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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.



OCTOBER 23, 2016

The readings for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time teach about the proper disposition for prayer. God listens not only to the content of our prayers but also to the sincerity with which we pray.

Ben Sira, often abbreviated as "Sirach." This Jewish wisdom book was compiled around 175 BC. Most of the text deals with moral instruction for daily living. Not surprisingly, there is a strong emphasis on prudence, honesty, humility, moderation, trust, and temperance. Larger themes such as proper disposition toward wealth and the cautious use of speech are also embedded within this wisdom text. In today's reading, we hear about how best to offer worship and prayer to God. The reading begins with a prominent theme in Jewish wisdom material, "The LORD is a God of justice." According to Sirach, although God is impartial, God is especially attentive to the "cry of the oppressed." Special attention is given by God to the most vulnerable in the ancient world: the widow and the orphan, those in society who were left on the margins due to no fault of their own. But Sirach also teaches that God is partial as well to "the one who serves God willingly." Those fortunate enough not to be socially marginalized by life's circumstances also have God's ear in prayer so long as they seek to know and serve the Lord. The Jewish sage Sirach assures his audience of God's fidelity to the faithful: their "petition reaches the heavens... it does not rest till it reaches its goal, nor will it withdraw till the Most High responds."

We hear a parable for the Gospel reading today, the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. This is another parable on prayer (recall last Sunday the parable of the persistent widow) that is found only in the Gospel of Luke, reinforcing Luke's interest in the topic of prayer. Whereas last Sunday the emphasis was on persistence in prayer, this Sunday the stress is on humility in prayer. Jesus directs this parable to his opponents (some Pharisees) who he encountered on his journey to Jerusalem. He juxtaposes two men (a Pharisee and a tax collector) who represented the extremes in Jewish society—the clean and respected Pharisee with the unclean and despised tax collector. In addition to Jesus' obvious point that God shows no partiality in prayer based on human standards, two other subtle points emerge in the parable. First, the caution against the human inclination to judge others and vindicate oneself. And second, the reminder that our practice of religion can too easily become just a routine exercise in following the rules. Constant examination of conscience is what God requires of us when we come to him in prayer.

The second reading from Second Timothy is taken from the concluding remarks in this letter. In today's reading, it is clear that the author is presenting this letter as Paul's last will and testament. In fact, the somber tone and sense of finality of Second Timothy has led some scholars to conclude that this letter was the last of the Pastoral Letters to be written. In today's reading, Paul is presented as reflecting upon his ministry at the end of his life. In many ways, it reads as a prayer and meditation in which Paul assesses his work as the Apostle to the Gentiles. Paul looks back on his life in the framework of forgiveness and humility. He sees in retrospect how God was with him throughout his journeys: "the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed."

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
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Weekday Mass Intentions



OCTOBER 24 - OCTOBER 28

Monday 9:15 AM Victoria and John Pitera Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Susan Kendall
Requested by Julee Berger
Wednesday 9:15 AM

Wednesday 9:15 AM NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM **Bob and Monica Koenig**Requested by Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Mary Marrone

Requested by Lydia Gogola

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: EPH 4:32--5:8/PS 1:1-4, 6/LK 13:10-17

TUESDAY: EPH 5:21-33 OR 5:2A, 25-32/PS 128:1-5/LK 13:18-21

WEDNESDAY: EPH 6:1-9/PS 145:10-14/LK 13:22-30 THURSDAY: EPH 6:10-20/PS 144:1-2, 9-10/LK 13:31-35

FRIDAY: EPH 2:19-22/PS 19:2-5/LK 6:12-16

SATURDAY: PHIL 1:18B-26/PS 42:2-3, 5/LK 14:1, 7-11 NEXT SUNDAY: WIS 11:22--12:2/PS 145: 1-2, 8-11, 13-14/2

THES 1:11--2:2/LK 19:1-10

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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB)

Wanda Reiner Beth Croitori Tony Wadrick Bill Walker Robin Kafcas Carol Reinke Dick Campbell Erin Malloy-Tingle Charles Minear Andy Mosher Rita Knight Cyndy Fenech John MacDougall Emily Choike Dennis Hill Josephine Meyers Corinne Wedge Erin Malloy-Tingle Stephen Cleary Wanda Johnson Ralph Wenski Nancy Kolliker Margaret Joyal Laurie Aldrich Mary Ann Alcala Joan Preston Andy Vermiglio Gerry Makowski



