



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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24, 2016

The readings for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time take up the topic of prayer. Whether it is Abraham's prayer of petition or Jesus' prayer taught to the disciples, our faith tradition teaches us to be bold in our prayers with God.

The first reading from the Book of Genesis is a continuation from last Sunday where Abraham initially encounters three visitors. Abraham honors the visitors with his hospitality and the visitors, in turn, announce the unexpected good news of the birth of a son for Abraham and Sarah. In today's reading, Abraham also discovers that the visitors have come to investigate the report of the "sin so grave" occurring in the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. As the visitors begin their journey toward these cities, it is reported that "the LORD remained standing before Abraham." So Abraham decides to pose a question to God: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty?" Abraham's question to God stems from his concern for his nephew Lot; Lot and his family, who did not participate in the grave sin of Sodom, were living in the city of Sodom (see Gn 14:11-12). Abraham then asks a series of questions that really addresses the question of divine retribution: How does God judge and discipline us? Are innocent people sometimes punished for the sins of the guilty people? The question about divine retribution is both an ancient and a modern one. Abraham teaches us to have faith in God who invites us to be in dialogue with him, even on the tough questions like divine retribution. This first reading teaches us to ask these questions in prayer, to be bold in our dialogue with God invites us to be in dialogue with him, even on the tough questions like divine retribution. This first reading teaches us to ask these questions in prayer, to be bold in our dialogue with God.

In the Gospel reading for today, we hear Jesus teach a very similar lesson on prayer to his disciples. Still on his journey to Jerusalem with the crowds, opponents, and disciples following him, Luke reports (once again) that Jesus went off to a deserted place to pray by himself. When Jesus finished praying, one of his disciples asked Jesus, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." Jesus takes the opportunity to teach his disciples what we call today the "Our Father" prayer. (Compare this shorter version in Lk 11:2-4 with the more familiar version of Mt 6:9-13). Like Abraham's prayer to God, this prayer is bold. It acknowledges our total dependency on God, challenges us to forgive others, and speaks of "the final test." Jesus then goes on to elaborate what he means with this simple prayer. Be persistent in your prayers to God; God will listen. Do not be afraid to ask, seek, and knock on the door; God will respond with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Jesus teaches us to have a persistent faith that constantly seeks God as the source of addressing our wants and needs.

In the second reading from his Letter to the Colossians, Paul speaks about the cross of Christ removing the obstacles (the legal claims of the Mosaic law) that separated Jews from Gentiles. Most scholars argue Paul is writing primarily to a Gentile Christian audience because of the language he uses in describing the recipients of this letter: "you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh." For Paul, through our common faith in the crucified and resurrected Christ, all believers (whether Jew or Gentile) experience the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus through the sacred ritual of baptism.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

A Week Ahead

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS JULY 25 - JULY 28



Monday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and Donarman Families
Requested by C. Kemp

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Edward Berger
Requested by Julee Berger

Wednesday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and Donarman Families
Requested by C. Kemp

Thursday 7:00 PM
Blessing for Wruckowski Family
Requested by Parents

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 2 COR 4:7-15/PS 126:1-6/MT 20:20-28
TUESDAY: JER 14:17-22/PS 79:8-11, 13/MT 13:36-43
WEDNESDAY: JER 15:10, 16-21/PS 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18/
 MT 13:44-46
THURSDAY: JER 18:1-6/PS 146:1-6/MT 13:47-53
FRIDAY: JER 26:1-9/PS 69:5, 8-10, 14/JN 11:19-27 OR
 LK 10:38-42
SATURDAY: JER 26:11-16, 24/PS 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
 MT 14:1-12
NEXT SUNDAY: ECCL 1:2; 2:21-23/PS 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/
 COL 3:1-5, 9-11/LK 12:13-21

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



**PLEASE RETURN YOUR
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If you have not already turned in your pledge card, please consider making a donation to help us reach our goal of \$72,484.00. Currently we have pledges in the amount of \$58,692.00, which is 80% of our goal. If you are unable to make a donation at this time, simply return your CSA card and indicate this on the front of the card. Thank you for your generosity in helping our parish meet its goal for programs we all benefit from through the Archdiocese of Detroit.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of July 10	\$ 8,298.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 10	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - July 10	\$19,249.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - July 10	\$17,600.00

