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FEBRUARY 19, 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

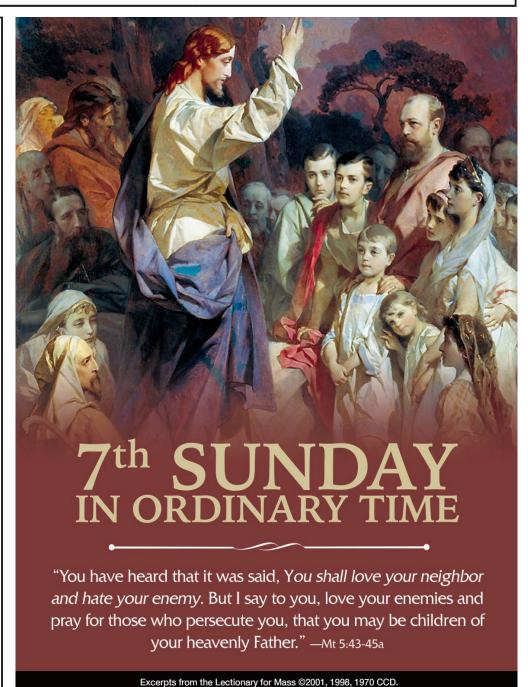
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.





DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS (COOKIES, BROWNIES, RICE KRISPIES, ETC.) ARE NEEDED! PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO LET US KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DONATE. SEE ENCLOSED FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION. THANK YOU!



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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.



FEBRUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 24

Monday 9:15 AM
Enrico and Ida Canini
Requested by Graziano Canini

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Donarman Families Requested by C. Kemp

> Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Thank You St. Anthony

Friday 9:15 AM Mr. Raju Requested by Friend



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: SIR 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2, 5/MK 9:14-29

TUESDAY: SIR 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/

Мк 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY: 1 PT 5:1-4/PS 23:1-3A, 4-6/MT 16:13-19

THURSDAY: SIR 5:1-8/PS 1:1-4, 6/MK 9:41-50

FRIDAY: SIR 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34-35/MK 10:1-12

SATURDAY: SIR 17:1-15/PS 103:13-18/MK 10:13-16 NEXT SUNDAY: IS 49:14-15/PS 62:2-3, 6-9/1 COR 4:1-5/

MT 6:24-34
LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS INC

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

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of February 5 \$ 10,484.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of February 5 . . . \$ 8,800.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - February 5 \$300,324.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - February 5 \$281,600.00

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!

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

FEBRUARY 26, 2017 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM	February 25 Fr. Kris	
For Lucille Strick Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00B
8:30 AM	February 26 Fr. Kris	
For Virginia Foti Requested by Alice & Chet Lewis	Servers	Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Tim Westfall 8:30C
	February 26 Fr. Puzio	
10:15 AM	February 2	26 Fr. Puzio
For Joan Marie Hackert	February 2	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco
For		Grace Pagnucco
For Joan Marie Hackert Requested by Hackert & Haas	Servers Lector/	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco Sofia Mansoor 10:15C
For Joan Marie Hackert Requested by Hackert & Haas Families	Servers Lector/ Ushers	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco Sofia Mansoor 10:15C

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

February 25 and February 26
Team A

March 4 and March 5



March 1st Mass Times: 9:15 AM and 7:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE THAT ASHES WILL ONLY BE DISTRIBUTED DURING THE MASSES.

Please join us for a group discussion on

Resisting Happiness

By: Matthew Kelly

Starting:

Tuesday, February 28th at 10:30 AM in Classroom 2

Please call Mary Taylor at 248-477-7470, ext. 201 or email taylor.mary04@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending.



Tim's Tidbits

Our Catholic Liturgy calls **each of us** to *full, conscious and active participation* in the liturgical celebration. Article 14 of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy states:

"The Church earnestly desires that all the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations called for by the very nature of the liturgy."

This means that we must fully engage ourselves in participation in the Liturgy, the Mass. We can do this by saying the responses, shaking hands, offering to take up the gifts when asked, singing the hymns – and sing them! Everyone should sing, no matter what your voice, even if you sing off-key. Participate in the Liturgy fully by being present and active in the celebration. The church belongs to everyone! A saying on a shirt that I have seen at conferences states, "Don't just GO to Church, BE the church!" Let's live that message out in our daily lives.

