

# The VOICE



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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## ST. GERALD

### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Servant Church Of  
The Archdiocese of Detroit

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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.

### FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2016

In the Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear Luke's account of the call of the first disciples. Unlike the other Evangelists, Luke places a spotlight on the call of Simon Peter in this call narrative. As the author of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles (Luke–Acts), Luke is not just telling the story of Jesus, he is also telling the story of the early church. Since Peter is a central figure in both the life of Jesus and the life of the early church, Luke viewed the call of the disciples as a prime opportunity to introduce and highlight Peter.

Luke knew Mark's version of the call of the disciples (see Mk 1:16-20). It was a rather matter-of-fact report of Jesus calling the set of brother fishermen, Peter and Andrew, James and John, to follow him. Mark offers few additional details beyond all four responding positively to Jesus' invitation. In Luke's retelling of the call, Andrew is not mentioned at all, James and John play a very minor role, a miraculous catch of fish is added, and the interaction between Jesus and Simon Peter is the main focus. Luke portrays Peter as a humble and trusting man, well aware of his own limitations. In the various ways in which he redacts Mark's call narrative, Luke actually transforms the "call" of Simon Peter into a "commission" narrative. Jesus not only invites Peter to follow him, he commissions Peter—"From now on you will be catching men." Indeed, throughout Luke–Acts, and especially in Acts, Peter emerges as the lead apostle in the early church "catching men" to follow Christ. Luke reports that Peter was bringing in literally "thousands" of believers into the Church (see, for example, Acts 2:41).

Writing about twenty years after the martyrdom of Peter around the year AD 85, Luke bore witness to a growing church rooted in Jerusalem and expanding all the way west to Rome. The miraculous catch of fish associated with the call and commission of Simon Peter in today's reading served as a metaphor for the impact that Peter would have as an apostle of Christ and as an evangelizer for the good news—as Peter ventured "into deep water" he caught such "a great number of fish" that "their nets were tearing."

In his First Letter to the Corinthians, Paul preserves a "received" tradition about the Resurrection appearances of Christ. Dated to the spring of AD 55, First Corinthians offers us the earliest attestation of witnesses to Jesus' resurrection. First among those listed as witnesses to the resurrected Christ is Cephas (Peter). ("Cephas" is the Aramaic name for Peter and it translates literally as "a rock." Aramaic was the native language of Jesus and Peter.) Since First Corinthians was written only about twenty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, it is reasonable to conclude that from the very beginning, Peter was recognized as having a prominent place in Jesus' life and in the life of the early church.

The first reading recounts the call of the prophet Isaiah. The call of Isaiah is dated to the year 742 BC, the year in which historians date the death of King Uzziah. Isaiah reports a view of the unseen order as part of his call, as well as his own fear and anxiety and shortcomings. Like Peter, Isaiah reacts to the call with humility and eagerness. In this way, all Christians see in Peter and Isaiah a model response to the call of Christ.

*Dr. Daniel J. Scholz*

# A Week Ahead

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS FEBRUARY 8 - FEBRUARY 11



Monday 9:15 AM  
**Intentions of Jeannette Inamdar**  
Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Valentina Berti**  
Requested by Graziano Canini

Wednesday 9:15 AM  
**Michael Hoots**  
Requested by Deacon Ron Grenda

7:00 PM  
**Cathy and Frank Hesse**  
Requested by Friends

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Mathew Thottam**  
Requested by Jesse Lukose

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** 1 KGS 8:1-7, 9-13/PS 132:6-10/MK 6:53-56  
**TUESDAY:** 1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30/PS 84:3-5, 10-11/MK 7:1-13  
**WEDNESDAY:** JL 2:12-18/2 COR 5:20--6:2/PS 51:3-6, 12-14, 17/MT 6:1-6, 16-18  
**THURSDAY:** DT 30:15-20/PS 1:1-4, 6/LK 9:22-25  
**FRIDAY:** IS 58:1-9A/PS 51:3-6, 18-19/MT 9:14-15  
**SATURDAY:** IS 58:9B-14/PS 86:1-6/LK 5:27-32  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** DT 26:4-10/PS 91:1-2, 10-15/ROM 10:8-13/  
LK 4:1-13

