THE VOICE

February 10, 2019

ST. GERALD

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

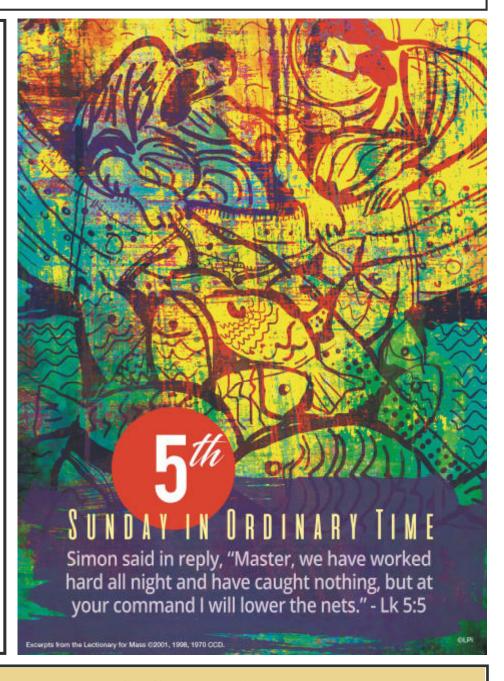
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.





St. Gerald Parish Mardi Gras Celebration Saturday, March 2nd, from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Music and entertainment for all ages! Provided by Cloud 9 Entertainment Soda, Snacks, Subs, Sundae Bar

Bring your own beer or wine if desired. \$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



FEBRUARY 11 - FEBRUARY 15

Monday 9:15 AM
Eric and Jahree Koenig
Requested by Bob and Monica Koenig

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Helen Sahulka

Requested by Barbara Valasek

Wednesday
No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM Special Intention

Friday 9:15 AM

Bob Koenig

Requested by Monica Koenig

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: GN 1:1-19/PS 104:1-2A, 5-6, 10 AND 12, 24 AND 35C [31B]/MK 6:53-56

TUESDAY: GN 1:20—2:4A/PS 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2AB]/MK 7:1-

WEDNESDAY: GN 2:4B-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2A, 27-28, 29BC-30 [1A]/MK 7:14-23

THURSDAY: GN 2:18-25/PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [CF. 1A]/MK 7:24-30

FRIDAY: GN 3:1-8/PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1A]/MK 7:31-37 SATURDAY: GN 3:9-24/PS 90:2, 3-4ABC, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/MK 8:1-10

NEXT SUNDAY: JER 17:5-8/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5A]/1 COR 15:12, 16-20/LK 6:17, 20-26

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FROM YOUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE...



St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference is here to help parishioners as well as others who live within our parish boundaries. If any parishioners are experiencing layoffs, furloughs, or other financial strain, please remember we are available to assist

with food, toiletries and paper products; and may be able to help with utility or other bills.

If you can use a helping hand, please call 248-476-7677, ext. 220. Leave your name and number and we will get back to you to determine how we can help you. Be assured that all information is confidential.



FEBRUARY 17, 2019 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM February 16 Fr. Kris					
For William Strick Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lector/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00B			
8:30 AM	February 1	7 Fr. Kris			
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30B			
10:15 AM February 17 Fr. Kris					
For Danielle Nicole Wilson Requested by Josephine Meyers	Lector/ Ushers	Sofia Mansoor 10:15A			
12:00 PM February 17 Fr. Roodbeen					
For Sofia Weiland Requested by Catherine Ricketts	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00A			

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week February 16 and February 17 Team A

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, February 17 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of January 27 \$ 8,062.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of January 27 \$ 9,096.00

Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of Jan. 27 \$291,006.00

Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Jan. 27 \$281,976.00

St. Gerald Online Giving

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. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

DONATIONS TO ST. GERALD SPECIAL NEEDS COLLECTION THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation to our **Special Needs Collection**, you can do so now through February 17. Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
St. Gerald will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday,
February 24th 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. To donate blood simply sign up on the sheet in the gathering space of the church or go online



to the Red Cross website at redcrossblood.org and there you may pick the time that you would like to donate. Thank you!



A BIG Thank You to all those who helped in our Super Bowl Sub Fundraiser. Whether you helped with taking orders, making, or selling sub sandwiches, we are grateful. Both teens, parents and Mary Taylor

did a great job in helping to make this a profitable event. We sold 155 subs and 18 salads. A profit of \$646 will be deposited into the Youth Group fund to cover events and programing for our teens. Kudos for all the good work.

KEEP POSTED ON ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP:

- Fellowship help on February 17th
- Mardi Gras Saturday, March 2nd
- Parish Movie dates: April 10th & 16th (tentative)
- Stations of the Cross all Fridays from March 8th through April 19th

See you at Church!



