

THE VOICE

JANUARY 15, 2017

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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

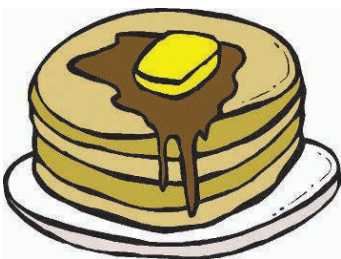
Saturdays:
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God.” - Jn 1:34

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Pancake Breakfast

Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus
Sunday, January 22nd

Following the 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM Masses

Tickets will be sold at the door

Prices are \$7.00 adults; \$3.00 Child (k through 8th grade);
and \$20 Family (2 adults & 3 children)

Proceeds to support the St. Gerald Education Technical Fund

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

JANUARY 16 - JANUARY 20



Monday 9:15 AM

Mathew T.

Requested by
Lukose Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Eugene Rodgers

Requested by Brenda Hayes

Wednesday

NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Florence Murray

Requested by Victor Winiarski

Friday 9:15 AM

Seymour Collier

Requested by Brenda Hayes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: HEB 5:1-10/PS 110/MK 2:18-22
TUESDAY: HEB 6:10-20/PS 111/MK 2:23-28
WEDNESDAY: HEB 7:1-3, 15-17/PS 110/MK 3:1-6
THURSDAY: HEB 7:25--8:6/PS 40/MK 3:7-12
FRIDAY: HEB 8:6-13/PS 85/MK 3:13-19
SATURDAY: HEB 9:2-3, 11-14/PS 47/MK 3:20-21
NEXT SUNDAY: IS 8:23--9:3/PS 27/1 COR 1:10-13, 17/
MT 4:12-23 OR 4:12-17

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

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of January 1	\$ 9,913.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of January 1	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Jan. 1	\$251,072.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Jan. 1	\$237,600.00



Our lost and found drawer is full of many different items that have been left in the building. If you have lost anything in the last few months, please take the time to look through the Lost and Found drawer located in the gathering space of the church. Thank you.

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

**JANUARY 22, 2017
 THIRD SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM January 21 Fr. Kris		
For Michael Kantor Requested by Florence DeSempelaere	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Ellen Stacey 5:00A
8:30 AM January 22 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Clementina Angeloni Requested by Amedeo & Ida Picano	Servers	Gabe Smith John Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30C
10:15 AM January 22 Fr. Kris		
For Shirley Funk Requested by Eldon Funk	Servers	Ashley Grabinski Luke Horsburgh
	Lector/ Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri 10:15A
12:00 PM January 22 Fr. Kris		
For Angela Fernandes Requested by Jean Dsa	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco
	Lectors/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

January 21 and January 22 Team D January 28 and January 29 Team A

2016 St. Gerald Contribution Statement

If you need a copy of your 2016 Contribution Statement, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. With a prior request, statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!



Cereal
 Oatmeal
 Saltines
 Canned Fruit
 Peanut Butter
 Jelly

TIM'S TIDBITS

Today we begin a stretch of Ordinary Time that will last almost two months. Except for today, all the Sunday Gospels will be from Saint Matthew, and all, including today, will be about Jesus' early public ministry. Let us travel with Jesus these coming weeks as he sets out to proclaim the reign of God, eager to listen and learn what it means to be a disciple.

We are working on enriching our outreach to the homebound.

**GIVE
OF
YOUR
TIME**



This is an important ministry to those who cannot attend Mass for one reason or another. There is a need for "Ministers of Care" to take communion to the homebound, either in their home or a care facility like Botsford Commons. Most likely it would be done on a Sunday, after Mass. If you are interested in this ministry, please call me at 248-476-7677, ext. 202 or email me at timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com. Training and on-going formation will be provided and a meeting will be set up in the near future. If you do this already, please let me know, as well. Have a good week!

LIBRARY REMINDERS...

Please come visit our library located in the southwest vestibule of the church building. You are welcome to take a book home to read, all we ask is that when you borrow a book to be sure to sign it out. Also make sure to return your book when finished, so others can enjoy it as well.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin via e-mail 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!

**Week of Prayer
for Christian Unity 2017**

January 18 - January 25



May the wellspring of God's gracious reconciliation overflow in this year's Week of Prayer, so that many people may find peace, and so that bridges may be built. May people and churches be compelled by the love of Christ to live reconciled lives and to break down the walls that divide !

