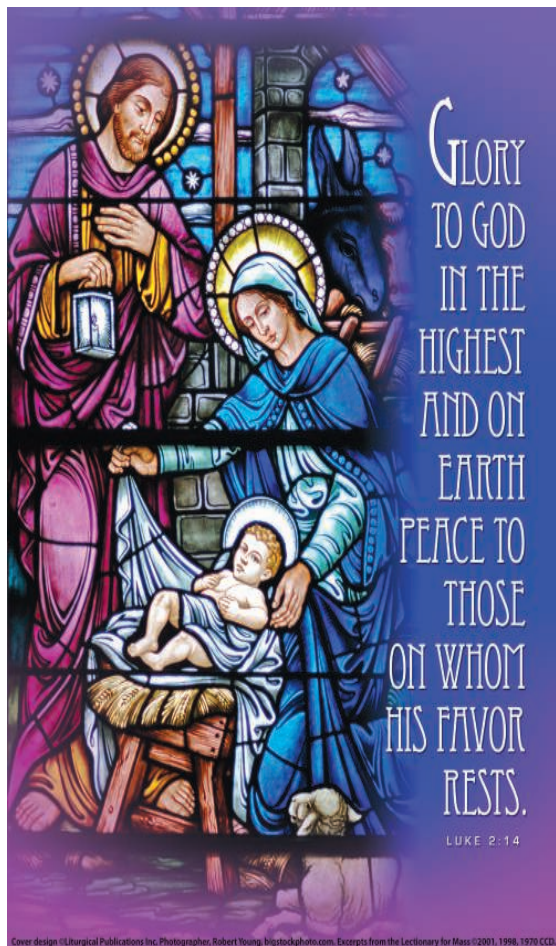


# Christmas Blessings



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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.

*Merry Christmas to everyone from the entire staff of Saint Gerald Parish! We are delighted that you've joined us for worship on this great feast, and we hope that you'll return to pray with us often.*

*We want you to know that 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.*

*On behalf of the staff of St. Gerald, I want to personally express my heartfelt thanks to all of you for the many ways you supported our parish throughout this year. Some of you shared your Time and Talent, and many of you shared your Treasure. For this, I am truly grateful. I am equally grateful for the openness you demonstrated in assimilating each other as we become a new parish. This is indeed a testament of our Christian faith.*



*God's grace is upon us and His glory is revealed in us. May the birth of the incarnate son of God, born of the virgin Mary, enrich our lives this Christmas. May his blessings be always upon us. Amen.*

*If you have moved into the area, we invite you to become a member. Feel free to call the parish office at 248-477-7470. Fr. Festus Ejimadu*

# A Week Ahead



## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER 28 - JANUARY 2

Monday 9:15 AM  
No Mass

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Patricia Ann Taylor**  
Requested by Michael Sands

Wednesday 9:15 AM  
**Carol Kronk**  
Requested by Kronk Family

Thursday, New Year's Eve 5:00 PM  
For All Our Parishioners

Friday, New Year's Day  
10:15 AM  
For All Our Parishioners

12:00 PM  
For All Our Parishioners

Saturday 9:15 AM  
For All Our Parishioners

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 JN 1:5--2:2/PS 124:2-5, 7-8/  
MT 2:13-18

TUESDAY: 1 JN 2:3-11/PS 96:1-3, 5-6/LK 2:22-35

WEDNESDAY: 1 JN 2:12-17/PS 96:7-10/LK 2:36-40

THURSDAY: 1 JN 2:18-21/PS 96:1-2, 11-13/  
JN 1:1-18

FRIDAY: NM 6:22-27/PS 67:2-3, 5-6, 8/G  
AL 4:4-7/LK 2:16-21

SATURDAY: 1 JN 2:22-28/PS 98:1-4/JN 1:19-28

NEXT SUNDAY: IS 60:1-6/PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/  
EPH 3:2-3A, 5-6/MT 2:1-12

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



## Your Christmas Offering

Just a reminder that the Christmas collection is the one collection that the entire dollar amount remains directly here at St. Gerald Parish. The rest of the donations to the parish throughout the year are subject to a 7% assessment by the Archdiocese of Detroit. As always, thank you for your generous support and consideration.