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



**Wednesday, February 10**  
**9:15 AM and 7 PM Masses**  
**with distribution**  
**of ashes**

**Lectors assigned for Ash Wednesday:**  
**9:15 AM Mass - Ray Pisani and Tim Westfall**  
**7:00 PM Mass - Fernando Guerra**

### Offertory Snapshot

**Actual Offertory for Weekend of January 24 \$ 7,579.00**  
**Budget Offertory for Weekend of January 24 \$ 9,334.00**  
**Actual Offertory July 1 - January 24 \$250,447.00**  
**Budget Offertory July 1 - January 24 \$279,999.00**

Calendar for the week of parish events on Page 4

## FEBRUARY 14, 2016 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM February 13 Fr. Festus		
For <b>Robert E. Blankenship</b> Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Servers	Mandy Millar
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A
8:30 AM February 14 Fr. Roodbeen		
For <b>Michael Hoots</b> Requested by Yolanda Fenech	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30C
10:15 AM February 14 Fr. Festus		
For <b>Paul Paster</b> Requested by Lisa Morelli & Family	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Sarah Weber Claire Pagnucco
	Lector/ Ushers	Tim Wardle, Jr. 10:15A
12:00 Noon February 14 Fr. Festus		
For <b>Cecilia Carroll</b> Requested by Taylor Family	Servers	Jack DuLong Emma DuLong
	Lectors/ Ushers	Christine Greig 12:00B

### Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

February 12 and February 13 Team # 2      February 19 and February 20 Team #6

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Wanda Reiner  
Beth McLaughlin  
Bill Walker  
Robin Kafcas  
Daron Tilburt  
Frank Adams  
Andy Mosher  
John MacDougall  
Emily Choike  
Corinne Wedge  
Wanda Johnson  
Ralph Wenski  
Erin Malloy-Sidaway  
Sofia Weiland  
Nancy Kolliker  
Margaret Joyal  
Joan Miele



### Food Pantry Items needed:

Tea Bags 48 ct.  
Tuna/Chicken Helper  
Peanut Butter  
Saltines  
Canned Ham or Chicken  
Pasta  
Cookies  
Baked Beans  
Snacks for children  
Coffee 11 oz.  
Tea  
Juice Boxes

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.

## Tim's Tidbits

Last week I mentioned Catholic Schools Week, which concluded on February 6. Did you know that if you attend a Catholic School there is financial assistance available? The *Stewards for Tomorrow* endowment fund is available. For over 15 years, *Stewards for Tomorrow* funds have made Catholic education more affordable. Since 1995, more than 55,000 tuition grants have been issued. Of a total current enrollment of 32,000 students in Catholic schools in southeast Michigan, 2,562 students – more than 12 percent – are receiving tuition assistance. To apply, contact the administrative office of any Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Detroit, or access forms and details on the archdiocesan website. The process is similar to applying for college financial aid.

A letter from *Alliance Catholic Credit Union* went out recently announcing their 2016 Scholarship Program. The philanthropic program gives away \$10,000 annually to help students and families defray educational costs. For a complete list of eligibility requirements and to obtain an application packet, please visit their website at [AllianceCCU.com/Scholarship](http://AllianceCCU.com/Scholarship). Applications are due by April 18, 2016. There are a few copies of this letter in the bookrack in the gathering space.

