



SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

# 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.

The readings for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time confront the issue of the exploitation of the poor. Throughout Israel's history, prophetic voices cried out against the social injustices that left many marginalized and vulnerable to those in power unwilling to defend the less fortunate.

The first reading comes from the Book of Amos. Active in the northern kingdom of Israel during the later years of the reign of Jeroboam II (786–746 BC), Amos often criticized the religious and political leaders of his day when he saw injustice and indifference to the law and the prophets. As heard in the first reading, Amos was especially critical of those in positions of power who exploited the poor for their own personal gain. Part of his prophetic message to the ruling elites was that God's divine wrath awaited those engaged in such unscrupulous behavior. Today's reading is part of Amos' larger vision of the summer fruit, the fourth of five visions experienced by Amos that foreshadowed the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel. Although Amos died before Assyria captured Israel in 721 BC, many Israelites were probably still alive when the northern kingdom fell to Assyria. These Israelites likely bore witness to the fulfillment of Amos' prophecies.

The Gospel reading is the parable of the dishonest steward. This is another parable found only in the Gospel of Luke. Like many of Jesus' parables, the ending is unexpected. The "rich man" (i.e., God) actually ends up praising the dishonest steward for acting "prudently" with the limited resources and limited time he had available as a result of his deceitful dealings with the rich man's property and debtors. In his unpacking of the parable with his disciples, Jesus makes the point that service to God and service to the pursuit of riches are incompatible with those who wish to be called disciples of the Lord. True and lasting wealth is achieved in the service of God and neighbor.

The second reading is once again taken from Paul's First Letter to Timothy. Considered one of the deutero-Pauline letters written by followers of Paul after his death and around the year AD 100, much of the content of 1 Timothy addresses proper church order. First Timothy outlines, for example, the qualifications and responsibilities of bishops, deacons, and elders, especially regarding refuting false teachers and promoting Paul's theology and ethics in current circumstances. In today's reading, we hear the author of 1 Timothy request that prayers and petitions be offered for all, including "kings and for all in authority." Part of this request may be stemming from the author's desire to signal to the ruling classes that Christianity offers no threat to the peace of Rome. Having suffered through regional and localized harassment and persecution, it was the desire of many Christian leaders for its members to simply live "a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity." The author hopes to persuade his community to accept and promote a peaceful assimilation within the larger social structures of the Roman Empire by affirming this course of action as "good and pleasing to God our savior."

The author of 1 Timothy includes in his argument what some scholars consider to be a very early Christological hymn: "For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all." This "textual fossil" offers us a glimpse into the church's primitive theological assertions.

*Dr. Daniel J. Scholz*

## EVANGELIZATION THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The Secret of everything is to let oneself be carried by the Lord and to carry the Lord to others." St. John XXIII

**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.

**Weekday Mass Intentions**

**SEPTEMBER 19 - SEPTEMBER 23**

Monday 9:15 AM  
**For All Our Parishioners**

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Don Brown**  
 Requested by a Friend

Wednesday 9:15 AM  
**NO MASS**

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Nicholas Tuz**  
 Requested by Family

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** PRV 3:27-34/PS 15:2-5/LK 8:16-18  
**TUESDAY:** PRV 21:1-6, 10-13/PS 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44/  
 LK 8:19-21  
**WEDNESDAY:** EPH 4:1-7, 11-13/PS 19:2-5/MT 9:9-13  
**THURSDAY:** ECCL 1:2-11/PS 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/LK 9:7-9  
**FRIDAY:** ECCL 3:1-11/PS 144:1-4/LK 9:18-22  
**SATURDAY:** ECCL 11:9-12:8/PS 90:3-6, 12-14, 17/LK  
 9:43B-45  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** AM 6:1A, 4-7/PS 146:7-10/1 TM 6:11-16/  
 LK 16:19-31

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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

**Offertory Snapshot**

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**PLEASE SEE PAGE 5  
 OF THE BULLETIN  
 FOR RAFFLE WINNERS**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2016  
 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM September 24 Fr. Kris

For <b>Michael Stec</b> Requested by Milkiewicz Family	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00A

