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ST. GERALD

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

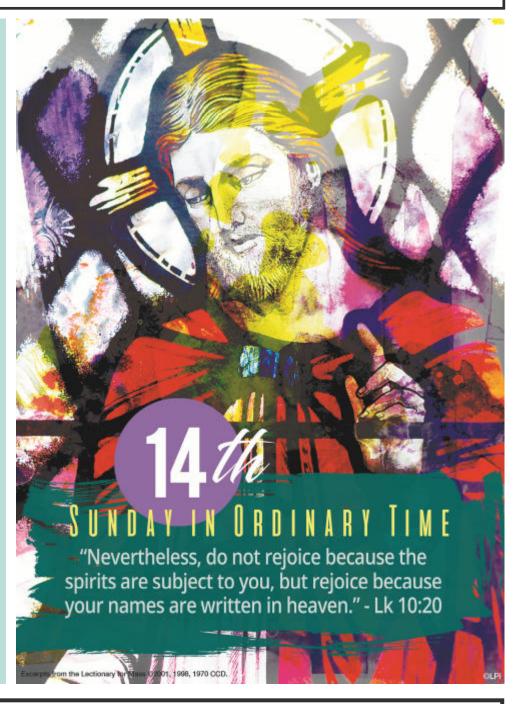
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.





RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE!

GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!

A Blood Drive is scheduled at St. Gerald for Sunday, July 14, from 8 AM to 2 PM in the Social Hall.

Please Sign up on the sheets located in the gathering space of the church.

Walk-ins are welcome!

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JULY 8- JULY 12

Monday 9:15 AM
John Willet
Requested by Eaton Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM Sarah Bartoszyk and Nicholas Sadowski Requested by Wojnar Family

> Wednesday No Mass

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

Friday 9:15 AM Edward Weberlein Requested by Dennis Weberlein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: GN 28:10-22A/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15AB [CF. 2B]/MT 9:18 -26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY: GN 41:55-57; 42:5-7A, 17-24A/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/MT 10:1-7

THURSDAY: GN 44:18-21, 23B-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,

20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15 Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt

10:16-23

SATURDAY: GN 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [CF. PS 69:33]/MT 10:24-33

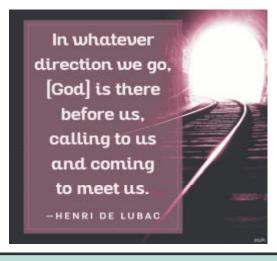
NEXT SUNDAY: DT 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [CF. 33] OR PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9A]/COL 1:15-20/LK 10:25-37

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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB)

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**



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 14, 2019

5:00 PM	July 13	Fr. Kris
For Bernice & Joseph Barry Requested by Delphine Midura	Lectors/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00A
8:30 AM	July 14	Fr. Roodbeen
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Rosa Russenberger 8:30B
10:15 AM	July 14	Fr. Kris
For Ann Mazurek Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15A
12:00 PM	July 14	Fr. Kris
For Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Goderman Families Requested by C. Kemp	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 12:00B

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week

July 13 and July 14

Team B

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, July 7 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

St. Gerald Online Giving

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available. 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.



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

DONATIONS TO PETER PENCE THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation to the Peter Pence Collection, you can do so through July 7th. Thank you!

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES

If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the religious program last year and would like to register your child for the 2019-2020 class schedule, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or via email at marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Please return these forms as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation classes Grade 7 will gather on alternate Sundays; Grade 8 will gather alternate Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Students in Grades 1-6 may choose to attend classes either on Mondays from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM or Tuesdays from 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM. **Registration forms are due by July 15th.** If you had children in the program last year and *did not* receive a registration form, or have any questions, please contact Mary Taylor as noted above.

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.

SUMMER TEEN PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES...

C.A.R.E.S. of Farmington Hills has Food Pantry and Youth United (interfaith teen group) volunteer opportunities - **Summer youth work camp** volunteers will help create a reflection garden, vegetable garden, and other jobs of painting and building repairs during the week of **July 29th through August 2nd, 2019**. Go to http://caresfh.org/ or contact Gerryanna for details. Or, email Karen Linnell at klinnell@sbcglobal.net.

Ever wonder about the Biblical roots of the Catholic faith? Looking for in-depth, live teaching on the entire Bible?

