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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. 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, First Friday: 9:15 a.m.

Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church;
No matter what your current family or marital situation;
No matter what your past or present religious affiliation;
No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color;
No matter what your self-image or esteem;
You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at
St. Gerald Catholic Church.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 11, 2015

In the Gospel reading for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus warns against the false sense of security often derived from wealth and an abundance of possessions. This was a countercultural message as relevant in the ancient world as it is today in the modern world.

Commentators often remark that the Gospel of Mark presents a "low Christology"; that is, Mark tends to emphasize the human side of Jesus. Today's reading offers a good example. The brief exchange between Jesus and the rich man begins with a curious reaction by Jesus to the rich man referring to him as "good." Jesus repudiates the rich man for calling him "good": "No one is good but God alone." Mark presents Jesus distancing himself from the majesty of God. (Another example of Mark's low Christology was seen earlier in the storyline when Mark reports on Jesus' rejection at Nazareth, commenting that because of the Nazarenes' lack of faith, Jesus "was not able to perform any mighty deeds there," 6:5.)

In today's Gospel reading, the rich man fully anticipates an affirmation from Jesus that by living his life as a law-abiding Jew, he would "inherit eternal life." The man "went away sad" when Jesus pushed him to take one further step: "Go, sell what you have... then come, follow me." The disciples, too, were "amazed" and "exceedingly astonished" at Jesus' words, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God." In antiquity, people commonly associated wealth and possessions as a sign and symbol of God's blessings. Befuddled, the disciples ask Jesus, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus' answer puts inheritance of eternal life outside the realm of possibility for humans alone; eternal life is a gift that only God grants: "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God."

The first reading comes from the Book of Wisdom. This text is actually a compilation of wisdom teachings written about a hundred years before the birth of Christ. Today's reflection on the virtues of prudence and wisdom articulates well the disposition that Jesus encouraged his disciples and the rich man to adopt. The divine gift of prudence and wisdom is more precious than power, wealth, health, and beauty. According to the Jewish sage, the exercise of wisdom and prudence never sleeps, helps make sense of all good things, and is the source of true wealth.

Once again, the second reading is taken from the Letter to the Hebrews. One of the valuable insights that Hebrews offers contemporary Christians is a glimpse into how early Christians defined themselves in relation to other religions, including Judaism. The author of Hebrews viewed Christianity as the continuation and fulfillment of the promises God made to Israel. Through the suffering death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus into heaven, God established a "new" covenant, making the first covenant with Israel, "obsolete" (Heb 8:13). The author of Hebrews is not devaluing Israel's covenantal history; he is affirming the fulfillment of God's promise made to Israel in his Son, Jesus. As Hebrews indicates in today's reading, "the word of God is living and effective." In Jesus' message to the rich man and the disciples, we see God's word at work.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

A Week Ahead



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 12 - OCTOBER 15

Monday 9:15 AM

Audrey and Wilfred Jacques

Requested by Smith Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Enrico and Ida Canini
Requested by Graziano Canini

Wednesday 9:15 AM Emmanual Cremona Requested by Diedo Family

Thursday 7:00 PM
Beth McLaughlin
Requested by Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ROM 1:1-7/LK 11:29-32
TUESDAY: ROM 1:16-25/LK 11:37-41
WEDNESDAY: ROM 2:1-11/LK 11:42-46
THURSDAY: ROM 3:21-30/LK 11:47-54
FRIDAY: ROM 4:1-8/LK 12:1-7

SATURDAY: ROM 4:13, 16-18/LK 12:8-12 NEXT SUNDAY: IS 53:10-11/HEB 4:14-16/ MK 10:35-45 OR 10:42-45

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



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Hours:

Friday, October 16 from 10 AM to 5 PM Saturday, October 17 from 9 AM to 4 PM Sunday, October 18 from 12 Noon to 4 PM

OCTOBER 18, 2015 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM	October	17 Fr. Roodbeen
For Michael Hoots Requested by Yolanda Fenech	Servers	Sofia Mansoor
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00A
8:30 AM	October	18 Fr. Roodbeen
For Beth McLaughlin Requested by Family	Servers	John Smith Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Yvonne Nemeth 8:30B
10:15 AM October 18 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Edward & Virginia Gulick Requested by Family	Servers	Ashley Grabinski Sarah Weber
	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15C
12:00 Noon October 18 Fr. Kaiser		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Fernando Guerra Angela Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Maggie Kohler 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

October 16 and October 17
Team #1

October 23 and October 24
Team #2



Our Sick:

Dennis Beiting Beth McLaughlin Bill Walker Fleurette Colwell Corinne Wedge Wanda Johnson

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 if you would like a name added to the Prayers for the Sick.

