



THE VOICE

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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 18, 2015

The readings for the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time address the mystery and meaning of Jesus' suffering and death. The early Christians relied heavily on Israel's prophetic tradition and the oral tradition connected to Jesus (and later recorded in the written Gospels) in making sense of the cross.

The closing words from Jesus in today's Gospel reading are key to putting the cross in perspective: "For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." Jesus offers these remarks in response to James and John, who are reacting to Jesus' third Passion prediction (see Mk 10:32-34).

Peter, James, and John are often associated in the synoptic Gospel tradition as the three (of the Twelve) closest apostles to Jesus. The request by James and John to share in Jesus' "glory" is part of the larger three-stage character development of the disciples in the Gospel of Mark. In Mark 1-7 (stage one), the disciples are characterized as not fully comprehending Jesus, but unconditionally following him (see, for example, Mk 4:35-41). In Mark 8-10 (stage two), the disciples begin to more fully understand who Jesus is (especially how Jesus' suffering is connected to his Messianic identity), but they begin to apply conditions to following Jesus. Today's Gospel reading is a prime example. James and John present a condition to Jesus: "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask... Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Mark 11-16 is stage three. Here the disciples now fully comprehend who Jesus is, and they abandon him.

Jesus uses the request by James and John to foreshadow to them and the other apostles their upcoming martyrdom: "The cup that I drink, you will drink." But he also uses their request to teach the apostles about the importance of servant leadership: "Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." This sets the context for helping the apostles understand how Jesus' death on the cross is the ultimate act of service to others.

As the early Christians sought to comprehend more fully the meaning of the cross, they relied heavily on the Jewish prophets. The four suffering servant songs found in Isaiah 40-55 [words spoken by the unknown prophet during Israel's exile in Babylon (597-538 BC) referred to as "Second Isaiah"] provided fertile ground. In today's first reading, we hear an excerpt from the fourth and longest suffering servant oracle, Isaiah 52:13-53:12. This fourth oracle is the exiled, Israelite community reflecting on the death of its prophet. Professed nearly six hundred years before the death of Jesus on the cross, here we find the Israelites offering a prophecy that was fulfilled in Christ: "Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear."

The author of Hebrews, writing perhaps as early as the late 60s AD, offers some profound insights into the suffering of Christ. Jesus, the "great high priest," suffered and died on the cross so that he was able "to sympathize with our weaknesses." Traditional Jewish high priests sympathized with the people on the level of sin. But Jesus, who was "without sin," needed to sympathize another way: he chose to suffer with us.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

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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.

A Week Ahead

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS OCTOBER 19 - OCTOBER 22



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

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Thomas and Sandra Smith
Requested by Frank and Geri Adams

Wednesday 9:15 AM
Rene Falzon
Requested by Diedo Family

Thursday 7:00 PM
Enrico and Ida Canini
Requested by Graziano Canini

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ROM 4:20-25/LK 12:13-21
TUESDAY: ROM 5:12, 15B, 17-19, 20B-21/LK 12:35-38
WEDNESDAY: ROM 6:12-18/LK 12:39-48
THURSDAY: ROM 6:19-23/LK 12:49-53
FRIDAY: ROM 7:18-25A/LK 12:54-59
SATURDAY: ROM 8:1-11/LK 13:1-9
NEXT SUNDAY: JER 31:7-9/HEB 5:1-6/MK 10:46-52

Liturgical Publications Inc

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



Dennis Beiting
Beth McLaughlin
Bill Walker
Robert Sikowski
Ralph Wenski

Fleurette Colwell
Corinne Wedge
Wanda Johnson
Robin Kafcas

ADVENT TEA

Please join us on Monday evening, December 7, 2015 at 6 PM in the Social Hall. All are welcome at the Annual St. Gerald Advent Tea.

It has been a St. Gerald tradition for the women of the parish to come together in the season of advent to break bread with a group of their friends. Hostesses provide festive place settings for their table and a dessert to pass; St. Gerald's provides a seasonal program and a light supper with tea and coffee.



You may host a table or come as a single person and we will provide a place for you. The cost is \$11 per person.

Please contact Diane Gerometta at 248-763-3193 or diane.gerometta@aon.com to make your reservations or for any questions.

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.

