



February 22, 2026 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*A Servant Church
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:00 am—4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

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

Weekday Mass

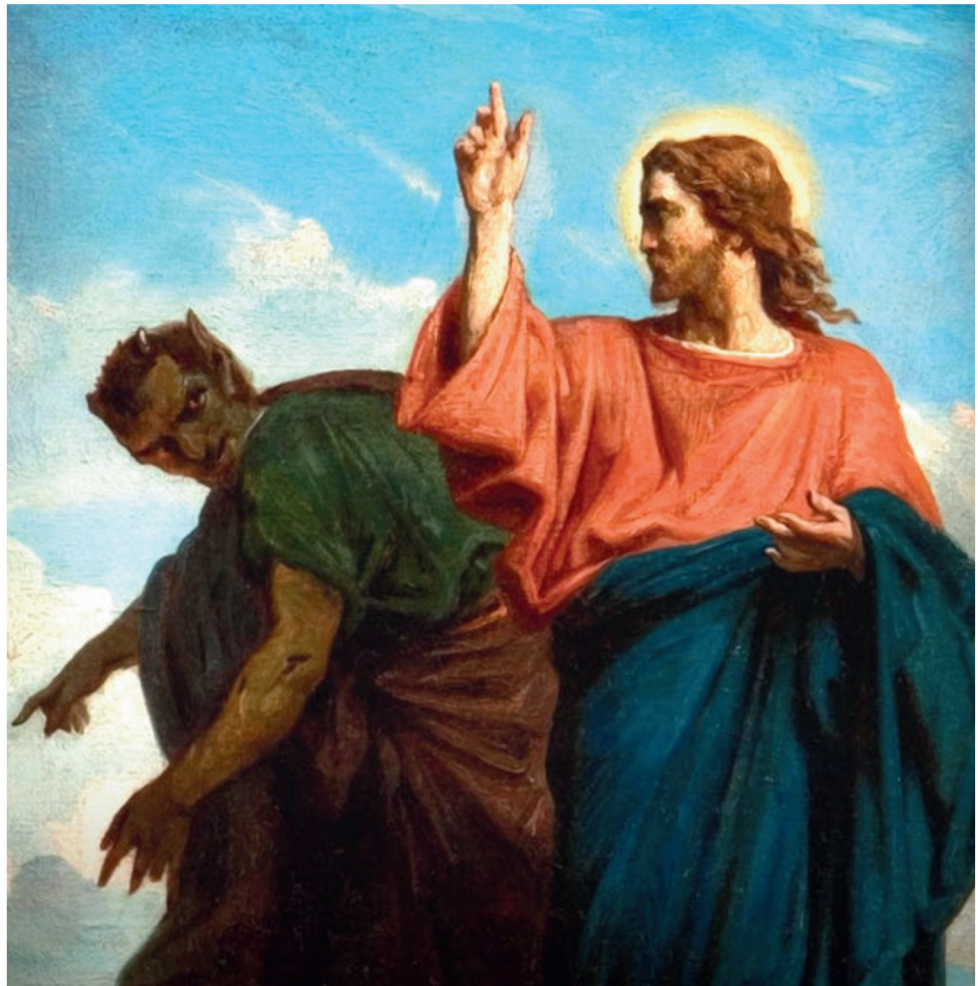
Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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.

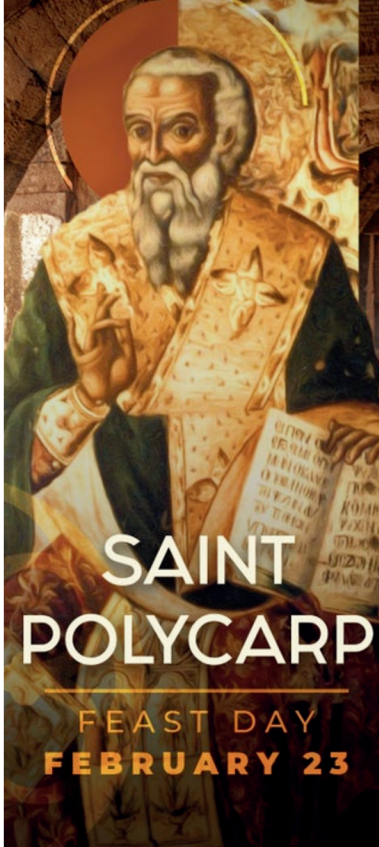


1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



Feb. 23 — Feb. 27

Monday 9:15 AM
Martha Fernandes +
 Requested by Blen Cardozo

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Richard Kristoff +
 Requested by Shirley Schmidt