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Actual Offertory for Weekend of October 9 \$ 11,773.00
Budget Offertory Weekend of October 9 \$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - October 9 \$143,115.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - October 9 \$132,000.00

Norma Bazzett

OCTOBER 30, 2016 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Od	ctober 29	Fr. Kris			
For Edward Barann	Servers	Need Servers			
Requested by Lee Barann	Lector/ Ushers	Tim Wardle 5:00B			
8:30 AM October 30 Fr. Roodbeen					
For Monica & Bob Koenig	Servers	Gabe Smith John Smith			
Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	David Wells 8:30A			
10:15 AM October 30 Fr. Kris					
For Rauland Deeg Requested by Sherry Deeg	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco			
	Lector/ Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri 10:15B			
12:00 Noon October 30 Fr. Kris					
FOR ALL OUR PARISHIONERS	Servers	Need Servers			
	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00B			

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

October 29 and October 30 November 5 and November 6
Team D Team C



Jam and Jelly
Canned Fruit
Canned Soup
Canned Vegetables
Women's Deodorant



ELECTRONIC DEPOSIT OF DONATIONS IS
AVAILABLE AT ST. GERALD.
FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE OR
ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

ALL ARE INVITED TO REMEMBER OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES,

ESPECIALLY THOSE WHOSE FUNERALS WERE DURING THIS PAST YEAR, AT A



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 7:00 PM AT ST. GERALD CHURCH

Please come and pray for those who have died.

Reception following



St. Gerald 2016 Confirmation Class with Archbishop Allen Vigneron and Fr. Kris. Congratulations!



On the **First Saturday Mass each** month, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during the Liturgy. If you wish to be anointed, **please sit in the first bench** that begins each section. The first two

sections, when you come into church, should be seated first. Father will come to you and anoint you with the Oil of the Sick. What a beautiful way to celebrate the Liturgy of First Saturday.



The time has come to sing to the Lord a New Song! Children's choir practice begins on Sunday, October 30, 2016 after the 10:15 Mass. All interested in singing for Christmas and monthly Masses here at St. Gerald, please join us, as we create a Joyful Noise! Any questions; please call or email. Thanks. Mary Melonio, mmelonio@aol.com, 734-578-4179

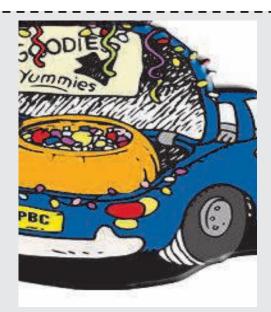


BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin via email at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. (no hard copies please) by 12 noon on Mondays. Keep text between 75-150 words. Your article may be edited (shortened) to create space. Thank you!

St. Gerald Parish Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 29th
6:30 PM_8:30 PM
south Parking Lot.
All are Welcome
Costumes optional
Rain or shine
Many cars filled with
Candy and treats



A parish celebration of Hallow-eve.
Followed by a Knights of Columbus cookout in the Social Hall - Hot Dogs, Brats and Chili!!!

Kids of all ages welcome!
This is a community event in a safe environment so come and enjoy!

RSVP taylor.mary 04@yahoo.com with the number attending by

October 25th.

FOOD DRIVE

HELP ST.GERALD FEED FAMILIES FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS IN 2016!!!



Please place your donation in either box in the gathering area of our church.

Items Requested:

GROCERY GIFT CARDS FOR FROZEN TURKEYS **CEREAL** CRANBERRY SAUCE TUNA / TUNA HELPER STUFFING MIX TEA BAGS **GRAVY** YAMS PEANUT BUTTER/ JELLY COFFEE FRUIT JUICE SPAGHETTI SAUCE/ PASTA

DROP OFF DONATIONS BEFORE NOVEMBER 13TH

QUESTIONS CALL PLEASE CALL

Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204

ANNUAL SWEATSHIRT DRIVE FOR THE CHILDREN AT BOYSVILLE



The Knights of Columbus here at St. Gerald need your help by gifting a hooded sweatshirt to be given to the children at Boysville (Holy Cross Children's Services).

This may be the only Christmas gift these children will receive.

Hooded sweatshirts-men's sizes large and extra large with sports, high school or college names printed on the sweatshirts. Please drop them off anytime, but no later than, Sunday, November 12 on the Knights table in the social hall.

Thank you for your generosity. Please call Richard Smith, at 248-747-6817 for additional information.