8:30 AM September 25 Fr. Kris

For <b>Michael Hoots</b> Requested by Delphine Midura	Servers	John Smith Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Thad Radzilowski 8:30B

10:15 AM September 25 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>Ed Fenech</b> Requested by Yolanda Fenech	Servers	Ashley Grabinski
	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15A

12:00 Noon September 25 Fr. Kris

For <b>Shirley O'Connell</b> Requested by Ava Halliday	Servers	Fernando Guerra Angela Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Sue Wardle 12:00A

**Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks**

September 24 and September 25 October 1 and October 2  
 Team B Team C



**ATTENTION:  
 ALL SINGERS**

The time has come to sing to the Lord a New Song! Adult choir practice begins on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 7 PM in the Church. All interested in singing and leading the congregation in song at the 10:15 AM Mass on Sundays, please join us. All are welcome. Mary Melonio





**ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS  
FORMATION CLASSES  
STARTING  
SEPTEMBER 28TH AND 29TH**

**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.**

Students in grades 1-6 begin classes this Monday from 5:30 PM -6:45 PM or Tuesday from 5:00 PM-6:15 PM, the 19th and 20th of September. The Preschool and Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) class will be held during the 10:15 AM Mass, which begins Sunday, September 25th. **If you have any questions, contact Mary Taylor at 248.476.7677 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.**



**A WARM WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CATECHISTS**

Many thanks to the following people who have answered the call to service as catechists in our Religious Formation program.

Michelle Plichota, Tracey Connolly, Susan Hill, Carol Ferguson, Joyce Kopp, Carolyn Arlen, Shirley Murray, Mary Power, Gail Bierschbach, Michelle Ficyk, Bob Kuhr, Sherry Kuhr, Shatomi Kerbawy, Gerryanna Luscri, and Crystal Flood. Also, thank you to all our other Religious Formation volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, in any way, with the Religious formation program or become involved with the Education Commission, please call Mary Taylor at 248. 476.7677, ext. 201.

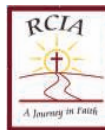
I would also like to invite all members of the parish to join the children and catechists for our prayer service each week before classes, Monday at 5:30 PM and Tuesday at 5:00 PM.

**Tim's Tidbits**

Recently an article appeared in *Our Sunday Visitor* that highlighted a survey that The Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) conducted. It was titled, "Young people are leaving the faith" and appeared in the August 27 issue. This research was conducted in two national studies. It is a lengthy article. Interviews were conducted with young people between the ages of 15 to 25. So, the Millennial Generation. One point that came out was "research that indicates this phenomenon (why that generation is leaving) may be more common now than in the past because those raised Catholic today are significantly less likely than previous generations to have attended Catholic schools where religion and science are taught side by side." This is a big deal: for us, for evangelization efforts, for our Church. It's a thought provoking article for study and discussion.

On the other hand, back in May of this year, the singer/ songwriter Stefani Germanotta, better known as Lady Gaga, a member of the Millennial generation, posted pictures of herself attending Mass and with Father John Duffel, of New York's Blessed Sacrament Church. She thanked him for his homily and used this quote from his homily, "The Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but food that God gives us." It's a good thing to have someone so popular talk about her faith. We need to talk to our family members and friends of that generation about our faith and beliefs. Lady Gaga has the courage to do so, do we?

**We can always use your help! Communion Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Sacristans are needed for the Weekend Masses. Training is provided. It is a rewarding ministry, just ask anyone that you see involved in the particular ministry. Call me or email me if interested at 248-477-7470 x 202 or [timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com).**



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin in September. If you are seeking to become a member of the Catholic Church or have questions, plan on attending when we begin sessions on **Wednesday, September 28 at 7 PM**. Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, please contact me at the above number. Have a good week!

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

**Ways to Give**

**Priests' Retirement Fund**

Next weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection for our priests' retirement. The *With Thanks for Their Service in Christ* collection will support the Priests' Pension Plan, which provides a monthly pension as well as health and automobile insurance to priests at age 70.

As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our senior priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pension from the Priests' Pension Plan for basic needs, such as food, housing, and transportation.

Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to our community by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the *With Thanks for Their Service in Christ* collection. Envelopes are at the end of the pews this weekend. Please take one home and return it next weekend in the second collection basket. Thank you for your support.

**HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**Flu Shots**

Flu shots will be administered on Sunday, October 16, 2016, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM. Because we need to know approximate numbers, there is a sign up sheet at the Health Ministry Information Table in the social hall.


**Blood Pressure Screening**

Screening will begin the last weekend of each month after each Mass. Look for us in the social hall. The first weekend will be **September 26 and 27**. I will need volunteers to help take Blood Pressures, please call me at the below number.

**Health and Wellness Bulletin**

Each month we will have different topics available at the Health Ministry table. Please let me know if you have any special topic request. Barbara Seabolt 248-477-4752

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| John MacDougall  | Emily Choike       |
| Josephine Meyers | Dennis Hill        |
| Corinne Wedge    | Erin Malloy-Tingle |
| Wanda Johnson    | Stephen Cleary     |
| Ralph Wenski     | Nancy Kolliker     |
| Laurie Aldrich   | Margaret Joyal     |
| Mary Ann Alcalá  | Joan Preston       |
| Andy Vermiglio   | Gerry Makowski     |

**CSA YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

“Encounter, Grow, Witness” is the theme of the upcoming Engaging the Young Church Conference, for those who minister to youth and young adults in our Archdiocese.

Your CSA gifts help fund this two-day conference, which will provide priests, deacons, parish catechetical leaders, volunteers, and youth, young adult, and junior high ministers with information about the latest ministry tools and resources, as well as encouragement and inspiration for their work in this ministry. Attendees will also be able to collaborate with fellow ministers and collectively pray for the needs of youth, young adults, and the various ministries for them.


The Engaging the Young Church Conference, to be held September 30 and October 1 at St. Anastasia Parish in Troy, will feature 10 workshops. Bishop Fran Caggiano of the Diocese of Bridgeport will serve as keynote speaker. For more information about CSA-funded programs, ministries, and services, please go to [www.AOD.org](http://www.AOD.org).

**GARDEN NEWS**

School's started and the summer flowers are browning...fall must be coming! Our loyal area heads have given hours of labor all summer improving the beauty of the church property. Our garden angels have been trimming hedges, putting in fall mums in the gazebo area, but more volunteers are needed for plant thinning and weed removal. Your TIME is one of the great gifts you can offer! This will make our Fall Clean-Up {date TBD} easier. So don't put away those tools, stack up the brown yard bags and join us. Many hands make light work. God Bless

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**A LOOK AHEAD:**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Blood Pressure Screenings Sunday Fellowship 8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 12:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm Confirmation Classes	9:15 am Mass  5:30 pm Elementary Religious Formation	9:15 am Mass 9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions  5:00 pm Elementary Religious Formation  7:00 pm K of C Membership Mtg.	K of C Holy Icon at St. Gerald  7:00 pm Vicariate Bible Study  7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice	7 pm Mass  	9:15 am Mass  7:30 pm Holy Hour 8:00 pm AA Mtg.	3:30 pm Conf.  5:00 pm Mass



**Game Night is back ...  
Saturday, October 22nd @ 6:45 PM**

Join us for 5:00 Mass *and stay* for a night of fellowship, games, music and fun. Euchre, charades, and other games are planned. BYOB, and a snack to share. Pizza orders will be taken. Feel free to bring your own game preference.



Find yourself at the Farmington Farmers Market Saturday, October 8th, for the 1st annual Polish Festival in celebration of Polish National Heritage Month. This special event taking place during the farmers market will feature live music, polish dancers, a seasonal polish light beer crafted from smoked wheat by the Farmington Brewing Company to pair with homemade pierogi, potato pancakes, grilled sausage and sauerkraut. Shop the farmers market for pumpkins, fall squash, crisp apples, fresh cider and a wide variety of baked goods, pantry specialties and artisan crafts for home and garden. 9AM-2 PM, Grand River & Grove Street in downtown Farmington. Father Kris will also be coming to bless the market and ring the market bell.