Wednesday **NO MASS**

Thursday 7:00 PM
Fr. Ianusz Iwan +

Friday 9:15 AM
Frank & Angela Guyon +
 Requested by John & Angela McLoughlin

Second Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2026

5:00 PM		
Feb. 28	Fr. Henry	
For Joanne Winiarski + Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM		
Mar. 1		Fr.
For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM		
Mar. 1		Fr. Henry
For Valerie Vallespir Requested by Liz Vallespir	Lector	Jeff Antoun
12:00 PM		
Mar. 1		Fr. Henry
For Rochelle Wright (Gotts)+ Requested by Margaret Williams	Lector	Paul Radzilowski

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

For convenient online giving, scan this QR code or visit stgeraldparish.org then click "Give".



2025 St. Gerald Contribution Statement

If you need a copy of your contribution statement, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Please indicate whether you wish to have the statement mailed or emailed to you. Please allow one week to process your request.

Thank you!



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

**Shirley Krol
 Tom & Arlene McPhail**

Offertory Snapshot as of 1/25/2026

Actual Offertory	\$ 11,984.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 256,651.75
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 254,880.00

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading 1

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2

Romans 5:12, 17-19

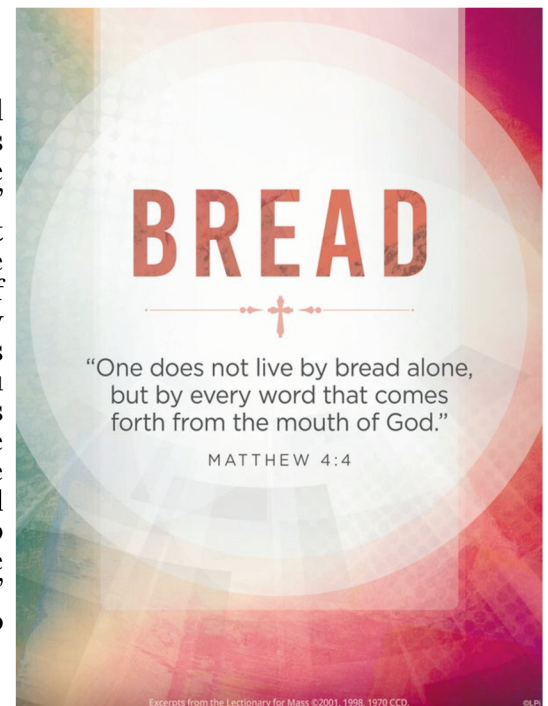
Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

Alleluia

Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.



Lectionary for Mass for Use in the Dioceses of the United States, second typical edition, Copyright © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine; Psalm refrain © 1968, 1981, 1997, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc. All rights reserved. Neither this work nor any part of it may be reproduced, distributed, performed or displayed in any medium, including electronic or digital, without permission in writing from the copyright owner.



2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE

In November, we announced that our 2025 CSA Goal of \$55,723.00 was reached with all your help. We once again, want to say CONGRATULATIONS and Thank You. At this point, we are approximately \$9,500.00 over our goal and those funds will come back to St. Gerald 100%.

As a reminder, all payments due for CSA 2025 must be received by the Archdiocese of Detroit by April 30, 2026, to be applied to 2025. If your pledge dollars are not received by this date, St. Gerald will be responsible for any balance due.

Address for funds to be mailed: Archdiocese of Detroit, CSA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6047, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6647. Please make sure all checks are payable to the **Archdiocese of Detroit**.

Again, we thank you and appreciate your support and love you have for St. Gerald.

