

THE VOICE

FEBRUARY 5, 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.



**5th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” —Mt 5:14

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The Pilgrimage to Poland
May 10 - 20, 2017

Please note that the deadline to sign up for the Pilgrimage to Poland with Father Kris Nowak on the above dates is February 10th. For more information on this pilgrimage, pick up a flyer found on the table in the main entrance of the church. Spread the word, invite a friend! Many activities have been planned for this 11 day excursion. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with Fr. Kris.

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

FEBRUARY 6 - FEBRUARY 10

Monday 9:15 AM

Raymond Rieger

Requested by Joyce Reiger

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Enrico and Ida Canini

Requested by Graziano Canini

Wednesday

NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and Donarmen Families**

Requested by C. Kemp

Friday 9:15 AM

Enrico and Ida Canini

Requested by Graziano Canini



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY: GN 1:1-19/PS 104:1-2A, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35C/
Mk 6:53-56**

TUESDAY: GN 1:20--2:4A/PS 8:4-9/Mk 7:1-13

**WEDNESDAY: GN 2:4B-9, 15-17/PS 104:1-2A, 27-28,
29BC-30/Mk 7:14-23**

THURSDAY: GN 2:18-25/PS 128:1-5/Mk 7:24-30

FRIDAY: GN 3:1-8/PS 32:1-2, 5-7/Mk 7:31-37

**SATURDAY: GN 3:9-24/PS 90:2-4ABC, 5-6, 12-13/
Mk 8:1-10**

**NEXT SUNDAY: SIR 15:15-20/PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18,
33- 34/1 COR 2:6-10/MT 5:17-37 OR 5:20-22A, 27-28,
33-34A, 37**

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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 22	\$ 7,465.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of January 22	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Jan. 22	\$281,754.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Jan. 22	\$264,000.00

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

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.

**FEBRUARY 12, 2017
SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM February 11 Fr. Kaiser		
For R. E. Blankenship Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00B
8:30 AM February 12 Fr. Seweryn		
For Michael Hoots Requested by Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30C
10:15 AM February 12 Fr. Seweryn		
For Joan Marie Hackert Requested by Hackert & Haas	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15A
12:00 PM February 12 Fr. Kaiser		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Mary Power 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

February 11 and February 12 Team C February 18 and February 19 Team D

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!





"GO RED FOR WOMEN"

February is the month to dispel myths and bring awareness of heart disease & stroke as the number one killer of women. Please visit the Health Ministry table and our display in the social hall and pick up information on Women and Heart disease February 4 & 5. I'm asking you to **wear red February 4 & 5 at Mass**. All over the country people are asked to wear red.



GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!!

The Health Ministry has scheduled a **Blood Drive** for **Sunday, February 19, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. The Blood Drive appointment sheet is in the Social Hall at the Health Ministry table. Please sign up, or call Barbara Seabolt at 248-477-4752, or go online to www.redcrossblood.org using the sponsor code **stgeraldch**.



Thank you for your support on saving many lives by giving blood and your time



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.

ST. GERALD WOMEN'S GROUP

The St. Gerald Women's Group is for women of all ages - from ages 18 through Seniors! We get together for fellowship, fun and more!

Our February event will be a Meet and Greet welcoming our newest members in the Social Hall on Tuesday, February 7th at 6:30 PM. We will have casual conversation and play the game Pictionary. All women are welcome. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and a beverage of your choice. As always, feel free to bring a friend.

Please RSVP to the Parish Office if you will be attending.

Be sure to check the Voice and the church website for upcoming activities.

**We welcome to the
Body of Christ**

Sarah Grace Meyer

*baptized Sunday,
January 29, 2017*

by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Sarah is the daughter of
Edmond Joseph Meyer, IV
&
Angela Marie Giertz

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!

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.



- Peanut Butter
- Jam/Jelly
- Canned Fruit and Soup
- Tuna Helper
- Tuna Fish
- Mac and Cheese
- Juice
- Cereal
- Crackers

**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**



Carnival Dance Party

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The India Catholic Association opens up its Spring Festival to the parishioners of St. Gerald

When: Saturday, February 25, 2017
Party: 6:15 PM
Where: St. Gerald - 21300 Farmington Rd, Farmington 48336
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Adult & Children above
12 years: \$20

Child (ages 3-12): \$12



Get your Tickets by February 18, 2017!

Please make checks payable to "ICA" and mail to:
 ICA Treasurer, 38888 Lancaster Dr., Farmington Hills, MI 48331

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY

6 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation Classes 7:00 PM Evangelization Meeting	7 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation 6:30 PM Women's Social 7:00 PM K of C Officer's Meeting	8 NO MASS 7:00 PM RCIA 7:30 PM Adult Choir	9 5:30 PM Altar Server Training 7:00 PM Mass	10 9:15 AM Mass 7:30 PM Holy Hour 8:00 PM AA Meeting	11 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass	12 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 12:00 PM Mass 6:30 PM Confirmation Classes
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KNIGHTS CORNER

Last Month's Pancake Breakfast Benefit Netted \$1,290 for Religious Ed Tech Fund

Although a power failure had the second shift of diners at the Jan. 22 Pancake Breakfast eating in a dimly candle-lit hall, net proceeds were very, very bright. Treasurer Rich Rosowski will report at Tuesday's Officers' Meeting that the breakfast cleared \$1,290 for the parish Religious Education Technical Fund.

That amount was made up of donations of \$520, \$129 representing the Knights share of the 50/50 drawing and \$977 in ticket sales less expenses. Religious Education Director Mary Taylor was overjoyed with the results, adding the money will be used to upgrade and add badly needed audio visual equipment and materials.

Other items on the agenda for Council Officers when they meet Tuesday, Feb. 7, will include a discussion of a proposed membership drive later this month and how the Knights will cook for the Feb. 28 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. The dinner is a project of the Christian Service Commission.

With dinner service starting at 5 PM, Knights will have to be in the kitchen by 4 PM. If you are free that afternoon, give Program Director Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185 or an e-mail at tandamcphail@att.net. Christian Service volunteers will be handling the other duties — setup, food line, serving, dish washing and cleanup.

A big welcome to Ron Bywalec, who transferred into our Council after 30 years of membership in St. Francis Council, which is now located at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Ron and his wife Linda are long-time St. Gerald parishioners. As a transferee, Ron does not count toward our 2016-17 membership requirement.

Looking Ahead – Feb. 21 is our membership meeting, March 1 is Ash Wednesday, March 8 is another bus trip to the FireKeepers Casino. PGK Rich Smith (248-747-6817) has tickets.

Away from Home? Read the Knights Corner at the Parish Website www.stgeraldparish.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

- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Administrator x 203
- Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate x 202
Email: timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com
- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant.....x 212
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Christian Services

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

Education

- Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201
Email: taylor.mary04@yahoo.com

Music and Youth Ministry

- Mary Melonio x 222
Email: mmelonio@aol.com

- 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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