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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.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 17, 2016

The readings for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the issue of hospitality. In antiquity, hospitality toward strangers and guests was a well-established cultural norm.

The first reading is taken from the Book for Genesis and draws from a section of Genesis containing the cycle of stories about Abraham, Genesis 12–25. We first meet Abraham in Genesis 12 when he is seventy-five years old (Gn 12:4). According to Genesis 25, Abraham dies at the age of one hundred seventy-five (Gn 25:7). (Scholars acknowledge that Abraham did not live to be one hundred seventy-five years old. No one in the ancient world—or the modern world—has such age expectancy. It is likely that “years” are being counted differently by the authors of Genesis than how we in the modern Western world count “years.”) In today’s reading, Abraham is ninety-nine years old (Gn 17:24) when he encounters three strangers who approach him near the territory of Mamre. Abraham models the expected behavior of a tribal chieftain as he treats these visitors with honor and warm hospitality. Within the larger narrative context of Genesis 18–19, it becomes clear that the visitors are journeying onto the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to investigate the grave sin being reported in these cities. But their first stop is intended to encounter Abraham and deliver the news of Sarah’s impending birth of her firstborn son, Isaac. Imagine Sarah’s reaction to the news of her son yet-to-be born. Sarah was only ten years younger than Abraham; as an elderly woman, she likely would have found this news unsettling, to say the least!

Hospitality is the focus of the Gospel reading as well. Luke is the only synoptic Gospel writer to preserve the story of Martha and Mary. John also speaks of Martha and Mary (see Jn 11, the raising of their brother Lazarus; Jn 12:1-11). From Luke’s description of the setting for Jesus’ encounter with Martha and Mary, it appears this was to be the first time Jesus meets them. One of the many interesting features of this Lucan story is that Martha, who shows the expected cultural norm of hospitality and service to Jesus as the houseguest, is not supported by Jesus. Mary, “who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak,” draws Jesus’ praise. Jesus’ support of Mary (who is portrayed by Luke as disciple learning at the feet of the Master) was important to Luke. Throughout his Gospel, Luke shows a concern for women unmatched by the other Evangelists. He often balances men and women (see, for the example, the infancy narrative), shows a special concern for widows (7:11-17; 18:1-8; 20:45-47; 21:1-4), and even highlights a group of women who followed Jesus throughout his Galilean ministry (8:1-3). Given the patriarchal social reality of Luke’s day, presenting Mary learning at the feet of Jesus may have been the closest the author could come to telling his intended audience that Jesus had (or even supported) female disciples.

Once again for the second reading we hear from Paul’s Letter to the Colossians. A familiar Pauline theme is heard in today’s reading: “the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past” revealed to Paul (that is, the Gentiles being grafted into Israel’s salvation history) and given to Paul by “God’s stewardship.”

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

A Week Ahead



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS JULY 18 - JULY 21

Monday 9:15 AM
For All Our Parishioners

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Marie Camilleri
Requested by Family

Wednesday 9:15 AM
Devonne Muchison
Requested by Hayes Family

Thursday 7:00 PM
Daniel Bolda
Requested by Sally Bolda

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY: MI 6:1-4, 6-8/PS 50:5-6, 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23/
MT 12:38-42**

TUESDAY: MI 7:14-15, 18-20/PS 85:2-8/MT 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY: JER 1:1, 4-10/PS 71:1-6, 15, 17/MT 13:1-9

**THURSDAY: JER 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/PS 36:6-11/
MT 13:10-17**

FRIDAY: JER 3:14-17/JER 31:10-13/JN 20:1-2, 11-18

SATURDAY: JER 7:1-11/PS 84:3-6, 8, 11/MT 13:24-30

**NEXT SUNDAY: GN 18:20-32/PS 138:1-3, 6-8/
COL 2:12-14/LK 11:1-13**

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS INC

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK...

Wanda Reiner	Beth Croitori	Bill Walker
Robin Kafcas	Dick Campbell	Daron Tilburt
Andy Mosher	Rita Knight	John MacDougall
Emily Choike	Dennis Hill	Corinne Wedge
Wanda Johnson	Stephen Cleary	Ralph Wenski
Erin Malloy-Sidaway	Sofia Weiland	Nancy Kolliker
Laurie Aldrich	Margaret Joyal	Mary Ann Alcalá
Joan Preston	Andy Vermiglio	Gerry Makowski
Cyndy Fenech	Gloria Lewis	
Josephine Meyers	Pat Centers	

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Tuna Fish
Macaroni and Cheese
Vegetables
Canned Soup
Crackers and Cookies



JULY 24, 2016 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM July 23 Fr. Roodbeen

For Julia & Anthony Pavco Requested by Joe Pavco	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00B

8:30 AM July 24 Fr. Kris

For Teagan & Nowak Families Requested by Paul & Mary Nowak	Servers	Molly Swaine Clarisa Russenberger
	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30C

10:15 AM July 24 Fr. Kris

For Judy Beiting Requested by Stella Galea	Servers	Ashley Grabinski Luke Horsburgh
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone 10:15A

12:00 Noon July 24 Fr. Kris

For Alessandra, Michael, Nick, Maria & Giovanni Rotondo Requested by Josephine & Family	Servers	Emma DuLong Jack DuLong
	Lectors/ Ushers	Tim Wardle 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

July 23 and July 24

Team A

July 30 and July 31

Team C



**New Weekday
Mass Schedule
Effective
Monday, August 1st**

Monday
9:15 AM

Tuesday
9:15 AM

Wednesday
NO MORNING MASS

Thursday
7:00 PM

Friday
9:15 AM

**Please
note
change** →



REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES

Registration forms have been mailed!

