

# THE VOICE

December 29, 2019

## ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
A Servant Church Of  
The Archdiocese of Detroit

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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.



## THE HOLY FAMILY

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

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**THE LIST OF NAMES OF THOSE  
REMEMBERED BY  
ANGELS IS ON  
PAGES 6 AND 7 IN THE BULLETIN.**

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**DECEMBER 30 - JANUARY 4**



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

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Fr. Krzysztof Nowak**  
 Requested by Friend

Tuesday 5:00 PM  
**Fr. Krzysztof Nowak**  
 Requested by Friend

Wednesday 10:00 AM  
**Mrs. L. Pompa and Sofia Weiland**  
 Requested by Lee Pompa

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Lavo Cardozo**  
 Requested by Blen Cardozo

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

Saturday 9:15 AM  
**For All Our Parishioners**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18  
 Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/  
 Lk 2:16-21  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42  
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/  
 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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



**Tuesday, December 31**  
**Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary,**  
**the Holy Mother of God**  
**New Year's Eve**  
 5:00 PM Mass  
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**Wednesday, January 1**  
**Solemnity of Mary,**  
**the Holy Mother of God**  
**New Year's Day**  
 10:00 AM Mass



**THE EPIPHANY  
 OF THE LORD**

January 5, 2020

5:00 PM January 4 Fr. Kris		
For <b>Ralph Boyer, Sr.</b> Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lectors/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00B
8:30 AM January 5 Fr. Kris		
For <b>Francis &amp; Medalena Camilleri &amp; Carmenu Agius</b> Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin Hannah Smith 8:30C
10:15 AM January 5 Fr. Kris		
For <b>Al Howley</b> Requested by Ralph & Diane Fernley	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15B
12:00 PM January 5 Fr. Roodbeen		
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Lector/ Ushers	Teddi Williams 12:00A

**Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week**  
**January 4 and January 5**  
 Team D

Team #2 is scheduled for Beaumont Commons Sunday,  
 January 5 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

**DONATIONS TO ST. GERALD  
 FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S  
 THROUGH SIMPLEGIVE**

If you are making your donations to  
 St. Gerald online through Simple Give and  
 would like to make a donation to the parish for  
 Christmas or New Year's, please contribute  
 through the dates listed below:

**Christmas - now through January 1st**  
**New Year's - January 1st through January 12th**



**First Friday, January 3rd**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 following the 9:15 AM Friday morning Mass  
 ending with Benediction at  
 5:00 PM. Scheduled adorers needed.  
 Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex for times.

**Parish Offices will be closed through January 1st. If you have any emergency and you need to reach someone in the Parish Offices, please leave a message on extension 212 and someone will return your call. If you need to reach Fr. Kris, please call 248-987-6412.**

The Marian Peace Center of Detroit presents  
**Fr. Ronan Murphy**  
**Saturday, January 25**  
**St. Gerald Parish**

Tentative Schedule:  
 8:00 AM Registration  
 8:30 AM Rosary  
 9:00 AM Holy Mass

Talk will follow Mass and ends at approximately 1:30 PM. Brunch is included. Registration fee: \$20.00.

Fr. Ronan will be speaking on Devotion to Mary - Sign of Predestination and Our Lady Star of the Sea.

Fr. Murphy hails from Dublin, Ireland and is a priest of the Camden Diocese. Ordained on the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, May 13th in the Jubilee Year 2000. Father has served as Parochial Vicar in St. Mary's Parish, Gloucester City, St. Peter's in Merchantville and St. Teresa's Church in Runnemede. He also served at All Saints, Perth City in Australia for three years and has given missions and conferences in many countries. He has returned to the United States and is presently chaplain to a Carmelite Monastery in New York and giving retreats and International Conferences.

To register, or for more information, please see the flyer on the board in the main entrance of the church.



## A Heartfelt Thank You

Thank you, thank you, and thank you!! Once again the parishioners of St. Gerald have come through for the less fortunate in our community. Your donations of food, food cards and gifts enabled us to give out Thanksgiving baskets of food to 38 families plus \$1100 for meat, bread and milk. We then distributed food baskets, plus gifts and \$1200 for meat, bread and milk to 40 families for Christmas. The Christmas baskets included fixings for the holiday meal and an assortment of regular food to help feed the children while they are home from school for two weeks. They also received toiletries, laundry and dish detergents and paper products, as well as hats and mittens to accompany their gifts.