### MASS TIMES;

New Year's Eve Day, Thursday,  
December 31: 5:00 PM  
New Year's Day, Friday, January 1  
Feast of Mary, Mother of God:  
10:15 AM and 12:00 PM

## JANUARY 3, 2016 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00 PM January 2 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>Christine &amp; John Wojcik</b> Requested by VanBelle Family	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan Lyda DelRosario 5:00B

8:30 AM January 3 Fr. Medina

For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Servers	John Smith Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin Candy Rosowski 8:30C

10:15 AM January 3 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>Cathy Mazurek</b> Requested by Cindy & Claudia	Servers	Sarah Weber Ashley Grabinski
	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani Mary Power 10:15A

12:00 Noon January 3 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Servers	Need Servers
	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra Chris Greig 12:00B

### Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

January 1 and January 2  
Team # 6

January 8 and January 9  
Team #1

Parish Offices will be closed until January 3. If you need to reach someone in the Parish Office, please leave a message on extension 212 and someone will return your call. Thank You!

*Religious Formation classes will resume  
Monday, January 4th.*

First Friday, January 1  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following  
7:00 PM Mass until 9 AM Saturday  
Scheduled Adorers Needed  
Sign-up sheets in narthex

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.


**VOCATIONS AND THE CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Sister Barbara Beesley, IHM, from Marygrove College in Detroit will discuss vocations and her call to Social Justice. Sister Barb says, “Although my fingerprints undoubtedly remain with the FBI, I am saddened to report that my petty crimes of yesteryear no longer exist on record. You’ll just have to trust my honesty and vivid imagination about my exploits.”

Sunday, January 31, 2016

4:00 PM

St. Gerald Parish Social Hall



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK. . .**

Wanda Reiner	Kimberly Plonka
Beth McLaughlin	Corinne Wedge
Bill Walker	Wanda Johnson
Robert Sikorski	Robin Kafcas
Ralph Wenski	Bernie Fox
Erin Malloy-Sidaway	Daron Tilburt
Sofia Weiland	Gina Riggi
Frank Adams	Nancy Kolliker
Christopher Gogola	Andy Mosher

**Food Pantry Items needed:**

Tuna Helper	Canned Spam/Canned Chicken
Canned Ham	Spaghetti Sauce
Cookies	Laundry Detergent
Big Cans Soup	Snacks
Dish Detergent	

Place donations in bins located in main entrance of church.  
Thank you!

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

**1ST BANN**

Let us pray for Lauren Vogrin and Jamie Foust as they prepare to be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Gerald Parish on January 16, 2016

**EVANGELIZATION THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

Do not be too quick to condemn the man who no longer believes in God, for it is perhaps your own coldness and avarice, your mediocrity and materialism, your sensuality and selfishness that have killed his faith. *Thomas Merton*

**MAY YOU  
HAVE A  
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SEASON!  
AND A  
WONDER-  
FILLED NEW  
YEAR  
FILLED WITH  
MANY  
BLESSINGS  
AND GOOD  
THINGS.**



**FROM THE  
ST. GERALD STAFF**

Fr. Festus Ejimadu  
Sandy Brown  
Nancy Carroll  
Carol Greening  
Mary Hoots  
Mark Koss  
Cathy Long  
Laura Meier  
Kim Shepard  
Theresa Smith  
Mary Taylor  
Mary Zelinski  
Timothy Westfall

**Tim’s Tidbits**

Whether you are here with us today for the first time or have been here for many years, welcome! We hope you will feel at home worshipping with us. And come back to worship with us.

Christmas is a season where we receive Christ, who is the light of the world. This is a season of light. It is so much more than just a time for giving and receiving presents. When we see colorful lights on Christmas trees and on houses, we Christians see the light Jesus brings to the world. And this is a light that is meant to be shared. As you listen to the Scriptures today, see the light that Jesus is for you, a light that makes people radiate with love and joy.

During Christmas Time, we celebrate the Incarnation – the Divine Word becoming flesh. In *Evangelii gaudium*, Pope Francis speaks of the devotions of the people as a kind of incarnation of their faith: “Genuine forms of popular religiosity are incarnate, since they are born of the incarnation of Christian faith in popular culture. For this reason, they entail a personal relationship, not with vague spiritual energies or powers, but with God, with Christ, with Mary with the saints. These devotions are fleshy, they have a face. They are capable of fostering relationships and not just enabling escapism” (90).

The popular devotions associated with Christmas – most especially visits to the manger scene – can do just that: lead us to an encounter with Christ.

Spread the good news that you heard here today – to all your neighbors and friends.

This is a season of miracles. Let us give thanks and rejoice in this season! God has come among us to dwell! May God dwell in your heart forevermore!

