



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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JUNE 26, 2016

Dear Parishioners,

“There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens. A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to uproot the plant ...” Eccl 3:1

It is with mixed emotions that I am writing one of my last messages to you as I accept my new assignment in Washington Twp. Seven years ago, I came in the midst of challenging times with a parish that was divided. At the time, an audit was conducted that stated the parish was about a month away from being financially in the red. There were too many employees, and there was excessive spending that was not consistent with the parish income. Realizing the difficulties that simmered, the archbishop appointed me your pastor to help restore unity and keep the parish viable. The task was very steep and daunting. While some parishioners did not give me the chance to achieve this aim, those who did worked hard to claim ownership of this beloved parish. You were kind and gracious to give me the opportunity to minister to you in ways that I considered humbling. Along the way, you came to my assistance with your prayers and support in the work of making St. Gerald a welcoming parish model within our vicariate.

In order to be sustainable, I made some hard decisions by reducing the workforce in the parish and slashing the salaries of the remaining employees. I instructed the staff to cut down on purchases of all kinds while monitoring the day to day expenses. In addition to the parish Special Needs Collection, I introduced the annual festival as a way to augment our income. These efforts moved us from the brink of bankruptcy to being in the black with our finances. Today, we have two accounts with the Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD); The Loan Deposit program (LDP), and the Changing Lives Together (CLT). The combined accounts have over \$300,000. There is no one single person that made this achievement happen, rather it was a collective effort from every parishioner; your generosity was at work. Each time I called upon you for financial assistance relating to the needs of the parish, you stepped up to the plate. For that, I am truly thankful.

During my time as your pastor, we purchased a brand new HVAC system for heating and cooling of the Church. We replaced the Air Conditioning Unit in the Social Hall and put a new roof on the Social Hall and Classrooms. Old carpets in the Social Hall were removed and new carpet was installed. We built a new Garage for storage and constructed a Grotto of the Blessed Mother. Again, these were made possible because of your stewardship.

As a church, our first priority is the teaching and preaching of the Word of God. You should be proud that you have a great Religious Education Director, Ms. Mary Taylor, who basically works for peanuts but has given our children great instructions in religious education through her knowledge and patience. Year after year, we prepare children for First Holy Communion, and graduate older children for Confirmation. This is a sign of a vibrant church and we are proud of it. In my preaching, I have always shared with you that our God is merciful, and he is love. We must not be afraid or ashamed to approach him when we have strayed from his path. But we must be willing to be found! This is why He is God and we are not. Even in our weakness, God seeks to strengthen us. But we must be willing to be healed!

Finally, I want to tell you that no pastor can accomplish anything in the parish without the support of the parishioners no matter how hard he tries. You have been by my side all through these years, that without you, it would have been practically impossible. At the early moments of my stay, it was your encouragement that sustained me, and your prayers that strengthened me. As I bid you farewell, I ask that you accord to my successor the same encouragement and support that you have shown me. Fr. Nowak is excited to be part of this community, and he will lead you in making St. Gerald parish a place to be spiritually replenished. For the first year, he is titled an Administrator, then, he will become the Pastor in his second year. He is originally from Poland and has been a priest for twelve years. He has been in the archdiocese for about nine years working in various parishes. Please be patient with him and give him the chance to unveil his agenda and support him through your prayers. I pray that we will find new paths for us that will bring us closer to Him.

Blessings! In His vineyard, I remain,

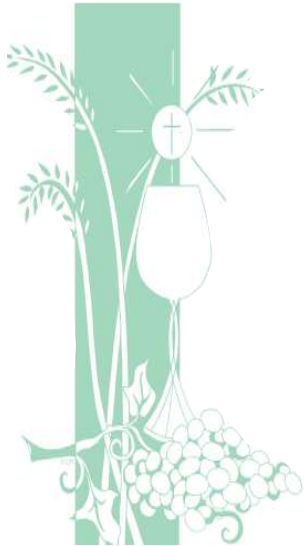
Fr. Festus Ejimadu

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.

