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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;
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No matter what your past or present religious affiliation;
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You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 14, 2016

The readings for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time preserve a historical and unfortunate reality: many people are threatened by God's message and his messengers. From the Old Testament prophets to members of the earliest Christian communities, those who spoke God's word often faced social harassment, intolerance, persecution, and, at times, even death.

In today's first reading from the Book of Jeremiah, we hear about the persecution that the prophet Jeremiah suffered at the hands of the ruling elite in the southern kingdom of Judah. During the reign of Zedekiah over Judah (598–587 BC), Jeremiah served as a counselor for the young king, who was only twenty-one years old when he ascended to the throne. As heard in today's reading, the "princes" of the king, who carried out many of the day-to-day operations in the kingdom, complained bitterly to Zedekiah about Jeremiah who they perceived as "demoralizing" the soldiers and the people. (Jeremiah was well-known for openly confronting the idolatry and even the apostasy of the Israelites living in Judah during the years leading to their exile into Babylon in 597 and 587 BC). Unwilling to protect Jeremiah, Zedekiah allowed his princes to silence the prophet by placing him in a muddy cistern (dry well), leaving him to die of starvation and dehydration. It was only through the intervention of one of the Zedekiah's court officials, the Ethiopian Ebed-melech, that Jeremiah was rescued from sure death in the cistern.

The second reading from Hebrews picks up from last Sunday when we heard about Old Testament exemplars of the faith. Abraham's faith was highlighted in the reading, although Hebrews 11 offers many other examples. Today's reading begins by speaking of these ancient Israelite men and women of faith as "so great a cloud of witnesses" and a source of inspiration for members of the Christian community to whom the author of Hebrews writes. He then refers to Jesus as "the leader and perfecter of faith." This is a title for Jesus found only in Hebrews. In fact, Hebrews uses over a dozen titles for Jesus, many of which are unique within the New Testament (for example, "high priest," "forerunner," and "minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle"). The author sees Jesus' agony on the cross and his resurrection and ascension to God's throne in heaven as affirmation of the title "leader and perfecter of faith." Furthermore, although some community members seem to be faced with various levels of harassment, the author tells the community to keep their "struggle against sin" in perspective, since—unlike Jesus—they have not "resisted" the opposition they face "to the point of shedding blood."

The Gospel reading presents one of Jesus' more startling statements: "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three." Scholars often speculate that this social reality likely reflects the tensions of Luke's time toward the end of the first century AD, two generations removed from Jesus' death and resurrection. As the Christian message spread through evangelization, clearly there were those who accepted and believed and others who rejected the message. In today's reading, Jesus forewarns that this reaction to the proclamation of the kingdom of God will be experienced in a personal and profound way.

Dr. Daniel J. Scholz

A Week Ahead



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS AUGUST 15 - AUGUST 19

Monday 9:15 AM
Catherine Osinski
Requested by Barbara DellaMora

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

Wednesday 9:15 AM
NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Anthony Camilleri
Requested by Family

Friday 9:15 AM
For All Our Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY: VIGIL: 1 CHR 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10,
13-14/1 COR 15:54B-57/LK 11:27-28**
**DAY: RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB/Ps 45:10-12, 16/1 COR 15:20-27/
LK 1:39-56**
TUESDAY: EZ 28:1-10/DT 32:26-28, 30, 35-36/MT 19:23-30
WEDNESDAY: EZ 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-6/MT 20:1-16
THURSDAY: EZ 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/MT 22:1-14
FRIDAY: EZ 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-9/MT 22:34-40
SATURDAY: EZ 43:1-7A/Ps 85:9-14/MT 23:1-12
NEXT SUNDAY: IS 66:18-21/Ps 117:1-2/HEB 12:5-7, 11-13/LK 13:22-30

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Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of July 31	\$ 8,218.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 31	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - July 31	\$43,415.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - July 31	\$44,000.00

AUGUST 21, 2016 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM August 20 Fr. Kris		
For Bernice, Louis & Dennis Kaye Requested by Joe Pavco	Servers	Rob Gulick
	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00B
8:30 AM August 21 Fr. Kris		
For Harold Barr Requested by Carol & Stan Moser	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30A
10:15 AM August 21 Fr. Kris		
For Lucy Boris Requested by Brenda Blaze	Servers	Ashley Grabinski
	Lector/ Ushers	Sofia Mansour Gerryanna Luscri 10:15B
12:00 Noon August 21 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Emma DuLong Jack DuLong
	Lectors/ Ushers	Yvonne Nemeth 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

<u>August 20 and August 21</u> Team A	<u>August 27 and August 28</u> Team B
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PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK . . .

Wanda Reiner	Beth Croitori
Bill Walker	Robin Kafcas
Dick Campbell	Erin Malloy-Tingle
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 Alcalá	Joan Preston
Andy Vermiglio	Gerry Makowski
Cyndy Fenech	Charles Minear
Josephine Meyers	Carol Reinke
Erin Malloy-Tingle	

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!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MERCY DAY IN ACTION IS OCTOBER 1ST, COME JOIN US!!

Our Christianity calls us to serve one another in love. It is through the experience of service that we encounter the love of God. When we give of ourselves completely without reserve amazing things happen. Abundant blessings are received. This day of service is organized vicariate by vicariate. To participate call Candy Desjarlais @ 248-476-7677 ext 204 or email desjarlais.candy@gmail.com

Also there will be two sign up weekends first being August 20th and 21st and then August 27th and 28th after all masses in the social hall.

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!

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 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.

RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE TO POLAND AND POLONIA

The Church in Poland asks its friends in the United States for spiritual help through their prayers and financial help through their offerings. The annual collection will be taken up next weekend, August 20-21. Your donation will assist the education of Polish priests, Polish-American students and the missionary work of Polish religious across the world. It will provide charitable aid to parishes and catholic institutions in Poland and fund formation programs for lay leaders serving Polonia in the USA. Please take an envelope at the end of the pew home with you and return next weekend in the second collection. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

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

Our best wishes to our organist, Mary Zelinski, as she leaves St. Gerald Parish to attend Notre Dame to continue her studies. She will be greatly missed!

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.



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.

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.



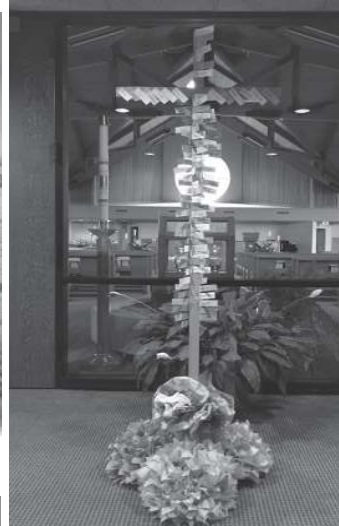
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When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org or "like" our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.

VBS WAS A BLAST!



Prayer Intention Tree



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MERCY IN ACTION DAY SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2016



Volunteer Form

Name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Emergency contact person and phone number: _____

T-shirt size

Youth

Adult Size

____ M ____ L

____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL

***The deadline to sign up and receive a T-shirt is September 2.**

Do you plan on returning to Our Lady of Sorrows for lunch at 12:30 pm?

____ Yes ____ No

PROJECTS-Please choose a first and second choice.

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 Directions-Beautify/clean up grounds to care for God's creation and build community.

____ Historic Cemeteries-Beautify/clean up grounds to honor the dead.



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



KNIGHTS CORNER

We'll Share Sweet Corn, Hot Dogs and Fellowship After Tuesday's Membership Meeting

Sweet Corn and hot dogs are among the items added to the agenda for Tuesday's membership meeting which Grand Knight Fred Gerometta will gavel open promptly at 7 PM. The meeting also will mark the debut of the newly formed House Committee chaired by Ken May who is looking for an assistant or two to serve the chow after the meeting. See him at the meeting to volunteer.

Volunteers also will be sought to assist at the parish festival Sept. 9-10. Christian Service Coordinator Candy Desjarlais has asked for 5 guys to handle a two hour shift during the Friday spaghetti dinner and 15 guys to handle two hour shifts during Saturday's music dinner. A sign up sheet will be passed around.

The Aug. 6 Pot Luck dinner was the biggest and best yet. A total of 63 Knights' spouses and kids enjoyed a beautiful summer night, an ample supply of food and each others' company. Many thanks to our gracious hosts, Fred and Diane Gerometta and to our menu coordinators, Ellen Stacey and Arlene McPhail.

Fr. Kris, our new pastor, also came for dinner along with another priest who is visiting from Poland. For many of our members and their wives it was the first opportunity to meet and speak with Fr. Kris who is very sociable. He even took charge of the camera for our group photo and helped a bit in the kitchen, expertly slicing some bread in quick order. Fr. Kris also agreed to serve as our Chaplain. The paperwork to transfer his membership from the Shrine of the Little Flower Council is underway.

The world-wide K of C set an all-time record last year for charitable donations and service hours with more than \$175 million in donations and 73.4 million hours of service. Michigan's Knights ranked the 5th best in charitable giving behind Texas, California, Florida and Quebec. The Wolverine state was ranked 8th in volunteer hours. Our Council provided 2,518 hours to the parish and community last year. **Visit *K of C.org* and *MiKofC.org* for National and State K of C Activities!**

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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