



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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 1, 2016

Across the centuries we have prayed for "peace on earth." It seems to come only periodically however, and then only in unexpected places. But we long for peace as fervently as our earliest forbearers did. Although peace seems unlikely to come any time soon, we can value peace, pray for peace, and work for peace in all our relationships and throughout our lives with others.

First reading – Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

The church at Antioch was deeply divided over whether Gentile converts were required to observe the ceremonial laws of Judaism. But wise leaders in the mother church in Jerusalem discussed the matter calmly and reached a prudent compromise. It is amazing what can happen when cooler heads prevail in crisis situations.

Second reading – Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

The apostle John could have been bitter, having been exiled by the Romans to spend the last years of his life on the lonely isle of Patmos. He was cut off from friends and family in that wretched place. But these were peaceful years because God gave John a foretaste of the heavenly glory that awaited him as a follower of Jesus Christ.

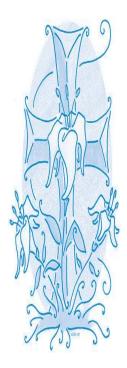
Gospel – John 14:23-29

Jesus bestowed the gift of peace on his followers on the eve of his death. He did not promise them an easy time of it. They would suffer sorrow and persecution for his sake. But Jesus did promise them that they would attain an inward contentment and peace that nothing in the world could shake.

When many people hear the word "peace" the first thing they think of is war. This is understandable. Our world is never free from war. Somewhere it is, and has always been, neighbor against neighbor, tribe against tribe, nation against nation. Prayers for peace are always appropriate. In the beginning it was Cain against Abel, the first two human siblings at war with one another. Throughout history it has been nation against nation, invariably driven by the crudest, if not darkest, of human aspirations. In the Middle East it appears that the Arabs and the Jews are always pursuing a peace process. War, of some kind or another, is always within sight, and too often there are more wars than we can keep track of. We were warned. Jesus said there would be "wars and rumors of wars," that "nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom … and famines and earthquakes in various places." (Mt 24:7-8)

It is easy to become cynical about the possibilities of real peace in this world. Given the long history of humankind's warfare, and what we know of our sinful nature, it seems unlikely that true world peace is on the horizon. Samuel Johnson, in Boswell's Life, claimed: "It is mutual cowardice that keeps us in peace." This is at least partially true. Still, as people of faith, we must continue to both work and pray for the end of warfare and for peace on earth. Have a blessed week! Fr. Festus





WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS May 2 - May 7

Monday 9:15 AM Jean Rundel Requested by Barbara Della Mora

<u>Tuesday 9:15 AM</u> **Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Donarman Families** Requested by C. Kemp and

Innocent Agomuo and Jane Agomuo

Wednesday 9:15 AM Mary and Ron Plagens Requested by Stella Galea

Thursday 7:00 PM Frances Casey Requested by John Casey

Friday 9:15 AM Monica Koenig Requested by Family

Saturday 9:15 AM Dennis Paslawski Requested by Christine Paslawski

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ACTS 16:11-15/PS 149:1-6, 9/JN 15:26--16:4A TUESDAY: 1 COR 15:1-8/PS 19:2-5/JN 14:6-14 WEDNESDAY: ACTS 17:15, 22--18:1/PS 148:1-2, 11-14/ JN 16:12-15 THURSDAY: ASCENSION: ACTS 1:1-11/PS 47:2-3, 6-9/ HEB 9:24-28; 10:19-23 OR EPH 1:17-23/LK 24:46-53 FRIDAY: ACTS 18:9-18/PS 47:2-7/JN 16:20-23 SATURDAY: ACTS 18:23-28/PS 47:2-3, 8-10/JN 16:23B-28 NEXT SUNDAY: ACTS 7:55-60/PS 97:1-2, 6-7, 9/ RV 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/ JN 17:20-26 LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS INC (For a list of daily readings: go to http://www.usccb.org/nab)



BUNDLE DAYS Next weekend the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here for your donations.