Have you considered putting St. Gerald Church in your Will? Please call Fr. Festus at 248-477-7470. He would be happy to discuss this with you.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We are pleased to announce that our "Friends of the Poor Walk" will be on October 17th at Belle Isle. This new location has such rich history and natural beauty, we are excited to be hosting it! For more information, please contact the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204.

CANDY DONATIONS NEEDED

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhoods so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations

of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy please put them in the Gathering space. (box is marked Halloween Candy)



Juice 64 oz. Canned Fruit Canned Chicken/Spam Cake Mix Bathroom Tissue Mac and Cheese Pork and Beans Lg. Can of Soup Laundry Detergent Paper Towels

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

Blood Pressure screenings will be on the third Sunday each month. Our first blood pressure screening will be **October 18** after each Mass. We will be set up in the social hall.

FLU CLINIC

We will be having a Flu Clinic (flu shots) on Sunday, October 25 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. There will be a sign up sheet in the social hall at the Health Ministry table. We need to know an approximate number so the VNA (Visiting Nurses Association) knows how many nurses to provide. There is a list of all the insurances that they accept, including Medicare. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Seabolt at blseabolt@mi.rr.com or call 248-477-4752.

Youth Group Youth Group

I am looking for Faithful, and fun loving kids! Youth Group meets on Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM. We challenge each other with games, and have food and discuss the topic of the evening! All High school teens and their friends are welcome. See the calendar for dates. This Sunday is "You are your Keeper" Join Us!!!!

Calendar of Events:

Oct. 17-18

Hot Dog Sales at St. Al's Estate Sale
Oct. 24

Trunk or Treat and Monster Mash!
Oct. 25

Painting Pumpkins with Ashley COURT

KARING KIDS!!

Nursing Home

ST. GERALD IS STARTING SOMETHING NEW!! All 5th through 7th Grade kids are invited to Karing Kids!! This is a once a month gathering for the kids to get together for games, food and to do something for others. We will meet from 3:00-4:30 PM in the

Social Hall on: October 25, 2015 November 15, 2015 December 13, 2015 January 24, 2016 February 21, 2016 March 6, 2016 April 10, 2016 May 8, 2016

FORMATION

BOOK DRIVE TO BENEFIT JAIL MINISTRY AND OUTREACH

The Education Commission is again sponsoring a Book Drive to benefit the children of those incarcerated in our correctional facilities as well as the prisoners themselves.

All new books for toddlers to 18 years of age are greatly welcomed and distributed to children who have a parent in jail. These books are distributed to the children of the incarcerated at Christmas.

Jail Ministry and Outreach would welcome copies of The Life Recovery Bible. These bibles are given to the many people who pass through their doors and is the most popular book in the Chaplin's office. Any book that helps in working through grief and anger are particularly beneficial. Care Notes from Abby Press, comic books and magazines that are in good condition are also welcome as well as books on spirituality, theology and world religions. Please note that books staying at the jail need to be soft covered.

If you wish to support this Work of Mercy in a way other than books they can use regular bath size bars of soap in wrappers and stamps! Sr. Peggy, of Jail Ministry and Outreach, tells us that they "also need stamps for Christmas cards. We have had several thousand cards distributed but need the forever stamps."

First and foremost is our outreach to the children! Please consider picking up a book or two and placing your donation in the plastic bin located in the church vestibule or bringing your donation directly to the Education Office before November 15th.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or taylor.mary04@yahoo.com.