*Remembered with Christmas Flowers in 2015*

<i>Remembering:</i>	<i>Remembered by:</i>	<i>Remembering:</i>	<i>Remembered by:</i>
Emily Abid	Sue Aon	Eugene & Sandy Grabinski	Terry & Jackie Grabinski
Fr. Ronald Alder	Reynolds Family	Granata & Yarrow Families	Robert & Norma Bazzett
All living & deceased Morelli & Rotondo family	Josephine Rotondo & Family	Bill Greening	Lois Greening
Charles Berend	Gloria & Bruce Berend	Eileen Hamann	Reynolds Family
Glyda Berend	Gloria & Bruce Berend	Paul Hamann	Reynolds Family
R. E. Blankenship	Robert & Diane Blankenship	Ann Hellner	Terry & Jackie Grabinski
Joseph Bongero	Agnes Bongero	Jackie Hermes	Robert Brown
Donna M. Brown	Robert Brown	Don Hicks	Sharon Hicks & Family
Clyde & Edna Centers	Joanne Dixon	Marjorie Hoerner	Family
Ann & Joe Coil	Joseph Pavco	John Hoffman	Joan Hoffman
Mary Connor	Dan & Sue Connor	Michael Hoots	Bob & Sherry Kuhr
Catherine Crowe	Sharon Hicks & Family	Gerald E. Ignash	Barbara Lou Ignash
Jeanne Crowe	Sharon Hicks & Family	Kaye Family	Joseph Pavco
Norbert Crowe	Sharon Hicks & Family	George Kirchner	Kirchner Family
Stanley & Mary Czyzewski	Joseph Pavco	John Klem Family	Nancy Norton
Rose & Vincent D'Ambrosio	Ben & Mary Frances DiPonio	Millie, "Kope" & Greg Kopasz	Best Friends Ever
Deceased members of the McDonald Family	Pat & Geri McDonald	August (Gus) Kott	Caron Kott
Felipe DelRosario, Jr.	DelRosario Family	John Kramer	Reynolds Family
Alzada Dolencic	Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Margaret Kramer	Reynolds Family
Michaëlle Donatien	Marie-Josette Richard Bolivar	Carol M. Kronk	Mark Kronk & Children
Drumm Family	Barbara & Len Lemanski	Bertha Kuhr	Bob & Sherry Kuhr
Rita Durant	Best Friends Ever	Bill Kuhr	Bob & Sherry Kuhr
Christopher Ejimadu	St. Gerald Staff	John Kuhr	Bob & Sherry Kuhr
Margaret L. Fay	Margaret Makowski	Richard Kuhr	Bob & Sherry Kuhr
Marie-Anne Richard Figueroa	Marie-Josette Richard Bolivar	Leona & Elias Lemanski	Barbara & Len Lemanski
Mary Friedman	Dan & Sue Connor	Jean Lopus	Bob & Sherry Kuhr
Gagnon Family	Ann Wiltsie	Marciano & Zanotti Family	Peter & Armanda Zanotti
Galassi Family	Robert & Norma Bazzett	Wilda McAskin	Robert & Diane Blankenship
Carmel Galea	Stella Galea	James & Leona McGowan	Barb & Bob Kopf
Reginald & Evelyn Gates	Deb & Carmine Palombo & Family	Fr. John Menner	Kirchner Family
Carmel P. Gauci	Loving Wife & Family	Fr. John Menner	Tom & Kathryn Marshall
Cass Gogola	Gogola Family	Agnes & Joseph Midura	Delphine Midura
Gomory Family	Joseph Pavco	Edward Midura	Delphine Midura