You, the parishioners of St Gerald, are the caring/giving hands of Christ right here on earth. So once more, **THANK YOU!**

We would be remiss if we did not thank those who made phone calls to the families, those who purchased extra food to go with the food donations we received, the people who packed the food bags, those who carried it over from the pantry, those who shopped for gift tags not taken, those who worked the days to distribute the food and gifts, and finally those who cleaned up afterward. It takes many hands to make this holiday giving happen. It is easy to see God is alive and well living in the people of St. Gerald Parish.

This happens throughout the year too with our St. Vincent de Paul conference, not just at holidays. But again, without your generous donations we could not continue this work. God bless you all and may you feel His presence around you this Christmas season and beyond!

St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference



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!

### **COME CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!**

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at [www.stgeraldparish.org](http://www.stgeraldparish.org)

## St. Gerald Parish Women's Euchre Tournament

**When:** February 8, 2020  
 6:30 PM Arrival Time  
 (7:00 PM Tournament Begins)

**Where:** St. Gerald Parish Social Hall

**Why:** To bring together women from St. Gerald Parish and women from other parishes and/or faiths to share Christian fellowship in the form of a friendly Euchre Tournament.

## Pray for our Sick:

Claire Marie Tuite-Yoder    Nicole Zapinski    Victoria Angelosanto  
 Jennifer Mondoux        Rick Stone        Yolanda Fenech

Please join us for Holy Hour with Rosary on Thursday nights in church following 7 PM Mass concluding at 8:30 PM.  
 All are welcome!

*All Religious Formation classes will resume  
 Monday, January 6, 2020. Happy New Year!*



## I AM ST. GERALD

### YAWN

Oh, good morning. It must be time to start the day. I just heard a key in my door and the alarm has been turned off.

**Monday's** are such busy days. The secretary has started a pot of coffee and put out some sweets for the "sit and chat" group to enjoy after morning mass. A rosary is prayed before mass starts and after our 9:15 AM mass devotions are said. Our maintenance man is emptying all of the waste baskets and making sure everything is neat and clean after the weekend activities. Here comes Joe, he comes twice a week and straightens the books in my pews. This evening our children will be coming in for Religious Education. (Some will come on Tuesday).

**Tuesday's** mass has Mother of Perpetual Help devotions following mass. Many from mass will come back to socialize and have a cup of coffee and something sweet. We have a small group of parishioners who come back and do a bible study.

**Wednesday's**, we don't have mass, but our evenings are busy. Our choir comes in to practice, what lovely sounds vibrate through these walls. From September to November we have formal bible study. St. Vincent de Paul meets once a month. Our RCIA candidates meet in the evening. During the day you will find a group quilting. What beautiful work they do.

**Thursday's** mass is in the evening at 7:00 PM with holy hour at 7:45 PM. During the day you will usually find some of our church cleaners busily making sure everything is nice and clean in the church proper. Our pinochle players will be enjoying themselves in the afternoon.

**Friday** after morning mass and devotions the church becomes very quiet as the office is closed that day. In the evening we open our doors for AA to meet.

**Saturday** People are coming in for confessions at 3:30 PM or to pray before our 5:00 PM mass.

**Sunday** Masses are at 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM and Noon.

What do I smell? Is it Fellowship Sunday with coffee and donuts or are the Knights cooking a pancake breakfast?

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

- \* Always on call is our St. Vincent group, stocking the pantry and having bags of food ready for those in need, meeting with families who would like assistance. Making sure they have food at Thanksgiving and
- \* at Christmas the gifts and food donated by our parishioners is distributed by volunteers.
- \* We have our intercessory prayer group who pray for those in need.
- \* There is a parishioner who makes and donates the white gowns for the babies who are baptized here.
- \* When we have a funeral and a luncheon is requested, we have a group of volunteers who serve the family and make them feel welcome.
- \* We have the grounds committee who come at various times throughout the year to make sure the weeds are pulled; flowers are planted and the outside looks good.
- \* Our altar servers both youth and adult assist the priest at daily and weekend masses.
- \* Sacristans make sure everything is set up for masses.
- \* Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist serve communion.
- \* Lector's read the holy scripture.
- \* Ushers help with seating and guiding parishioners as well as handing them the Voice when they leave church.
- \* Our Knights of Columbus serve at our Advent Tea, cook at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, the Lenten Soup Supper, the Parish Picnic and Halloween Trunk 'n Treat, as well the Pancake Breakfasts.
- \* We have people who wash the towels and purificators used at mass.
- \* We have a dedicated group who teach and work with our young people, preparing them for First Communion, First Penance, Confirmation and more. A Children's Liturgy is done during our 10:15 AM mass.
- \* Vacation Bible School is held one week each summer.
- \* We have a few people who go to the funeral home and lead a prayer service or the rosary for our deceased members.
- \* Mercy in Action is a community outreach program.
- \* Volunteers go to Beaumont (formerly Botsford) Commons every other Sunday to give communion to the seniors who cannot come to church.
- \* Once a month our Pastor goes to Beaumont Commons and says a mass and takes communion to the rooms of the residents who are unable to come to the chapel.
- \* And...