A Week Ahead

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS
 JUNE 27 - JULY 2**



Monday 9:15 AM
Marino and Carolla Canini
 Requested by Graziano Canini

Tuesday 9:15 AM
George and Margret Magini
 Requested by Croitori Family
 and

Fr. Festus Ejimadu
 Requested by Sandy and Jamie Crenshaw

Wednesday 9:15 AM
Marino and Carolla Canini
 Requested by Graziano Canini

Thursday 7:00 PM
For All Our Parishioners

Friday 9:15 AM
Marino and Carolla Canini
 Requested by Graziano Canini

Saturday 9:15 AM
Marino and Carolla Canini
 Requested by Graziano Canini

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: AM 2:6-10, 13-16/PS 50:16-23/MT 8:18-22
TUESDAY: AM 3:1-8; 4:11-12/PS 5:4-8/MT 8:23-27
**WEDNESDAY: VIGIL: ACTS 3:1-10/PS 19:2-5/
 GAL 1:11-20/JN 21:15-19**
**DAY: ACTS 12:1-11/PS 34:2-9/2 TM 4:6-8, 17-18/
 MT 16:13-19**
THURSDAY: AM 7:10-17/PS 19:8-11/MT 9:1-8
FRIDAY: AM 8:4-6, 9-12/PS 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131/
 MT 9:9-13
SATURDAY: AM 9:11-15/PS 85:9-14/MT 9:14-17
NEXT SUNDAY: IS 66:10-14C/PS 66:1-7, 16, 20/
GAL 6:14-18/LK 10:1-12, 17-20 OR 10:1-9
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 (For a list of daily readings: go to <http://www.usccb.org/nab>)

**JULY 3, 2016
 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM July 2 Fr. Kris

For Bernice, Louis & Dennis Kaye & Joann Pavco Requested by Joe Pavco	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00A

8:30 AM July 3 Fr. Kris

For George & Catherine Croitori Requested by Croitori Family	Servers	Gabe Smith John Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani 8:30C

10:15 AM July 3 Fr. Kris

For Leonora Valente Requested by Cosimo Valente & Family	Servers	Ashley Grabinski
	Lector/ Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri 10:15A

12:00 Noon July 3 Fr. Kris

For Dennis Paslawski Requested by Christine Paslawski	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

July 2 and July 3
Team B

July 9 and July 10
Team C

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of June 12	\$ 7,710.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of June 12	\$ 9,334.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - June 12	\$442,762.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - June 12	\$466,662.00



First Friday, July 1st
Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament from
10 AM - 9 AM Saturday
Scheduled Adorers Needed
Sign-up sheets in narthex



Please join us for a Farewell
 Celebration Sunday,
 following the 12 noon Mass in the
 social hall honoring Fr. Festus Ejimadu.



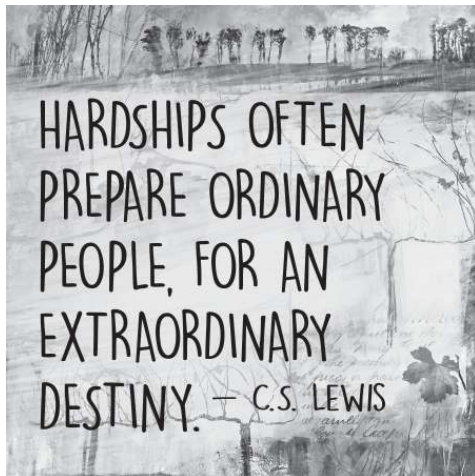
REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES

Registration forms have been mailed!

If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the program last year, please contact Mary Taylor at 248.476.7677 ext. 201 or via email at taylor.mary04@yahoo.com and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Return these forms as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation classes, grades 7 and 8, will gather on alternate Sunday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Students in grades 1-6 may choose to attend classes either on Mondays from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM or Tuesdays from 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM. The Preschool and Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) class will be held during the 10:15 AM Mass. Registration forms are due by August 1st. If you had children in the program last year and did not receive a registration form, or have any questions please contact Mary Taylor at 248.476.7677, ext. 1 or taylor.mary04@yahoo.com.

REMINDER: Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit children of the parish are to receive two full years of religious formation before reception of a sacrament.



We joyfully announce the union of:

Andrea Camilleri and Elliott Valkanos

Andrea and Elliott exchanged vows on Saturday, June 25th at St. Gerald Parish.

May your days be blessed!

Tim's Tidbits

This weekend, we come together to say farewell to our outgoing pastor, Fr. Festus, of seven years. I found a sediment online and a prayer as we transition.

“Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some people move our souls to dance. They awaken us to a new understanding with the passing whisper of their wisdom. Some people make the sky more beautiful to gaze upon. They stay in our lives for awhile, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.”

~ Flavia Weedn

God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on our parish, St. Gerald, and guide us during our time of transition.

We are saying “Farewell” to our Pastor and friend, Fr. Festus, and are grateful to you for his 7 years with us. We will also be saying “Welcome” to our new Pastor, Fr. Kris, and ask that you bless and guide him.