St. Gerald, in cooperation with Right to Life - Lifespan and Another Way Pregnancy Center, will be having their

annual Baby Shower on the weekend of March 16 and 17.

Watch *The Voice* for more information to come.

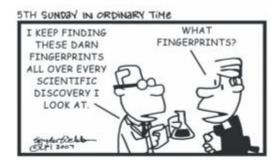


EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Have you ever participated in various trust exercises, where you have to place your faith in others around you? Maybe it was falling backwards with your eyes closed while the person's voice speaking to you seemed to drift further away. Maybe it was jumping from a height into people's arms that didn't seem strong enough to catch you. These activities were supposed to show you the meaning of trust and help grow that trust in you for your comrades. Sometimes it worked. Other times, some prankster would actually let you fall, and then you learned to trust no one. So much for building up our ability to trust.

Trust is important, especially in our relationship with Jesus. He calls us all the time and asks for us to trust. However, because of doubt or a desire to follow our own will, we choose to disregard his request. After objecting to Jesus' request to lower his net into the water, Peter was humbled when he caught so much fish that the net began to tear. Peter was a fisherman by trade. Surely he knew what the catch was probably going to be that day. But Jesus asked him to follow his will. Peter wanted to follow his own. Peter realized that his trust from then on should be in the Lord.

Do you sometimes think your generosity will bear little fruit? Do you wonder if your surrender to God in stewardship living really amounts to much at all? Trust in Jesus, the one who calls you to this life. His word is truth, and he would never let you fall. -*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*







Men of the parish will find some interesting reading among the free booklets in the new Knights of Columbus kiosk located in the main entrance of the church. Of special interest is the 20 page booklet by Fr. Carter H. Griffin, *The Gift of Fatherhood*. Fr. Griffin describes how the ideal of fatherhood has been diminished by social media and TV. He offers suggestions on what the real role of a father should be and how men can become better fathers.

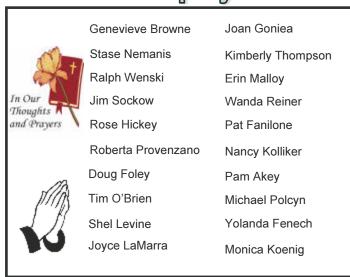
2018 St. Gerald Contribution Statement



If you need a copy of your 2018 Contribution Statement, 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. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!

Please pray for:





Our lost and found drawer is full of many different items that have been left in the building. If you have lost anything in the last few months, please take the time to look through the Lost and Found drawer located in the gathering space of the church. Items that are left unclaimed will

be donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper Tuesday, March 5 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

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.

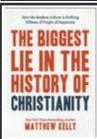


We have placed a comment/suggestion box on the table at the main entrance of the church for parishioners to share their thoughts about our parish. These comment sheets will be read by the Pastor and then, if needed, forwarded to the appropriate Area Representative for action.

It is important that you put your contact information on these sheets so that we can respond to your comment or suggestions. We truly value your input!

A LOOK AHEAD:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 AM Mass 10:15 AM Onto considury of the Word 10:15 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Mass	8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation	12 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation	13 7:30 PM Chair Practice	14 12:00 PM Pinochle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	15 8:40 AM Resery 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting	16 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
17 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Fellowship Blood Pressure Screening 8 20 AM Mass 1005 AM Chloron a Lurgy of the Word 10015 AV Mass 12.00 PV Mass 100124 Baptian	18 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mess	19 8:70 AM Resery 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpelual Help 4:30 PM Baptismal Prep Class 6:30 PM K of C Membership Mtg.	7:30 FM Chair Practice	21 12:00 PM Pirochle 6:20 FM Reserv 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	8:40 AM Researy 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting	23 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass



We will be publishing a reflection from each chapter of *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* book by Matthew Kelly.

Here is Chapter 2 "Your Happiness Project".

"In some ways life is a happiness project. The project is full of paradoxes. For example, it may seem like its about you, but it's actually more about what you can do for

other people.

It turns out that bringing happiness to other people increases your chance of being happy, while seeking happiness yourself decreases those chances."

What a powerful paragraph! In our world today, where most people live selfishly, there seems to be more unhappiness generated.

On Page 7, Matthew Kelly shares a list of truths in his quest for happiness. These facts can be helpful to everyone.

- Happiness and pleasure are not the same thing.
- Getting what I want doesn't make me happy.
- Focusing on myself almost never leads to happiness.
- I am never happy when I pretend to be someone I am not.
- -Too much of the happiness I experience is dependent on unsustainable circumstances or situations.
- The more I help others in their quest for lasting happiness, the happier I seem to be.
- Lying never makes me happy.
- Happiness is always found by embracing the present moment.
- It is impossible to be grateful and unhappy at the same time.
- Anything that helps me become a-better-version-of-myself makes me happy, even if it is difficult or painful.
- Happiness is contagious.