This is the last Sunday before we begin the season of Lent. It is the last weekend you will hear “Alleluias” sung – we won’t be hearing them until the Great Easter Vigil. We begin Ash Wednesday this week. Two items to note on our parish calendar are the Soup Suppers. The first one is on Thursday, February 25 from 5:30 to 6:45. It is followed by Mass with Fr. Stephen Rooney presiding. Fr. Rooney will offer an extended Homily about the spirituality of St. Therese of Lisieux. He earned a Licentiate in Rome in Spirituality. His dissertation topic was what he will talk about. Fr. Stephen has served at a number of parishes in the Archdiocese. His recent Pastorates include St. Michael in Monroe, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Temperance and his current assignment of Our Lady on the River in Marine City. Father incardinated into the Archdiocese from the Cistercian Community in Ireland, his native home. He was ordained in 1985 and can speak four languages. He has been in the US since 1986 and became a citizen a few years ago.



The second will be on Thursday, March 10th, from 5:30 to 6:45. It is followed by Mass with Fr. Richard Leliaert, presiding. Fr. Richard will offer an extended Homily on “Covenant”. He has a PhD from Berkley, CA in American Religious History and has served on the faculty of Nazareth College in Kalamazoo, Director of Spiritual Support Services at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn and more recently, as Pastor of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in Redford. Father incardinated into the Archdiocese of Detroit from the Crosier Community. He was ordained in 1967. He speaks Spanish fluently.

We invite parishioners and friends to attend these Lenten events. For the soup suppers, I invite you to consider bringing in a crock pot of your favorite recipe of soup to share with our community. It should be enough to serve folks. Please call me to let me know what soup you will bring. You can reach me either by phone at 248-477-7470 x 202 or email [timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com). We look forward to you sharing your favorite soup with us. I have seen this done in other parishes and thought it would be a good idea to bring to the St. Gerald Parish Family. If you bake bread, feel free to bring a loaf to share. Fresh bread and freshly made soup to feed your body and the Eucharistic Liturgy to feed your soul. Come for the soup and stay for the Mass. You will be refreshed in mind/ spirit and body. Have a good week!

## COME, ENCOUNTER CHRIST!

Sunday, February 21, 2016 to

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

7:00 PM-8:30 PM

Our Lady-Sorrows Catholic Church

23815 Power Rd Farmington, MI 48336

The event features inspirational preaching, live music, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions. For more information go to [aod.org/Encounter](http://aod.org/Encounter)

## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY

Vatican City, 1 February 2016 (VIS) – The Holy Father's universal prayer intention for February is: “That we may take good care of creation – a gift freely given – cultivating and protecting it for future generations”.

His intention for evangelisation is: “That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia”.

## ST. GERALD EASTER FLOWERS

This Easter Season the church will once again be decorated with memorial flowers. Parishioners have the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away through donations toward the purchase of these Easter flowers. Suggested donation this year is \$10.00 per name.

Just fill out the form below! Place your form and donation in an envelope marked “Easter Flower Donation” and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office.

If you wish to donate to this cause but do not want any memorialization, please submit your donation in an envelope marked “Easter Flower Donation.”

A list of the donors and memorial names will appear in the bulletin for our Easter Edition.

### IN MEMORY OF:

*(Please legibly print name of deceased)*

### REMEMBERED BY:

*(Your name)*

**YOUR PHONE NUMBER: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_**

*(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)*

*Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church*



## EVANGELIZATION

EVANGELIZATION...it's an act of love.

If you did not know about God, wouldn't you want someone to tell you about Him? Wouldn't you want someone to extend the invitation along? God is a source of LOVE, GUIDANCE, PEACE and REFUGE. Share the invitation that you've been given. It is a gift that blesses everyone. We have been enjoying some great activities here at St. Gerald, and in our community. Come share in the communion of our faith and share with others.

Future Movie Night suggestions and dates will be determined. Watch for notices here in the Voice.


Saturday, February 27th at 8:00 PM - Adult Date Night Couples are invited to attend a night of adult fellowship, games and music. Euchre, charades, and other games are planned. BYOB, and a snack to share. Feel free to bring your own game preference.

Theology on Tap will meet next on Friday, March 4th. Location to be announced soon.

