



# 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, 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.

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 31, 2016

In the Gospel reading for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus warns against the dangers of greed. Jesus invites would-be followers not to place too much emphasis on personal possessions and monetary wealth.

As Jesus continues on his journey to Jerusalem, someone from the crowd makes a request of him: “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” Rather than get involved in family matters between siblings and inheritance rights, Jesus offers two responses. Jesus’ first immediate response is to give some simple advice, a warning against greed and the desire for material possessions. Jesus’ second and more measured response is to tell a parable to the crowd. This is the second parable that Jesus delivers on his journey to Jerusalem. Throughout the travel narrative, Jesus will deliver a total of twelve parables, nine of which are unique to the Gospel of Luke. The parable of the rich fool in today’s Gospel reading is one of the parables found only in Luke.

Discipleship in the Gospel of Luke carries a very clear set of expectations. Among other things, a disciple must keep a proper attitude toward wealth and possessions. This is a prominent Lucan theme, more so than any other Evangelist (see, for example, today’s reading, 12:13-21; 12:22-34; 14:25-38; 16:19-31; 18:18-23; 19:1-10).

Jesus sought to challenge the crowd in his presentation of the parable of the rich fool. For Jesus’ ancient audience, the rich man would have been judged as foolish and even dishonorable because he chose not to share his surplus wealth with others who would have granted him public praise and earned him an honorable reputation as a generous patron to others within his community. But Jesus discourages this typical reaction by inviting the crowd to go beyond the desire for material possessions and the acquisition of a higher honor rating; seek instead the spiritual treasure offered by God—eternal life through his Son.

The first reading is taken from the Book of Ecclesiastes. Thought to have been written in the third century BC, Ecclesiastes belongs to Israel’s wisdom tradition. The reading for today reflects Israel’s long-standing tradition on the futility of material possessions: “Vanity of vanities! All things [i.e., possessions] are vanity!” Vanity here means emptiness or futility. For the author of Ecclesiastes, the “toil and anxiety of heart” that is spent on the pursuit of material possessions is simply not worth it.

In the second reading, Paul picks up on this wisdom tradition in his letter to the Christian community in Colossae. He tells the Colossians to “think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” For Paul, what is “on earth” can only bring futility and emptiness; but what “is above” (Christ) brings spiritual fulfillment. “Earthly” things, such as “immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry” bring only self-destruction and personal suffering.

From the perspective of the ancient Israelites, American Catholics live in a land of unimaginable material possessions and wealth. The readings for today are an important reminder to us not to let material possessions and wealth be our ultimate concern. We should seek rather God’s spiritual possessions.

*Dr. Daniel J. Scholz*

# A Week Ahead

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 1 - AUGUST 6

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

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
George Kirchner  
Requested by Pat Kirchner

Wednesday 9:15 AM  
NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM  
Pearl Nichols  
Requested by Barbara DellaMora

Friday 9:15 AM  
Nicholas Tuz  
Requested by Family

Saturday 9:15 AM  
For All Our Parishioners

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: JER 28:1-17/PS 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95, 102/  
MT 14:13-21

TUESDAY: JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/PS 102:16-21, 29, 22-23/  
MT 14:22-36 OR 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY: JER 31:1-7/JER 31:10-13/MT 15:21-28

THURSDAY: JER 31:31-34/PS 51:12-15, 18-19/MT 16:13-23

FRIDAY: NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/DT 32:35-36, 39, 41/MT 16:24-28

SATURDAY: DN 7:9-10, 13-14/PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 PT 1:16-19/  
LK 9:28B-36

NEXT SUNDAY: WIS 18:6-9/PS 33:1, 12, 18-22/HEB 11:1-2, 8-19  
OR 11:1-2, 8-12/LK 12:32-48 OR 12:35-40

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



### PLEASE RETURN YOUR PLEDGE CARD TODAY!

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 \$62,617.00, which is 86% 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 17	\$ 8,208.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 17	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - July 17	\$27,457.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - July 17	\$26,400.00

## AUGUST 7, 2016 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM August 6 Fr. Kris

For <b>Fr. John Menner</b> Requested by Joe Pavco	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Tim Westfall 5:00B

8:30 AM August 7 Fr. Kris

For <b>Michael Southerland</b> Requested by Croitori Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	David Wells 8:30B

10:15 AM August 7 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>Francis &amp; Medelena Camilleri</b> Requested by Family	Servers	Ashley Grabinski
	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15C

