

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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 3, 2016



Hello my dear brothers and sisters in the Lord! My name is Fr. Krzysztof (Kris) Nowak and I am both excited and grateful to have recently joined your parish and to serve you as your Administrator.

I would like to thank Fr. Festus Ejimadu, the entire staff, and the whole parish community as well for already welcoming me so very warmly. You will all be in my prayers continually, and I look forward to

helping this community on the way to the Kingdom of God. I'm here for you and praying for you, and in advance, I want to thank you for your prayers for me as well!

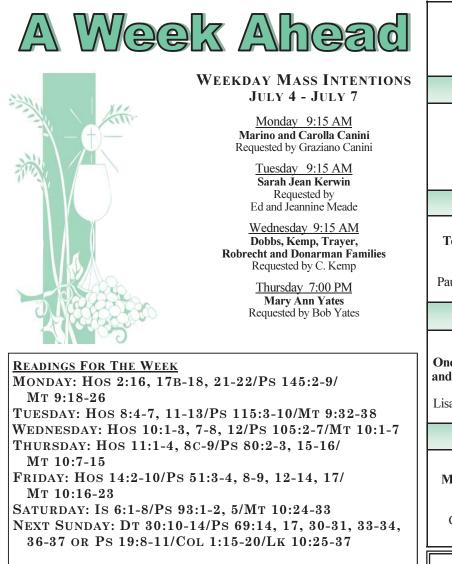
Here is a bit of information about my background. I am 39 and the first of three children born to Jan and Teresa Nowak. I was born and raised in Poland. I grew up in a small village about 40 miles from Warsaw – which is the Capital of Poland. My parents still live in Poland, and I have a younger brother Waldek, and a younger sister Malgorzata, both of them reside in Poland.

In 1999, I entered Wyzsze Seminarium Duchowne in Plock in Poland. My seminary studies lasted six years, and on June 4, 2005 I was ordained a priest. My first assignment was as an associate pastor at St. John the Baptist Parish in Golymin in Poland, where I ministered for two years. In 2007 I arrived in Detroit and served for three years at the National Shrine of the Little Flower in Royal Oak. After then I was sent to serve as associate pastor at Our Lady of the Lakes Parish in Waterford. On October 5, 2012 I started my new assignment at St. Andrew parish in Rochester. I was there for three years, and I can tell you I had a great time for me. After that, I was sent to serve at the Tri-Parish Community of Divine Savior, St. Theodore, and St. Damian in Westland. On June 6, 2016 Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron appointed me as Administrator of St. Gerald Parish in Farmington.

With a grateful heart, I am thrilled to join your parish family, and will seek to be a ready, willing and humble servant who shares God's love, joy, peace, mercy, forgiveness and precious Body and Blood with all of you.

Thank you again for your warm welcome. Please know of my daily prayers for all of you and may Mary, our Mother pray for us.

God Bless. Fr. Kris Nowak



LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS INC (For a list of daily readings: go to http://www.usccb.org/nab)

Offertory Snapshot

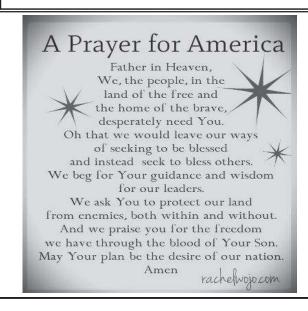
Actual Offertory for Weekend of June 19	\$	8,156.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of June 19	\$	9,334.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - June 19	\$450,491.00	
Budget Offertory July 1 - June 19	\$4	75,996.00



Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day

JULY 10, 2016 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Ju	5:00 PM July 9 Fr. Kris						
For Jerry Joyal	Servers	Servers Needed					
Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00B					
8:30 AM Ju	ly 10 Fr. I	Basaquel					
For Teagan & Nowak Families	Servers	Molly Swaine					
Requested by Paul & Mary Nowak	Lector/ Ushers	Thad Radzilowski 8:30A					
10:15 AM July 10 Fr. Kris							
For Onesta, Antonio, Neil and Giuseppe Morelli Requested by Lisa Morelli & Family	Servers	Eli Gerhart Isabelle Gerhart					
	Lector/ Ushers	Tim Wardle, Jr. 10:15B					
12:00 Noon July 10 Fr. Basaquel							
For Marino & Carolla Canini	Servers	Emma DuLong Jack DuLong					
Requested by Graziano Canini	Lectors/ Ushers	Yvonne Nemeth 12:00B					
Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks July 9 and July 10 Team C Team D							



LET US WELCOME FR. KRIS THIS WEEKEND INTO THE ST. GERALD PARISH FAMILY! WE ARE VERY BLESSED.



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. <u>Registration forms are due by</u> <u>August 1st.</u> 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 tayor.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.



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.



• ST. GERALD PARISH, FARMINGTON, MI



Blessing of the Marian Statue and Gazebo on Saturday, June 25th following the 5:00 PM Mass

MISSION SUNDAY—JULY 9 AND 10

Holy Ghost Fathers – Irish Province

The Holy Ghost Fathers are an International Missionary Congregation. They were founded in France in 1703. They are responsible for the evangelization of many African people, in countries such as Ghana, Kenya, Sierra Leone, and Tanzania. Our missionaries work in thirty five countries.

