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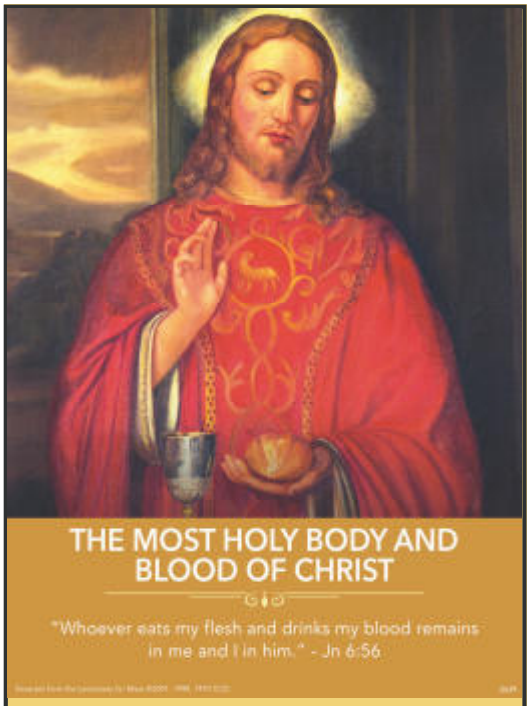

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OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations To Our First Communicants

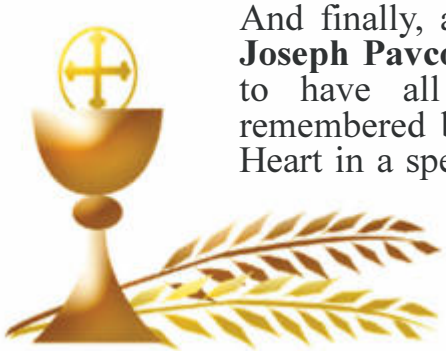
On Saturday, June 13th, eight of our fourteen candidates received the sacrament of First Communion. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey. They are:

Natalie Ast
Emily Bellows
Jayla Calderon
Stella Evangelista
Annabelle Kalaj
Brianne Leight
Sofia Rekucki
Michaela Welch

Each child designed their own pew banner, which hung at the end of each family's pew during the Mass. Our other First Communion candidates will be attending a Mass of their choice in the coming months to celebrate their reception of the sacrament of Eucharist. They are:

Maggie Austin
Isaac Butcher
Duncan Kopp
Francis Kowalski
Emma Michalski
Brayden Sattler

Thank you to the First Communion catechists who gave so much of their time in helping to prepare these children, they are: **Joyce Kopp and Lynne Gulick.**



And finally, a very special thank you to **Joseph Pavco** for making arrangements to have all the First Communicants remembered by the Priests of the Sacred Heart in a special celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

June 15 - June 19

Monday 9:15 AM
Diana Jozefowicz
Requested by Eaton Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Peter Zanotti
Requested by Armanda Zanotti

Wednesday NO MASS

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

Friday 9:15 AM
Victoria Croitori
Requested by Croitori Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 [14c]/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

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(For a list of daily readings: go to http://www.usccb.org/nab)

Pork and Beans
Spaghetti O's
Beefaroni
Ravioli
Canned Meats
Stews
Chili
Toothbrushes
Jelly
Cookies

Feeling Ill?

If you have a fever or cough or are not feeling well, please stay home until you feel better. Remember it is not a sin to miss Mass because you are ill.

Also, following the guidelines given by the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the **coronavirus**, it was recommended that each parish empty the holy water fonts, remove everything from the pews and to temporarily suspend offering parishioners the Cup of the Most Precious Blood during Holy Eucharist out of caution. The Consecrated Host is the full Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ. You do not need to receive from the Cup in order to achieve full Communion with Christ.

Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time
June 20 and 21
Mass Intentions

5:00 PM
Peter Zanotti
Requested by Mary Taylor

8:30 AM
Walter Winiarski
Requested by Victor Winiarski

10:15 AM
Peter Zanotti
Requested by Josephine Rotondo

12:00 PM
All Our Parishioners

Lectors scheduled for weekend of June 20 and 21:

5:00 PM Mass - Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM Mass - Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM Mass - Caron Kott
12:00 PM Mass - Paul Radzilowski

St. Gerald Online Giving

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available and simple to use. 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.

Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald.

They are:

Ray and Suzy Dreyfus

We are glad you are here!

Congratulations to our R.C.I.A. Neophytes:

Samuel Jacob Gaylord and Travis Craig Hammon!

They were initiated as full members of the Catholic Church on Saturday, June 13, at our 5:00 PM Mass.

Please get acquainted and continue to pray for them as they continue their journey of faith.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
JUNE CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR

Please note that the Casino Bus Tour scheduled in June has been cancelled. Please call one of the numbers below if you would like to be added to our next trip on Wednesday, August 12. Thank you!

Richard Smith 313/421-0204 or
Bruce Roberts 248/756-9257 or
Richard Rosowski 248/477-2511

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and their name will be added to our prayers.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jennifer Mondoux	Rick Stone	Steve Bonadeo
George Walch		Nicole Zapinski
Dylon Ittig		Joseph Wolff
Erin Malloy-Burgess		Frank Burgess

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 this fall. Have Questions…need more information? Please contact Fr. Kris Nowak or the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

RCIA
A STRONG START TO THE FAITH

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.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Dies Sanctissimi Corporis et Sanguinis Domini Iesu Christi is Latin for
"Day of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ the Lord".
Today is Corpus Christi Sunday.
Corpus = Body & Christi = Christ.
We celebrate the Real Presence of the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist.

