THE VOICE

September 27, 2020

ST. GERALD

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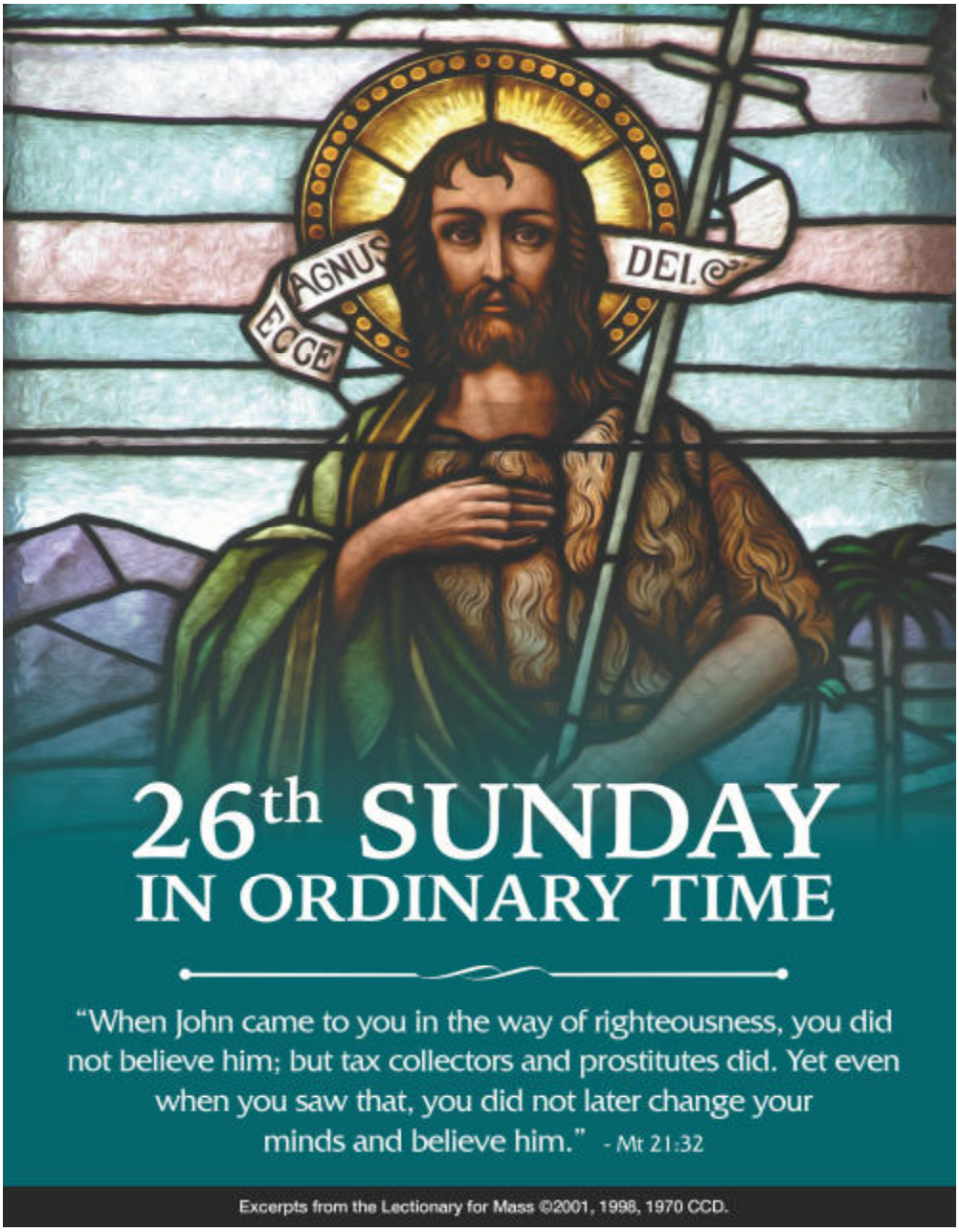
OFFICE HOURS
Monday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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.



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

ST. GERALD FALL GROUNDS CLEAN UP

Volunteers wanted for our Fall Clean Up. Some light trimming, cleaning up of flower beds and trash pick up along the perimeter is needed. Please join us between **10:00 AM - 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 7th.** (Rain date of November 14th, same time as above).