We are filled with faith, energized by the power of your love and united in the mission entrusted to us. We need your grace to be receptive to this change and view it as an invitation to conversion and growth.

We pray this in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

May we hold all in prayer in the coming weeks.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULTS – R.C.I.A.

Do you know someone who would like to be **BAPTIZED? OR CONFIRMED? OR become CATHOLIC? GOT QUESTIONS?**

SUMMERTIME INQUIRY MEETING –

July 13 at 6 PM
August 8 at 6 PM
In Room 2

FULL WEEKLY SCHEDULE begins in September. Call Tim Westfall at 248-477-7470 to sign up or email at Timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ushers, greeters, communion ministers, lectors, altar servers and sacristans are needed for Saturday and Sunday Masses. Don't worry about needing experience—we will train you! See Tim Westfall for more information. Either call at 248-477-7470 x202 or email at timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com or after Mass.

EVANGELIZATION

- Engaging
- Virtue
- Adoration
- Nourishing
- Goodness
- Eternal
- Living
- Infinite
- Zealous
- All Powerful**
- Tradition
- Inspire
- Oneeness
- Nourishing

Come join us at the booth...

St. Gerald Church will be represented at the Farmington Founder's Festival Thurs-Saturday, July 14-16. Come support our parish and share the Good News of our works; Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent DePaul, St. Al's Food Pantry, CORE Nigeria, Vacation Bible School, and more.

We will have music, handouts, treats and activities. Share your faith and share the information.

Vacation Bible School is caliente! Teen and adult volunteers are needed to help out for the Fiesta themed VBS on August 1-5 from 10:15 AM to 1:00 PM

Call Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677 or Gerryanna at 734-341-1999. These are many ways to evangelize to your neighbors, friends and strangers. Come share your *love of CHRIST*.



Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to CSA. If you haven't turned in your pledge card, please drop it in the Sunday collection basket, mail it in with the envelope provided or drop it off in the Parish Office. If you have not picked up your CSA card, they are still available in the Parish Office. Please help us reach our goal! Your generosity and support is very much appreciated!

CSA - RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Vacation Bible schools allow children to enjoy themselves while growing spiritually. Through the archdiocesan Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools, your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal support the work of catechists, who plan vacation Bible schools in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. These faith-filled weeks during the summer help children learn about Jesus in a relaxing and fun way.

Dedicated catechists also teach our faith in parishes and Catholic schools. Their mission includes helping others to reflect on their Catholic faith and understand its purpose in today's world.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.AOD.org.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Food Assistance Available

Know someone with limited resources who is choosing between food purchases and other necessities? The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) helps eligible individuals and families including seniors to save money on groceries to pay bills, for medications, clothes, and other necessities. Thanks in part to generous support from the Walmart Foundation, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) is helping residents of Oakland, Macomb, and Wayne counties to quickly learn if they are eligible and enroll. Make a confidential call to CCSEM today at 248-338-4250 ext. 3700!

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 and their name will be added to our prayers.



NEEDED - a volunteer to be area head for the rose garden and space beneath the window/stained glass on the west side, front of church. Two volunteers have done much of the clearing, weeding and some planting, but have areas of their own and cannot give the continued care needed. Thank you, Jon and Jean!

Did we reach any of the hedge-trimmer owners {esp. a long-bladed one} and "guilt" some volunteer hours? Call one of the garden committee members for direction! They are Gerryanna Luscri at 734-341-1999, Johanna Ward at 248-478-2849, Nancy Lacey at 248-943-6272 or John McLoughlin at 248-739-2494.

FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

All widowed men and women are invited to join us to celebrate a special Mass for Widowed on Sunday, July 17th at 2:30 PM at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth, MI., followed by a luncheon and fellowship. Check-in by 2:15 for Mass at 2:30. Come worship together and meet new friends in a safe, friendly, and supportive setting. For more information call Gerry at 734-259-5024. Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at www.widowedfriends.org



COME CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St.

Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org

Come Join us for VBS!

St. Gerald parish is offering an opportunity 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 an exciting week of stories, crafts, dramas, games and snacks. Registrations are limited to the first 90 and are open to those entering **Kindergarten through 4th grade.**



Registration form is below. For more information, contact 248-476-7677, ext. 201.

Fiesta!

Get Fired Up About Jesus!!!

**St. Gerald
August 1-5, 2016
10:15 AM—1:00 PM**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
Zip Code _____
Phone _____
Email _____

Grade in September _____ School _____

Any placement requests (siblings or friends)?