Liturgy (Mass) is not a personal or private prayer time. It is the communal prayer of the church. It is a time when we come together as the people of God, as community, as family to pray, sing and worship God. Through liturgical celebrations, we define ourselves as a united, believing community ... the Body of Christ.

About Liturgy (This portion is taken from Living Liturgy, 2017.) The spirit of liturgical law: Some people interpret the myriad laws governing the right celebration of liturgy too narrowly. They think these directives only restrict and constrain. While a mechanical approach to liturgical law may well seem like this, there is a different intention about why we have so many laws.

When liturgical law is kept to the letter but without its spirit — without any pastoral concern — then the law does no service to the people. The ritual is reduced to mere rubrics with no life, and people have a right to complain about such application of the law. On the other hand, when liturgical law is almost completely disregarded, then we run a high risk of the liturgy becoming the captive of a few people in the community who shape it to their own understanding rather than God's wisdom and understanding. In this liturgical scenario liturgy can become quite idiosyncratic, dependent upon the likes and dislikes of a few.

Liturgical law is not about putting our worship in a straitjacket. It is about drawing on the wisdom of the tradition to best enact the paschal mystery. Fidelity to the spirit of liturgical law ensures that we celebrate the one liturgy of the whole church. It ensures that we are more than a local expression of the Body of Christ, but are, indeed, a visible presence of the whole church.

Finding a balance between respecting the law and implementing its spirit for the good of the community is not always easy. This is one reason why regular evaluation of the whole liturgical endeavor (rubrics, music choices, postures, environment, etc.) is so important. Ultimately, the criteria for good liturgy is not whether one keeps laws; the criteria is whether the community prays, grows, and decides together to be a community choosing fullness of life, goodness and justice.

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.



GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!!

The Health Ministry is having a **Blood Drive** this weekend on **Sunday, February 19, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** If you haven't signed up that is okay, walk-ins are welcome!



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



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St. Gerald Women's Group

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 last activity was a Meet and Greet in the church social hall. We had a wonderful turnout with 23 women attending. We enjoyed lots of yummy appetizers and desserts and some casual conversation while meeting new people.

It was very productive, as we had lots of new ideas. We talked about what we will be doing in the coming months.



Our first March activity will be on Tuesday, March 7th at the Blue Leprechaun in Ann Arbor. I hear they have some great corned beef and cabbage as well as other very tasty food items! We will meet at the church between 5:00-5:15 PM

and carpool from St. Gerald. If you didn't sign up at the meeting, please RSVP to Gerryanna Luscri at luscrifamily@hotmail.com so we can put in our reservation early.

Also, on Saturday, March 18th we will join the rest of the congregation at the church for Game Night. Some of our members will be hosting tables of Bunco. Feel free to join us!

Also on May 15 at 6 PM we will have an indoor plant exchange and play Bunco in the Social Hall. Please contact Joanne Tapin at 810-858-7121 to RSVP for this went



More events will be coming up. Keep reading the bulletin to get more information.

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE-LIFESPAN DROP OFF BABY SHOWER



St. Gerald, in cooperation with Right to Life-Lifespan, will be accepting donations of new and gently used baby items, clothes, furniture and maternity clothes on the weekend of March 11 and 12. Your donations may be placed in the playpen located in the social hall that weekend. Monetary donations will also be appreciated.





Monday, February 20



Winter Break - No Formation Classes 9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, February 21

Winter Break - No Formation Classes 9:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM K of C Membership Meeting

Wednesday, February 22

7:00 PM RCIA 7:30 PM Adult Choir

Thursday, February 23

7:00 PM Mass

Friday, February 24

9:15 AM Mass 7:30 PM Holy Hour 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, February 25

3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass 6:15 PM Carnival Dance Party

Sunday, February 26 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Mass

10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:15 AM Mass

10:15 AM Sunday School

12:00 PM Mass

1:00 PM Baptism

6:30 PM Confirmation Classes

CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR

Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Tour leaves St. Gerald Parish at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM

For information and to sign up please call:



Richard Smith at 248-747-6817; Bruce Roberts at 248-756-9257; or Richard Rosowski at 248-477-2511.