**We welcome to the
Body of Christ**

Sofia Bella Alvarado

baptized Sunday,

January 8, 2017

by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak



Wanda Reiner
Tony Wadrick
Loretta Zahn
Dick Campbell
Charles Minear
Rita Knight
John MacDougall
Josephine Meyers
Corinne Wedge
Wanda Johnson
Ralph Wenski
Laurie Aldrich
Mary Ann Alcala
Andy Vermiglio
Joan Goniea
Bill Borchert
Nadeen Ouelette

Beth Croitori
Bill Walker
Carol Reinke
Erin Malloy-Tingle
Andy Mosher
Cyndy Fenech
Emily Choike
Dennis Hill
Megan Schroeder
Stephen Cleary
Nancy Kolliker
Margaret Joyal
Joan Preston
Gerry Makowski
Sue Kowzan
Gabbie Frey
Betty Hunter

**LET US WELCOME THE BELOW NEW
MEMBERS TO OUR PARISH:**



Floyd Ellison
Beth Schroeder
Łukusz and Kate Sikorski
Vivica Garcia and Sean Townsin

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.



LENT/SPRING SCRIPTURE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study of the Gospel of John study using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide.

Location: **St. Gerald's Church hall**
Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Dates: **March 8 – May 3, 2017**

NOTE: No class on March 15, 2017 and April 12, 2017

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides. Study guides will be available for \$10. No need to register.

Note – study will not meet if the Farmington Schools are closed due to weather.

Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com) or Sharon Weberlein (shrweber@aol.com) if you have questions or call 248-477-7470.

FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

Movie and Lunch in Livonia

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Widowed men and women are invited to join us for a pleasant afternoon at the movies followed by lunch and conversation. Meet at the AMC Livonia 20, 19500 Haggerty Rd., north of Seven Mile for a movie of your choice. Immediately following the movie, we will have lunch across the parking lot at Bahama Breeze. RSVP by Jan. 22 to Elaine at 734-717-0303. Widowed Friends is a "peer" support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at www.widowedfriends.org

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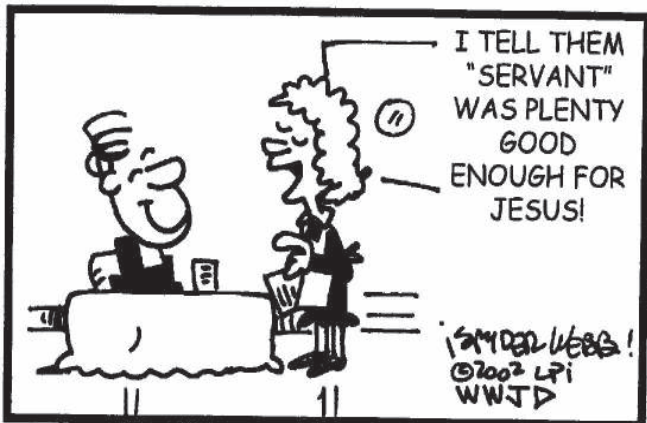
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Open House

January 31, 2017

5:00-7:00 PM

Please join us to find out the many benefits our school can provide for your child. Tour the school, meet the teachers, and gain valuable information about our school.



REMEMBERING FR. SOLANUS SERIES:

THE CAPUCHINS REMEMBER

Saturday, February 4, Noon

After 60 years, there are still Capuchins who lived and provided ministry with Fr. Solanus. They'll be with us to share joyful as well as sacred memories. Starting with a simple lunch followed by a presentation at the Solanus Casey Center, 1780 Mount Elliott Street, Detroit, MI. Presented by the Father Solanus Guild and Solanus Casey Center. RSVP 313.579.2100 ext. 149 or online at: www.SolanusCenter.org



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org.

From Our Archdiocese

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

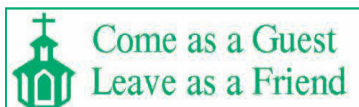
In his First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul invites his followers to holiness through Christ Jesus. We must be mindful that sanctity — to make holy — is not reserved only for the “saints” of old. In St. John’s Gospel, God, through His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit, calls us all to become saints and lead lives full of grace and holiness. Do we, as Christian stewards, strive to embrace this call to holiness? An important step toward sanctity is prayer. Make time each day for the Rosary, Scripture, and, if possible, Mass and reception of Holy Communion. Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation often, and offer service to your parish and neighbors in need.