2026 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

We also want to inform you that our 2026 CSA Campaign will launch on CSA Weekend May 4-5, 2026 and will end December 31, 2026. As you all know this is a yearly appeal to help fund valuable ministries, programs and services that benefit so many in our parish and across the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond. When we support the CSA, together we unleash the Gospel.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



SILENT WEEKEND
RETREATS FOR
WOMEN, MEN,
COUPLES



A Lifetime of Blessedness



RETREAT ON
THE BEATITUDES

Lenten Blessing

Bless us in Your mercy, Lord, as we enter these 40 Days of Lent.

Use this time to call, anoint, bind, strengthen, and inspire us anew.

Like a good shepherd, teach us Your voice, and give us the strength to follow.

Amen.
©LPi

Never miss Catholic events in Detroit!

On **Detroit Catholic Events** (www.Detroitcatholic.com/events), you can find upcoming festivals, conferences, retreats, workshops, service opportunities, and more! Stay connected with all the happenings around the Archdiocese of Detroit and find events happening near you.

SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Food Pantry Items Currently Needed:

Large cereal boxes
Canned Green beans or Carrots
Shelf Stable Microwaveable meals such as Hormel



Tuna Helper
Boxed potatoes
Pasta Sauce
Shampoo
Conditioner
Dish soap
Laundry soap

Mac & Cheese Deluxe Cups
Jelly/Jam
Saltines

Please check the expiration, best by or use by dates on your food donations. After that date we are unable to distribute to our Neighbors in Need and must dispose of the food. Thank you for all your donations to aid our Neighbors.



Candy Donations Requested

Our annual Easter Food Blessing and Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, **April 4th** beginning at 11am in the Church.

Donations of **SMALL** wrapped candy that will fit in eggs are needed to make this event successful (No egg donations needed). Please place your candy donations in the plastic bin located in the vestibule of the Church by **March 23**.

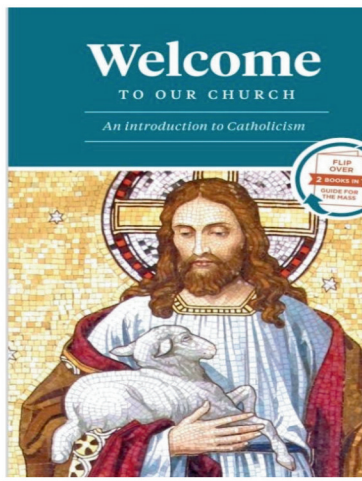
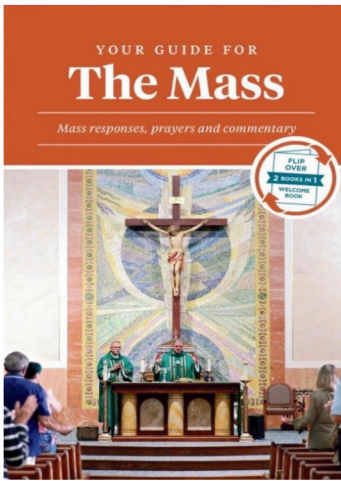


Casino Bus Trip March 4, 2026



Join us at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek.
The bus leaves St. Gerald parking lot at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM.

For information and to sign up call:
Richard Smith (313)421-0204,
Bruce Roberts (248) 756-9257 or
Richard Rosowski (248) 477-2511



Join Widowed Friends
a peer support group hosting:

Tuesday, February 24 - Early Morning Movie

The Phoenix Theater at Laurel Park
 17310 N. Laurel Park Dr. Livonia.
 After have lunch with the group
 at Archie's Tavern 37714 Six Mile, Livonia.
 Call Event Host Peggy to RSVP 734-744-5580

MASS / WELCOME BOOKS

As you may have noticed, the new Mass/Welcome books have arrived and have been placed on the pews in the sanctuary. These books were purchased with donated funds collected by The Friends of the Opera of Michigan, at the December concert hosted here at St. Gerald. Please enjoy this great learning resource of our faith rituals and information.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

+

David Eugene Wojnar

October 19, 1963
 February 11, 2026

Eternal Rest Grant Unto **David**, O Lord,
 and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon him.

A Baby Shower Fundraiser

Hosted by The Farmington Elks Lodge #1986

Benefiting the clients of Lennon Pregnancy Center, Dearborn

Your generosity helps welcome new life with dignity and support.