WORSHIP

Tim's Tidbits

This weekend, at all the Liturgies, we celebrate the Anointing of the Sick. This anointing is meant to give strength to those in need, no matter the ailment. "This sacrament gives the grace of the Holy Spirit to those who are sick: by this grace the whole person is helped and saved, sustained by trust in God…" (Pastoral Care of the Sick, General Instruction, article 6)

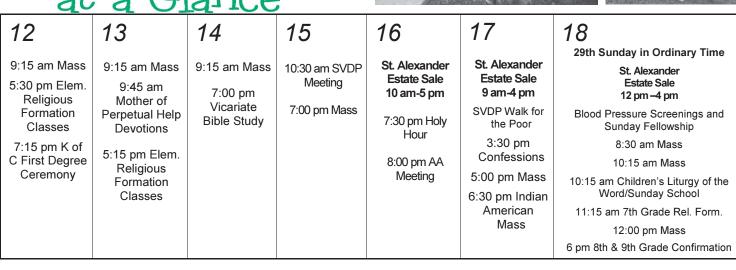
We are working on enriching our outreach to the homebound. This is an important ministry to those who cannot attend Mass for one reason or another. There is a need for "Ministers of Care" to take communion to the homebound, either in their home or a care facility. Most likely it would be done on a Sunday, after Mass. If you are interested in this ministry, please let me know by calling or emailing me. Training and ongoing formation will be provided and a meeting will be set up in the near future. If you do this already, please let me know, as well.

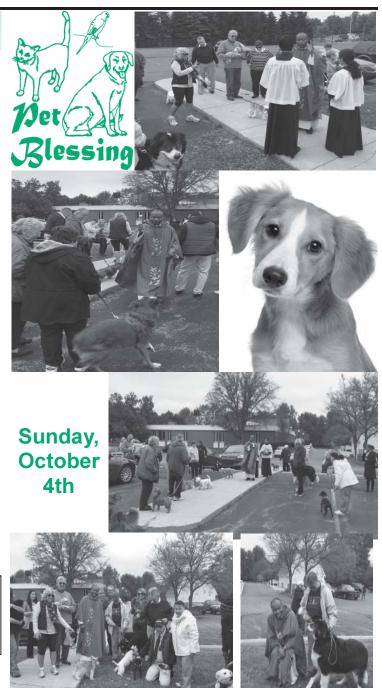
"Ministry of care is one of the oldest ministries in the church. It was a ministry open to all the baptized that gradually, through the ages, became a ministry for priests and religious, especially those who established and served in hospitals. The renewal of this ministry among all who are baptized is one of the many good works to come from Vatican II." (Handbook for Ministers of Care)

Your help is needed with the Estate Sale! Please call me at 248 -476-7677 Ext 202 or email me at timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com if you can assist with the sale for a few hours next weekend. This would require staffing a room during the sale. Thank you for your time and consideration.

St. Alexander Church Estate Sale will be held <u>October 16 through October 18.</u> Volunteers are needed. If you can volunteer your time please call Tim Westfall at 248-476-7677 ext. 202.

This Week at a Glance





YOU'RE INVITATION TO PARISH LADIES

Sophia's Sisters is a longtime group started at St. Al that invites wise ladies to pray, laugh a lot, and talk about their faith. Our format is the study of a book suggested by our members. This

year it is *The Gift of Years* by Sister Joan Chittister. Now that we have found a home at St. Geralds, we meet in Classroom 5 and we can certainly find bigger accommodations if YOU would like to join us. We meet from 10-11:30 AM (right after morning Mass) on the third Wednesday of every month. Please contact Betty Mott 248-476-5181 or Mary Power 248-474-1798. And welcome!

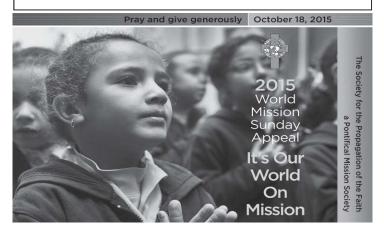
FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY THE GOSPELS OF LUKE AND MATTHEW

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide. The study will continue with Luke moving into Matthew.

Location: **St. Gerald's Church hall**Time: Wednesday evenings 7 - 8:30 PM
Now through **November 18, 2015**

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides. No need to register.

Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com), Sharon Weberlein (shrweber@aol.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.



Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to support the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please take an envelope at the end of the pew home with you this weekend and return next weekend. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and please be generous in next weekend's second collection for the Society of the Propagation on the Faith.

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

EVANGELIZATION

SHARING GOD WITH OTHERS

The Evangelization Committee of St. Gerald is committed to our parish community. The aim is to transform our culture and provide conversation about our Catholic faith. It is a call to holiness. Please share the invitation with others.

Mark your calendar for upcoming activities:

Friday, November 20 - 7:30 PM Theology on Tap where adults meet to ask questions about faith. We will have a guest to answer questions and share perspectives. BYOB, and a dish to pass.

Our first meeting will be held at Frank and Gerryanna Luscri's home at 36778 Kenmore

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Drive, Farmington Hills
RSVP to

luscrifamily@hotmail.com

Saturday, January 9, 2016 - Movie Night (13+ and adult) We will be showing the film **For Greater Glory** starring Andy Garcia & Eva Longoria. Pizza, pop and popcorn. Sponsored by St. Gerald Youth Group

We encourage you to listen to **Ave Maria Radio AM 990**; you'll be surprised at how interesting our faith is. Listen and be informed. It isn't your grandmother's Catholic Church

EVANGELIZATION THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Pope John Paul II emphasized the importance of young people in spreading the gospel throughout the world and being the future of the Church. The call to be witnesses to Christ is not just for adults; It begins with baptism, grows with confirmation, and is constantly nourished by prayer, the Eucharist, Bible reading and sound Catholic teaching. *Alan Schreck, PH.D.*

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9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday. (secretary at lunch Noon—12:30)

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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. Ejimadu after Mass or call the office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway for your convenience. After you fill it out, just give it to Fr. Ejimadu 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? The St. Gerald RCIA group meets each week on Thursdays. Please call Tim Westfall (248) 476-7677 x202 or Fr. Ejimadu (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. Ejimadu can work with you to find a favorable solution.

St. Alexander Food Pantry Contact Information

Phone: 248-474-8231
Calls taken Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 AM - to 11:00 AM

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

You can help welcome new members into our Order Monday evening when we will be hosting a first degree ceremony in the Social Hall. It also is an opportunity for you to reinforce your understanding of the first principle of Knighthood. Candidate registration is at 7:15 PM; the ceremony starts at 7:30 PM. The ceremony is a follow up to last month's recruiting drive. A fellowship time will follow the ceremony.

It appears we will have three walkers in the Oct. 17 Walk for the Poor on Belle Ile. Kathy Gariepy, wife of Frank, has been a walker for the last several years. However, she is still recuperating from August knee surgery. So Frank has volunteered to replace her, joining Bob Kuhr and Matt Barrett in the fund raiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Any one of them will welcome a pledge for a most worthy cause.

The Oct. 17 membership meeting will have an Octoberfest theme but you won't need to wear lederhosen,; just bring an appetite.. Advocate Jerome Williams and crew will be dishing up brats and other traditional German fare following the business portion of the meeting. At that meeting, volunteers will be sought to help with the annual Trunk 'N" Treat event Saturday, Oct. 24. The Knights cook chili and hot dogs for the kids and their moms and dads. It is a fun event, especially since the cooking phase was moved inside last year. A warm, well-lit kitchen beats a cold, damp and dark parking lot every time. Larry Swanson (248-474-3902) or Tom McPhail (248-875-1185) to join the fun. **Keep Informed of Your Council's Activities; Read the**

Knights Corner in The Voice!

NATIONAL PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MASS October 25, 2014 at 11:00 AM at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral

Couples desiring a baby through pregnancy or adoption will receive a blessing with the relic of St. Gerard. In the event that a baby, infant, or child has died, the child's name is announced and the parents receive a blessed rosary. Prayers will be offered for the children and parents. To request this blessing and/or prayer, call 313-355-4637 (English) 734-474-1489 (Español) or emailpregnancymass@aod.org Sponsored by: Archdiocese of Detroit Marriage and Family Ministry



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