



# The VOICE

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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.

As the liturgical year begins to come to a close, the readings for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time focus on the question of the resurrection from the dead. As heard in today's readings, belief in the resurrection from the dead was not held as a universal truth in ancient Israel.

The first reading is taken from the Second Book of Maccabees. Thought to have been written sometime shortly after 124 BC, the text covers about twenty years of events in Jewish history in Palestine (around 180–160 BC), from the time of the high priest Onias III and King Seleucus IV to the defeat of Nicanor and his army. In today's reading, we hear an abbreviated version of the story of the martyrdom of a mother and her seven sons who were arrested and tortured to death for their refusal "to eat pork in violation of God's law" by "the king," thought to be King Seleucus IV Philopator, ruler of Syria from 187–175 BC (see 2 Mc 7:1-42 for the complete story). The consumption of pork violated Jewish dietary laws. One of the first brothers to be tortured summarily stated their position: "We are ready to die rather than transgress the laws of our ancestors." It is the testimony of the fourth brother before his death to his tormentors that signals one of the earliest Jewish beliefs in the hope for the resurrection of the dead: "It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him; but for you [the tormentors], there will be no resurrection to life." This Jewish belief in the individual resurrection from the dead occurs relatively late in Old Testament history.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus has finally arrived in Jerusalem. (You may recall the journey to Jerusalem began on Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, June 26, 2016). As today's reading indicates, he was not well received by many of the religious and political leaders of Jerusalem. Both the Pharisees and the Sadducees publicly challenged Jesus and tried to trap him in debate (see, for example, Lk 20:1-8; 20-26). The Sadducees, the priestly aristocratic party who were centered in Jerusalem, did not believe in the doctrine of the resurrection from the dead since it was not contained in the written Jewish law (the Pentateuch). They decided to test Jesus with a riddle of sorts on the resurrection. Rather than try to resolve the riddle, Jesus shifted the focus to the eschaton, the end-time, and the eternal life to come when marriage is no longer a needed institution. Jesus concludes his public retort to the Sadducees by drawing from the Book of Exodus (part of the written law upon which the Sadducees were solely grounded). Quoting Exodus 3 and using the figure of Moses, Jesus was able to build a case for the reality that God himself knows no death and only resurrection of life, since he sees all people, past and present, as "alive."

The second reading is taken again from Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians. The reading contains two different prayers—one that the author prays for the community to whom he writes and the second being a prayer request of the author for the community. In the first prayer, the author prays for strength and encouragement in word and in deed for the members of the congregation. In the second prayer, the author asks the community members to pray that they "be delivered from perverse and wicked people." This is likely a reference to those troublemakers who were spreading deception and lies about the Parousia, the second coming of Christ, and the resurrection from the dead sure to follow.

*Dr. Daniel J. Scholz*

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**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**NOVEMBER 7 - NOVEMBER 11**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Bill Flanigan**

Requested by Pierina Macioce

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Frances Casey**

Requested by John Casey

Wednesday

**NO MASS**

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Marino Dall'Olmo**

Requested by Graziano Canini

Friday 9:15 AM

**Jessy Lukose**

Requested by Family



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY: TI 1:1-9/PS 24:1-6/LK 17:1-6**

**TUESDAY: TI 2:1-8, 11-14/PS 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29/  
LK 17:7-10**

**WEDNESDAY: EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/PS 46:3-6, 8, 11/1 COR  
3:9C-11, 16-17/JN 2:13-22**

**THURSDAY: PHLM 7-20/PS 146:7-10/LK 17:20-25**

**FRIDAY: 2 JN 4-9/PS 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18/LK 17:26-37**

**SATURDAY: 3 JN 5-8/PS 112:1-6/LK 18:1-8**

**NEXT SUNDAY: MAL 3:19-20A/PS 98:5-9/2 THES 3:7-12/  
LK 21:5-19**

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

**NOVEMBER 13, 2016  
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM November 12 Fr. Kris

For <b>Matthew Boyer</b> Requested by Ken and Joan Galica	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00B

8:30 AM November 13 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>Teagan &amp; Nowak Families</b> Requested by Paul and Mary Nowak	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	David Wells 8:30C

10:15 AM November 13 Fr. Kris

For <b>Rauland Deeg</b> Requested by Sherry Deeg	Servers	Ashley Grabinski Claire Pagnucco
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone 10:15A

12:00 Noon November 13 Fr. Kris

For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Servers	Fernando Guerra Angie Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Tim Wardle 12:00B

**Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks**

November 12 and November 13

Team A

November 19 and November 20

Team D

**Prayer for Veterans**

Heavenly Father,

on this day, help us remember those who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure.