Join "Created for Covenant," a Catholic Biblical School of Michigan (CBSM) class starting this September in St. Clair Shores, Grosse Pointe Park, Novi, or online. Through donations, CBSM classes are accessible to all with 100% of requests for financial assistance met.

Find out more at cbsmich.org, by attending an Information Night on Tuesday, July 16, at 7:15 PM at St. Clare of Montefalco in Grosse Pointe Park, or by contacting info@cbsmich.org or call (586-438-3085).

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

If you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage to Poland in September, there is still time to sign up.

Please pick up a flyer on the table at the main entrance of the church for more details on this trip. Join the group as they travel to the most famous and beautiful places in Poland.









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

Fall Scripture Study – The Gospel of 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 focus on the Gospel of Matthew.

Location: **St. Gerald's Church social hall** Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM Dates: **September 11 – November 13, 2019**

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides.

Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides
No need to register.

Contact Mary Taylor (marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.

Pray for our Sick:

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Norma Bazzett	Monica Koenig	Betty Murphy
Bonnie Haun	Christine Godbey	Yolanda Fenech
Phyllis Marek	Doug Foley	Kimberly Thompson
Ralph Wenski	Tim O'Brien	Erin Malloy
Jim Sockow	Agnes Bongero	Wanda Reiner
Rose Hickey	Joyce LaMarra	Joan Goniea
Roberta Provenzano	John MacDougall	Nancy Kolliker

PINOCHLE ANYONE?

Do you enjoy playing pinochle? Come join the card group on Thursday afternoons in our parish social hall. Please arrive by noon with card play beginning at 12:30 PM. What better way to spend your Thursday afternoons. You do not need to call ahead to join in the fun, just stop in and make some new friends!



Note: There will be no pinochle on June 27 or July 4th. Cards will resume on July 11.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

At St. Gerald we welcome all and encourage anyone 18 years of age and older to become registered members of the Parish.

Registration is a simple process that is done at the Parish Office during office hours 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday or by picking up a Registration form located on the book shelf in the gathering space of the church and sliding a completed form under the Parish Office door. Keeping our records current is also important. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please call the information into the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. If you are moving from our parish, please let us know.

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.



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!

Mass Times Anywhere

Need a Catholic parish out of town? Look on the web at www.masstimes.org. It's easy. Churches can be located by zip code, area code, Mass time, or language.

Week at a Glance

Monday, July 8 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, July 9 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help

> Wednesday, July 10 No Mass

Thursday, July 11 12:-00 PM Pinochle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour

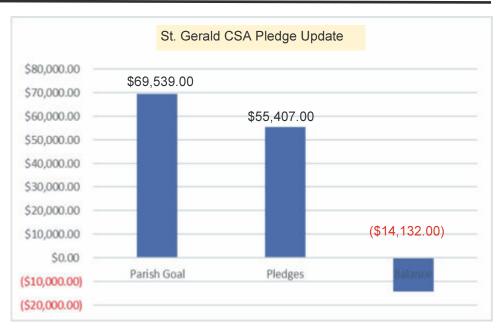
Friday, July 12 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, July 13 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, July 14 Red Cross Blood Drive 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 12:00 PM Mass



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. Our suggested giving amount per family is \$215.00, which would allow us to reach our goal of **\$69,539.00**. We know some families cannot afford the \$215.00 and others can afford more. Please prayerfully consider your donation amount. It is not an equal gift we ask for, it is an equal sacrifice. If you are unable to donate at this time, just return your pledge card indicating you are unable to make a donation to CSA this year.





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DETROIT CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT SUMMER IN DETROIT SERIES

Young adults are invited to downtown Detroit for a four—week series inspired by beauty, goodness and truth. Each weekly event will focus on one facet of our Catholic faith and offer time for formation and fellowship.

Visit facebook.com/groups/aodyoungadult/for more information.

Art

Wednesday, July 10 | 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM | Ste. Anne Church | 1000 Ste. Anne Street

Mary Dudek, a sacred artist working in metro Detroit, will provide an interactive step-by-step guide for beginning a clay portrait sculpture. Participants will try their hand at the process and come away with a deeper understanding and appreciation of how sacred art is made. Free food and drinks will be provided.