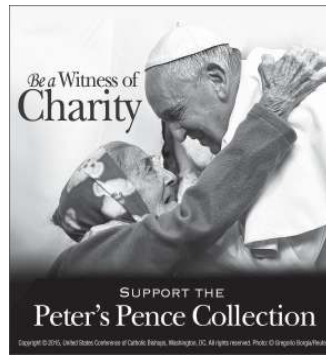
Food Allergies or other medical conditions?

Opt out of pictures for bulletin, website?

Parent Signature _____

Emergency (cell) Phone _____

Fee: \$15.00...checks made payable to St. Gerald
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Next week, our archdiocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY

GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!! The Health Ministry has scheduled a **Blood Drive for Sunday, July 17, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 1:45 PM.**



The Blood Drive appointment sheet is in the Social Hall at the Health Ministry table.

Please sign up, or call **Barbara Seabolt**, or go online to www.redcrossblood.org using sponsor code **stgeraldch**

Thank you for your support on saving many lives, by giving blood and your time.

**Barbara Seabolt
Parish Health Ministry
248-477-4752**

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK . . .

Wanda Reiner	Beth Croitori	Bill Walker
Robin Kafcas	Dick Campbell	Daron Tilburt
Andy Mosher	Rita Knight	John MacDougall
Emily Choike	Dennis Hill	Corinne Wedge
Wanda Johnson	Stephen Cleary	Ralph Wenski
Erin Malloy-Sidaway	Sofia Weiland	Nancy Kolliker
Laurie Aldrich	Margaret Joyal	Mary Ann Alcalá
Joan Preston	Andy Vermiglio	Gerry Makowski
Cyndy Fenech	Gloria Lewis	
Josephine Meyers		



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS . . .

Canned Fruit	Cereal
Jelly	Juice (large)
Cleaning Products	Dish Detergent
Snacks for Children	Juice Boxes

ELECTRONIC DEPOSIT OF DONATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT ST. GERALD. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

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.



KNIGHTS CORNER

August 6 is Pot Luck Dinner; God Speed to Fr. Festus, Our Chaplain and Brother Knight

August 6 is the date of our annual Pot luck dinner, so mark your calendar now. It again will be at the home of Fred and Diane Gerometta who have hosted the last several dinners in the spacious yard of their Farmington Hills home. Details of the main course – Council provided chicken or meat – are being worked out.

One big detail is known for certain and that is the need for someone to coordinate the remainder of the menu – the starters, sides and desserts what guests will bring. If a brother Knight and spouse can take on this task, it will be greatly appreciated. If you can help, give Program Director Tom McPhail at call at 248-875-1185. The pot luck is a great family event with ample space for kids. It also is a BYOB event, meaning that if you wish to drink something other than water, coffee or tea, you must bring it.

We start off a new fraternal year on Friday – July 1 — with a new lineup of officers several of whom have already been to a training session organized by the State K of C. A couple of informational sessions on the diocesan and district levels lie ahead for the Grand Knight, the Deputy Grand Knight and the Membership and Project Directors. The latter two meetings don't make those officers any smarter but the sessions gives them an understanding of what the State K of C's goals are along with the ever present call for new members.

With the start of a new fraternal year, the quest begins anew for new members so we can achieve Star Council status, an achievement shared by less than half the councils in the U.S. If you know a fellow parishioner who can benefit from associating with an outstanding group of Catholic men, ask them to join our Council.

The Council has been asked to help staff a booth with other parish groups during the first three days of the Farmington—Farmington Hills Founders Festival, July 14-16. A project of the parish Evangelization Committee and its chair, Gerryanna Luscri, the booth will spread the message of services and benefits of St. Gerald Church. It is a good opportunity for our Council to spread the message of the good done by the Knights of Columbus.

Best wishes to Fr. Festus, our Chaplain and fellow Knight, as he begins a new assignment in upper Macomb County. Hopefully he takes with him an appreciation of what a good and active Knights' Council can bring to a parish.

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours

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

STAFF

Reverend Festus Ejimadu, Pastor(248) 477-7470
Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate x 202
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Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant.....x 212
Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

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Candy Desjarlais: Christian Service Coordinator x 204
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St. Vincent de Paul x 220

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Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201
Email: taylor.mary04@yahoo.com

Youth Ministry

Music Ministry
Mary Zelinski, Director of Music 734-516-0133

Maintenance **Accountant**
Mark Koss Kim Shepard

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? 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. 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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