JULY 31, 2016 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM July 30 Fr. Kris		
For Fran Rogala Requested by Children	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Ellen Stacey 5:00A
8:30 AM July 31 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Edward Fenech Requested by Yolanda Fenech	Servers	John Smith Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani 8:30A
10:15 AM July 31 Fr. Kris		
For Dorothy & Morris VanBelle Requested by VanBelle Family	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco
	Lector/ Ushers	Rick Stone 10:15B
12:00 Noon July 31 Fr. Kris		
For Louis Siembor Requested by Bernadine Gierak	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Christine Greig 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

July 30 and July 31
Team C

August 6 and August 7
Team B



**New Weekday
Mass Schedule
Effective
Monday, August 1st**

Monday
9:15 AM

Tuesday
9:15 AM

***Wednesday
NO MORNING MASS**

Thursday
7:00 PM

***Friday**
9:15 AM

**Please
note
changes**



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.*



Together with Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Detroit, all parishes are asked to participate in Mercy Day in Action on October 1st. St. Gerald will join together with St. Fabian, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Andrew Kim to go out into the community on this day and do mercy acts.

Just an example of a couple projects we have decided on as a group are; to clean up historical cemeteries in the Farmington and Farmington Hills area and at Our Lady of Sorrows we will be assembling blessing bags for the homeless. These are just two examples. We have a few other projects planned as well.

Mercy Day in Action will start at Our Lady of Sorrows on October 1st at approximately 8:30 AM and conclude back at Our Lady of Sorrows at 1:00 PM for lunch and closing prayer. I know this will be an amazing day as we go out into the community and do God's work.

Please email me if this is something you would be interested in at desjarlais.candy@gmail.com or call me at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Thank you, Candy Desjarlais, Christian Service Coordinator

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.

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

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 –
 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

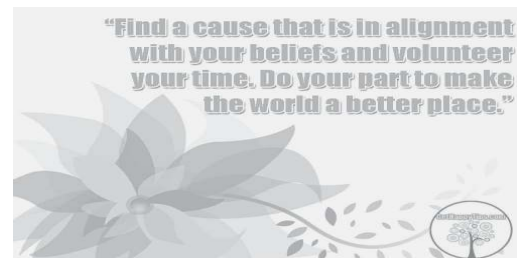
VOLUNTEER

Your Time & Services



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.

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL - YOUTH MINISTRY

Millions of youth from around the world are now gathered in Krakow, Poland, for World Youth Day 2016. Pilgrims in the Archdiocese of Detroit unable to travel to Poland are attending World Youth Day Home this weekend, and celebrating their faith in solidarity with those gathered overseas.

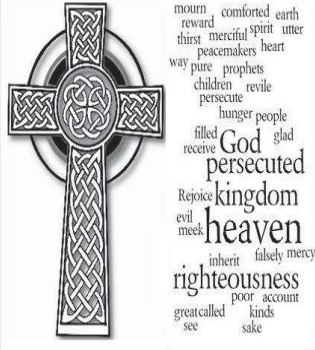
Pope John Paul II began the tradition of World Youth Day, Saturday and Sunday, July 30-31, which includes catechesis, fellowship, worship, and renewal. World Youth Day Home is being held at St. Mary Parish, Orchard Lake, which will feature Mass with Archbishop Allen Vigneron, a pilgrimage walk, prayer, live music, Polish culture, and sleeping outside.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal support the important work of the Youth Ministry Office, which empowers our youth to live as disciples of Jesus Christ and actively witness their faith.

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

EVANGELIZATION

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**Summer is vacation time
...a great time for sharing and
spreading
the Love of God.**

**Invite friends or family over for
fellowship.**

Help someone with yard work.

Visit someone sick, or lonely.

**Donate clothes, food or time to
those in need.**

Pray more.

