

THE VOICE

JANUARY 22, 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.
and 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.



3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers
of men." - Mt 4:19

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Pancake Breakfast This Weekend

Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus
Sunday, January 22nd
Following the 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM Masses
Tickets sold at the door
Prices: \$7.00 adults; \$3.00 Child
(k through 8th grade);
and \$20 Family (2 adults & 3 children)
Proceeds to support
St. Gerald Education Technical Fund



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. Unclaimed items
will be donated to St.
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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 23 - JANUARY 27



Monday 9:15 AM

Terry Baillargeon

Requested by
 Pauline & Richard Plasencia

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Fr. Krzysztof Nowak

Requested by Friend

Wednesday

NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Beeler Family

Requested by Croitori Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Jacqueline Marshall

Requested by Tom & Kathryn Marshall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: HEB 9:15, 24-28/PS 98/MK 3:22-30

TUESDAY: HEB 10:1-10/PS 40/MK 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 22:3-16 OR ACTS 9:1-22/PS 117/MK 16:15-18

THURSDAY: 2 TM 1:1-8 OR TI 1:1-5/PS 96/MK 4:21-25

FRIDAY: HEB 10:32-39/PS 37/MK 4:26-34

SATURDAY: HEB 11:1-2, 8-19/LK 1/MK 4:35-41

NEXT SUNDAY: ZEP 2:3; 3:12-13/PS 146/1 COR 1:26-31/ MT 5:1-12A

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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 8 \$ 10,041.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of January 8 \$ 8,800.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - Jan. 8 \$261,113.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - Jan. 8 \$246,400.00

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



LET US WELCOME JOANNE TAPIN, OUR NEWEST MEMBER TO OUR PARISH. WELCOME JOANNE, WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

**JANUARY 29, 2017
 FOURTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM January 28 Fr. Kris

For Felipe DelRosario, Jr. Requested by Lyda DelRosario	Servers	Eli Gerhart Isabelle Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00B

8:30 AM January 29 Fr. Kris

For Clementina Angeloni Requested by Flora Rossi	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Thad Radzilowski 8:30A

10:15 AM January 29 Fr. Kris

Mass of Thanksgiving for Tom & Arlene McPhail Requested by Family	Servers	Luke Horsburgh
	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15B

12:00 PM January 29 Fr. Kaiser

For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Fernando Guerra Angie Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

January 28 and January 29

Team A

February 4 and February 5

Team B

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 find ourselves in the middle of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. How appropriate, then, is our second reading from Saint Paul’s first Letter to the Corinthians, in which he calls on the people of Corinth to put an end to their divisions so that their focus might be on proclaiming the gospel. Let us pray today for unity in our own Church as well as unity among all Christians.

“Thank you” to those who came out on Friday, January 13 to clean the church. As you may know, the new carpeting was installed that week and the benches and other surfaces needed to be cleaned.

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server or know of someone that is, training will consist of some explanation as to why we do things, a tour of the church and a practice. Altar Server Training will be held on Thursday, January 26 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM and will continue on the following Thursday, February 2 from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Please call me at 248-477-7470 x 202 or email me at timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com if you are interested or have questions.

May God’s blessings be upon each of us this week.

BOTSFORD COMMONS COMMUNION MINISTRY

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, you may want to offer your services to minister to those who reside at Botsford Commons. A group from St. Gerald’s conducts a Communion Service every other Sunday at 10:30 AM. One person usually leads the service and others take Eucharist to those who cannot attend the service. At the present, we have three teams and are looking for more help. This ministry is a rewarding experience. Training sessions are coming up, both are on Saturday mornings at 11:00 AM and will only last an hour. January 28 and February 4 are the dates. For more information, please contact Candy Desjarlais, Christian Service Coordinator at extension 204 or Tim Westfall, Pastoral Associate at extension 202. Our email addresses are located on page 6 of the bulletin.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Please pray for men discerning a call to the priesthood at this weekend’s discernment weekend at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

Thanks to your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, the archdiocesan Office of Priestly Vocations offers these firsthand, up close, and stress-free looks at seminary life several times a year. They include presentations from priests and seminarians, fellowship, and time for prayer.

