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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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 7, 2016

The Gospel reading for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time concludes with a sobering warning: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much, and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." Jesus directs this saying to his disciples, encouraging them to be faithful and prudent stewards to their calling until the Parousia (the second coming of Christ).

The Gospel reading for today is actually a collection of Jesus' sayings, vv. 32-34, 35-40, 41-48. The first saying is Jesus' invitation to nurture a relationship with God and ends with a pithy wisdom line: "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." The second saying offers a more directed warning to disciples to be ready for the return of Christ: "Be like servants who await their master's return from a wedding, ready to open immediately when he comes and knocks." Since many distractions and challenges of daily life can put a follower's "house" at risk, Jesus implores his disciples to "be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Peter's question to Jesus ("Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?") sets the stage for the third saying. Here Jesus speaks to the disciples of "the faithful and prudent steward" who God "put in charge" of his servants and his property. With this divine charge comes an awesome responsibility that can sometimes be neglected or squandered. In Jesus' concluding remarks to the disciples, we see Luke's perspective on the end-time and the divine judgment that follows: the demands of discipleship cannot be subject to benign neglect or misuse as the faithful await the return of Christ.

Over the next four Sundays, the second reading is taken from final section of the Letter to the Hebrews, chapters 11 and 12. Scholars debate about the historical context of Hebrews. The author is anonymous. The date of composition is plausibly anywhere between AD 60 and 90. The place of composition is unknown, although Hebrews 13:24 suggests Rome. And the writing's title, "To the Hebrews," implies a Jewish audience (as does much of the writing's content) but plenty of scholars see a mixed community of Jews and Gentiles as its target audience.

The second reading opens with a general definition of faith: "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Expanding upon this basic idea, the author cites many figures from the Old Testament who bore witness to their faith in God (for example, Abel, Enoch, Noah, Moses, and Jacob). In today's reading, we hear specifically about the faith of Abraham. Through his trust in God, Abraham received both land and descendants. And even when tested, Abraham's faith never wavered. Yet Abraham and all the other faithful figures from the Old Testament, "died in faith," not receiving "what had been promised." In citing these many Old Testament exemplars of faith, the author of Hebrews drives home the point of the privilege of the Christian community of believers to whom he is writing—they have seen and received the "promise" of God in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He urges his fellow community members, who have apparently become "sluggish in hearing" (Heb 5:11), to realize anew what they have hoped for when they first came to faith in Christ.

Disciples in every age are challenged to remain faithful to the call that first brought them to Christ. The duty—and privilege—of each generation of believers is to remain faithful until Christ's return.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

A Week Ahead



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 8 - AUGUST 12

Monday 9:15 AM
Aline Merlihan
Requested by Gail Merlihan

<u>Tuesday 9:15 AM</u> For All Our Parishioners

Wednesday 9:15 AM NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Clara Batalucco
Requested by Mary Lou Knight

Friday 9:15 AM For All Our Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: EZ 1:2-5, 24-28C/PS 148:1-2, 11-14/

MT 17:22-27

TUESDAY: Ez 2:8--3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/

MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

WEDNESDAY: 2 COR 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-9/JN 12:24-26 THURSDAY: EZ 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-59, 61-62/MT 18:21--

19:1

FRIDAY: EZ 16:1-15, 60, 63 OR 16:59-63/IS 12:2-6/

MT 19:3-12

SATURDAY: EZ 18:1-10, 13B, 30-32/PS 51:12-15, 18-19/

MT 19:13-15

NEXT SUNDAY: JER 38:4-6, 8-10/PS 40:2-4, 18/

HEB 12:1-4/LK 12:49-53

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Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of July 24 \$ 8,325.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 24 \$8,800.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - July 24 \$35,782.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - July 24 \$35,200.00

AUGUST 14, 2016 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM August 13 Fr. Kris			
For Jerry Joyal Requested by Ushers	Servers	Isabelle Gerhart Eli Gerhart	
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A	
8:30 AM August 14 Fr. Kris			
For Teagan and Nowak Families Requested by Paul & Mary Nowak	Servers	Gabe Smith John Smith	
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30C	
10:15 AM August 14 Fr. Kris			
For Carmenu Agius Requested by Family	Servers	Luke Horsburgh	
	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15A	
12:00 Noon August 14 Fr. Kris			
For Davis Family Requested by Friend	Servers	Fernando Guerra Angela Guerra	
	Lectors/ Ushers	Sue Wardle 12:00A	

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

August 13 and August 14
Team D

Erin Malloy-Tingle

August 20 and August 21 Team A

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 Nancy Kolliker Laurie Aldrich Margaret Joyal Mary Ann Alcala Joan Preston Andy Vermiglio Gerry Makowski Cyndy Fenech Josephine Meyers

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!



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 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.



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.

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.

If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the form on Page 5 of the bulletin and return it to the Parish Office.

If you have any questions please contact me at desjarlais.candy@gmail.com or call me at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Thank you, Candy Desjarlais, Christian Service

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.

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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





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.



Thanks to our secret angels, we have adequate brown bags---at least until a "Fall Clean-up Day"! However, the rectory backyard was only partly mulched in early spring and is need of 20 or so more bags of red mulch. Perhaps a few of our kind donors might fill this need...they can be stacked at the north end of the garage.



The gardens have survived our spell of heat and no rain but the need continues to watch for and pull weeds.