12:00 Noon August 7 Fr. Kris

For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Servers	Emma DuLong Jack DuLong
	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00B

### Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

August 6 and August 7

Team B

August 13 and August 14

Team D



### First Friday, August 5th

Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament from  
10 AM - 9 AM Saturday  
Scheduled Adorers Needed  
Sign-up sheets in gathering  
space







**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com) or after Mass.



**FOOD DONATIONS WELCOMED**

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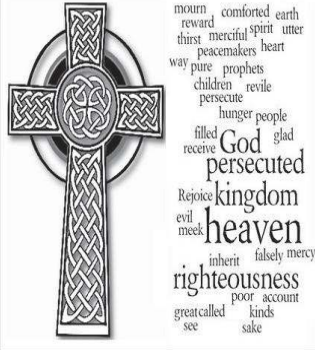
- Pillsbury Dough SHEETS**
- Pretzel Rods**
- Milk Chocolate Chips**
- Baking/Melting Chocolate**
- Sugar Cookies**
- Seedless Grapes**
- String Cheese**
- Cheese Cups**

Please drop these items off by noon this Tuesday



# EVANGELIZATION

# Blessed



**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!**



**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!

## Health Ministry News

On behalf of the Health Ministry, we want to thank all of you for your support of our recent American Red Cross blood drive. Through the cooperation of many of our church members and walk-ins, **we collected 33 pints of blood.** We exceeded our goal! The 33 units of blood collected at St. Gerald will give 99 hospital patients a chance to once again enjoy good health. It took a real team effort and we all made a difference. I want to thank everyone of you for taking the time out of your busy day. As of Friday, before the drive, we only had 16 people registered, we ended up with 42 registered. Some couldn't give for minor medical reasons, 3 were first time donors, and several were walk-ins. I want to also thank Bonnie and Dave for helping with registration, and Candy and Tony with unlocking and locking up the church. Thank you for your support on saving many lives, by giving blood and your time. Barbara Seabolt, Parish Health Ministry.

Next blood drive will be February 19 and July 16, 2017.

## 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](http://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  
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](mailto:dlb882@gmail.com)) if you have  
questions or 248-477-7470.

## FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

- Canned Fruit or Vegetables
- Canned Soup
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Tuna Fish/Chicken
- Cookies



In preparation for students heading off to college, Catholic Vantage Financial will host a free College Financial Prep 101 Workshop on Tuesday, August 3, 2016, 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM. The workshop will help students understand budgeting, payments, credit, identity theft and more. Parents are also encouraged to attend. The workshop will be held at the credit union's Plymouth branch located at 8817 Sheldon Road (Northwest corner of Sheldon and Joy). Free pizza and pop will be provided. Advance reservations are requested by calling 734-432-0212, ext. 301 or email [memberservice@mycvf.org](mailto:memberservice@mycvf.org). For more information visit [www.mycvf.org](http://www.mycvf.org)



**FOSTER GRANDPARENTS NEEDED**

Are you at least 55 years of age with maturity, wisdom, patience and the willingness to help children? Share your life experiences by volunteering as a foster grandparent in Oakland County! Volunteer during the day in local schools and youth facilities. Organized through Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, foster grandparents provide support to children with special or exceptional needs and serve as role models, tutors, mentors and friends. Serving 20 to 40 hours per week, income-eligible volunteers also receive a small stipend, pre-service orientation, and monthly in-service training sessions. Learn more about becoming a foster grandparent! Call Carol Wall at 248-559-1147, ext. 3919 or emailwallc@ccsem.org.

**FREE SENIOR EXPO IN TROY – AUGUST 24**

Learn how to embrace humor for your mind, body, and spirit at the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Senior Living and Learning Seminar on August 24 at the Troy Community Center! Hosted by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan, everything is free – onsite parking, admission, giveaways, and lunch. The expo will feature a “Laughter Works” talk. Research shows having fun is good medicine. Attend from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to freshen your brain, tickle your spirit, and learn to keep smiling. Space is limited, so please RSVP by calling Trista Johnson at 248-559-1147 ext. 3941 or email: johnsont@ccsem.org

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK . . .**

Wanda Reiner  
 Bill Walker  
 Dick Campbell  
 Andy Mosher  
 John MacDougall  
 Dennis Hill  
 Wanda Johnson  
 Ralph Wenski  
 Laurie Aldrich  
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 Stephen Cleary  
 Nancy Kolliker  
 Margaret Joyal  
 Joan Preston  
 Gerry Makowski  
 Cyndy Fenech



**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

**PRAYER FOR PEACE**

Most merciful and compassionate God.  
 Father of Peace.