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

September 28 - October 3

Monday 9:15 AM
Peter Zanotti
Requested by Rita Bozzini

Tuesday 9:15 AM
St. Michael the Archangel
Requested by Josephine Rotondo and Family

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Dave and Karen Hall
Requested by Croitori Family

Friday 9:15 AM
Bernice, Louis and Dennis Kaye
Requested by Joseph Pavco

Saturday 9:15 AM
Special Intention

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14 [13]/Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11 [11]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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

To have the daily readings sent to your email, go to www.usccb.org/nab

Canned Meats, Stews, Chili, Toothbrushes, Jelly, Peanut Butter, Cookies, Tuna Helper, and Crackers

If you're going to listen to something, let it be GOOD!

Catholic and Christian Radio Station options:
990 AM Ave Maria Radio (avemariaradio.net)
94.3 FM Family Life Radio ((myflr.org)
103.5 FM The Light (WMUZ)
106.3 FM KLOVE (klove.com)
Take a listen; learn and grow in faith.

Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 4, 2020

5:00 PM	October 3	Fr. Kris
For **William Strick** Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	**Lector**	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	October 4	Fr. Kris
For **John MacDougall** Requested by Taylor Family	**Lector**	Hannah Smith
10:15 AM	October 4	Fr. Kris
For **William Shea** Requested by Jean Shea	**Lector**	Caron Kott
12:00 PM	October 4	Fr. Briffa
For **Diane Dristy** Requested by Joseph Rotondo & Family	**Lector**	Rob Seely

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.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of September 6	**$ 10,747.00**
Budget Offertory for Weekend of September 6	**$ 8,407.00**
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of September 6	**$ 79,445.00**
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of September 6	**$ 84,070.00**

Saint Francis says:

Let us bless the pets!

We will have a Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:15 AM outside the main entrance of the church.

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. **We are asking that you wear a mask when you come to church.**

CSA
CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The CSA Goal for 2020 is $61,357.00. We are asking each family to contribute **$205.00** this year to help us reach our goal. We know there are some families who can afford more and some families who cannot afford anything. That is why we say *it is not an equal gift, it is an equal sacrifice*.

It is important to remind you that any shortfall in meeting this goal will be made up from our savings account; however, any extra we collect over our committed amount, we get to keep. Your generous support of past CSA efforts at St. Gerald have been most appreciated.

Gifts to the CSA make possible more than 100 ministries, programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese every day. No one parish could provide all of these blessings, which benefit so many. Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal.

Look for the mailing sent to you from the Archdiocese of Detroit for all the necessary information to make your pledge. **Please note that the phone number printed on your CSA card is incorrect. The correct phone number is 1-888-331-8695.**

Three mailings will be sent to you through October.

Instructions for On-line Giving:

- You can donate on-line by going to **give.aod.org**.
- Click on "**Make a Gift to CSA 2020**".
- Log in or click on "**quick give"**.
- Fill out your information.
- Make sure to indicate the fund is for **CSA 2020** and select **St. Gerald - Farmington** for the parish.

If you are sending a check in for payment, please follow the instructions given on the letter sent from the Archdiocese of Detroit.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. Thank you for your generosity to the CSA, and for helping us reach the above goal.

Religious Education

Religious Formation classes will begin the last week in September. Families who are registered in the program should have received a registration form and letter detailing the program. Please return these forms as soon as possible to help us know the number of students that will be enrolled in the program this year. Contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677 ext. 201 or marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com if you would like more information, are new to the parish, or have any questions.

REMINDER: Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit, children of the parish are to receive two full years of religious formation before the reception of a sacrament.

PLANTING FAITH
GROWING FAITH

RCIA
A STRONG START TO THE FAITH

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** has been a yearly process here at St. Gerald Parish. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church or need to make your First Communion and/or Confirmation, please contact Fr. Kris Nowak or the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

33RD ANNUAL LIFE CHAIN
October 4, 2020
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM

For locations and more information, go to www.miLIFESPAN.org/events.

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

Support For Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference

We thank all of you who have enrolled your Kroger Plus Cards for the benefit of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at St. Gerald. As a result, this past year we have received $405.36 from the Kroger Rewards Program. Some good news is that you no longer need to re-enroll each year to continue designating our St. Vincent de Paul Conference as your beneficiary organization.

If you have not already done so, you can enroll your Kroger Plus Card with us by following the steps below. **This will in no way effect the rewards you receive personally from your card.**

If this is the first time you are registering, you will need to set-up an account first.