Enkindle in our consciences a desire to serve those who served their country selflessly.

Give us the grace to aid those who have given aid and protection to us and others both here and overseas.

Let us never forget the causes for which they fought

or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.

May we be always be mindful of those who paid the price for our freedom,

just as your Son gave his life

to free us from the bondage of sin. Amen.



**DAYLIGHT  
SAVING TIME  
ENDS**



**Church Support**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of October 23 . . . . \$ 9,363.00

Budget Offertory Weekend of October 23 . . . . . \$ 8,800.00

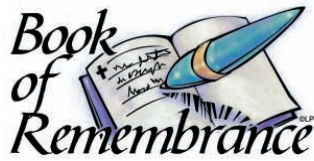
Actual Offertory July 1 - October 23 . . . . . \$160,461.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - October 23 . . . . . \$149,600.00



November 11th





St. Gerald keeps a Book of Remembrance in our gathering space during the month of November. We invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book at any time during the month of November. The deceased listed in the Book of Remembrance are remembered during the Prayers of the Faithful at each of our weekend Masses in November.

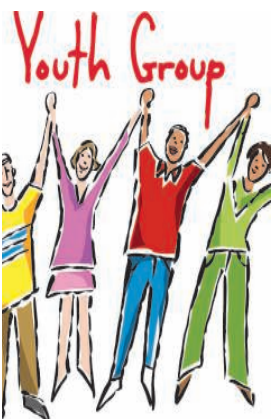
We realize that this time following the death of your loved one has been a difficult time for you and your family and we pray that you might find comfort in our Lord and our Blessed Mother, Mary. Please know that you are remembered in the prayers of our Parish community.

## Mark your calendar:



Feast of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ, King of the  
Universe

Family Mass  
November 20th  
12:00 PM Mass



High School  
Youth Group  
planning and service  
project meeting

Sunday, November 20th  
1:45 PM in the  
Social Hall

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference provides aid to families living within our parish boundaries. This aid may be for food, rent, utilities, or other basic needs. We cannot do this without the generous support of our parish community. For this we are deeply grateful, especially to those who are regular donors.

Over the past 12 months we have made 122 home visits and been able to:

- Pay \$26,091 rental assistance.
- Pay \$5,469 utilities assistance.
- Obtain an additional \$4,256 utility assistance through MEAP (THAW funds).
- Provide \$4,280 in other assistance such as furniture and medical needs.
- Provide 232 bags of food.
- Provide \$985 in food and gas cards.

We also invite anyone interested in volunteering to assist in this ministry to call 248-476-7677 x-220 and leave a message. In addition to serving the needy, members of St. Vincent de Paul benefit from prayer and fellowship.



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| 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       |
| Josephine Meyers | Dennis Hill        |
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| Mary Ann Alcala  | Joan Preston       |
| Andy Vermiglio   | Gerry Makowski     |
| Joan Goniea      | Norma Bazzett      |
| Bill Borchert    | Gabbie Frey        |

### 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 IS AVAILABLE AT ST. GERALD. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE OR ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE

### Reminder

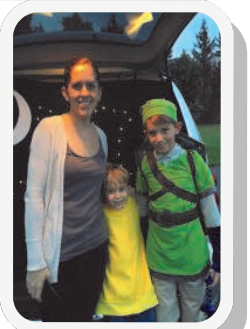
Parish Council is Tuesday, November 8 beginning at 7:00 PM followed by Commission Meetings. All are welcome!