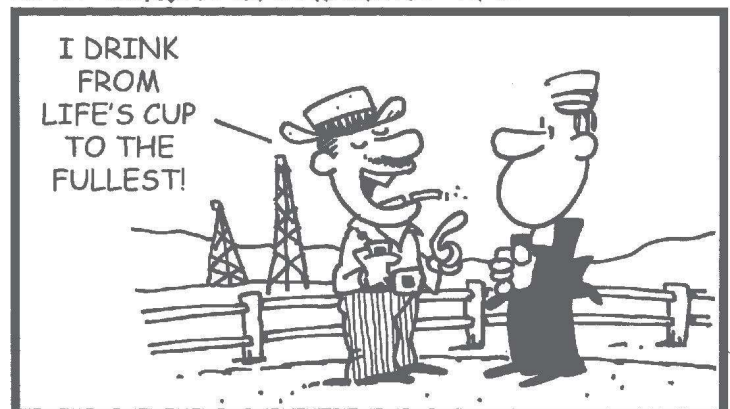
You call us to live as your sons and daughters.  
 Open the hearts and minds of people that we might work together for an end to violence anywhere in our human family.  
 May our prayers and penance and whatever suffering we endure help us to become instruments of your mercy and healing, peace and justice.

Protect all those who keep us from harm,  
 allowing us to live safe and free.



We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Mother of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.

**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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

Monday  
 9:15 AM

Tuesday  
 9:15 AM

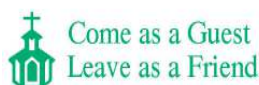
**Wednesday**  
**NO MASS**

Thursday  
 7:00 PM

**Friday**  
**9:15 AM**

**BULLETIN REMINDER**

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 12 noon on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.





### KNIGHTS CORNER

#### Still Time to Call in Dish for Next Saturday's Pot Luck Dinner

There's still time to call in your dish for next Saturday's Pot Luck dinner. Committing to a dish secures your place at the Council's biggest social event of the year. The event will start at 5:30 PM August 6 in the spacious back yard of Grand Knight Fred and Diane Gerometta, our gracious hosts for the last several years.

Ellen Stacey (248-563-4238) and Arlene McPhail (248-880-8156) are coordinating the menu. Call them with the appetizer, side, salad or dessert for 10 that you intend to bring. The Council will provide the entre – grilled by the Grand Knight himself who uses a secret marinade developed by his great grandfather in the mountains of northern Italy. Dinner will be served about 7 PM, which allows the 5 PM Mass-goers time to settle in. There will be games for the kids and adults, a bonfire and probably a sing along if someone can bring a guitar.

The Council also will be providing water, iced tea and coffee. If you wish to drink anything else – sodas, beer, wine – you must bring it. There is parking on the grass to the left of the house, in the paved circle in the front yard or along the lane. Do not park on the grass in front of the house unless you want to end up in the septic tank. Every member has been sent directions to the Gerometta's. If you need another set, contact Tom McPhail (248-875-1185).

The Council has been asked to help at the Parish Festival Sept. 9-10. Five volunteers are needed for a couple of hours for the Friday night spaghetti dinner. Saturday night we are asked to fill 15 two hour shifts in the music tent for jobs ranging from selling tickets, serving beverages or checking ages and applying wrist bands. More details at the August 16 membership meeting.

Larry Swanson is looking for a couple of Knight and spouse teams to help with the preparation of a dinner August 17 at North Congregational Church for 50 or so homeless folks as part of the South Oakland Shelter program. The Shelter can use other volunteers – drivers, laundry doers, servers at other meals – at various times in the August 14-21 period. SOS is at North Congregational. Check the display at the Church entrance for more details.

***Away from Home? Read the Knights Corner on line at [www.stgeraldparish.org](http://www.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  
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Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant.....x 212  
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**All other offices dial (248) 476-7677**

#### Christian Services

Candy Desjarlais: Christian Service Coordinator ..... x 204  
Email: [desjarlais.candy@gmail.com](mailto:desjarlais.candy@gmail.com)

St. Vincent de Paul ..... x 220

#### Education

Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education ..... x 201  
Email: [taylor.mary04@yahoo.com](mailto: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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