OCTOBER 25, 2015 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM October 24 Fr. Kaiser

For Nancy J. Corey Requested by Bernadette Fea	Servers	James Hanrahan Gavin Kamm
	Lector/ Ushers	Barb Desmond 5:00B

8:30 AM October 25 Fr. Roodbeen

For Shirley Funk Requested by Eldon Funk	Servers	Clarisa Russenberger Molly Swaine
	Lector/ Ushers	Thad Radzilowski 8:30C

10:15 AM October 25 Fr. Kaiser

For Robert & Sophie Bennett & Mary Kolek Requested by Joan & Ken Galica	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Sofia Mansoor
	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin Ray Pisani 10:15A

12:00 Noon October 25 Fr. Kaiser

For Enrico & Ida Canini Requested by Graziano Canini	Servers	Emma DuLong Jack DuLong
	Lectors/ Ushers	Chris Greig Fernando Guerra 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

October 23 and October 24
Team #2

October 30 and October 31
Team #4

**ALL ARE INVITED
TO REMEMBER OUR DECEASED
LOVED ONES
ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE
FUNERALS WERE DURING THIS PAST
YEAR**



**AT A
MASS OF REMEMBRANCE
ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2
AT
7:00 PM
AT ST. GERALD CHURCH**

Please come and pray for those who have died.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Our next Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, November 10th at 7 PM in the Social Hall followed by our Commission meeting. Our group is open to everyone and we need Parishioners to plan and execute service activities and hospitality events throughout the year. If you cannot make the meeting but are interested in Parish Life, please call 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or email csstgerald@yahoo.com.

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)



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

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 News

We are all embracing the new Evangelization that is being demonstrated by our new Pope. This means that youth ministry, along with our Education Commission, and Christian Service Commission are planning for family fun nights, services for the younger kids and tons of fellowship and faith sharing. So join us! Details will be found in the Voice and posted.

Calendar of Events:

- Oct. 24 Trunk or Treat and Monster Mash!
- Oct. 25 6-8 PM Painting Pumpkins with Ashley Court Nursing Home

KARING KIDS!!

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

We're Collecting Food for the Needy. Can You Help?



- 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

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

My love for local history didn't develop overnight. It was fostered by my grandparents and my work in the Archdiocesan Archives Office. First, I remember, as a child, going out for a Sunday drive with my maternal grandparents. We drove around where all the family houses used to be and the family cottage at Detroit Beach. I always kept interested in my family and its history, enjoying going through the old family photos that my grandmother had kept. I also listened to my grandparents talk about what used to be where and what they knew to be around when they were growing up.

One of the projects that I worked on at the Archdiocesan Archives was the publication of the book, "Make Straight the Path, - a 300 year pilgrimage." I was tasked with obtaining photographs and going out to take photos of various sites in the Archdiocese of Detroit. I also coordinated book sales with the publishing firm in France. It was a wonderful experience in learning local history and the layout of the city of Detroit along the various corridors that exist today. We do have two copies of this book in our parish library for you to browse through.

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 call me at 248-476-7677, ext 202 or email me at timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com . Training and on-going 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)

Our **Evening of Remembrance** is coming up on November 2 at 7:00 PM. We will celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy for all those who were buried from our parish community since last year. In a special way, our **Book of Remembrance** is placed out for the month as a way to remember our loved ones, as well. We pray that they enjoy the Heavenly Banquet Christ has prepared for them.



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.

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

VOCATIONS

Are You Being Called



Are you experiencing uncertainty about your future? Do you feel confused as to the path your life is meant to take? Have you Heard an insistent call toward Vocations that your aren't sure you're hearing clearly? The Lord is persistent in His calls, but it's up to you to answer.

The Priests of the Sacred Heart (SCJ's), would like to answer your questions about religious life. Take a look at the poster display in the Church Gathering Space. If you are wondering what a life of Vocations is about, take a postcard, fill it out and mail it back. Asking questions doesn't commit you to anything thing, but it could be eye-opening.

There are about 2,300 SCJ priests and brothers worldwide. They serve in Africa, Asia, Europe, and North and South America. They are pastors in urban and rural parishes. They are teachers, lawyers and doctors. Approximately 100 SCJ priests and brothers serve in the United States in a variety of ministries located in Texas, Mississippi, South Dakota, Illinois, Florida and Wisconsin.

Is this the life for you?

MONSTER MASH BASH!

St. Gerald Church

Saturday, October 24th, 6:30PM-9:30PM

21300 Farmington Rd



The south side of the parking lot will be closed off and lined with decorated parked cars. Children go trunk to trunk in their costumes to collect their treats. The Social Hall will offer **Hot Dogs, Chili, Lemonade, Hot Chocolate, a DJ and Dancing!**

Tickets are \$10 per family, \$3 per (unaccompanied) student 7th grade and up.

For more information please call 248-476-7677 ext. 204

NEWS FROM ST. ALEXANDER'S FOOD PANTRY

During the month of September, St. Alexander's Food Pantry served 182 families including 2 new families who were referred by St. Gerald's Parish.

Our Outreach Program could not operate without the help of many, many volunteers and they currently hail from the former St. Alexander's Parish, St. Gerald, St. Fabian, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Kenneth, Nardin Park United Methodist and Joy Baptist Church in Westland. What many of you are probably not aware of is that our own St. Gerald's Knights of Columbus are always on call to assist with the heavy work when large orders arrive from the Gleaners Warehouse.

The Gleaners Warehouse in Detroit is a valuable resource to us, however it is not free. When we do have sufficient funds to pay for an order, we are required to place an order of at least 2,500 lbs. to qualify for free delivery. During the early days of September, a large Gleaners order along with our quarterly TEFAP (free food from the Department of Education) was delivered on site.