(Unwearable clothing and shoes are welcome for recycling)

- PRAY FOR ...

- Wanda Reiner Bill Walker Daron Tilburt John MacDougall Corinne Wedge Ralph Wenski Sofia Weiland Margaret Joyal Robert Lindenmuth Andy Vermiglio
- Beth Croitori Robin Kafcas Andy Mosher Emily Choike Wanda Johnson Erin Malloy-Sidaway Nancy Kolliker Mary Ann Alcalan Paula Springer
- Stanley Ptak Dick Campbell Rita Knight Dennis Hill Stephen Cleary Patricia Drobot Laurie Aldrich Joan Preston



Our lost and found drawer is full of many different items that have been left in the church or social hall. If you have lost something recently in church, please look in the lost and found drawer located in the gathering space of the church. Unclaimed items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

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MAY 8, 2016 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

5:00 PM Ma	ay7 Fr	. Festus
For Bernice Kaye &	Servers	Jackie Hoerner
Julia Pavco Requested by Joe Pavco	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00A
8:30 AM Ma	ay 8 Fi	r. Roodbeen
For Gravilla Family Requested by Croitori Family	Servers	John Smith Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Yvonne Nemeth 8:30A
10:15 AM May 8 Fr. Festus		
For Walter & Sophie Wolski Requested by Josephine Meyers	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Ashley Grabinski Claire Pagnucco
	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15A
12:00 Noon May 8 Fr. Festus		
For Giuseppina Margani	Servers	Fernando Guerra Angie Guerra
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Nazzareno Troiani	Lectors/ Ushers	Christine Greig 12:00B
Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks		

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks <u>May 7 and May 8</u> Team B
<u>May 14 and May 15</u> Team A

Offertory Snapshot

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Actual Offertory for Weekend of April 17	\$ 10,716.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of April 17	\$ 9,334.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - April 17	\$369,024.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - April 17	\$391,998.00

CHRISTIAN SERVICE



PARISH PICNIC

It's almost that time of year again for our annual parish picnic! This year, the picnic will take place on Sunday, June 5th, from 1-4:30 PM. As usual we will need some wonderful people to

volunteer to help with some things. It's always nice to see some new faces so if you or someone you know is interested in helping, you can call Candy Desjarlais at Christian service at 248-476-7677 Ext. 204 or you can email me as well at desjarlais.candy@gmail.com



We are also in need of baked goods for the picnic if you can help in any way with this please call Christian service as well. Thanks!

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS ...

May Health Observances www.cdc.gov/stroke/stroke awareness month.htm Better Hearing and Speech... www.asha.org/bhsm

June Health Observances National Cancer Survivors Day ... www.ncsd.org

Dates to remember: May 3 - Heartsaver First Aid Class 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM (please contact Mary Hoots to register)

May 15 - Blood Pressure Screening

Please check out the Health Ministry table in the social hall. Help yourself to any of the handouts. Barbara Seabolt Parish Health Ministry

blseabolt@mi.rr.com

SCRIPTURE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW AT ST. GERALD PARISH WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 7:00 PM (MAY 4 IS THE LAST EVENING OF THIS STUDY)

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 the Gospel of Matthew.

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study.

Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides. No need to register.

Tim's Tidbits

Christ has Risen! Indeed, He has Risen!

Below you will see two articles about **Pentecost**. The reading from Acts, can be done with different languages. If you can read or speak another language, please let me know. Either by calling me at 248-476-7677 x 202 or emailing at timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com. Also, wear Red to Church on **Pentecost**, and bring along a red geranium that day. They will be planted on the campus to beatify our parish grounds.

Our Synod Dialogue Sessions have taken off. There will be one more on Saturday, May 14 at 9:00 AM. Synods can change Archdiocesan policy and how it does its business. They do not happen often. In fact, in the Archdiocese, we have only had 10 synods since 1833, the last being in 1969. It's important to receive your input, if you can not make it to one of the sessions we have at St. Gerald's, there are other neighboring parishes that are having sessions. Please go to aod.org/synod16 and click on the "Parish Dialogue Sessions" link. This will provide you with information about the sessions being held locally. Prayerfully in this Easter Season!