Saturday, March 7, 2026

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Farmington Elks Lodge #1986

30898 Ten Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI

Ways to Show Your Support:

-  • Purchase items from the Amazon baby registry
-  • Bring a pack of diapers to enter the raffle
-  • Join us for fellowship, food, and games

For questions contact: Rachel D'Angelo

248-720-8367 arbo1092@gmail.com

Elks Care.

Elks Share.



Book study group reading



The World's First Love: Mary, Mother of God, by Fulton Sheen

How appropriate that our book study group is currently reading Bishop Fulton Sheen's book, *The World's First Love*. Now the Vatican has reopened Bishop Sheen's cause for canonization. His beatification will be the next step.

Reading this book together with the faith filled members of the "Bible Study" group is an enriching experience. Fulton Sheen has the wisdom, inspiration, and insight that can only be led by the Holy Spirit. Each chapter is rich with knowledge of how our Blessed Mother is our guide in any and all problems we face daily in our lives.

Bishop Sheen writes with his characteristic eloquence and genius. If you do not know very much about the brilliance of Fulton Sheen, here is just a tidbit for you: he was watched by 30 million viewers weekly on his t.v. show, *Life is worth living*; he won an Emmy in his first year on television as "the most outstanding personality on television"; he is the author of about 68 books and about the same number of pamphlets. Again, this is just a taste of what he accomplished.

Now, that he will soon become a saint, is an opportunity to read and learn more about him. You can watch him on YouTube and listen to his radio talks. He is easy to listen to and he will also make you laugh! He has quite a sense of humor!

When the group completes the book, some may be donated to the church library for free lending.



*Celebrating
the Jubilee
of St. Francis
of Assisi*

January 10, 2026 -
January 10, 2027

Jubilee of St. Francis of Assisi

Pope Leo XIV Commemorates 800th Anniversary of St. Francis' Death. We are pleased to announce that 2026 has been proclaimed the Year of St. Francis by Pope Leo XIV, marking an extraordinary jubilee to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi. From January 10, 2026, to January 10, 2027, the global Church is invited to reflect on Franciscan themes of peace, simplicity, and care for creation. Pilgrims who visit Franciscan sites during this time may receive a plenary indulgence. This includes the Solanus Casey Center!



Join us for a Lent Retreat:

Increasing Compassion

Using the Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, March 7, 2026

2:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Our Advent Retreat speakers Diane Mann and Deb Prost will return to build on our spiritual growth. We welcome you as a return or first time participant.

Light refreshments provided. Option to stay for 5 pm Mass!

Free to attend; Register by leaving your name and email with Emily Long faithformation.sgp@gmail.com or 248-476-7677 x201 or online at stgeraldparish.org (click on the event on the calendar at the bottom of the home page) by Feb. 21.

*Please note: A decision may be made to cancel the retreat, if there is not enough interest noted by Feb. 21

A LOOK AHEAD...Special Events



06	Friday	First Friday
07	Saturday	First Saturday
13	Friday	Lenten Soup Supper



Another Way Pregnancy Center
28552 Orchard Lake, Rd., Ste. 300
Farmington Hills, MI 48334

Support the life-saving work of Another Way Pregnancy Center at our **10th annual** Laugh4Hope comedy night!

FRIDAY
04.17.26
Doors open at 6:00 PM

WARD CHURCH
40000 6 Mile Rd. Northville, MI
48168

Purchase tickets
via QR Code or donate at:
awpcfriended.org/events
or call 248-939-5900.



ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours

8:00 AM - 4:00PM Monday thru Thursday.
Closed Friday.

STAFF

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x203

Kathy Smith, Secretary x212
Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

St. Vincent de Paul x 220

Education

Emily Long: Coord. of Faith Formation... x 201
Email: Faithformation.sgp@gmail.com

Music Ministry

Mary Melonio: Director of Music..... x 222
Email: mmelonio@aol.com

Worship Ministry

Norma Battel x 202
Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com

Christian Services

Gerryanna Luscri x 204
Email: serveGodsgp@gmail.com

Maintenance
Tom Kruger

Accountant
Luke Smith

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!

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA; aka "Becoming Catholic"): Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Contact Emily Long or submit a Becoming Catholic Information Form (found on our website or in the classroom hallway information center).

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 parish office at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.