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Events happening in and around our community



CCSEM - Caring for the Caregiver

Caring for memory-impaired loved ones can be a full-time job. For many, it is. Caregivers need support and information. This is a free gathering sponsored by Catholic Charities of

Southeast Michigan in collaboration with Home Instead Senior Care. We will be learning approaches to improve communication with loved ones affected by dementia, techniques to reduce the caregiver's own stress levels, and resources available to help. Space is limited! Please RSVP to Trista Johnson by calling 248-559-1147 ext. 3941 or by email: johnsont@ccsem.org

CAMP SANCTA MARIA

Looking to spark the faith of your children or grandchildren while they have a blast at the same time? Check out Camp Sancta Maria located in Gaylord, Michigan. We are a Catholic camp that provides fun experiences in a technology-free zone (and they won't even miss their cell phones!) while immersed in a faith-filled environment. We offer separate camping experiences for boys and girls that include daily Mass, horseback riding, swimming, archery, various sports, high and low ropes, campfires, crafts and more. For additional information, check us out at www.CampSanctaMaria.org or call (248) 822-8199.

CSA - YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

"Reboot: For LEADERS in Young Adult Ministry" will offer those who minister to Catholics in their 20's and 30's the opportunity for valuable networking.

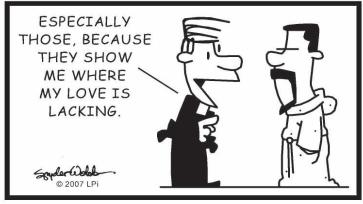
The gathering will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary from 5:30 to 8:30 PM this Monday, February 20. The evening will include dinner and a discussion of best practices and strategies for building young adult ministry in the future.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal support the Young Adult and Campus Ministry Office, which provides young adults with opportunities to grow in their faith through evangelization, catechesis, spiritual growth, liturgical formation, social events, and service.

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

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





We will again be participating in Catholic Relief



Services Lenten Program,
Operation Rice Bowl. This
program has inspired
Catholics in the U.S. to
pray, fast, learn and give as
we increase our
understanding of our global
community throughout our
Lenten journey. We
encourage you to participate

in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. All Religious Education children will receive their Rice Bowls from their classes during the week of February 26th. Additional Rice Bowls and information will be available in the gathering space of the Church. Please consider making a donation to this very worthy cause.

Lenten Little Black Books

will be available in the Gathering Space of the church the week of February 27th. A small donation would be appreciated!



Let us welcome our newest members:

Arun and Jennifer Jayaram and Family



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!

KNIGHTS CORNER

How You Can Help with New Recruiting Drive to be Explained at Tuesday's Member Meet

Brother Rick Stone received his red Council apron from Grand Knight Fred Gerometta in a special ceremony after last Sunday's 10:15 mass. Rick had been eligible for his apron for several weeks but because of schedule conflicts and a virus or two wasn't available when the Grand Knight was. Rick also serves the parish as a Lector.

Two other Knights, Terry Grabinski and Ken May, are scheduled to receive their aprons at Tuesday's membership meeting. Their latest service was at the January 22nd Pancake Breakfast when they shared pancake flipping duties.

Foremost on Tuesday's agenda will be a report by Membership Director Shatomi Kerbawy on a membership recruiting drive in the works for March. Final details of the drive had been pending the return of our Chaplain Fr. Kris from retreat. If you know a parish member who would benefit from being a Knight, contact Shatomi at 248-434-7561.

Welcome home to Brother Mike Mrozovich who was in India for the last several years teaching the locals how Ford builds cars. You may not recognize him at first since he no longer sports a flat top haircut. Mike has some interesting stories to tell about his experiences in India; perhaps we can convince him to share them at an upcoming meeting.

PGK Bruce Roberts has been working alone at a table outside the main church doors selling State Charity Raffle tickets. He could use some help. If you can spare 10 minutes after Mass, let him know at 248-756-9257. He also could use some help selling tickets at the February 28th Parish Pancake Supper.

Leaving Town on Vacation? Keep Up on Council News at 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)

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SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation: Sacrament of the Sick: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM 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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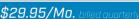


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