# Remembered with Angels



**Remembering:**

**Remembered by:**

Michael Albis	Mary Taylor
Phyllis Albis	Mary Taylor
Fr. Ronald Alder	Reynolds Family
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Amos	Jerome & Teddi Williams
Beckes Family	Suzanne & Diane Petter
Charles & Glyda Berend	Gloria & Bruce Berend
R. E. Blankenship	Bob & Diane Blankenship
Dorothy Bliss	Karen Papacharalambous
Earl Bliss	Karen Papacharalambous
Emma Bonacchi	Bonacchi Family
Renato Bonacchi	Bonacchi Family
Joseph Bongero	Agnes Bongero
Matthew Augustus Boyer	Ralph & Lynn Boyer
Ann Bristol	Barb Della Mora
Randy Brookshire	Ann Brookshire
Mary Connor	Dan & Sue Connor
Nancy Croitori	Bill Croitori
Nicaise Donatien	Marie Josette Bolivar
Diane Downey	Geri Adams
Drumm Family	Leonard & Barbara Lemanski
Clayton Duchene	Carol Duchene
Reta Durant	Best Friend Ever
Mary Friedman	Dan & Sue Connor
Carmel Galea	Stella Galea
Frank & Donna Gariepy	Frank & Kathy Gariepy
Reginald & Evelyn Gates	Deb & Carmine Palombo
Haezebrouck Family	Suzanne & Diane Petter
Jeanne Lynn Hall	Frank & Kathy Gariepy
Paul & Eileen Hamann	Reynolds Family
Patrick Hespen	Gina Hespen
Jean Hoots	Hoots Family

**Remembering:**

**Remembered by:**

Michael Hoots	Hoots Family
Elaine M. Horsburgh	Scott Horsburgh & Family
George Hume	Rachael & Michael Hume
Equilla Hunter	Jerome & Teddi Williams
Gerald E. Ignash	Barbara Lou Ignash
Kasinec Family	Suzanne & Diane Petter
Kaye Family	Joseph Pavco
John Klem Family	Nancy Norton
Kopasz Family	Best Friends Ever
John & Margaret Kramer	Reynolds Family
Carol M. Kronk	Mark Kronk & Family
Leona & Elias Lemanski	Leonard & Barbara Lemanski
Lloyd L. Lubig	McCarthy/Olkowski Family
Lea Magnani	Bonacchi Family
Luciano Magnani	Bonacchi Family
Marciano & Zanotti Family	Peter & Armanda Zanotti
Richard McAskin	Bob & Diane Blankenship
Wilda McAskin	Bob & Diane Blankenship
Gerald F. McCarthy, Sr.	McCarthy/Olkowski Family
Thomas G. McCarthy	McCarthy/Olkowski Family
Mr. & Mrs. Theodore McGovern	Patricia A. Hixson
James & Leona McGowan	Barb & Bob Kopf
Fr. Bob McGrath	Julie, Shel and David Levine
Susan McManus	Gerald & Dolores Maxey
Ed Meade	Jeamine & Family
Albert & Barbara Nizio	Leonard & Barbara Lemanski
Edward Nowak	Paul & Mary Nowak
Bernard O'Brien	Katie O'Brien
Joseph Obidzinski	Josephine Obidzinski
Joyce E. Olkowski	McCarthy/Olkowski Family
Leonard Olkowski	McCarthy/Olkowski Family



