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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

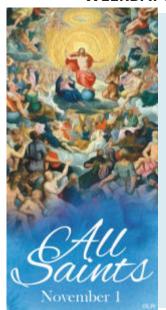
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



November 2 - November 7

Monday 9:15 AM
Oscar Pompa
Requested by Lee Pompa

Tuesday 9:15 AM All Souls of Deceased Requested by Family

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Shirley Rudy
Requested by Karen Rockholt

Friday 9:15 AM
Allen Family
Requested by Peggy Driskell

Saturday 9:15 AM
Gravilla Family
Requested by Croitori Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Rom 5:5-11 or

Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32

[26a]/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Lk 14:25-33 Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [3b]/Lk 15:1-10 Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 16:1-8 Saturday: Phil 4:10-19/Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9/Lk 16:9-15 Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [2b]/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

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

DONATIONS FOR THE PRIESTS' PENSION PLAN THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE



If you are giving your donations online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation for the Priests' Pension Plan, you can do so now through November 15th. Thank You!

Please keep the below in your prayers:

Raymond Rudzki Joan Goniea Sally Battishill

Jim Bergin Deloris Macknosky Chloe Lynn Roberts

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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 8, 2020

November 6, 2020			
5:00 PM N	ovembe	r 7 Fr. Kris	
For Shirley Rudy Requested by Karen Rockholt	Lector	Sharon McCarthy	
8:30 AM N	ovembe	r 8 Fr. Briffa	
For Robert Provera Requested by Gjerding Family	Lector	Candy Rosowski	
10:15 AM N	lovember 8 Fr. Kris		
For Jane Crowley Requested by Bob Beiting	Lector	Angela McLoughlin	
12:00 PM November 8 Fr. Kris			
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	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.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of October 11 \$ 9,075.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of October 11 \$ 8,407.00

Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of October 11 \$122,870.00

Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of October 11 \$126,105.00



Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald. They are:

John and Fran Bachor

We are glad you are here!

CSA UPDATE . . .

We appreciate your support of the CSA Program here at St. Gerald. Every donation, no matter how big or how small, helps us to reach our goal of \$61,357.00. Our suggested giving amount per family this year is \$205.00, which would 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. Please prayerfully consider your donation amount.

You should have received your pledge card by now. It was mailed to you directly from the Archdiocese of Detroit. If you have not, please call the Parish Office.

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 to the Archdiocese of Detroit for payment, please be patient, as they are processing the payments as quickly as they can.

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.



BULLETIN REMINDER

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 9:00 AM 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.

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).

A Note From Christian Service Regarding Thanksgiving And Christmas



This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be having the gift portion of the Christmas program. Instead, we will be offering food baskets for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. While I know this is something that many of us like to participate in, this is the safest way for us as a parish to still help out those who are in need. I would like to thank all of

you who have been so generous in the years past, without your support none of it would be possible.



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



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF MASON PAWLAK

JUNE 7, 1920 OCTOBER 21, 2<u>020</u>

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

All are invited to remember our deceased loved ones, especially those whose funerals were during this past year, at a



Mass of Remembrance
Monday, November 2
7:00 PM
at St. Gerald Church

Please come and pray for those who have died.

MERCY IN ACTION DAY

On behalf of the Christian Service Commission here at the parish, thank you to those of you that were able to come and help us for Mercy in Action. The numbers were small, but overall between Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Fabian and St. Gerald we had a total of 70 people show up to volunteer! Thank you as always for your support.















As a family, help an elderly person in your neighborhood. Help them clean up their home or their yard.



Thanksgiving and Christmas Food Baskets

Well it is that time of year again, we will be providing Holiday food baskets for our neighbors in need this Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are hoping you can help us fill these baskets. Please bring any of the food items listed below and place in the chest located in the main entrance of the church by **November 15th**. Thank you as always for your overwhelming support of our effort to help those in need.

- ◆ Kroger or Meijer Gift Cards in the amount of \$10, \$20 or \$25
- Canned Vegetables and Fruit
- ♦ Stuffing Mix
- ◆ Gravy
- ◆ Crackers
- Mac and Cheese (Deluxe, no milk or butter needed)
- ◆ Canned Yams
- Cranberry Sauce
- ♦ Tuna/Tuna Helper

- Cocoa/Oatmeal
- ♦ Jelly
- ♦ Brownie Mix/Frosting
- Cold Cereal
- Cornbread Mix
- ♦ Pancake Mix/Syrup
- Pasta Sauce
- Fried Onions
- Peanut Butter

*Please either mail or drop off gift card in the Parish Office.

If you are in need of food this holiday season, please call the St. Vincent de Paul line at 248-476-7677, ext. 220. Leave your name and number and we will return your call. Please note all information we receive is kept confidential.

PRIESTS' PENSION PLAN COLLECTION

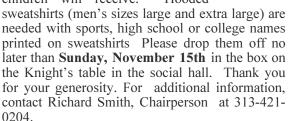
The Archdiocese is blessed to have 95 retired priests who dedicated, in some cases, more than 50 years of their lives to caring for and ministering to others. Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are most grateful.

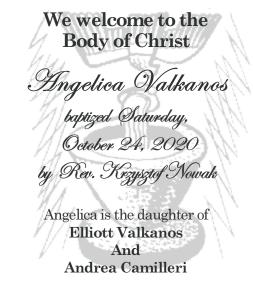
At age 70, priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit begin receiving a \$1,575 monthly pension and health and automobile insurance from the Priests' Pension Plan. The Archdiocese annually assesses each parish \$11,075 per priest serving there to support this fund.

