PM-8 PM.

**Saturday, December 14th**

Gift Distribution Day; come lend a hand to distribute donation gifts to area families. Help load food and other items for families.

## FOOD DRIVE

HELP US FEED FAMILIES FOR  
THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS IN 2019!!!

As we have in past years, we will be providing food to families in our community.

### Items Requested this year:

**\$10 or \$20** Grocery Gift Cards for meats and perishables from Kroger, Meijer, Busch's or Aldi's

- ◆ Oatmeal/Cocoa
- ◆ Cranberry Sauce
- ◆ Tuna/Tuna Helper
- ◆ Deluxe Macaroni and Cheese (no added milk and butter needed)
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Pancake Mix/Syrup
- ◆ Canned Yams
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Spaghetti Sauce
- ◆ Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit
- ◆ Cream of Mushroom Soup
- ◆ Cans of French Fried Onions
- ◆ Cornbread Mix
- ◆ Brownie Mix/Frosting
- ◆ Gravy
- ◆ Stuffing Mix

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL  
Christian Service at  
248-476-7677, ext. 204



### CHRISTMAS GIFT TAG WEEKEND

Christmas tags will be available next weekend. Everyone is welcome to take one or more tags to help the needy in our community. **Please note the gifts are due back the weekend of December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.** The tags will be located on a table in the social hall. As in prior years, when you take a tag, please sign your name on the sheet indicated so we may know who has the gift should we need to call you. I would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support for the needy of our community. God Bless Matt Yokom!!



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Next week our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 46 million people in the United States live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

**Those who wish to give to Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan through online giving, can do so now through December 1st.**



**TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1  
5:00 PM**

Taizé Prayer is a meditative service in which one invites God's presence to penetrate one's innermost being. This form of prayer, from the Christian monastic community in Taize, France, which wrote the music used, is a unique and deeply moving form of worship that is both a communal and yet largely individual activity. The service includes repetitive song and chant, scripture reading, and silent meditation. Dim light and candles are also part of the experience.

**St. Aidan Church Presents An Advent Pageant  
"Angels Abound"**  
**Lessons, Carols and Sing-a-long**  
**Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 PM**  
**Featuring the St. Aidan Music Ministry**  
**The Adult Choir, The Youth Choir**  
**and the Contemporary Group**  
**Donation: \$5.00 and/or two canned food goods**  
**for Christmas Food Baskets for the needy**  
**St. Aidan is located at 17500 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI.**

**Pictures of the church from Monday, November 4th,  
Mass of Remembrance.**  
**Many came to celebrate and remember the lives of their loved  
ones who have passed away this past year and before.**



**Mass of**   
**Remembrance**



**A look ahead . . .**

**Monday, November 18**

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

**Tuesday, November 19**

8:40 AM Rosary  
 9:15 AM Mass  
 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help  
 4:00 PM Worship Meeting  
 5:00 PM Religious Formation  
 7:00 PM K of C Membership Meeting

**Wednesday, November 20**

No Mass  
 5:00 PM 8th Grade Confirmation Class  
 7:00 PM RCIA  
 7:30 PM Choir Practice

**Thursday, November 21**

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

**Friday, November 22**

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

**Saturday, November 23**

**Gift Tag Weekend**  
 3:30 PM Confessions  
 5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, November 24**

**Fellowship Sunday**  
**Blood Pressure Screening**  
**Gift Tag Weekend**  
 8:30 AM Mass  
 10:15 AM Mass  
 12:00 PM Family Mass



**ST. GERALD PARISH  
ADVENT TEA  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3  
6:00PM  
PARISH SOCIAL HALL  
\$12 PER PERSON**

Entire tables can be reserved. Round tables seat 8 or rectangles seat 10. You may also join us as a single individual and we will find you a seat. All are welcome!

White tablecloths, coffee, tea, sugar, cream, water and a dinner are provided by St. Gerald.

Hostesses provide place settings, cups, silverware, water glass, four candles and a dessert to be shared with your table. How you set your table is entirely up to you.

There will be a short Advent Reflection.

**Please call Diane Gerometta for additional information and to hold your table or make your individual reservation at 248-763-3193.**

Please make your reservations soon as space is limited and room capacity fills quickly.

## ST. GERALD 2019 CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL ANGEL TREE

This year St. Gerald will once again have a special CHRISTmas Tree with colored glass angels. These angels will be a memorial gift to the families who would like to contribute towards our CHRISTmas decorations. After CHRISTmas, the families who have contributed will be able to take an angel home as a remembrance of their loved one(s).

If you would like to contribute, the suggested donation is \$10.00 per name. Just fill out this form. Place your form and donation in an envelope marked "Angels" and drop it in the collection basket at weekend Masses or bring it to the Parish Office.

Please, clearly print your name, phone number and each memorial name. A list of the donors and memorial names will appear in the New Year's edition of the Voice.