# Remembered with Angels



Remembering:	Remembered by:	Remembering:	Remembered by:
Mauree Olson	Carol Duchene	Eugenia Silvestri	Bonacchi Family
William & Helen Ouellette	Gloria & Bruce Berend	Leo Silvestri	Bonacchi Family
Adolfo & Anna Palombo	Palombo Family	Barbara Stone	Paul & Mary Nowak
Wesley Papacharalambous	Karen Papacharalambous	Hali Stone	Paul & Mary Nowak
Joann Pavco	Joseph Pavco	Brent Taylor	Julie, Shel & David Levine
Pavco Family	Joseph Pavco	Brent Taylor	Mary Taylor
Howard Petter	Diane Petter	Bradley Teagan	Paul & Mary Nowak
Petter Family	Suzanne & Diane Petter	Bradley Teagan, Jr.	Paul & Mary Nowak
Grace L. Reed	Bob & Barb Kopf	Marion Teagan	Paul & Mary Nowak
Giovanni Rotondo	Josephine Rotondo & Family	Mary B. Vertin	Karen A. Hume
Rotondo & Morelli Family	Josephine Rotondo & Family	Helen Winiarski	Victor Winiarski
Sally Jean Rowan	Suzanne McInerney	Mary Winston	Jerome & Teddi Williams
Thomas C. Sanford	Gladys Sanford	Eugene Wojnar	Joanne Wojnar
Dolores (Dell) Shamie	Lisa Shamie	Fr. Jim Wright	Julie, Shel and David Levine



Thank you to the volunteers who so kindly decorated this year's Angel Tree in the gathering space of the church. Every angel represents memories of those who have gone before us. What a beautiful tree. We are truly blessed here at St. Gerald!

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

### HOLY FAMILY

It is appropriate that today's Scripture readings proclaim a family theme. In the First Reading from the Book of Sirach, God gives guidance in applying Christian principles to family life. Children should care for their elderly parents: *Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him.* In his Gospel, the evangelist St. Matthew recounts the Holy Family's escape to Egypt and their eventual safe travel back to Nazareth. As Christian stewards, we know the importance of sharing our faith and providing support, encouragement, and protection to loved ones. Successful families flourish in their endeavors to follow Christ. Are we making Jesus personal in our home life, becoming the "Domestic Church" Pope St. John Paul II professed? (Please also see a reference to the Domestic Church in *Unleash the Gospel*, Guidepost 7 - Families at [www.unleashthegospel.org](http://www.unleashthegospel.org).)

### CSA MINUTE

This Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family, which celebrates Jesus, Mary, and Joseph — along with all Catholic families.

Archbishop Allen Vigneron is seeking to reclaim Sundays for family time along with worship and rest. In the spring, he released an *Unleash the Gospel* pastoral note, *The Day of the Lord*, a guide to reclaiming the Lord's Day as part of the *Unleash the Gospel* movement.

Gifts to the CSA support families, at all stages, with programs and services like marriage preparation, Natural Family Planning, and family and marriage support.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).



### 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 book shelf 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.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

*"Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you."* 725 kilometers. That's the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot — ambitious for two young parents and their infant son — the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn't have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

*"Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod."* Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today's Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life. ©LPi