PARLEZ VOUS FRANCAIS?

On Sunday, May 15th, the Solemnity of Pentecost will be upon us. We, as members of the Church, will celebrate the gift of the Spirit to all people on Pentecost Sunday, the Birthday of the Church. We will be proclaiming the Scriptures in various languages; the first reading in particular. If you can read or speak in another language, and wish to participate in the reading please contact Tim Westfall at 248-476-7677 x 202. Maybe you would like to proclaim the Scriptures in your native language or a learned language. We will have copies of the readings available. Just let us know of your interest. If interested, please call or email. Thank you.

Red Geraniums For Pentecost



On Pentecost Sunday, which is May 15th this year, the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit with the symbolic color of red. We invite you to bring a potted red geranium to decorate our sanctuary with on Pentecost Sunday. Just bring a potted red geranium and place it in the sanctuary. The following week, the red

geraniums will be planted on the parish grounds to beautify our campus all season long. Thank you.

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.



BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus is having a baby bottle drive for Mother and Unborn Baby Care. We will be handing out baby bottles on Mothers' day and collecting them on Fathers' day. The Right To Life movement is a big part of being a Knight and our religion. So please pick up a baby bottle and fill with your change, dollars or a check. Make checks payable to Mother and Unborn Baby Care. Thank You. God be with you and your family.



THE NEW EVANGELIZATION IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Archbishop Vigneron encourages everyone, of any age, to participate in SYNOD 2016.

Join us here at St. Gerald, on Saturday, May 14th at 9:00 AM to give your input at a dialogue session with other parish members and our community.

Hospitality and refreshments will be available.

Other area churches are also offering dates that may suit your schedule; visit AOD.org for more details.



Last Sunday, fifteen children received the sacrament of First Communion. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey.

A look at the week ahead:

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. GERALD:

Friday, May 6th - Theology on Tap at The Italian-American Club of Livonia June - Movie Night "The Way" with Martin

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Future Game Night dates to be announced soon.

(save the dates and watch for details)



Volunteers interested in promoting St. Gerald Church at the Farmington Founder's

Festival Thurs-Sat. July 14, 15, 16 are asked to call Gerryanna at 248-477-5098.



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF **FRANCES PISCOPINK**

+ June 11, 1921 April 25, 2016

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS...

Mac and Cheese Canned Fruit Canned Spaghetti or Ravioli Pudding or Jello Snack Packs Brown Paper Grocery Bags Juice Boxes Tuna Fish Dish Detergent Snacks for Children



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8:40 am Rosary	8:40 am Rosary 9:15 am Mass	8:40 am Rosary 9:15 am Mass	10:30 am SVDP Meeting 11:30 am	First Friday (Eucharistic Adoration following morning Mass)	Bundle Days CSA Kickoff 9:15 am Mass	The Ascension of the Lord Bundle Days
9:15 am Mass 7:00 pm	9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 10:30 am First Aid	7:00 pm Vicariate Bible	Farmington Area Interfaith Luncheon	9:15 am Mass	3:30 pm Confessions	CSA Kickoff Mother's Day
Evangelization Meeting	Training 2:00 pm Nursing Home Mass 7:00 pm K of C Officers' Meeting	Study	6:20 pm Rosary 7:00 pm Mass 7:30 pm K of C Open House	7:30 pm Holy Hour 8:00 pm AA Meeting	5:00 pm Mass 5:00 pm Indian American Assoc.	8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 12:00 pm Mass

Come Join us for 2016 Farmington Area VBS Opportunities!



Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Fabian and St. Gerald parishes are working together to offer two opportunities 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 one or both of these exciting weeks of stories, crafts, dramas, games and snacks. Registrations are limited to the first 90 at each location and are open to those entering **Kindergarten through 4**th **grade**. Registration forms are below and are to be returned to the host parish.