## *Remembered with Christmas Flowers in 2015*

<i>Remembering:</i>	<i>Remembered by:</i>	<i>Remembering:</i>	<i>Remembered by:</i>
Cheryl Mouchet	Jim Mouchet	John Sobczak	Marion Sobczak
Barbara & Albert Nizio	Barbara & Len Lemanski	Edward J. Sroka	Timothy J. Westfall
Edward Nowak	Paul & Mary Nowak	Eleanor Sroka	Timothy J. Westfall
Carl F. O'Donohue	Bill, MaryAnne & Sons	Mary & Julian Stachowski	Delphine Midura
Helen Ouellette	Gloria & Bruce Berend	Connie Stafford	John & Diana Parizon
William Ouellette	Gloria & Bruce Berend	Barbara Stone	Paul & Mary Nowak
Our deceased loved ones	Carl & Christine Wiatr	Hali Stone	Paul & Mary Nowak
Anna Palombo	Palombo Family	Stutzner Family	Joseph Pavco
Joann Pavco	Joseph Pavco	Bradley Teagan	Paul & Mary Nowak
Pavco Family	Joseph Pavco	Marion Teagan	Paul & Mary Nowak
Howard Petter	Diane, Dan & Suzanne Petter	George Thompson	Bob & Sherry Kuhr
James Price	Jean Price	Tom Thompson	Bob & Sherry Kuhr
Brenda Proffitt	Bob & Sherry Kuhr	Arnett W. Toran	Wife, Daughters & Grands
Protzer Family	Joseph Pavco	Mary B. Vertin	Hume Family
Marc Proulx	Sharon Hicks & Family	Alfredo Villarreal	John & Diana Parizon
Mother & Dad Purchiaroni	Robert & Norma Bazzett	Edward Villarreal	John & Diana Parizon
Jeffrey Racklin	Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Ernesto Villarreal	John & Diana Parizon
Grace L. Reed	Barb & Bob Kopf	Roberto Villarreal	John & Diana Parizon
Mary Margaret & George Retelle	Mary Retelle	Christine Westfall	Timothy J. Westfall
Evelyn Reynolds	Reynolds Family	Joseph R. Westfall	Timothy J. Westfall
James Reynolds	Reynolds Family	Sophie Westfall	Timothy J. Westfall
Giovanni Rotondo	Josephine Rotondo & Family	William Westfall	Timothy J. Westfall
Mary & Joseph Rytel	Joan Hoffman	Bill Wiltsie, Sr.	Ann Wiltsie
William & Flossie Shockley	Daughter & Grands	Winqest Family	Joseph Pavco



THE RADIANCE OF THE FATHER'S SPLENDOR, THE FATHER'S VISIBLE IMAGE, JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD, PEERLESS AMONG COUNSELORS, PRINCE OF PEACE, FATHER OF THE WORLD TO COME, THE MODEL AFTER WHICH ADAM WAS FORMED, FOR OUR SAKES BECAME LIKE A SLAVE: IN THE WOMB OF MARY THE VIRGIN, WITHOUT ASSISTANCE FROM ANY MAN, HE TOOK FLESH. FOR OUR SAKES HE WAS WRAPPED IN SWADDLING-CLOTHES, LAID IN A MANGER AND PRAISED BY THE ANGELIC POWERS.

"GLORY TO GOD IN HIGH HEAVEN," THEY SANG: "PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO MEN."

ENABLE US, LORD, TO REACH THE END OF THIS LUMINOUS FEAST IN PEACE, FORSAKING ALL IDLE WORDS, ACTING VIRTUOUSLY, SHUNNING OUR PASSIONS AND RAISING OURSELVES ABOVE THE THINGS OF THIS WORLD . . .

MAY WE CELEBRATE YOUR GLORIOUS BIRTH, AND THE FATHER WHO SENT YOU TO REDEEM US, AND YOUR SPIRIT, THE GIVER OF LIFE, NOW AND FOR EVER, AGE AFTER AGE. AMEN. *Syriac*





**KNIGHTS CORNER**

***Happy New Year to All; Latest Star Council Award Added to Knights Corner of Social Hall***

Happy New Year to all! May 2016 bring good health and peace to all our Knights and their loved ones. And may it bring our Council members the energy and strength to continue our charitable efforts and our service to others.

For the new year's first six months – the last half of the Council year – we will have a real challenge to repeat as winners of the Star Council Award from the national K of C. We will need to recruit four more members, increase out insurance participation and complete a variety of service and charitable projects. So please get involved, especially if you have not done so in the past.



The newly redesigned Star Council award for last year, 2014-15, was recently installed on the wall in the Knights Corner of the Social Hall. Stop by and take a look. In addition, the national K of C awarded label pins commemorating the Star Council status to Patrick Rogers, the Grand Knight for the year, Program Director Tom McPhail and PGK Rich Smith whose recruiting efforts merited the Membership Director pin.

PGK Bruce Roberts recently received some more State K of C raffle tickets. If you have sold yours, give him a call at 248-756-9257. Lots of good prizes will be won April 16 including the top one which features a six night hotel stay in Rome for two (not two weeks for one as previously reported), a Vatican tour, air fare and \$4,000 in spending money. Bruce also is taking orders for a light weight jacket, perfect for spring and fall, in the Council color and with our logo. And he also has a supply of shirts and caps.

January activities start with an Officers' meeting on Jan. 5, a bus trip to the Fire Keepers casino outside Battle Creek on Jan. 6, the monthly membership meeting Jan. 19, a pancake breakfast for the parish on Jan. 24, and a Family Communion Mass on Jan. 31.

**Check out State and National K of C activities at [www.mikofc.org](http://www.mikofc.org)**

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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**

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Calls taken Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 AM - to 11:00 AM

**ST. GERALD MISSION STATEMENT**

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