### HOLY FAMILY





# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> <b>New Year's Day</b>  10:00 AM Mass	<b>2</b>  12:00 PM Pinochle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	<b>3</b> <b>First Friday With Adoration</b>  8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Mtg.	<b>4</b> <b>First Saturday</b>  9:15 AM Mass with Sacrament of Anointing 3:30 PM Confession 5:00 PM Mass
<b>5</b> <b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> <b>Fellowship Sunday</b>  8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 11:30 AM 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Classes 12:00 PM Mass	<b>6</b>  8:40 AM Rosary  9:15 AM Mass  5:30 PM Religious Formation	<b>7</b>  8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother Of Perpetual Help 2:00 PM Nursing Home Mass 5:00 PM Religious Formation 7:00 PM K of C Officers' Mtg.	<b>8</b>  K of C Casino Bus Trip  7:00 PM RCIA  7:30 PM Choir Practice	<b>9</b>  12:00 PM Pinochle  6:20 PM Rosary  7:00 PM Mass  7:45 PM Holy Hour	<b>10</b>  8:40 AM Rosary  9:15 AM Mass  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	<b>11</b>  3:30 PM Confession  5:00 PM Mass
<b>12</b> <b>Baptism of the Lord</b>  8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 12:00 PM Mass 1:00 PM Baptisms	<b>13</b>  8:40 AM Rosary  9:15 AM Mass  4:30 PM Baptism  5:30 PM Religious Formation	<b>14</b>  8:40 AM Rosary  9:15 AM Mass  9:45 AM Mother Of Perpetual Help  5:00 PM Religious Formation	<b>15</b>  7:00 PM RCIA  7:30 PM Choir Practice	<b>16</b>  12:00 PM Pinochle  6:20 PM Rosary  7:00 PM Mass  7:45 PM Holy Hour	<b>17</b>  8:40 AM Rosary  9:15 AM Mass  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	<b>18</b>  3:30 PM Confession  5:00 PM Mass
<b>19</b> <b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Fellowship Sunday/ Blood Pressure Screening</b>  8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:15 AM RCIA Rite Of Welcoming & Acceptance 11:30 AM 7th Grade Conf. 12:00 PM Mass	<b>20</b>  <b>No Religious Formation</b>  8:40 AM Rosary  9:15 AM Mass	<b>21</b>  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	<b>22</b>  5:00 PM 8th Grade Confirmation Class  7:00 PM RCIA  7:30 PM Choir Practice	<b>23</b>  12:00 PM Pinochle  6:20 PM Rosary  7:00 PM Mass  7:45 PM Holy Hour	<b>24</b>  8:40 AM Rosary  9:15 AM Mass  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	<b>25</b>  3:30 PM Confession  5:00 PM Mass
<b>26</b> <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>K of C Pancake Breakfast</b>  8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:15 AM RCIA Breaking Open the Word 12:00 PM Mass	<b>27</b>  8:40 AM Rosary  9:15 AM Mass  5:30 PM Religious Formation	<b>28</b>  8:40 AM Rosary  9:15 AM Mass  9:45 AM Mother Of Perpetual Help  5:00 PM Religious Formation	<b>29</b>  7:00 PM RCIA  7:30 PM Choir Practice	<b>30</b>  12:00 PM Pinochle  6:20 PM Rosary  7:00 PM Mass  7:45 PM Holy Hour	<b>31</b>  8:40 AM Rosary  9:15 AM Mass  8:00 PM AA Mtg.	



## Knights Corner

### Now is a Good Time to Take Stock and Report Your Charitable Activities in 2019

With a new year just a few days away, now is a good time to take stock in how you have been a Knight during 2019. Have you been of service to others? Either on your own or as part of one of the Council's projects. Being an usher or a Eucharistic Minister at Sunday Mass is one way to serve. Have you spent time in prayer outside of Sunday Mass? Have you attended the Council's quarterly Family Communion Masses? By our presence, we set an example at those masses. Have you expanded your spiritual horizons? Have you read one of the booklets in our *Faith in Action Kiosk* located in the main entryway of the Church?

While you are reviewing your 2019 activities, tally up the hours you have spent serving others and your monetary donations. Pass that information to Grand Knight Dave Bednarski who has to file a report with the Supreme Council summarizing our Council members' charitable activities in 2019. Here are activities NOT to count because they are being counted another way:

- Council Meetings
- Pancake breakfasts, Ladies Tea
- Parish Picnic
- Trunk 'n' Treat, SOS dinner

Here are activities that you should count, estimating the hours involved:

- Visits to the sick, wakes, funerals
- Attending Council Communion Masses
- Helping at the Soup or Pancake Suppers
- Time helping others
- Serving as an Usher, Eucharistic Minister
- Time on Church Committees
- Charitable donations

The Supreme Council tallies all the hours and dollars expended by Knights around the world and issues a report in the summer. In 2018, 1.9 million Knights provided 76.7 million hours of hands-on service. Including donations by the Knights insurance arm, monetary gifts amounted to \$185.7 million. Of that amount, \$9.6 million was for food drives, \$5 million for disaster relief, \$4.9 million to Special Olympics and \$3 million for Coats for Kids.

***St. Gerald's Knights Pray, Serve Others and Play Together!***

## 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
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#### Music Ministry

- Mary Melonio: Director of Music ..... x 222
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- Worship Ministry ..... x 202

#### Norma Battel

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#### Youth Ministry

- Gerryanna Luscri ..... x 208
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#### 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!

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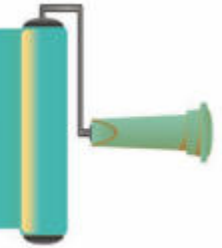
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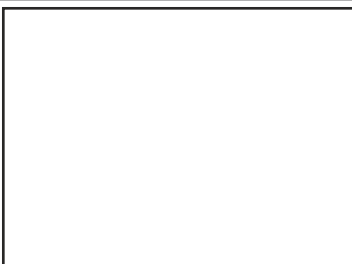
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