For more information, contact **St. Fabian** at 248 553-4860 or **St. Gerald** at 248 476-7677

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COME MEET JESUS!	Fiesta! Get Fired Up About Jesus!!!
St. Fabian June 20-24, 2016 9:00 AM—12:00 PM	St. Gerald August 1-5, 2016 10:15 AM—1:00 PM
Name	Name
Address	Address
City	City
Zip Code	Zip Code
Phone	Phone
Email	Email
Grade in SeptemberSchool	Grade in SeptemberSchool
Any placement requests (siblings or friends)?	Any placement requests (siblings or friends)?
Food Allergies or other medical conditions?	Food Allergies or other medical conditions?
Opt out of pictures for bulletin, website?	Opt out of pictures for bulletin, website?
Parent Signature	Parent Signature
Emergency (cell) Phone	Emergency (cell) Phone
Fee: \$25.00checks made payable to St. Fabian ST. FABIAN CHURCH KINDLY RETURN THIS FORM TO OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS FORMATION 32200 W. 12 Mile Rd. Farmington Hills, MI 48334 (248) 553-4860	Fee: \$15.00checks made payable to St. Gerald ST. GERALD CHURCH KINDLY RETURN THIS FORM TO OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS FORMATION 21300 Farmington Road Farmington MI 48335 (248) 476-7677

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KNIGHTS CORNER Membership Drive and Reception for Prospects Take Center Stage This Week

Fred Gerometta, one of the Council's most active members, heads up a full lineup of candidates in our annual election at the May 17 membership meeting. Now the Deputy Grand Knight, Gerometta was nominated for Grand Knight for a one year term beginning July 1.

Others nominated were current Chancellor Dave Bednarski for Deputy Grand Knight, Frank Gariepy for Chancellor, Roger Stacey for Recorder, Larry Swanson for Treasurer, Jerome Williams for Advocate, PGK Rich Smith for Warden, Michael Rometty and Jack Davis for Guards and Bill Croitori for Trustee. Nominations remain open. They will close during the May 17 meeting when voting will take place.

At this Sunday's masses, the Council is making a pitch for new members. Prospects and their families are being invited to a reception in the Social Hall at 7:30 PM Thursday, May 5. You and your spouse can support this effort by attending and welcoming the prospects. Light refreshments will be served.

Brothers who lack the third degree of our Order can remedy the situation by attending a degree ceremony Monday, May 9 at nearby Our Lady of Sorrows church. Contact Membership Director Shatomi Kerbawy at 248-434-7561 so he can reserve a spot and find a member to escort you. Registration is at 6 PM.

Our Council again will be supporting an area pregnancy center, Mother and Unborn Baby Care in Southfield, with a baby bottle drive from Mothers' Day, May 8, through Fathers' Day, June 19. If you can help hand out bottles after the May 7-8 weekend masses, call PGK Bruce Roberts at 248-756-9257.

A few painters are sought May 13-14 to help refurbish an outdoor breezeway at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery, located at 13 Mile Road and Northwestern Hwy. Last week's article incorrectly listed a different location. If you can help, contact Frank Gariepy at 248-982-7782.

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday. (secretary at lunch Noon—12:30)

STAFF

Reverend Festus Ejimadu, Pastor(248) 477-7470	
Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate	
Email: timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com	
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistantx 212	
Email: stgeraldsecretary@vahoo.com	

All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

Christian Services Candy Desjarlais: Christian Ser Email: desjarlais.can	vice Coordinator x 204 dy@gmail.com
St. Vincent de Paul	x 220
Education Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201 Email: taylor.mary04@yahoo.com	
Youth Ministry Theresa Smithx 203 Email: stgeraldym@gmail.com	
Music Ministry Mary Zelinski, Director of Music	
Ministries Assistant - Purchaser Cathy Long	
	Accountant Kim Shepard

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.

SACRAMENTS

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.



Thank you to

everyone who

showed up last Saturday to help clean up the outside of St. Gerald property. The grounds look beautiful. Your help and commitment are very much appreciated!