The question is asked, "Do you believe it is possible to be happier than you have ever been at any other time in your life?"

One must think about that and reflect. God wants you to experience happiness in your life. We must stay open to His plan. We must fight against the criticism, lies, manipulation, greed, and competition of the world around us. We must identify with Jesus and live in truth and love; even when its hard to do so.

Note:

We encourage everyone to read, then share the book with others. We will be highlighting reflections from each chapter in the *Voice*. If you are interested in submitting your reflection, contact Gerryanna Luscri at 248-476-7677 ext. 208 or email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

Quote: Everything you say and do is a reflection of the inner you.

Verse: And, whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (Col. 3:17)

MARRIAGE COACHING HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Couples who are experiencing struggles and challenges in their marriage can receive help through the Archdiocese of Detroit sponsored Marriage Coaching Ministry. The Marriage Coaching program is a couple-to-couple mentoring program designed to assist couples to live out God's plan for their marriage.

Trained Coaching Couples will give the support and practical tools needed to help couples to restore and realize the fullness they desire and is intended for their Catholic marriage. The Marriage Coaching program consists of seven main coaching sessions and is strictly confidential and at no cost.

To learn more and get the help you need for your marriage contact:

313-237-4680 or www.aod.org/marriagecoaching | familyministry@aod.org.

All inquiries are strictly confidential. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, Office for Marriage and Family.

"BE THE MATCH" Bone Marrow Donor Drive

Saturday, February 23, 2019 10 AM to 2 PM Resurrection Parish 48755 Warren Road Canton, MI 48187

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 44 are encouraged to come and sign up. For questions, contact Mary Tavana at (734) 634-7558. This could be the year you save someone's life!

MERCY NIGHTS

Mercy Nights throughout the Archdiocese are helping our faithful and friends they invite who may not attend Mass regularly to experience Christ in a less formal setting. Like the "Come, Encounter Christ!" events, Mercy Nights feature scripture and the presence of Jesus through adoration, reconciliation and music.

This program of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization began last month, on various Friday evenings throughout the Archdiocese. Two Mercy Nights remain: at St. Thecla Parish in Clinton Township on February 15, and a Spanish version at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit on February 22. Each begins at 7 PM.

Your CSA gifts support the Evangelization Office's work of helping people encounter God in a new way, such as through Mercy Nights and Kerygma Nights.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to aod.org.



Knights Corner

Knights and Spouses Sought to Help Serve Donuts at Next Sunday's Fellowship Sessions

Thanks to our generous and hungry parishioners, the Council was able to send generous gifts to California forest fire victims and to a shower and laundry project in Detroit's Corktown neighborhood. Of the \$1,022 net proceeds, \$511 will be sent to the national K of C disaster relief fund for the forest fire victims. The remaining balance will go to partially offset a recent \$940 contribution to the Corktown project. Five other area Councils also are supporting that endeavor.

Next Sunday our members again will be in the kitchen. This time we will be serving donuts for fellowship Sunday. Brother Bill Croitori and wife Joanne have agreed to take the early shift, but would welcome some relief after the 10:15 and Noon Masses. Call either Bill at 248-320-7937 or Program Director Tom McPhail at 248-875-1185 if you and your spouse can help. We also are assigned donut duty after the March 3rd Masses. Who can help then? All that is needed is an extra 15 minutes ahead of Mass and an extra 30 minutes after Mass.

The January 28 District meeting involving four of our leaders and their opposite numbers from four neighboring Councils was postponed by the snow storm. It was rescheduled to tomorrow, February 11. GK Dave Bednarski will have a report at our February 19 Membership Meeting.

A reminder that this month's Membership Meeting will be preceded at 6:30 PM by chow. Hospitality Chair Ken May will be serving his homemade chili. The business meeting will start as close to the regular 7 PM opening as practical. Brother May could use a hand with setting up the hall and with cleanup after the meeting. If you haven't helped recently, this would be a good time. Also featured at that meeting will be a call for volunteers to man the kitchen for the March 5th Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by the Christian Service Commission. That dinner will start at 5 PM and end at 7 PM. It also is the date for the March Officers' Meeting.

The Faith in Action Kiosk the Council is providing in the main entrance of the Church is getting some attention from parishioners. You are encouraged to read some or all of the 15 booklets provided. Of special interest are *The Gift of Fatherhood* by Fr. Carter H. Griffin, God's Plan for Love and Marriage by Dr. Edward Sri, Becoming a Real Man of God by Fr. Roger J. Landry and The Family in the Modern World by Pope John Paul II.

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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.

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

ST. GERALD MISSION STATEMENT

Accountant

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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