### Food Pantry donations needed:

Juice, yams, Canned Fruit, Canned Soup, Canned Vegetables and Cookies




Many showed up to have fun at Trunk or Treat on Saturday evening. We would like to thank Gerryanna Luscri, Norma Battel, Julie Poisson, and Kelly DuLong for their help in organizing this event. Also, we couldn't have done it without the help of our Knights of Columbus who prepared the wonderful food that was enjoyed by all after the trunk or treating was done in the parking lot. Thank you to everyone!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:15 am Mass	 9:15 am Mass	K of C Casino Trip	7:00 pm Mass	9:15 am Mass	12:00 pm Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Meeting	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 am - "Be The Match" 8:30 am Mass
5:30 pm Elementary Religious Formation	2:00 pm Nursing Home Mass	No Bible Study Tonight		7:00 pm Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Meeting	3:30 pm Conf.	10:15 am Mass
7:00 pm Evangelization Meeting	7:00 pm Parish Leader's Meeting and Commission Meetings	7:30 pm Adult Choir		7:30 pm Holy Hour	5:00 pm Mass	10:15 am Children's Liturgy of the Word
		7:00 pm RCIA		8:00 pm AA Mtg		10:15 am Sunday School
						12:00 pm Mass
						6:30 pm Confirmation Classes

**HEALING SERVICE**

Emmanuel Healing Ministry invites you to come to a Healing Service on Thursday, November 17 at the National Shrine of the Little Flower from 7 - 9 PM. Confessions will be available at 6:20 PM. Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered followed by the opportunity to be prayed over for any intention. Fr. Alex Kratz will preside. Call Margaret Williams at 248-477-0767 for information.

 The Black Catholic Ministries Office is presenting "Great is thy Faithfulness," a gospel experience featuring the Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir, St. Charles Praise Dancers, TaiLour Naylor, and the Urban Parish Youth Choir, at Fellowship Chapel in Detroit at 4 PM this Sunday, November 6. The Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir was formed in the 1980s to share the gospel message to all communities through the African culture. The choir is committed to prayer and the transforming power in songs of prayer and praise. Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help the Archdiocese of Detroit minister to our African-American community. The Office of Black Catholic Ministries focuses on evangelization and the certification of lay ministers; provides worship, education, and community services; and also serves as a resource for archdiocesan offices. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [www.AOD.org](http://www.AOD.org)

**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.

**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.

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**DROP OFF DONATIONS BEFORE NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**QUESTIONS CALL PLEASE CALL**

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

**MAINTENANCE POSITION AVAILABLE AT ST. GERALD**

Mark Koss, who works in our Maintenance position here at St. Gerald, will be retiring in early November. We will miss him and wish him the best in his future endeavors! Because of his departure, we are looking for someone to fill this position. The responsibilities include maintenance for our parish and grounds. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or speak to Fr. Kris. Thank you!

**ADVENT TEA BY CANDLELIGHT  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016  
6:00PM  
PARISH SOCIAL HALL  
\$11 PER PERSON**



All are welcome at the Annual St. Gerald Advent Tea

It has been a St. Gerald tradition to come together in the season of advent to break bread with a group of friends and enjoy a short Advent Reflection. You may host an entire table, or come as a single person and we will provide a place for you.

Table Hostesses provide dessert and festive place settings for their table. St. Gerald's provides an Advent Reflection and dinner with tea and coffee.

Please contact Diane Gerometta for more information or to make your reservation at 248-763-3193 or [diane.gerometta@aon.com](mailto:diane.gerometta@aon.com). Tables fill up quickly; reserve your spot early so you are not disappointed!

**Synod Prayer**

God our Father, you have called us to be witnesses to Jesus and have sent us on a mission to lead all people to encounter him. Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds and enkindle our hearts, so that we may grow daily as your disciples. Empower us to face bravely the challenges of our time. Keep us close to you, together with Jesus your Son, Mary our Mother, and St. Anne our patroness as we engage in Synod 16 to Unleash the Gospel. Transform us into a band of joyful missionary disciples, who will bring the message of Jesus' power and mercy to every person in southeast Michigan. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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