If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the program last year, please contact Mary Taylor at 248.476.7677 ext. 201 or via email at taylor.mary04@yahoo.com and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Return these forms as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation classes, grades 7 and 8, will gather on alternate Sunday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Students in grades 1-6 may choose to attend classes either on Mondays from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM or Tuesdays from 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM. The Preschool and Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) class will be held during the 10:15 AM Mass. **Registration forms are due by August 1st.** If you had children in the program last year and **did not** receive a registration form, or have any questions please contact Mary Taylor at 248.476.7677, ext. 1 or taylor.mary04@yahoo.com.

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



Together with Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Detroit, all parishes are asked to participate in Mercy Day in Action on October 1st. St. Gerald will join together with St. Fabian, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Andrew Kim to go out into the community on this day and do mercy acts.

Just an example of a couple projects we have decided on as a group are; to clean up historical cemeteries in the Farmington and Farmington Hills area and at Our Lady of Sorrows we will be assembling blessing bags for the homeless. These are just two examples. We have a few other projects planned as well.

Mercy Day in Action will start at Our Lady of Sorrows on October 1st at approximately 8:30 AM and conclude back at Our Lady of Sorrows at 1:00 PM for lunch and closing prayer. I know this will be an amazing day as we go out into the community and do God's work.

Please email me if this is something you would be interested in at desjarlais.candy@gmail.com or call me at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Thank you, Candy Desjarlais, Christian Service Coordinator

COME CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!



When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org or "like" our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS – R.C.I.A.

Do you know someone who would like to be **BAPTIZED? OR CONFIRMED?**
OR become CATHOLIC?
GOT QUESTIONS?
SUMMERTIME INQUIRY MEETING –
 August 8 at 6 PM
 In Room 2



FULL WEEKLY SCHEDULE begins in September. Call Tim Westfall at 248-477-7470 to sign up or email at Timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ushers, greeters, communion ministers, lectors, altar servers and sacristans are needed for Saturday and Sunday Masses. Don't worry about needing experience—we will train you! See Tim Westfall for more information. Either call at 248-477-7470 x202 or email at timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com or after Mass.



CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2016 Catholic Services Appeal is well underway. Gifts to the CSA make possible a wealth of ministries, programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit each day.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited all Catholics to renew their personal relationships with our Savior, as "the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." In this spirit, the theme of the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal is *Celebrate the Joy of the Gospel*.

Thank you to the many who have already pledged their gifts. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal. If you have not picked up your CSA card, they are still available in the Parish Office. Please help us reach our goal! Your generosity and support is very much appreciated!

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to www.AOD.org.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and their name will be added to our prayers.

ELECTRONIC DEPOSIT OF DONATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT ST. GERALD. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

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 Rejoice kingdom
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Summer is vacation time
 ...a great time for sharing and spreading
 the *Love of God.*
 Invite friends or family over for fellowship
 Help someone with yard work
 Visit someone sick, or lonely
 Donate clothes, food or time to those in need
 Pray more
 Volunteer and make a difference

Help is needed with our
 FIESTS Vacation Bible School Program August 1-5
 Teens and adult helpers please contact Mary Taylor.



Movie Nights and Game Nights will resume in
 September. Watch for dates and times.



Our Fall Festival will be happening September 9 & 10.
 Mark your calendars and plan for a great time.



SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

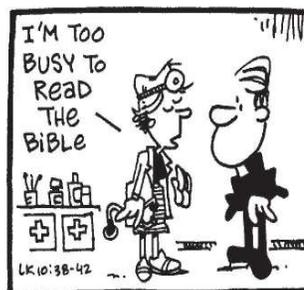


South
Oakland
Shelter

South Oakland Shelter at North Congregational Church will be the week of August 14th through 21st. Volunteering and Donations of food will be coordinated through the North Congregational website - NorthCongregationalChurch.org - by clicking on the links in the center on their home page. If you do not have an e-mail account (a required field) or are uncomfortable signing up online you may call the coordinator, Danny Hawkins, at 248 217-1750 and he will enter the information for you. Thank you for making our S.O.S. guests feel welcomed and supported.

Please help us update our parish data system. We are encouraging registered members to use their contribution envelopes each week when attending Mass. If you contribute electronically, we understand that you do not use parish envelopes, and we will not take you off St. Gerald as a registered member. If you are going through financial difficulties, please put your empty envelope in the collection basket, so we know you are practicing your faith as a parishioner at St. Gerald. Thank you for your cooperation!

