THE VOICE

February 2, 2020

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

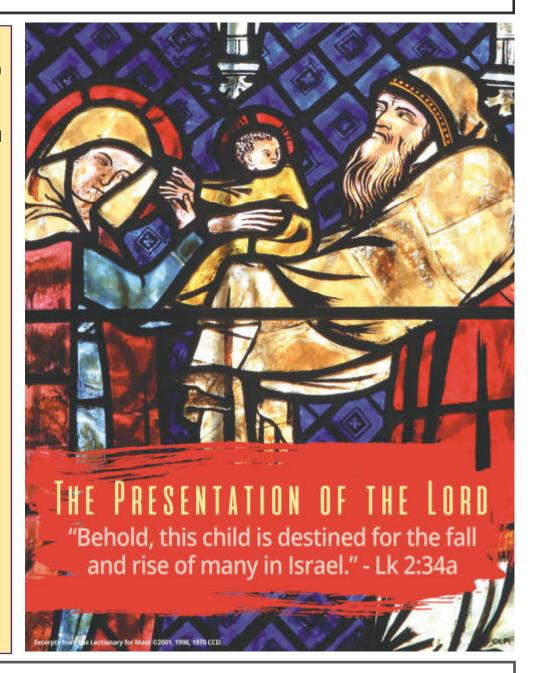
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

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 next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11 beginning at 7:00 PM in the Parish Social Hall.

All are welcome!

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



FEBRUARY 3 - FEBRUARY 7

Monday 9:15 AM Wesley Papacharalambous Requested by Hylko Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

John, Mary, Tom and Sandy Smith

Requested by

Frank and Geri Adams

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Goderman Families Requested By C. Kemp

> Friday 9:15 AM Mary Elaine David Requested by Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Mk 5:1-20 Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1a]/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [cf. 5c]/Mk 6:1-6 Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd [12b]/Mk 6:7-13 this is correct

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 [cf. 47b]/Mk 6:14-29 Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12b]/Mk 6:30-34 Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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!

Please help us keep our parish records up-to-date. If you move, have a change of phone number or any other change, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

2020 St. Gerald Contribution Statement

If you need a copy of your 2020 contribution statement from St. Gerald, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. With a prior request, statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. If you are unable to pick up your statement, they can be emailed or mailed to you upon your request. Please allow one week to process your statement. Thank you!

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2020

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5:00 PM February 8 Fr. Kris		
For Mary Marino Requested by Varteresian Family	Lectors/ Ushers	Ellen Stacey 5:00
8:30 AM February 9 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Michael Hoots Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30
10:15 AM February 9 Fr. Kris		
For St. Michael the Archangel Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15
12:00 PM February 9 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Teddi Williams 12:00

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week February 8 and February 9 Team A

Team #1 is scheduled for Beaumont Commons Sunday, February 2 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of January 12 \$ 8,365.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of January 12 \$ 9,096.00

Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of January 12 \$271,279.00

Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Jan. 12 \$254,692.00

St. Gerald Online Giving

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available. Please visit our Parish Website at stgeraldparish.org and click on <u>Online Giving</u> 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.



First Friday, February 7th 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDERS!
Our blood drive will be taking place on Sunday, February
23rd from 8 AM - 2:00 PM in

the social hall.

As always, there is a critical need for blood. If you have given blood before, we thank you and

please consider doing it again, if you have never given blood before, please consider donating this year. WALK-INS ARE WELCOME.

To make this blood drive a success we are going to need not only donors but also volunteers to help with duties throughout the day. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time, please call the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this drive here at St. Gerald.



Another Way Pregnancy
Center thanks you and
depends on your
donations!

Please return the filled baby bottles on or before February 23, 2020.

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. Thank You!



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

Pray for our Sick

Jennifer Mondoux

Rick Stone

Nicole Zapinski
Joseph Wolff

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.



Thanks to all the teens who helped out on their day off school on Martin Luther King Day. We repaired and replaced our Gather book bookmarks and had a little fun together, too. Thanks to all those who participated!