Volunteer and make a difference!



**Help is needed with our FIESTS Vacation Bible
School Program August 1-5. Teens and adult
helpers please contact Mary Taylor.**

**Movie Nights and Game Nights will
resume in September. Watch for dates
and times.**



**Our Fall Festival will be happening
September 9 & 10. Mark your
calendars and plan for a great time.**



RAFFLE TICKETS FOR PARISH FESTIVAL AVAILABLE

Stop into the Office to pick up your Parish
Festival raffle tickets. Tickets are \$5 each
or a book for \$100. First prize is \$3000!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

At St. Gerald we welcome all and encourage anyone 18 years of age and older to become registered members of the Parish.

Registration is a simple process that is done at the Parish Office during office hours 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday or by picking up a Registration form located on the book shelf in the gathering space of the church and sliding a completed form under the Parish Office door. Keeping our records current is also important. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please call the information into the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. If you are moving from our parish, please let us know.

SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

South Oakland Shelter at North Congregational Church will be the week of August 14th through 21st. Volunteering and Donations of food will be coordinated through the North Congregational website - NorthCongregationalChurch.org - by clicking on the links in the center on their home page. If you do not have an e-mail account (a required field) or are uncomfortable signing up online you may call the coordinator, Danny Hawkins, at 248 217-1750 and he will enter the information for you. Thank you for making our S.O.S. guests feel welcomed and supported.



FALL 2016 SCRIPTURE STUDY CONTINUE THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

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 with the Gospel of Matthew (followed by The Gospel of John).

Location: **St. Gerald Church
Farmington, MI**

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

Dates: **September 14, 2016 –
November 16, 2016**

**All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish
Scripture Study.** Bring your Bible
and/or Ignatius Study guides. No need
to register. Also bring your coffee/
water...

Contact Diane Blankenship
(dlb882@gmail.com) if you have
questions or 248-477-7470.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Tuna or Chicken
Cookies

Macaroni and Cheese
Tuna or Chicken Helper
Canned Vegetables or Soup



**Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend**

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.

ALL FORMS DUE MONDAY, JULY 25TH

Fiesta!

Get Fired Up About Jesus!!!

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

Name _____

Address _____

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Any placement requests (siblings or friends)?

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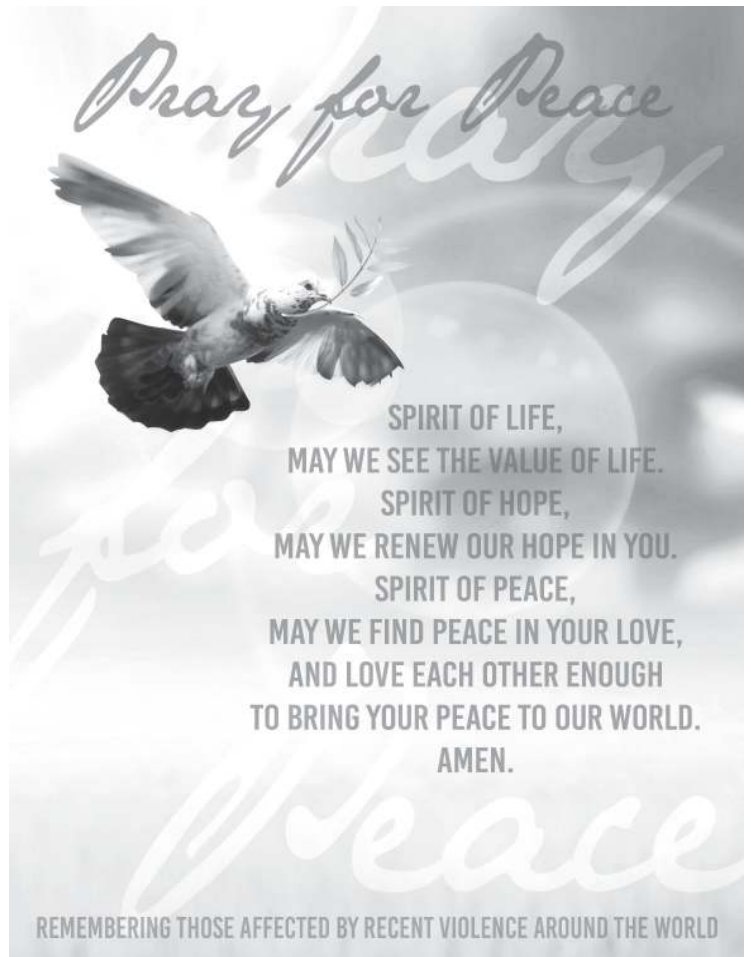
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PRIESTLY VOCATIONS: SEMINARY DAY FOR ALTAR BOYS ON AUGUST 5TH