We hope you take some time to visit Mary's prayer garden and enjoy this peaceful grotto. Agnes Bongero has landscaped it beautifully.

DONATIONS OF FLEECE NEEDED:

One or our many projects for *Mercy Day In Action* are fleece blankets for cancer patients. We are accepting donations of 1 and 1/2 yards of two different prints of fleece to make each blanket. Please drop your donation off in the box located in the Social Hall. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER

Our week hosting South Oakland Shelter with the Muslim Community Mosque at North Congregational Church begins next Sunday, August 14th. There are still opportunities to donate food (especially breakfast and lunch meats) or volunteer to work at the shelter (especially morning drivers). Food donations of bread, cheese, eggs, breakfast meats and lunch meats are needed.

Please go to NorthCongregationalChurch.org or call Danny Hawkins at 248 217-1750 to sign up. Danny is also in need of a volunteer to do occasional supplemental grocery shopping during the week and another volunteer or volunteers to help coordinate morning car pools for the guests (this is usually done between 6:00 and 8:00 PM the evening before each morning).

SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY/INSTITUTE FOR MINISTRY Many students are registering for classes at Sacred Heart Major Seminary this month, thanks to Parish Empowerment Fund scholarships funded by gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal.

Our major seminary not only prepares men for ordination to the priesthood and the permanent diaconate, it offers degree and certificate programs for lay women and men seeking to be "new evangelists for the new millennium" at the Institute for Ministry. Through discernment and theological reflection, the institute guides and challenges commuter students to deepen their commitment to spiritual growth, attend to their call, and identify their gifts for service in the Church.

For more information about Sacred Heart Major Seminary or the Institute for Ministry, please go to www.shms.edu. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.AOD.org.



COME CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org or "like" our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.



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 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Dates: **September 14, 2016** –

November 14, 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.

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DECEMBER 21, 1923 JULY 17, 2016

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MARILYN MCEVILLY

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JULY 24, 1933 JULY 28, 2016



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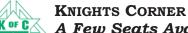


MERCY IN ACTION DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016



Volunteer Form			
Name:	Phone number:		
Email:			
Emergency contact person and phone num	nber:		
T-shirt size			
Youth	Adult Size		
ML	SMLXLXXL		
*The deadline to sign up and receive a T-shirt is September 2.			
Do you plan on returning to Our Lady of So YesNo	orrows for lunch at 12:30 pm?		
PROJECTS-Please choose a first and second choice. I First come, first served on project choices. We may need to assign volunteers to unfilled projects to meet needs.			
On Site Opportunities			
Blessing Bags (Our Lady of Sorrows)-Assemble bags with essentials for the homeless.			
Global Charities (Our Lady of Sorrows)-Assemble birthing kits			
Fleece Blankets (St. Gerald)-Make fleece blankets for cancer patients.			
Community Outreach in Farmington/Farmington Hills			
Service Saturday-Assist parishioners with basic yard or household needs.			
Wellspring Lutheran Services/New D	d build community.		
Historic Cemeteries-Beautify/clean u	p grounds to honor the dead.		

Contact Candy Desjarlais to volunteer or for more details @ 248-476-7677 ext. 204 or email desjalais.candy@gmail.com



A Few Seats Available for Aug. 10 Casino Bus Trip; Owens, Gulicks Knight and Family of the Month

If you haven't already done so, pick up a book of tickets for the raffle that is part of the parish festival. Tickets are available after Sunday mass. The Council has been asked to supply some manpower for the Sept. 9-10 event which will have a spaghetti dinner

Friday night and a music tent the following night. There also will be a classic car show. A volunteer signup sheet will be circulated at the Aug. 16 membership meeting.

A big salute to Sir Knight Claude Centers who celebrated two big milestones this past week. Claude enjoyed a 90th birthday gathering Aug. 2 and the day before began his 68th year as a member of our Order. In addition to being an active member of our Council he also is active in Assembly 1596. Claude and wife Pat, a parish activist for many years, were cited in 2012 as our Council's Family of the Year.

PGK Rich Smith reports that only a few seats remain available on the Aug. 10 casino bus trip to the Fire Keepers Casino outside Battle Creek. The bus leaves the church parking lot at 9 AM and returns around 6 PM. Tickets are \$35 which includes \$25 worth of credits for meals and wagering plus light refreshments on the bus. To reserve a spot, call Rich at 313-421-0204.

Congratulations to Jamie Owens, named August's Knight of the Month, and to Brian and Lynne Gulick and son Rob who were cited as Family of the Month for August. Brother Owens was nominated as a result of being a major helper at the Parish Picnic. The Gulicks were singled out for their overall service to the parish and for assisting in Fr. Festus' last mass and moving him to his new parish home.

The South Oakland Shelter needs volunteers for various tasks and donations of food as it settles into North Congregational Church Aug. 14-21. To volunteer or to donate food, go to the Church's website, NorthCongregationalChurch.org, and click on the appropriate link in the center of the home page. Or, if you do not have an e-mail account, call coordinator Danny Hawkins at 248-217-1750. Our Council will be cooking dinner Aug. 17 for the 50 or so homeless folks who are being assisted that week.

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

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Education Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education
Youth Ministry
Music Ministry Mary Zelinski, Director of Music
Maintenance Accountant

Kim Shepard

Mark Koss

SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation: Sacrament of the Sick: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM 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.

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