CSA UPDATE

Reclaim the Lord's day for faith and family in 2020! With this weekly guide from the Archdiocese of Detroit, families can honor the year's 52 Sundays in their own homes through such engaging activities as reading the Gospels, learning about our "extended family" of saints, and spending time together in the kitchen. 52 Sundays is a dynamic guide to help you and your family reclaim the Lord's Day with prayer, activities, food, and more! It offers simple and insightful ways for your family to spend time together each Sunday learning more about the Catholic faith and having fun while you're at it. Visit 52Sundays.com to learn more and to sign up for weekly email reminders. Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal support formation of families through the ministry of the Department of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship. To learn more about this and other CSA-supported ministries, visit aod.org.



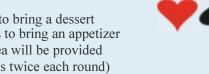
WE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
FLOYD PERKINS

AUGUST 30, 1945 JANUARY 25, 2020

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
FLOYD O LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM.

St. Gerald Parish Women's Euchre Tournament PARISH SOCIAL HALL FEBRUARY 8TH

- 6:30 arrival time, play to begin at 7:00 PM
- 10 Tables with 4 women per table = 40 tickets
- \$10 entry fee, \$.25 per Euchre
- Tickets are NUMBERED
 - Odd number tickets to bring a dessert
 - Even number tickets to bring an appetizer
- BYOB. Water and Iced tea will be provided
- 7 rounds (each player deals twice each round)
- Prizes (based on 40 tickets sold)





8th, 9th, 10th – Split the Euchre pot

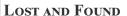
Loner Lamb with \$10 attached kept by the last person to possess it



Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office until February 6th, while tickets last.

(ONLY A FEW TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE)





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Is there an item that you haven't been able to find in a while and are not sure where to look? Well, there may be a chance that you left it at church and it is now located in our "Lost and Found".

Please take a minute and look in our "Lost and Found" drawer located in the cabinet in the gathering space of the church. Unclaimed items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.





Monday, February 3

Feast of St. Blaise 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Religious Formation

Tuesday, February 4

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 Officer's Meeting

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 PM RCIA 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

Thursday, February 6

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

Friday, February 7

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

Saturday, February 8

3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass 6:30 PM Women's Euchre Tournament

Sunday, February 9

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 12:00 PM Mass 1:00 PM Baptism

COLD AND FLU SEASON ADVICE

If you have the flu or flu like symptoms or a severe cold, please stay home until you feel better. Remember it is not a sin to miss Mass because you are ill.



If someone is sick with a cold sitting by you in Mass, it is okay to refrain from shaking hands at the beginning of Mass or at the Sign of Peace as well as holding hands during the Lord's Prayer. Perhaps a bow of the head and greeting of "Peace be with you" could be shared with those around you instead.



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

LENTEN DAY OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

All are invited to a Lenten Day of Spiritual Renewal on Saturday, March 14, at St. Joan of Arc Parish in St. Clair Shores. The theme for the day is Reconciliation: God's Mercy Has No End. Lent is a perfect opportunity to reflect on reconciliation, forgiveness and mercy to grow in your relationship with Jesus to live as his dedicated disciple. Presentations will include: Reconciliation by Rev. Joseph Horn, pastor, National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, Royal Oak; and Divine Mercy by Catherine Lanni, founder of the Divine Mercy Center, Clinton Township. Bishop Donald Hanchon will celebrate Mass. Reconciliation, individual prayer and lunch are offered. Fee for the day is \$10.

Use https://march14dayofspiritualreflection.eventbrite.com to register for this spiritually enriching experience.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY OF PRAYER

Assumption Grotto in Detroit will hold a special Day of Prayer on Tuesday, February 11th, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. A full day of religious activities is planned from 7 AM to 4 PM including Masses at 7:30 AM and Noon, Confession before both Masses, Public Rosaries, Veneration of St. Bernadette Relic after both Masses, 3 PM Stations of the Cross, Guided Tours of the Cemetery & Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes (replica of original one in France) at 10:30 AM and 2 PM. 1-4 PM catered full course meal in gymnasium (reservations not required). Religious Gift Store with extensive selection of items including Lourdes water from France (donation). For a complete schedule and/or more information, including the preparatory nine day Novena of Masses, please visit_www.prayerpilgrimages.com or call (313) 372-0762.