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

- Click "Create an account"
- Put in your e-mail address and create a password. Confirm the password.
- Enter plus card or alternate ID number
- Go to Community Rewards (near bottom)
- Follow the steps (name, address, etc.)
- Choose Organization **BM693**
- Click Enroll

While this program does help our conference, the vast majority of our support comes from the generous contributions we receive from our parishioners. If you wish to make a donation, checks should be made payable to St. Gerald – St. Vincent de Paul Conference. (They may be dropped in the collection basket, the Poor Box, or mailed to St. Gerald.)

May God continue to bless you for your generosity and your compassion for the needy in our community.

The St. Vincent de Paul Truck will be here the weekend of October 10th and 11th for your donations!

Please keep the below in your prayers:

Margaret Williams Joan Goniea Sally Battishill

Raymond Rudzki

If you would like a name to be added to the Prayer Request List, please email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. Thank you!

Flu Clinic Registration Update

Flu shots will be available at St. Gerald on Sunday, October 11th from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Both the regular and senior flu shots will be available.

We are asking that you please register online. The flu clinic electronic registration process will provide the ability to fill out the Assessment and Consent Form prior to the date of the clinic. The website to register is: **https://flu.vna.org Clinic ID: 312 PASSCODE: cBSjvL J**. This form will also allow you to choose if you want the Senior dose (65 and older). All of this will allow for less contact, and social distancing.

Please register as soon as possible, so we have an accurate count. If you are unable to register online, Consent Forms are available on the table in the main entrance of the church. Please take the form home and complete it then return in the "Sunday Collection" basket located in the back of the church or mail to the "Parish Office".

Please feel free to contact Barb with any questions. The registration process is very easy. You can reach Barbara Seabolt at 248-477-4752 (home); 248-231-4184 (mobile); or blpseabolt@gmail.com

St. Gerald's Parish Health Ministry

Everyday Stewardship

Is It the Thought That Counts?

I can remember times when I received a gift that I would not have chosen for myself. At those times I certainly thought to myself that "it was the thought that counts." I was happy that the gift-giver thought of me at all. Then there have been times when my children have not given me a gift and then chose to tell me all about what they were going to give me. They would then follow it up by saying, "it was the thought that really counts." Really!?! I don't think so. I could think of sending my wife on a cruise, but that is not in any way the same as going on the cruise. I think there are times when all of us think we are more generous than we are, simply because we were thinking about being generous.

This way of thinking can be dangerous. Jesus teaches us to say what we mean and mean what we say. The intentionality of our actions is important, but intentionality without action is meaningless. How we act and what we give serves as evidence of our intentions and indicates where our heart truly lies. If we fool ourselves into thinking we are someone we are not, it can become difficult to see the truth. We need to look for the fruit in our lives. We need to make sure our desires and thoughts are moving us to act. You know that other saying about intentions, don't you? Don't pave the road to a place no one wants to end up with your intentions. Instead, let your intentions and actions lead others to another place where Jesus can be found. – *Tracy Earl Welliver*©LPi

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

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Let us pray for Courtney Wilkinson and Matthew Egbers as they prepare to be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Gerald Parish on October 17, 2020.

Activities Within our Community

Mercy In Action - Day Of Service

This year Mercy In Action will take place on **Saturday, October 17th** starting at St. Fabian and then branching off to the different projects. Sign ups will be starting soon and more information will be coming your way. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Christian Service office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204.

Mass For Commerce

Please join His Excellency Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron and the Catholic business and professional community for a morning of inspiration at the 27th Annual Mass for Commerce on Wednesday, October 21, at 8 AM at the Basilica of Ste. Anne de Detroit, 1000 St. Anne Street, Detroit 48216 and livestreamed at massforcommerce.org. This celebration of the Eucharist reminds Catholic men and women that they are not merely business and professional people who happen to be Catholic, but people who recognize they are stewards of God's gifts and their need for the Holy Spirit to be with them, guiding them every day. Relating to the Mass, a panel of local business leaders will address the "No Bystanders" theme from Unleash the Gospel in discussing the impact of their Catholic faith in their business life. To register or for more information, visit massforcommerce.org or call 313-596-7424.

Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron will celebrate a memorial Mass to remember the infants and children lost to miscarriage and stillbirth on Sunday, October 18, 2020. Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 11:00 AM.