As a parish community we can assist the young people in our parish to remain disciples of Christ by encouraging them to hear and answer God's call in their lives. If a young man you know is an altar boy and is in 7th grade or older, invite and encourage him to attend the *Seminary Day for Altar Boys* hosted by the Office of Priestly Vocations held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. For young men in 7th grade to High School senior. Registration and information may be found on our website: www.detroitpriest.com

LIBRARY REMINDERS...

Please come visit our library located in the southwest vestibule of the church building. You are welcome to take a book home to read, all we ask is that when you borrow a book to be sure to sign it out. Also make sure to return your book when finished, so others can enjoy it as well.



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
Pat Centers		



KNIGHTS CORNER

Communion Mass Next Sunday; Bring Family and Dish to Pass to Aug. 6 Pot Luck

Another Corporate Communion is on tap next Sunday, a time for the Knights and their families to demonstrate the spiritual side of our Order. Come a few minutes early to the 10:15 AM Mass and sit together in the front of the center section in front of the lector. Council shirts or business attire with your badge is the dress of the day.

Chicken it is! Pieces of the bird will be grilled and served as the entre of our Pot Luck dinner Saturday, August 6. Bring the family. For our newest members, it is a great opportunity to get to make acquaintances, especially among the spouses. The venue is the kid-friendly yard of GK Fred and Diane Gerometta who have hosted the last several dinners. A map giving directions to their home will be e-mailed prior to the event.

If you are planning to attend, please call Ellen Stacey at 248-563-4238 or Arlene McPhail at 248-880-8156 and let them know what dish for 10 you are bringing. They are coordinating the menu so we get a balance of appetizers, sides and desserts. The event also is BYOB which means that if you and your guests want to drink something other than water, iced tea or coffee you must bring it. The event will open at 5:30 PM with dinner at 7 PM or so, accommodating the 5 PM mass-goers.

PGK Bruce Roberts reports the recent Baby Bottle Drive netted \$1,839 at last count for the Unborn Mother and Baby Pregnancy Center in Southfield with a few bottles still unreturned. A big “Thank You” to the parishioners for their generosity.

PGK Bob Brown is giving euchre lessons while in Maple Manor, 31215 Novi Road, south of 14 Mile. He is rehabbing after a bad fall that left him with an arm in a sling and a broken finger on each hand. He welcomes company, just call him first at 248-863-4755. No, you cannot claim a medical tax deduction as a co-payer if you decide to make the game “more interesting” while the Master teaches you euchre.

Rich Rosowski has agreed to resume the Treasurer’s duties on an acting basis replacing Larry Swanson who was elected in May but did not take office July 1. He announced his resignation earlier this month, stating that he and wife Beryl had made a sudden decision to move to a new house outside the parish. Our by-laws require an election to fill the vacancy. Nominations were opened at last Tuesday’s membership meeting and will remain open until election time during the August meeting, Aug. 16. **Away from home? Read The Voice on line at stgeraldparish.org**

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)

SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation:
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

Sacrament of the Sick:
Please call the office

STAFF

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Administrator (248) 477-7470
Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate x 202
Email: timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant.....x 212
Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

Christian Services

Candy Desjarlais: Christian Service Coordinator x 204
Email: desjarlais.candy@gmail.com

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 Music 734-516-0133

Maintenance

Mark Koss

Accountant

Kim Shepard

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.

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