Envelopes to support this collection are located in the church bulletin this weekend. If you would like to help defray the cost of this assessment to the parish and show your appreciation for those priests who have cared for us and ministered to us throughout the years, please return your envelope next weekend and place in the collection basket located in the back of the church.

ANNUAL SWEATSHIRT DRIVE FOR THE CHILDREN AT BOYSVILLE

The Knights of Columbus here at St. Gerald need your help by gifting a hooded sweatshirt to the boys and girls at Boysville (Holy Cross Children's Services). This may be the only Christmas gift these children will receive. Hooded





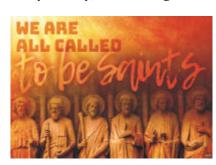
GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I remember as a child the meticulousness my father would bring to a task. Whether it be tending to a chore in the yard, repairing something, or painting a room, the tiniest of every detail demanded his attention. He had great patience. I benefited greatly by his example and remember these lessons well. We all need examples to follow. It is important to identity folks who excel at simple things and show us how to do things well. There are those among us and those who have gone before us who serve as these models and witnesses. They are ordinary people who in their "extraordinary ordinariness" capture our attention and allow us to see things more clearly.

These are the prophets, martyrs, teachers, witnesses, heralds, and innovators who bring a single-minded devotion to God to even the simplest of tasks they perform. They have an openness to being used and become vessels of Divine justice, mercy, and presence. They call us to the "more" of life and point us to the Gospel in all of its simplicity and splendor. They remind us of the little ones of the Kingdom and the values we all need to cultivate and possess. They are the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the peacemaker who often are rejected not only by those who have far different agendas but by those you think would welcome them.

All of the saints in heaven and on earth form this cloud of witnesses who journey with us as we make our way through life. They offer us inspiration, wisdom, intercession, and support. They direct us toward true happiness and remind us that we are all called to be saints. All it takes is desire, love, and fidelity. There is much we can learn from the official saints of the church. Their guidance is ever before us and ever with us. But there is also a lot to learn from the unofficial saints of the church. They sit beside us every Sunday, are our neighbors and ordinary people we meet every day.



Because of the devotedness of their faith, they remind us to keep going, remain focused, and cultivate purpose and meaning, and give voice to those who have none. The inspiration is all around us.

Pay attention to the details. Do what you do with great love. Know that you are not alone. Believe that you can persevere. Have great faith. ©LPi

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Everyday Saints

Growing up I thought saints were larger than life people with extraordinary stories. The thought that I could one day be revered as a saint by anyone seemed crazy. I wrote my essays on different saints every year in Catholic school right around All Saints Day. These were stories about people I had never met, and I assumed I would never meet anyone like them going forward.

Now that I am older, I realize that I was wrong back then and my immaturity of both mind and heart did not allow me to see that there are saints among us all the time. I have met many people in my life that I would call living saints. They are holy people who give of themselves to God and others in profound ways. Their relationship with Jesus is evident and they live their lives in ways that people witness the transformative power of love.

As a child I was wrong about saints, but even more importantly, I didn't fully realize that all of us are called to be saints! Me, a saint? Holiness is not something simply studied in books. It is the way of life we are all called to live. The call comes from Jesus Christ and each of us must respond. If we are still thinking like children, we may choose to stay silent and live accordingly. If we are more mature in our faith then we might not only respond, we might one day have a school child write a report about us. — *Tracy Earl Welliver*, *MTS*©LPi

Knight's Corner

Officers Are Formally Installed; Horsburgh replaces McPhail as Council's Program Director

Your Council Officers are now officially official. They were formally installed in their positions during the October 20 Membership Meeting by District Warden Gary Mallia, pinch-hitting for District deputy Garon. Mallia was assisted by our chaplain, Fr. Kris, who also was formally installed.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic restrictions, the installation ceremony was abbreviated somewhat but was official nevertheless. Other news coming out of the meeting included:

Scott Horsburgh, the newly installed elected Warden, resigned to accept GK Frank Gariepy's appointment as Program Director. He replaces Tom McPhail who held the post since 2011.

Brian Gulick, an elected Guard, was nominated to fill the Warden position. The nominating period will remain open until the November 17 Membership Meeting at which time an election will be held.

Gulick's move opens the Guard post. Nominations can be submitted to either Tom McPhail or Scott Horsburgh prior to the November 17 meeting or at the meeting. An election for that position will be held during the December 15 Membership Meeting.

PGK Bruce Roberts reported that the October 10-11 Tootsie Roll sale grossed \$526, which we will have 80% or \$420.80 to donate to an organization helping the mentally impaired. A decision as to how the money will be spent will be made at the November 17 meeting. The Other 20% goes the State K of C's support for Special Olympics.

PGK Rich Smith announced that the annual Christmas sweatshirt drive to benefit Holy Cross Children's Center is underway. Wrapped shirts with the gender and size marked on the outside of the package can be left on the Knight table in the Social Hall

Smith also announced that the November 11 bus to the FireKeepers Casino had been cancelled due to capacity limitations during the pandemic. He said he expects to meet with Casino officials in December to see if a Council-sponsored bus scheduled for January XX will be allowed entry.

The body reaffirmed a decision made as part of the 2020-21 budget approved at the beginning of the fraternal year to donate \$1,000 to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society in support of its Thanksgiving-Christmas food basket program.

PGK Dave Bednarski was recognized for his leadership during the last two fraternal years with the awarding of a gavel plague, a blue Past Grand Knight cap and a label pin signifying his status as a Past Grand Knight.

Protect Yourself and Others during the Pandemic; Wear your Face Mask

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Worship Ministry	2
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Tom Kruger

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

Kim Shepard

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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