HALLOWEEN At Sacred Heart Major Seminary



It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each

year the seminary community opens their doors and hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids who visit the seminary. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy, please bring them to the boxes located in the vestibule of the church or the religious formation office. Thank you for your continued generosity in placing a smile on God's children.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	9:15 am Mass					31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15 am Mass 5:30 pm Elementary Religious Formation	9:45 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 5:00 pm Elementary Religious Formation	7:00 pm Vicariate Bible Study 7:00 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm RCIA Mtg	7:00 pm Mass	9:15 am Mass 7:30 pm Holy Hour 8:00 pm AA Mtg	3:30 pm Conf. 5:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm Truck or Treat Join Us For Trunk	Sunday Fellowship 8:30 am Mass 10:15 am Mass 10:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:15 am Sunday School 12:00 pm Mass 6:30 pm



METROPOLITAN TRIBUNAL

Each year, millions of Catholics suffer the pain and hurt of divorce. Many end up feeling separated and alienated from both the Church and their parish community. The annulment process brings these Catholics back into the sacramental life of the Church.

The Metropolitan Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Detroit receives more than a thousand formal annulment requests a year. While processing these requests accounts for a major part of its duties, the Tribunal also reaches out to those in need through presentations by its judges at parishes throughout the year.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help the staff of the Metropolitan Tribunal offer guidance, hope, and spiritual healing to divorced Catholics.

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

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).

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Location: **St. Gerald Church**Time: Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Dates: **Now – 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 call 248-477-7470.

DEPARTMENT OF SPECIAL SERVICES SENEX ADULT DAY PROGRAM

Senex is a social and recreational day program dedicated to improving the quality of life for senior adults and their care partners by providing opportunities to be involved in the activities offered by the Farmington Hills Senior Division. The program allows care partners to work, socialize, rest or run errands while being assured that their loved one is being cared for and supervised by dedicated and experienced staff in a structured environment. Our participants include seniors who are experiencing a decrease in physical, mental or social functioning. Appropriate diagnoses may include isolation, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, as well as other challenges. For admission criteria, fees, and more information, call 248-473-1872.

THE FIRST YEARS AND BEYOND

A Comedy Date Night for Young Marrieds (Young Marrieds = First 10 years of marriage)

Saturday, November 5, 2016, 6:30 – 9:00 PM at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

Enjoy a date night of marriage boosting fun with other Young Married couples! Comedian Shawn Reynolds, father of six and self-proclaimed "trophy husband", will provide a belly laughing look at the realities, challenges and joys of married life together. The cost is \$40/Couple – Dinner, dessert, open bar. Don't miss out ...register today! https://youngmarriedsevening.eventbrite.com



Fr. Kris blessed the market and rang the bell at Farmington Farmers' Market on Saturday, October 8th.











KNIGHTS CORNER

Join your Fellow Knights Next Sunday at the 10:15 Family Communion Mass

Next Sunday, October 30, is another fifth Sunday and time for Council members and their families to pray together at the 10:15 AM Mass. Back in the day, only the Knights would participate – a hundred or so men, all dressed in suit and tie, processing down the center aisle of St. Rita Church, their voices filling the sanctuary with the entrance hymn.

A much smaller Council, such as ours, can not duplicate that spectacle but we should be able to fill six or seven pews, especially accompanied by our spouses and families. Make a note now to attend the 10:15 AM Mass next Sunday with your fellow Knights. Show our fellow parishioners the spiritual side of our Council.

A few more pots of chili would be welcomed at next Saturday's Trunk 'n' Treat event when the Knights will be doing a cook-out. If a Knight (or his spouse) can provide a crock pot full of chili, it would be greatly appreciated. Give Program Director Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185 for more details.

The Knights of Columbus organization is growing, establishing Councils in Ukraine and France last year. Earlier this summer it celebrated 10 years in Poland as well as reaching 1,918,122 members world wide, a record. Besides the U.S, the Order is well established in Canada, Mexico and the Philippines.

The K of C also set a record in 2015 for charitable giving – more than \$175 million – and for volunteer service hours – more than 73.5 million. Michigan Councils ranked seventh among all Councils world wide charitable giving and volunteer time. Our Council provided the parish and the community with an estimated 2,518 hours of service in 2015.

Congratulations to brothers Mike O'Day, Armin Russenberger and Rick Stone. They recently qualified for their K of C aprons. O'Day became eligible with his service at our Sept. 25 pancake breakfast; Russenberger and Stone upon attaining their second and third degrees earlier this month.

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)

STAFF

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Administrator x 203

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	Accountant Kim Shepard				

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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