The next discernment weekend, for men who are high school seniors to 55 years old, will be held March 30 to April 2. A discernment overnight, for high school freshmen to juniors, will take place on April 7 and 8.

Details about discernment weekends and overnights can be found at detroitpriest.com. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES BEGIN THEIR PREPARATION FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST



they prepare for the reception of the sacrament.

During the 10:15 AM Mass next weekend, January 29th, the children preparing to receive their First Communion will receive their First Communion study books. These books are used in the home study portion of the program. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for the reception of the sacrament.

THE HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS



The St. Gerald Vincentians wish you a happy and blessed new year! As we start the new year, we want to share a great success story with you:

Last October your generosity allowed us to help Carl (fictitious name) and his significant other with rent for a motel room and food. Shortly afterward our help, Carl started working at McDonald’s where he has become a shift manager. He has done so well that he will be attending McDonald U for further training and advancement. His significant other is working at the motel and has a second part-time job. They are saving up for a car. They are on their way to being self-sufficient which is the hope and prayer for every client we help.

Like Jesus, Vincentians meet our clients where they are—we go to their homes to meet them. We talk to them, pray with them (if they like) and pray for them. And finally, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best way to help the client. Sometimes, we are guided not to give financial assistance. We do, however, offer alternatives and other resources that may assist the client in meeting their needs.

We are always in need of volunteers who want to be “the hands and feet of Jesus.” If you feel you are being called to this fulfilling ministry, please contact us at (248) 476-7677 ext. 220. Leave a message with your name, phone number and the best time to call you. And finally, please pray for us and all those in need in our parish.



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
PAULA LONG
 +
 MARCH 31, 1926
 JANUARY 9, 2017
 ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
 PAULA O’LORD, AND MAY
 PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER

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.

Music Ministry



New Year ... New Plan!

I would like to try this again. I am hoping to practice with children in grades 2 through 6 to begin a children's choir that will sing at the 12 noon Mass on Sundays. The music will be slightly more contemporary and vibrant. I have not had any luck with practices before or after Masses so I will be attempting to have practice on Monday and Tuesday evenings after the Faith Formation classes until 7:30 PM. I will have them promptly out by 7:30 PM as I know there will always be issues of homework and such. This will begin January 30th and January 31st immediately following Faith Formation in the church. They would begin singing in February, 2017 at the 12 noon Mass. They will alternate with the Teen/Youth Choir. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Melonio at mmelonio@aol.com or 734-578-4179.



New Year – Super Plan!

Make a Joyful Noise ... all of you! I am inviting all 7th graders through high school and beyond to join the St. Gerald Teen Group. We will sing at the 12 noon Mass once or twice a month. You will ALSO play instruments, usher, greet, read, serve and everything else needed for a joyful and exhilarating celebration of the MASS!

After Mass, we will join in fellowship with a small meal (or big meal), discussions, games and entertainment. We could incorporate small skits add a movie; all of which will be planned in advance as to notify the parents when to pick up if needed. This would occur once a month to start and possibly grow to twice a month. Mark your calendar!!!! Sunday, January 29th, 2017 will be our next meeting at 7 PM in the Social Hall. Come and share ideas, let's plan events and socialize. See you then! Please contact Mary Melonio at mmelonio@aol.com or 734-578-4179 if you have any questions.

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.

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

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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ALTAR SERVER
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Calling ALL 4th-12th grade students!

WE NEED YOU!

Please join us for Altar Server Training

January 26 - 5:30 - 6:30 pm

February 2 - 5:30 - 6:30 pm

February 9 - 5:30 - 6:30 pm (if needed)

RSVP before January 25 to Tim Westfall

timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com

or just show up!!

A LOOK INTO THE WEEK AHEAD:

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation Classes	9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation	NO MASS 7:00 PM RCIA 7:30 PM Adult Choir	10:00 AM Funeral Mass for Paula Long 5:30 PM Altar Server Training 7:00 PM Mass	9:15 AM Mass 7:30 PM Holy Hour 8:00 PM AA Meeting	11:00 AM Homebound Ministers Training 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Fellowship 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass (Distribution of First Communion Study Books) (K of C Family Communion Mass) 10:15 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Mass 1:00 PM Baptism 6:30 PM Confirmation

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