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Come Join us for VBS!



St. Gerald parish is offering an opportunity for children K-4 to participate in a fun and relaxed environment exploring the life of Jesus and our faith. You are welcome to join us for an exciting week of stories, crafts, dramas, games and snacks. Registrations are limited to the first 90 and are open to those entering **Kindergarten through 4th grade.** Registration form is below. For more information, contact 248-476-7677, ext. 201.

Fiesta!

Get Fired Up About Jesus!!!

**St. Gerald
August 1-5, 2016
10:15 AM—1:00 PM**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Grade in September _____ School _____

Any placement requests (siblings or friends)?

Food Allergies or other medical conditions?

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Parent Signature _____

Emergency (cell) Phone _____

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Summer is marching along and our gardens are struggling to stay colorful and not dry out!

Needed: volunteers to watch the days without rain and devote an hour watering.

The weeding is coming along, but is a recurring chore.

Again our thanks to those donating brown bags, and our devoted area heads.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL - YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

The St. Anne Young Adult Pilgrimage will offer young adults the opportunity to explore the history, faith and culture of Detroit.

At noon next Saturday, July 23, young adults will walk through the Holy Door at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Their pilgrimage to St. Anne Church will follow Woodward Avenue to Lafayette, with several stops to engage the soul. They will arrive at St. Anne in time for the 5 PM Mass.

The Young Adult and Campus Ministry Office coordinates activities for young adults ages 18 to 35, so they may grow in their faith through evangelization, catechesis, spiritual growth, liturgical formation, social events, and service.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to www.AOD.org.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS: SEMINARY DAY FOR ALTAR BOYS

As a parish community we can assist the young people in our parish to remain disciples of Christ by encouraging them to hear and answer God's call in their lives. If a young man you know is an altar boy and is in 7th grade or older, invite and encourage him to attend the *Seminary Day for Altar Boys* hosted by the Office of Priestly Vocations held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. For young men in 7th grade to High School senior. Registration and information may be found on our website: www.detroitpriest.com



WE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
JOSEPH YUHAS

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APRIL 2, 1947
JULY 7, 2016

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JOSEPH O LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM

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

Membership Meeting is Tuesday; Call Ellen Stacey or Arlene McPhail with Dish for Aug. 6 Pot Luck

Grand Knight Fred Gerometta began his new term by appointing some helpers at the July 5 Officer’s Meeting. He continued the terms of Membership Director Shatomi Kerbawy and Program Director Tom McPhail. Brother Kerbawy also was named Youth Director and McPhail was given added duties as Public Relations Director. Past Grand Knight Patrick Rogers and Advocate Jerome Williams were assigned as liaison with the Parish Council. PGK Bruce Roberts was appointed Council Officer, the person who is the custodian of Council property. The Council also will be looking for a new Treasurer. Larry Swanson who was elected to the post announced he and wife Beryl had made a sudden decision to move to a new house out of the parish. Rich Rosowski whom Swanson was to replace is being asked to fill in until a replacement is found. Congratulations to Matt Chmielewski our Knight of the Month for July and to Dennis and Sharon Weberlein our Family of the Month for July.

A big thanks to Ellen Stacey and Arlene McPhail. They have agreed to coordinate the menu for the August 6 Pot Luck dinner. If you and your family are planning to attend call either Ellen (248-563-4238) or Arlene (248-880-8156) with what type of dish for 10 that you will bring. The event will again be hosted by Fred and Diane Gerometta in their spacious yard and will open with cocktails at 5:30 PM followed by dinner at 7ish. It is a BYOB event, meaning that if you and yours want to drink something other than water, tea or coffee you must bring it. The Council will provide the entre – undetermined at this point.

In two weeks – July 31 – we will pray together at the 10:15 AM Mass. Wear your Council shirt or business attire with your Council badge. Come a few minutes early and sit in the front pews in the center section in front of the ambo (where the lector reads). For those brothers who usually attend that mass and insist on sitting in various other parts of the church, please join the crowd in the center section. It is important for us to set an example to other parishioners by sitting together.

PGK Bob Brown is in rehab for a few weeks after a bad fall. After therapy in the mornings, he has nothing to do except get bored, seeing his right arm in is in a sling and both hands have broken fingers which are bandaged. He is at Maple Manor on Novi Road (south of 14 Mile). and welcomes guests. Call first to his bedside phone (248-863-4755) to see if is available.

Tuesday is the third Tuesday of the month which means it time for our monthly membership meeting. See you there!

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)

SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation:
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Sacrament of the Sick:
Please call the office

STAFF

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Administrator (248) 477-7470
Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate x 202
Email: timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant.....x 212
Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

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Christian Services

Candy Desjarlais: Christian Service Coordinator x 204
Email: desjarlais.candy@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul x 220

Education

Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201
Email: taylor.mary04@yahoo.com

Youth Ministry

Music Ministry

Mary Zelinski, Director of Music 734-516-0133

Maintenance

Mark Koss

Accountant

Kim Shepard

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 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. 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 Tim Westfall (248) 476-7677 x202 or 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. 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.

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