We are looking for teen and adult volunteers for our Annual Vacation Bible School that will run M-F August 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Please notify Mary Taylor of your interest.

If you, or someone you know is interested in joining the Evangelization Committee, please call our parish secretary at 248-477-7470 for next meeting date.

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF  
THE SOUL OF  
BERNADETTE GRIX  
+  
NOVEMBER 14, 1922  
JANUARY 31, 2016



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO  
BERNADETTE  
O LORD,  
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT  
SHINE UPON HER

### MOMS GROUP

My name is Susan Horsburgh and I am the Family Representative for our parish. Years ago, when I started attending church in this building, there was a group formed where I met lots of people and made lots of new friends. It was a Moms group. Some of our activities included: moms night out, play groups, babysitting co-ops, and annual moms Christmas party, Euchre, etc. As your family rep., I would like to start up a group like that again. This group is open to moms of ALL ages. If this is something you are interested in, please contact the parish office at 248-477-7470 and leave your name and contact information and I will get back with you or if you have any suggestions concerning family matters at St. Gerald Church, just call 248-477-7470; leave your contact information and a description of the matter and I'll get back with you. Thank You!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

I am inviting all high school teens and their families to come to Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 7:00 PM to get the sign of the cross in ashes on their foreheads. Be proud that you are Catholic, and wear the ashes as a sign of love and respect for your Catholic faith.

### Youth ministry Calendar:

February 7	7th Grade Confirmation
February 10	Ash Wednesday
February 14	Farmington Winter Break no Classes
February 21	Karing Kids 3-4:30 PM
February 21	8 and 9 grade Confirmation
February 28	Retreat for 8 and 9 Grade Confirmation at St Paul of the Cross

### LENT/SPRING SCRIPTURE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide. The study will continue the Gospel of Matthew.

Location: **St. Gerald's Church hall**

Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Dates: **March 2 – May 4, 2016**



**All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study.**

Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides. No need to register. Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com), Sharon Weberlein (shrweber@aol.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.

### 2015 St. Gerald Contribution Statement

In an effort to reduce expenses, the 2015 St. Gerald Contribution Statements will not be mailed out. 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 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. With a prior request, statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!

Please be aware that Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) and Changing Lives together (CLT) are both Archdiocesan Campaigns. Even if the donation or pledge was dropped in the collection at St. Gerald, it was sent downtown to be processed. Contributions of \$250.00 or more to these campaigns will be acknowledged by a mailed statement from the Archdiocese. For contributions less than \$250, statements can be received by emailing csa@aod.org or calling (313) 237-5768.

### THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

The Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe illuminates the way for the people of the region by helping Catholic organizations provide affordable shelter and training to seminarians, in addition to providing pastoral care and catechesis. Your donation next weekend helps restore the Church and build the future in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Please take an envelope home and return in the second collection basket next weekend. Be generous to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

**LENTEN OBSERVANCES**

Lent is the season which runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of total fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. In keeping with the spirit and meaning of the Lenten fast, Catholics are encouraged to observe the Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday and until the celebration of the Easter Vigil.


The law of fasting binds persons from the completing of their 18th year to the beginning of their 60th year, i.e., from the day after their 18th birthday to the day after their 59th birthday.

The law of fasting allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing - as far as quantity and quality are concerned - approved local custom. The order of meals is optional; i.e., the full meal may be taken in the evening instead of midday. Also: (1) the quantity of food taken at the two lighter meals should not exceed the quantity taken at the full meal. (2) The drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast.

The law of abstinence binds persons from the completion of their 14th year - i.e. from the day after their 14th birthday throughout life.




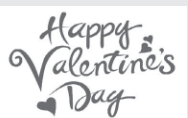
The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat. Permissible are soup flavored with meat, meat gravy and sauces.