**(Deadline for donations is Monday, December 9, 2019)**

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)



**Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church.**



**Let The Heavens Be Glad - Advent Devotions Booklets will be available to parishioners on November 18th on the table in the gathering space of the church to be used during Advent. Please only take one per family. Thank you!**

### "End Dismemberment Abortion" Petition Drive November 23 and 24

A Michigan statewide signature gathering effort is now underway to ban the dismemberment abortion procedure, also known as "Dilation and Evacuation" or "D&E". As the name suggest, it involves dismembering an unborn baby inside the womb and individually removing each of the body parts. The organization Michigan Values Life is sponsoring the citizens' petition drive that would ban the procedure on living fetuses by amending the state's 2011 law which bans partial birth abortions. Four hundred thousand (400,000) registered voters' signatures are needed to bring this measure before the Michigan lawmakers. According to Michigan Values Life, "the advantage of initiating this legislation through a petition is that the bill's language cannot be changed by the legislature, but more importantly, it cannot be vetoed by Governor Whitmer!"

To support this effort, St. Gerald is hosting a petition drive on November 23 and 24. Petitions will be available for registered voters to sign at the main entrance and in the social hall after all masses. Make your pro-life voice heard! Please sign the petition to end dismemberment abortions in our state. If you have already signed the petition, thank you! You cannot do so again, but please inform family and friends; encourage them to sign.

**Please Note:** The Michigan Catholic Conference and the Catholic Bishops of Michigan support this petition drive sponsored by Michigan Values Life. This drive should not be confused with Michigan Heartbeat Coalition who is also sponsoring a petition drive. The Michigan Catholic Conference and the Catholic Bishops of Michigan **DO NOT** support the Heartbeat petition drive because they have serious concerns with the proposal, as it could weaken existing protection of the unborn in Michigan abortion laws.

For more information, please visit the Michigan Catholic Conference website: [micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife](http://micatholic.org/MichiganValuesLife)





**KNIGHTS CORNER**

**Pizza Plus Consideration of \$1,000 Gift and 2020 Action Calendar Main Topics for Members Tuesday**

Pizza, Holiday food baskets and the year 2020 will be the focus of Tuesday’s Membership Meeting. Hospitality Chair Ken May will be serving a variety of pizza along with a green salad as the pre-meeting chow. Dinner is at 6:30 PM with the meeting starting as close to 30 minutes later as practical.

The two major items on the meeting agenda are endorsement of the 2020 Council Action Calendar and approval of the Council’s annual \$1,000 underwriting of the parish’s holiday gift baskets for the needy. In the past, the Council has made the donation in the form of \$20 gift cards from Kroger and Meijer food stores. However, Financial Secretary Bob Kuhr, who also is one of the leaders of the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society, suggested a cash gift, since it provides more flexibility for the program. Council Officers approved a \$1,000 cash gift to SVDP at their November 3 meeting.

The 2020 Calendar lists the Council activities for the coming calendar year. Of course, it is subject to change as conditions dictate. It continues the three pancake breakfasts and five casino bus rides, which are our fundraising events. Also repeated are our major service projects for the parish: cooking on Shrove Tuesday, the Lenten Soup Supper, the Parish Picnic, Trunk ‘n’ Treat and the South Oakland Shelter, plus again serving at the Advent Tea. Also, continuing is our commitment to serve at the first Sunday Noon Mass each month.



**Pancake Boss Terry Grabinski**

Speaking of the pancake breakfasts, DGK Frank Gariepy who has directed that event for the last 18 months or so is expected to announce a successor. Under the Council’s succession policy he is in line to be promoted to Grand Knight next July 1. Taking over as Pancake Boss at the January 26 event will be Chancellor Terry Grabinski. Terry has worked on many previous breakfasts, serving at most of the work stations including the griddle.

Two sign-up sheets will be circulated during the meeting. One will be by PGK Fred Gerometta who will be seeking Knights to serve food at the buffet-style Advent Tea December 3. The other by Program Director Tom McPhail who is seeking KP help for Hospitality Chair Ken May’s meeting chow efforts. Volunteers are being asked commit to one meeting’s set up and clean up.

Being a Knight is being a doer!

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.  
(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

**STAFF**

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- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant. .... x 212  
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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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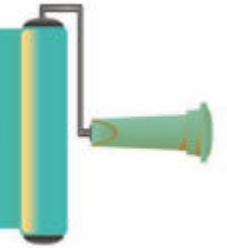
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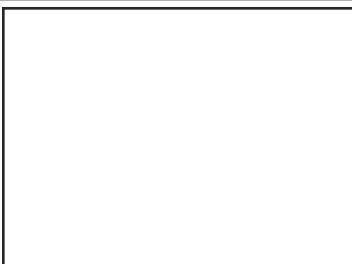
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