In addition to our many individual donors from St. Gerald, Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Fabian, Nardin Park United Methodist Church, North Congregational Church, First Presbyterian Church, Faith Covenant Church, Farmington Village Co-op, the Senior Division at the Costick Center, Heartfelt Harvest, a non-profit, Forgotten Harvest, Panera Bread and Starbucks of Downtown Farmington. Monetary donations as well as donations of groceries are greatly appreciated, and please know that we would not be able to continue our mission of serving the needy if not for our supporters.

Looking ahead reminds us of the hectic days leading up to the holidays. Our goal, once again this year, is to provide boxes of holiday food at Thanksgiving for 150 families and again at Christmas along with toys for the children for 150 families.

Our Food Pantry is open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 - 11:00 AM. We can also be reached by phone on those days during those hours at (248) 474-8231.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and May God continue to bless you and your families.



Today is World Mission Sunday! In Scripture, we read that St. Paul asked the Gentile Churches to take up a collection to support the Church in Jerusalem. Now we are asked to reach out and support the young churches throughout our world. Your prayers and generous gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve in those on the margins and in most need. Go out to the whole world through your gift in today's collection!

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 Drive, Farmington Hills
 RSVP to luscryfall@hotmai.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

"Evangelize always when necessary use words."

St. Francis of Assisi

The new evangelization is an invitation to acknowledge the saving power at work in the lives of the poor and to put them in the center of the Church's pilgrim way. We are called to find Christ in them, to lend our voices to their causes, but also to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them, and to embrace the mysterious wisdom that God wishes to share with us through them. *Pope Francis*

BOOK LIST FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:

- ◆ Walking With Jesus, by Pope Francis
- ◆ Words Made Flesh, by Fran Ferder
- ◆ Francis and Clare (Saints of Assisi), by Helen Walker Homan
- ◆ The Cloister Walk, by Kathleen Norris
- ◆ The Name of the Promise is Jesus, by Michael Card
- ◆ All You Really Need to Know About Prayer You Can Learn From the Poor, by Louise Perrotta
- ◆ Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations, by Robert Schnase
- ◆ Why Do Catholics Do That?, by Kevin Orlin Johnson, Ph.D.
- ◆ The Usual Suspects, by Karl Keating
- ◆ In His Light, by Rev. William A. Anderson, D.Min., Ph.D.

Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of October 11, 2015	\$ 7,836.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of October 11, 2015	\$ 9,334.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - October 11, 2015	\$115,320.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - October 11, 2015	\$130,668.00

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

Octoberfest Meal Means Early Start for Tuesday's Meeting; Meet Our 5 Newest Members

Four men were introduced into our Order and into our Council last Monday night at a first degree ceremony at St. Gerald Church. Welcome to Rogers Oti, Juan Carlos Garcia-Juarez, Jamie Owens and Matt Chmielewski. Also new to our Council is St. Gerald's new Pastoral Associate, Tim Westfall. A long-time Knight, Tim transferred into our Council soon after his arrival on the parish staff. Be sure to introduce yourself to all the newcomers at Tuesday's Octoberfest meeting. **That meeting will have an early start – 6:30 PM so we share an Octoberfest meal before the business session.** Advocate Jerome Williams and chef Dan Meier will be serving up traditional German fare. You can leave the lederhosen at home; just wear your Council shirt and remember to come 30 minutes early.

Come Early - Its Octoberfest! We will enjoy a German dinner at 6:30 p.m. Business meeting follows.

A couple of important items are on the agenda, the major being a call for volunteers for the Oct. 24 Trunk 'N' Treat event sponsored by the Christian Service Commission. Traditionally the Knights help by cooking chili and hot dogs. Last year the event was moved into the Social Hall allowing us to cook and service in a well lit, warm venue instead of a cold dark and damp parking lot. Be sure to sign the Volunteer Sheet. Also on the agenda is a proposal to again donate \$500 in food cards and \$500 in gas cards to the Christian Service Commission holiday basket program. The baskets are distributed to needy families in the parish. Council officers approved the donation at their Oct. 6 meeting.

Congratulations to Chancellor Dave Bednarski on his selection as October's Knight of the Month. In addition to his continuing activity on Council projects he also was recognized for leading a successful pancake breakfast last month. Cited as Family of the Month for October were Steve and Meg Cernak. Although they are not a Knight family, they were recognized for their continuing service to the parish.

A big "Thank You" is directed to our parishioners. Their support of the Sept. 27 pancake breakfast and accompanying 50/50 drawings produced net proceeds of \$721 which was given to the St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Society. And parishioners were most generous in their response to our Tootsie Roll sale. Although final figures aren't in yet, the net results are expected to be our best yet -- in the neighborhood of \$875. The money will be donated to organizations helping the mentally challenged.

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