**LIVONIA PUBLIC ROSARY RALLY**

Saturday, October 15 at Madonna University in Livonia  
From Noon to 1:00 PM

Please join us in praying for peace and an end to abortions. We will gather in the parking lot. In case of inclement weather, we will move inside Madonna. Restrooms available. Participants may bring chairs. Sponsored by the Thomas Dooley K of C Council in conjunction with the America Needs Fatima Organization. Rosary Rally website [www.americaneedsfatima.org](http://www.americaneedsfatima.org). Phone Ron at 734-432-9744 for more information.

**A MASS FOR PERSONS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Sunday, September 25, 2016 at 12 Noon  
St. Joan of Arc Parish  
22412 Overlake Street  
St. Clair Shores, MI 48080  
To learn more call 248-537-3304 or email [hyt-tinenj@ccsem.org](mailto:hyt-tinenj@ccsem.org).

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

Josette Bolivar	\$3,000.00
Ron Bozak	\$1,000.00
Angela Kelley	\$ 500.00
Pauline Plasencia	\$ 100.00
Dora Nowicki	\$ 100.00
Joe Scamp	\$ 100.00
Bob Kuhr	\$ 100.00
Tom Lacey	\$ 100.00

Charles Plumb—Panera gift certificate (salad for a year)  
Thank you to all who participated and made this year's raffle a huge success!

**FALL FESTIVAL**



Classic Car Show



We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped out this past weekend at the Spaghetti Dinner, Car Show and Beer Tent! We couldn't do these events without your continued support.



**KNIGHTS CORNER**

**Budget Vote, Pancake Worker Sign Up, Pierogi Nosh and Holy Family Icon Mass Ahead This Week**

Members who are at Tuesday’s general meeting will be asked to approve a budget for 2016-17 year. The budget approval process normally happens at the June or July meeting, but the delay in filling the position caused the delay in the budget consideration. As you will recall, brother Larry Swanson was elected Treasurer but resigned prior to taking office. His predecessor Rich Rosowski was elected to replace him and went to work on a new budget.

Meeting goers also will be in for a treat -- an after the meeting nosh on handmade cheese and potato pierogi. They are courtesy of Lila’s Pierogi, one of the food tents at last week’s Parish Festival. Lila’s shop is at 27811 Five Mile, Livonia. Members also will be asked to sign up to work the Sept. 25 pancake breakfast by Deputy Grand Knight Dave Bednarski, the event manager. As usual, we will be cooking for the parish after the 8:30 and 10:15 masses. This year’s event also is a benefit with net proceeds going to a memorial project honoring Msgr. Ed Baldwin, a Council member and a weekend assistant at St. Gerald.

Also next week, an icon of the Holy Family will be on display in the Church for a week beginning Wednesday. The Thursday night mass will include devotions to the Holy Family. The icon or ones like it are being circulated to every Council in the U.S. under a Supreme Council program. Members and their families are asked to attend the Mass which will begin at 7 PM. Please wear your Council shirt or badge.

A big “Atta Boy” is due the Knight and spouses who assisted at the Festival. Take a bow GK Fred and Diane Gerometta, Frank and Kathy Gariepy, Bob and Sherry Kuhr, Rich and Candy Rosowski, Tom and Arlene McPhail, plus PKS Rich Smith, Bruce Roberts and Patrick Rogers. Also Pat McDonald, Tony Wagner, Tim Westfall, Brian Gulick and Juan Garcia-Juarez. Another half-dozen volunteered to work but were not needed.

October promises to be a busy month. In addition to the Tootsie Roll sale, there is the Oct. 1 Day of Mercy (information available from Christian Service Coordinator Candy Dejsarlais), the annual Life Chain demonstration in support of life Oct. 2, an officers’ meeting Oct. 4, a general membership meeting Oct. 18, Knights helping at the Trunk ‘N’ Treat party Oct. 29, and a Family Communion Mass Oct. 30.

**Keep Track of Council 13673 News; Read the Knights Corner in The Voice**

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Office Hours**

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(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

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**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.

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