Service

Wednesday, July 17 | 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM St. Aloysius | 1234 Washington Boulevard

Experienced service leaders will help participants in two service opportunities: bringing sandwiches, snacks and water to the homeless and poor around downtown Detroit or praying and speaking, in small groups, with anyone in downtown who needs prayers or has questions about God.

Theology on Tap

Tuesday, July 23 | 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Pizza Papalis | 553 Monroe Street

Enjoy free pizza and salad as Father Steve Pullis, Director of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit, speaks about the desire for happiness we all experience and what it means for you.

Adoration

Tuesday, July 30 | 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

St. Aloysius | 1234 Washington Boulevard

Father Mario Amore will lead an evening of prayer, beautiful music and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Prayer teams will be available for anyone wishing to receive God's healing graces and priests will be available for confession. A relic of Blessed Solanus Casey will be available for veneration.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS If you had \$100 to give away, to whom would you give it? Perhaps you would choose someone you love. How about someone on the street at a corner stoplight? You could really make someone's day if you gave it to them as a tip after a modestly priced meal. There are so many possibilities. No matter to whom you give the \$100, you are certainly being generous. No one can debate that.

Let's say you have narrowed it down to two different people. You know both of these people, and you suspect each person would be equally grateful. Does it make a difference who you give the money to in the end? What if I told you that one of the individuals just got a big raise at work, and the other person is at risk of having their water turned off because they have been late paying their bill. Does it make a difference now?

Discernment should always be an important part of any good steward's way of life. If we give simply for the sake of giving, that may not always be the best use of our gifts. In order to gain the most fruit from the seeds we plant, we must plant wisely. All we have been given has value, and we need be good caretakers of it all. If you ever do find yourself with \$100 to spare, be sure to carefully consider all the options and make the wiser choice. In the meantime, pray for wisdom and reflect on how to best use all you have been given for the sake of the Kingdom of God. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

My Church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all of the things that I want my church to be. Amen.

LIBRARY REMINDERS . . .

Please come visit our library located in the southwest vestibule of the church building. You are welcome to take a book home to read, all we ask is that when you borrow a book to be sure to sign it out. Also, make sure to return your book when finished, so others can enjoy it as well.





Knights Corner

Do We Want to Form a Group to Join K of C Tiger Day at Comerica Park September 21 against the White Sox?

Michigan Knights will be going out to the ball game September 21 as they celebrate Tiger Day at Comerica Park against the Chicago White Sox. If any Council members are interested in attending as a group, we can discuss it at the July 16 Membership Meeting; or Council members are free to order tickets on their own through the State K of C website. It is http://www.mikofc.org. Deadline for ordering tickets is August 19. There is a choice of seating. Lower deck seats along the right field line are \$32 each; mezzanine (Tiger speak for nosebleed section) seats are \$19 each. It is an evening game, starting at 6:10 PM.

Knights are welcome to help themselves to any of the 15 informative booklets in the kiosk in the main entrance to the Church. The kiosk is part of the K of C's *Faith in Action* program. Several of the booklets focus on fatherhood, others on the family including the 76-page *The Family in the Modern World*. With an introduction by Supreme Knight Carl Anderson, the booklet is the text of *Familiaris Consortio*, an apostolic exhortation by His Holiness Pope John Paul II. Other titles include *The Gift of Fatherhood*, *God's Plan for Love and Marriage* and *Becoming a Real Man of God*.



Tom Kruger

The kiosk is a part of the *Faith in Action* program, which the Council will be following for the next several years. The National K of C states that the *Faith in Action* program is an invitation for Catholic men "to live out the calling of their faith, the call of service to their neighbor and to answer the age-old question, 'Am I my brother's keeper."

A manual outlining the program explains that it is "a realization of the changing needs of men in the twenty-first century. It seeks to balance all of our key priorities with theirs – Faith, Family, Community and Life." It adds that "The *Faith in Action* model allows us to come together to share our faith, celebrate fraternity with our families and do what we do best – stand shoulder to shoulder to service our community and to defend life at all stages and in every condition.

This calendar year the Council has put more emphasis on spirituality including an Hour of Reflection service last month. Plans are to repeat it or have a spiritual exercise of some kind later this year.

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours

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

STAFF

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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

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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