Some of our missionaries are working in very difficult situations especially in war torn countries. The Holy Ghost Fathers are involved in all kinds of missionary activities, such as pastoral ministry, the training of future priests, educational, development and agricultural work.

Our Mission Appeal this year will help to educate Seminarians especially in Ghana and Sierra Leone. Approximately \$3,000 will support a Seminarian for one year!

The Holy Ghost Fathers are grateful for your prayers and continued support. Father Tom Basaquel C.S.Sp. will speak at all Masses next weekend.

HELP NEEDED AT THE ST. ALEXANDER FOOD PANTRY

Are you able to donate a couple hours or more each week to a very worthwhile and rewarding cause. The food pantry at St. Al's is looking for a few good volunteers. You can donate as much or as little time as you would like. From 2 1/2 hours one day a week up to 2 1/2 hours four days a week. We are sure you will find this to be a very rewarding experience! If you would like more information or would like to volunteer some time, please call Linda Kingdom at 248-231-1397. Thank You!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS Pink Salmon Cans Tuna Fish Tuna or Chicken Helper Fruit Cookies

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2016 Catholic Services Appeal is well underway. Gifts to the CSA make possible a wealth of ministries, programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit each day.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited all Catholics to renew their personal relationships with our Savior, as "the joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus." In this spirit, the theme of the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal is *Celebrate the Joy of the Gospel*.

Thank you to the many who have already pledged their gifts. If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2016 Catholic Services Appeal. 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!

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

EVANGELIZATION

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 FROM YOUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE

Your generous donations during our special collection the weekend of June 18/19 amounted to \$6,842.28. We even had a donation from the proceeds of a lemonade stand run by some of our young parishioners. This will certainly help us continue the work of aiding the needy in our community. We are surely blessed with a generous parish family! If anyone would like to volunteer to work in this ministry, please call 248-476-7677 x-220 and leave a message.

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 4**th 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	•

Grade in September_____School_

Email

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 ST. GERALD CHURCH KINDLY RETURN THIS FORM TO OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS FORMATION 21300 Farmington Road Farmington MI 48335 (248) 476-7677



Peter's Pence Collection

In the second collection today, we are supporting Pope Francis in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the collection is an opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous in today's collection.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY



GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!! The Health Ministry has scheduled a Blood Drive for <u>Sunday July 17, 2016</u> <u>from 8:00 AM to 1:45 PM.</u> 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 Robin Kafcas Andy Mosher Emily Choike Wanda Johnson Erin Malloy-Sidaway Laurie Aldrich Joan Preston Cyndy Fenech Josephine Meyers Beth Croitori Dick Campbell Rita Knight Dennis Hill Stephen Cleary Sofia Weiland Margaret Joyal Andy Vermiglio Gloria Lewis Pat Centers Bill Walker Daron Tilburt John MacDougall Corinne Wedge Ralph Wenski Nancy Kolliker Mary Ann Alcala Gerry Makowski



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.



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**

KNIGHTS CORNER

Kerbawy and Loseys Named Knight and Family of the Year; Officers Meet Tuesday

Congratulations to Knight of the Year Shatomi Kerbawy and Family of the Year Darren and Sara Losey who were chosen for the Council's highest honors at the June 21 membership meeting. Brother Kerbawy was recognized for his many contributions to the Council including serving as Membership Director, Spelling Bee event manager and organizer of last November's Alta Loma neighborhood food drive that put more than 1,000 pounds of food into the St. Al's pantry.

One of the reasons the Loseys were cited is the example they set each Sunday as regular attendees of the 10:15 Mass with their four youngsters, age eight and under. They also managed a year with Darren as Grand Knight, a new job for him and a search for a roomier house.

Members at the June meeting also voted to present Fr. Festus with a \$200 cash going away present. They also approved designating the Sept. 25 pancake breakfast as the Msgr. Baldwin Memorial Benefit Breakfast. His friends and family are trying to raise \$15,000 to establish a 21-room memory unit at St. Anne's Mead nursing home in Southfield as a memorial to him. Msgr. Baldwin, a weekend assistant here for several years, spent his last four years in the care of the St. Anne's Mead facility.

Speaking of Fr. Festus, some folks hire Three Men and a Truck to move residences. Father called on Three Knights and a Truck for his move to Ss. John and Paul Church near the village of Washington in Macomb County. Brothers Rich Rosowski, Bob Kuhr and Fernando Guerra were joined by several other parishioners, including Lynn and Rob Gulick, the wife and son of our newest member Brian Gulick.

Brother Gulick's joining our Council June 21 was the last element in our Council qualifying for Star Council status, an award bestowed by the national K of C for the second consecutive year.

The quest for a three peat starts with Tuesday when the new fraternal year begins with Fred Gerometta at the helm. He is expected to lay out his agenda for the year as well as announce his choices for several Director positions.

Keep Informed of Council Doings, Read the Knights Corner in Sunday's The Voice!

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

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All other offices dial (248) 476-7677							
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St. Vincent de Paul		x 220					
Education Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201 Email: taylor.mary04@yahoo.com							
Youth Ministry							
Music Ministry Mary Zelinski, Director of Musi Maintenance Mark Koss	ic Accountant Kim Shepard	734-516-0133					

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. Kris 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. Kris 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. Kris (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. Kris 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.