Parents and families who have suffered the loss of a child will be invited to come forward to receive a memorial rosary and a special blessing from the Archbishop. There will be opportunity after Mass to inscribe the names of children lost to miscarriage and stillbirth in the memorial Book of Innocents that remains near the tabernacle at the Cathedral for year-round prayer.

Couples praying for the gift of children will also be invited up to receive prayers and a blessing.

As COVID-19 limits the number of persons permitted to attend Mass in person, registration for this event is requested to ensure the safety and health of everyone present.

Please go to https://pregnancy-and-infant-loss-memorial-mass.eventbrite.com to register or email PregnancyMass@aod.org.

If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, contact Nicole Joyce at (313) 237-5776.

If you are unable to attend this Mass in person we invite you to watch the live-streamed Mass at www.aod.org/livemasses.

This event is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit Natural Family Planning Office.

Alpha Online Fall 2020

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Run over 11 weeks, each session looks at a different question that people can have about faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is a safe, non judgmental, friendly, and welcoming space to explore life's big questions together. Join us for an engaging talk and small group conversation. This version of Alpha is being offered online due to the Covid19 pandemic. It is being sponsored by Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and will include the involvement of some seminarians as small group discussion animators. Registration is free. To find out more please visit shms.edu/alpha.

St. Paul Of The Cross Passionist Retreat Center Mini-Retreat For Men And Women

"Come to me, all who are weary . . . and I will give you rest." MT 11:28

Take a few hours to lay your burdens down and experience the renewal only Christ can give.

- Weekday events from 10 AM to 2 PM
- Time for quiet personal reflection as well as group sharing and prayer
- Lunch will be served
- Cost is $65 per person

Dates: October 28, November 18, January 6, March 10 and April 14

Register online at stpaulretreat.org

Questions? Contact Cathy at cadamk@stpaulretreat.org or (313) 286-2800.

St. Paul is located at 23333 Schoolcraft, Detroit, MI 48223

Knights Corner

Members who are not receiving email notices from the Council should check if right address is on file

If you are a member of K of C Council 13673 you should have been receiving regular electronic messages from the leadership. If not, your correct email address is not on file. You've either changed it and not told us or a cyber bug has gummed up the works. Either way, just send an email with your correct address to Program Director Tom McPhail at tandamcphail@att.net.

Charles Giroux

For the past three years, the Council has helped a local seminarian with a $500 cash grant. The recipient for this 2020-21 fraternal year is Charles Giroux who is a student at Sacred Hearth Major Seminary. Charles' home parish is SS. Cyril and Methodius in Sterling Heights.

He responded to our help with a note that read in part "Thank you so much for your incredible generosity. I know I speak for many seminarians and so many people you have blessed with your prayers, service and monetary assistance when I say I do not know how we would make it without your help. The Lord always provides, but through you He has provided so much. Know that I am praying for you and I hope you are all doing well during these crazy times."

In addition to the grant which is done under a Supreme Council program called "RSVP," our Council participates in a State Council sponsored multi-year drive to establish a $1 million tuition endowment fund for Sacred Heart Seminary. Now in its second year, the fund exceeds $250,000.

The need for social distancing necessitated by the Covid-19 virus has required the cancelation of many of our usual activities. One that will continue, PGK Rich Smith reports, is the annual collection of gift sweatshirts the youngsters at Holy Cross Services, formerly known as Boysville. Smith will be announcing the opening of the drive in early October.

Also next month – October 11 to be exact – is the annual flu shot distribution by the Parish health Ministry, led by Barbara Seabolt, wife of Brother Thom Seabolt. Flu shots will be available at St. Gerald from 9:30 AM to Noon. Most insurance programs cover the cost. Barb asks that you complete a brief form indicating whether you want the regular shot or the stronger senior version. Please read page 4 of this bulletin for more information. Consent forms are available on the table at the entrance of the church. Contact Barbara at 248-477-4752 or at blpseabolt@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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)

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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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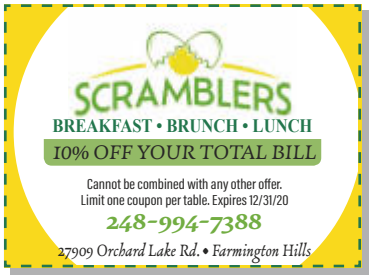

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