St. Peter Chrysologus (380-450) states in his "Sermon 43" that *"Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting . . . they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not at all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself. . . . Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain to the earth. However much you cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, show virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit. When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gathering by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others."*



Lent provides us with time to reflect on the temptations we face and remember we rely on God for all things. Through our participation in Operation Rice Bowl, we put our faith into actions and our prayers and alms help people in need around the world. Please take home a Calendar and Rice Bowl for your family and follow the suggested activities during Lent. These supplies are available on the table at the entrance of the church.

A look ahead into February

<p><b>8</b> Monday</p> <p>9:15 am Mass</p> <p>5:30 pm Elementary Religious Formation Classes</p>	<p><b>9</b> Tuesday</p> <p>9:15 am Mass</p> <p>9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions</p> <p>5:15 pm Elementary Religious Formation Classes</p> <p>7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting</p> <p>8:30 pm Commission Meetings</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Ash Wednesday</p>  <p>9:15 am Mass with Distribution of Ashes</p> <p>7:00 pm Mass with Distribution of Ashes</p> 	<p><b>11</b> Thursday</p> <p>7:00 pm Mass</p>	<p><b>12</b> Friday</p> <p>7:30 pm Holy Hour</p> <p>8:00 pm AA Meeting</p>	<p><b>13</b> Saturday</p> <p>3:30 pm Confessions</p> <p>5:00 pm Mass</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>  <p>8:30 am Mass</p> <p>10:15 am Mass</p> <p>10:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word</p> <p>12:00 pm Mass</p> <p>Midwinter Break No Classes</p> 
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**Soup Suppers During Lent**

February 25- 5:30 PM Soup Supper followed by 7:00 PM Mass with guest presider, Fr. Stephen Rooney (Homily topic-The Spirituality of St. Therese of Liseaux)

March 10 - 5:30 PM Soup Supper followed by 7:00 PM Mass with guest presider, Fr. Richard Leliaert (Homily topic-Covenant)



**Lenten Little Black Books**

are available in the Gathering Space of the church. A small donation would be appreciated!





**KNIGHTS CORNER**

**Not So Active Members Can Help Out on New House & Hospitality Committee**

We had a very good turnout for our first Family Communion Mass of the year last Sunday, filling six pews plus having two Knights serving as ushers. We have three more Family Communion Masses remaining in 2016: May 29, July 31 and Oct. 30. Mark them on your calendar or remember that whenever there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a month we gather with our families to pray together.

Thanks to the Knights and spouses who helped serve donuts last Sunday. Making the hosting job go smoothly were Tony Wagner, Bill and Joann Croitori, PGK Bruce Roberts, PGK Rich Smith, Shatomi Kirbaw and Arlene and Tom McPhail.

The Council has started a new committee – House & Hospitality – to give the more inactive members a chance to get involved on a case-by-case basis. The committee will be charged with arranging the physical venue for events and cleaning up afterwards. To join contact Program Director Tom McPhail (248-875-1185).

Belated good wishes are in store for eight brothers who marked birthdays last month. Andy Williams celebrated Jan. 2, Bob Koenig Jan. 12, Jerry Panyard Jan. 14 and Fr. Festus Jan. 16. David Brya tacked on another year Jan. 18 as did Jerome Williams Jan. 20, Bob Kuhr Jan. 24 and Peter Becks Jan. 31.

If you haven't picked up a red bag for our Food for Families program, pop around to the K of C table in the corner of the Social Hall. Then fill up the bag and bring it to the Feb. 16 meeting or bring it to Sunday mass and leave the filled bag in the room where the extra tables and chairs are stored. *The Voice* usually prints a list of the foods needed by the pantry.

***Make Someone Happy, Sell Them a Winning Ticket in the State K of C Raffle***

**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](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) and their name will be added to our prayers.

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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- Mark Koss Kim Shepard

**Ministries Assistant - Purchaser**

- Cathy Long . . . . . X 222 Email: [clong123@gmail.com](mailto:clong123@gmail.com)



**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.

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