LICENSED & INSURED
MASTER PLUMBER



**WATERWORK™
PLUMBING**

24 Hour Emergency Service
248-213-9248
WaterWorkPlumbing.com
\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE



CHARLES R.
STEP
FUNERAL HOME

18425 Beech Daly Rd.,
Redford, MI 48240
(313) 531-1888, (888) 813-1888
charlesstepfuneralhome.com

CHARLES R. STEP (2014)
CHARLES J. STEP

**WIETECHAS
MONUMENT CO.**

22602 W. Warren
313-278-0380

25685 W. 10 Mile Rd
248-356-7625
www.monuments1947.com



**JOHN WOOD
PLUMBING**

248-349-7070

Fast Professional Service
Expert Sewer & Drain Cleaning

Lic. Master Plumber
Reasonable Rates
www.johnwoodplumbingllc.com

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

**CONTACT ME
Judee Nelson**

jnelson@4LPi.com
(800) 477-4574 x6319

**DOES YOUR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
NEED A NEWSLETTER?**

Engaging, ad-supported
print and digital
newsletters to reach
your community.



Scan to
contact us!



Visit lpicomunities.com

**GRAND
OPENING!**

ZELENAK EYE INSTITUTE

— JONATHAN ZELENAK D.O. —

- Specializing in Premium Refractive Cataract Surgery
- Comprehensive Medical and Surgical Eye Care
- Diabetes, Glaucoma, Macular Degeneration
- Laser Floater Treatment

248-232-1777
www.zelenakeye.com
28004 Center Oaks Ct., Suite 200
Wixom, MI 48393



SUPPORT
OUR
PARISH



MIKE'S PLUMBING

Complete Plumbing
Sewer & Drain Cleaning

Master Plumber

MICHAEL J. WOOD
734-421-4633

FJ. LA FONTAINE & SONS



Landscape Installation
and Maintenance Since 1958

248-477-9695

Serving Farmington and all Oakland County
www.fjlafontainelandscaping.com

HEENEY-SUNDQUIST FUNERAL HOME

*Farmington's Catholic and Family Owned
Funeral Home since 1850*

Traditional Funerals, Cremation & Memorial Services



23720 Farmington Rd
Downtown Farmington

248-474-5200

Parish Members

WWW.HEENEY-SUNDQUIST.COM

THE ORIGINAL BUDGET TREE SERVICE

Over 20 Years Experience • Licensed & Fully Insured

**Not affiliated with any other budget tree service*

TREE & SHRUB REMOVAL • LOT CLEARINGS
TREE & SHRUB TRIMMING • STORM DAMAGE • FIREWOOD

FREE ESTIMATES 800-964-7785

24 Hour Emergency Service • *ASK FOR AXEL OR ERIC

30% OFF For Seniors

with coupon • Limit 1 coupon per job • Limited time offer on coupon

VIKING PLUMBING, INC.



All Residential
Plumbing Services,
Certified Backflow Tester

Call Mark Buckhave
(248) 471-5010

Licensed Master Plumber



FREE AD DESIGN

with purchase
of this space

CALL 800-477-4574

WEINGARTZ

EVERYTHING FROM LAWN TO SNOW
WEINGARTZ.COM

THAYER-ROCK FUNERAL HOME

33603 Grand River Ave., Farmington, MI 48335

248.474.4131

Catholic Family Owned and Operated



Todd N. Turowski and family



COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL

Paul Waug
MASTER ELECTRICIAN
cell: 248-563-4013
waugelect@aol.com

DON'S PLUMBING

248-349-0675

Expert Plumbing Sewer
& Drain Cleaning

LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER
Donald J. Wood

FLEVARIS CEMENT

"Great Prices, Quality Work"
Driveways • Patios • Sidewalks
Steps • Footings • Free Estimates

Nick Flevaris:
(248) 579-7140
www.flevariscement.com



Catering available
on EZCater!



Call Ahead and reserve
our Private
Conference Room!

SCRAMBLERS
Start Fresh!

Open Daily
6:30am - 3:00pm

www.scramblersrestaurant.com
27909 ORCHARD LAKE ROAD | FARMINGTON HILLS MI 48334



For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com

15-0149