The symbols used are the host which is the consecrated bread with the chalice which holds the consecrated blood. Other symbols are the sheaths of wheat used to make bread alongside the chalice, the ciborium which holds the host and the altar. Often you see the hands of a priest holding the host or Jesus holding the bread he offered to His disciples at the Last Supper.

Note From Christian Service . . .

As I sit and write this article and look out the window I see the sun shining and the weather warming up. We are all hoping for a return to some form of normalcy. I am saddened this year that because of the Coronavirus, we are not able to gather this year for our annual picnic. But know this, our 2021 picnic will be back next year in full force! I would like to take this time to thank you the parishioners who have made the picnic a success over the past years. Without you none of this would be possible. Although we are saddened that we are not able to gather this year for the picnic, we can all look forward to next year. Gods Blessings! Matt

Please Note -
We will not have Adoration after
the 9:15 AM Mass on the
First Friday's in July and August.

Enjoy your summer and we hope
you will still join us for morning Mass.

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**

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Heart of Stewardship

What else is there to give when one has already given away one's body and one's life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all one had has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his Passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship.

Then, you must ask yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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

MARY AND THE SAINTS

Question:
Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

Answer:
One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

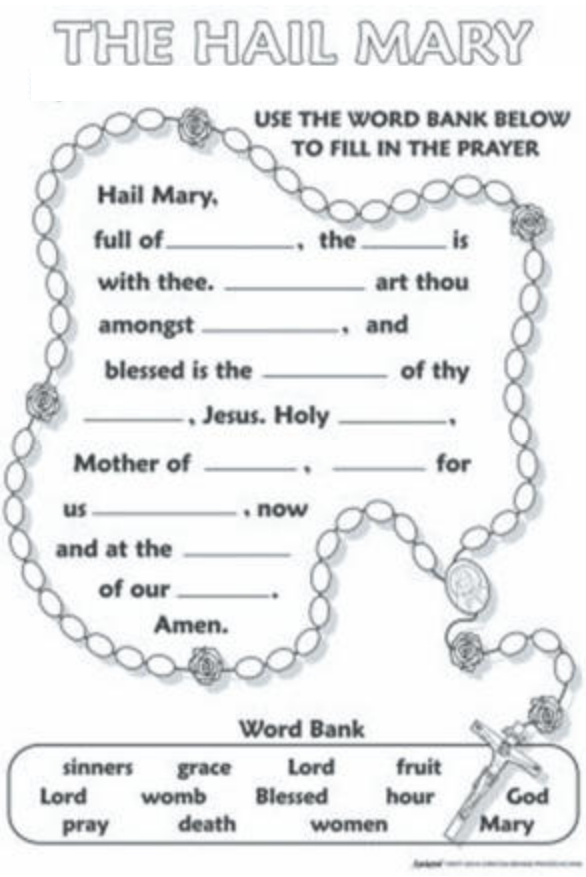
And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

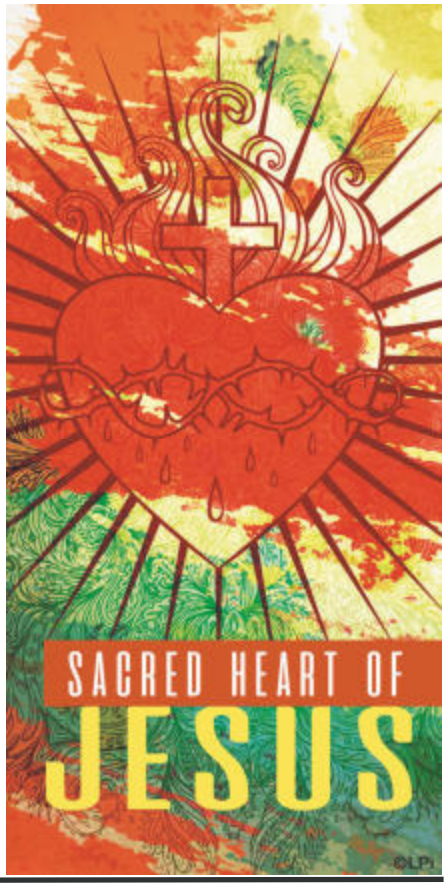
When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness. ©LPi

Prayer For Those Suffering From Coronavirus

Loving God, you sent your son Jesus Christ to heal the sick. We ask you to come to our aid in the midst of the coronavirus crisis that we too may experience your healing love. We ask you to heal those who are sick. Calm those who are living in fear. Be with those who have died and comfort their families. Inspire health professionals to aid them in their healing work. Guide national leaders to lead and make decisions with wisdom. Help us to always be aware of your presence as we place our trust in you. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen.





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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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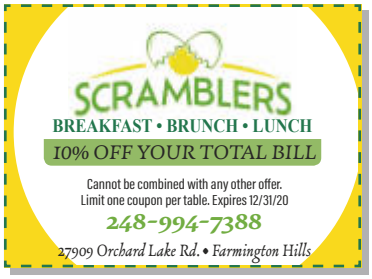

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