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES


The Archdiocese of Detroit will honor the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Monday, January 16, with a 10 AM Mass celebrated by Father Patrick Gonyeau.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow our local Church to minister to African-American Catholics and predominantly African-American parishes through the archdiocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministries. The office’s mission is to highlight, enhance, and celebrate the contributions of the black Catholic community as it shares its gifts with the Church and society.

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



A LOOK INTO THE WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
16 9:15 AM Mass NO Elementary Religious Formation Classes 	17 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation	18 NO MASS 7:00 PM RCIA 7:30 PM Adult Choir	19 10:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:00 PM Mass	20 9:15 AM Mass 7:30 PM Holy Hour 8:00 PM AA Meeting	21 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass	22 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Pancake Breakfast 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Mass 1:00 PM Baptism



ENCORE

WORKSHOPS

Considering getting married again? Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) can help you and your future spouse welcome Christ into your union, improve your communication skills, and position your relationship to grow stronger

over time! Adhering to Church teachings and led by Dr. Janusz Wrobel, a skilled CCSEM therapist, Encore remarriage workshops focus on replacing communication styles from the previous relationship with new ones based on trust and friendship. Couples bringing children into their new union will benefit from additional content on talking with children about the pending marriage and issues that can arise in a blended family. The next Encore workshop is Saturday, January 28, 2017. All sessions are at CCSEM in Royal Oak at 1424 East 11 Mile Road. To learn more and register, call 248-548-4044 ext. 3100 or email: youngbloodb@ccsem.org

REMARRIAGE

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

Interested in helping a child improve their academic and learning skills? Are you available twice a week between 3:00 and 5:00 PM? Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) needs volunteers to work with children from Hispanic families in the first through fifth grades at schools in Pontiac. You don’t need a background in Spanish! The students speak English and need help with their homework and other academic activities. This is a good fit for high school and college students as well as retirees or others who have afternoons free. Volunteer tutors team up with onsite CCSEM staff for support and coordination. Learn more by calling Aidee Benavides at 248-338-4250 ext. 3719 or e-mail: benavidesm@ccsem.org



KNIGHTS CORNER

During Tuesday's Meeting Members to Consider Pancake Charity and Change in By-Laws

Pancakes and a proposed change in the by-laws are the main items on the agenda for Tuesday's membership meeting. Pancake Event Manager Dave Bednarski will first be looking for helpers for the Jan. 22 event, which will serve breakfast for parishioners from about 9:15 AM to about Noon, after the 8:30 and 10:15 masses. He will be circulating a sign-up sheet. If you are unable to attend the meeting, let him know if you can help with a phone call (734-368-8373) or e-mail (dbednarski_99@yahoo.com).

He also will ask members to continue a practice started several years ago of devoting the net proceeds of the winter pancake breakfast to a charitable cause. Last year profits went to a memorial honoring Msgr. Ed Baldwin; the year before proceeds went to the St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul efforts. This year Council officers voted to donate proceeds to buy badly needed audio-visual equipment for the St. Gerald Religious Education Department. Members will be asked to ratify that decision.

Members also will be asked to approve an amendment to the Council by-laws that was discussed last month. The by-law amendment is needed in order to satisfy a clause in the State of Michigan license application that would qualify the Council to raise funds through a millionaire party partnership. While study continues on the feasibility of the Council participating in a party operation, it was decided last month to apply for a license.

The amendment reads as follows: "In the event the St. Gerald Council 13673 is dissolved, ownership of all assets, including physical property, cash and saving instruments will be transferred to St. Gerald Catholic Church." Speaking of the by-laws, brothers who joined the Council after June 2012 should have received a by-laws booklet. If you did not, see Recorder Roger Stacey for a copy at Tuesday's meeting.

Looking Ahead—Jan. 29 is Family Communion Sunday at the 10:15 Mass; Feb. 28 is when we cook at the Parish Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; Casino bus trip on March 8, and on March 28 we help with the Parish Soup Supper.

Keep Track of State and National K of C Activities at www.mikofc.org and www.kofc.org

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

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

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Christian Services

- Candy Desjarlais: Christian Service Coordinator x 204
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- St. Vincent de Paul x 220

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Email: taylor.mary04@yahoo.com

Music and Youth Ministry

- Mary Melonio x 222
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Maintenance

Tom Kruger

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. 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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