Stewardship Thoughts - Presentation of the Lord

The Scripture readings today speak of God's promise to send a Savior to mankind. The prophet Malachi compares God's messenger to refined precious metals. In the Letter to the Hebrews, the author explains how Jesus came to help not angels, but the descendants of Abraham. In the long form of St. Luke's Gospel, the evangelist tells the story of Mary and Joseph taking the baby Jesus to the Temple. In accordance with the law, He is consecrated to the Lord. Simeon, a holy man, and Anna, a prophetess, are in the presence of the infant Jesus and witness the fulfillment of the ancient prophecies. As Paschal stewards, we strive to build a personal relationship with Christ and, in turn, be docile to His will. May this feast day move us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to embrace Christ and, in a spirit of evangelization, do His work in our acts of stewardship with our parish communion. To discern your gifts, take the St. Austin Spiritual Gifts Inventory at www.staustin.org/spiritual-giftsinventory.

GOSPEL MEDITATION -ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Very often, having more light is not something we desire as it forces us to confront something we really do not want to see. There can be comfort found in darkness. It has an eerie sense of security to it. We do not have to challenge ourselves or be challenged and can simply exist in some fabricated state of self-fabricated blissfulness. Jesus came to bring light, and it is a light that is resisted by many and hated by some. It is a light that causes us to see things as they really are and not as we would want or need them to be.

It is no wonder then that Simeon boldly and honestly proclaims to Mary, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." We have to take the Gospel message as it is and not just use those parts that are useful to us or more palatable. Taking Jesus at face value can and will lead to turmoil and dissention. Hearts will be pierced. Whether we like it, Jesus' proclamation of what the world God created really ought to look like has real and absolute social implications.

It has a lot to say about how we treat our brothers and sisters: spiritually, personally, economically, and globally. It has everything to do with the poor, the immigrant, the scared, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the broken. The light opens us to a challenging, table-turning experience that may not be something we want to see but shows us where we need to be. ©LPi



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Bethany is a Catholic organization that provides spiritual, social, and educational assistance to Christians who are divorced or separated. For more information, visit the Bethany website at:

www.BethanyofSoutheasternMichigan.org.



Knights Corner

Thanks to Knights and Parishioners who Participated at Last Week's Pancake Breakfast

Hats off to the 20 Knights who answered new Pancake Boss Terry Grabinski's call for workers for last Sunday's Pancake
Breakfast. And a big "Thank You" to the parishioners who dined in slightly better numbers than at last

September's breakfast.



Greg Peters (left) and Ron Bywalec (right) serving pancakes.

The big winner was the neighboring Foster Closet of Michigan, Oakland Chapter, which will receive the net profits from the event once they are completely tabulated during the week. Foster Closet is located two blocks south of the Church at 20853 Farmington Road. It provides free clothing and some furniture to foster children who often arrive at their new homes with only the clothes of their back.

Helping produce last Sunday's breakfast were GK Dave Bednarski, Frank Gariepy, PGK Fred Gerometta, PGK Bruce Roberts, PGK Rich Smith, Rich Rosowski, Roger Stacey, Jerry Weigold and Pat McDonald. Also Brian Gulick, Greg Peters, Bill Croitori, Scott Horsburgh, Dennis Weberlein, Steve Conatser, Thom Seabolt, Ron Bywalec, Armin Russenberger, District Deputy Don Garon and Tom McPhail.

Hospitality Chair Ken May's meeting chow menu for 2020 was announced at the January 18 meeting. He is looking for two guest cooks to cover the May and November meetings. The January session also was a slot for a guest cook. It was deliciously handled by PGK Fred Gerometta who produced a well-received beef stew. His wife Diane complemented the stew with a couple of loaves of rustic bread, perfect for sopping up the stew sauce.

Here is the plan for meeting chow for the rest of the year: February, Taco/Fajita Night; March, Chili; April, Spaghetti; May, To Be Determined; June, Jambalaya Night; July, Lasagna; August, Hamburger and corn on the cob; September, Sausage, red beans and rice; October, Primo's pizza and salad, November, TBD, December, Pot Luck.

Financial Secretary Bob Kuhr will be sending out second notices for 2020 dues. As of the meeting, 28 of you will be getting those notices. If anyone is having financial difficulty with their dues, speak quietly with Bob or Grand Knight Dave Bednarski. You are more important to the Council than your dues.

Treat Some One to a European River Cruise; Sell Them a Michigan K of C Raffle Ticket

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SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation: Sacrament of the Sick: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM 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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