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FEBRUARY 26, 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

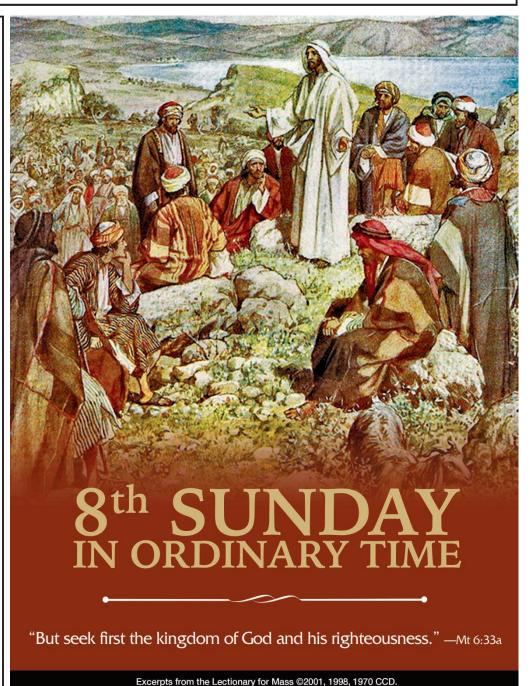
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

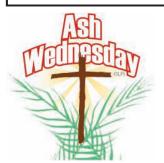
WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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





WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST MASS TIMES: 9:15 AM AND 7:00 PM

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

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.



FEBRUARY 27 - MARCH 4

Monday 9:15 AM

Enrico and Ida Canini

Requested by Graziano Canini

Wednesday 9:15 AM Jerry Kopasz

Requested by Best Friends Forever

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Dennis Ouellette

Thursday 7:00 PM Jerry Kopasz

Requested by Best Friends Forever

and Donarman Families Requested by C. Kemp

Saturday 9:15 AM

Requested by Graziano Canini



Thank You St. Jude

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Requested by Pauline and Richard Plasencia

Friday 9:15 AM

Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht

Enrico and Ida Canini

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: SIR 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5-7/MK 10:17-27 TUESDAY: SIR 35:1-12/PS 50:5-8, 14, 23/MK 10:28-31

WEDNESDAY: JL 2:12-18/PS 51:3-6AB, 12-14, 17/2 COR 5:20--

6:2/MT 6:1-6, 16-18

THURSDAY: DT 30:15-20/PS 1:1-4, 6/LK 9:22-25 FRIDAY: IS 58:1-9A/PS 51:3-6AB, 18-19/MT 9:14-15

SATURDAY: IS 58:9B-14/PS 86:1-6/LK 5:27-32

NEXT SUNDAY: GN 2:7-9; 3:1-7/PS 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/ROM 5:12-

19 OR 5:12, 17-19/MT 4:1-11

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

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of February 12... \$ 9,010.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of February 12... \$ 8,800.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - February 12 \$309,334.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - February 12 \$290,400.00



First Friday, March 3 **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Scheduled** Adorers Needed Please see sign-up sheets in narthex for times

MARCH 5, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM	March 4	Fr. Kris
For Angelo Russo Requested by Family	Servers	Mandy Millar
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00A
8:30 AM	March 5	Fr. Kris
For Teagan & Nowak Families Requested by Paul & Mary Nowak	Servers	Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30B
10:15 AM	March 5	Fr. Kris
For A. Dennis Quellette	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco
For A. Dennis Ouellette Requested by Rich & Pauline	Servers Lector/ Ushers	
A. Dennis Ouellette Requested by Rich & Pauline	Lector/	Claire Pagnucco Caron Kott
A. Dennis Ouellette Requested by Rich & Pauline	Lector/ Ushers	Claire Pagnucco Caron Kott 10:15A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

March 4 and March 5 Team B

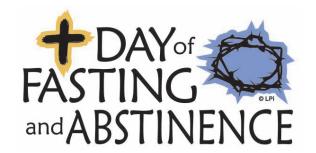
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Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM

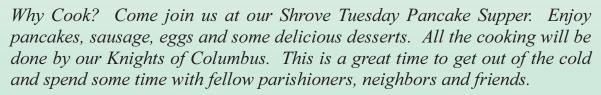






St. Gerald Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 28 5:00 - 7:00 PM





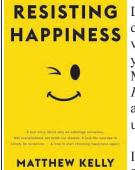
Ticket Prices:

Adults (12 years and older) \$6.00 Children (11 to 5 years) \$4.00 Children 4 and under Free

Tickets can be purchased at the door on the evening of the dinner



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Do something life-changing! Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Ever Lent. Each day you'll receive an email with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly. This year's Best Lent Ever program is based on Matthew Kelly's newest book, *Resisting Happiness*, the book that was distributed at Christmas. All you have to do is sign up at: DynamicCatholic.com/Lent.

If you did not receive a book, more are available on the table in the Social Hall.



Let us welcome our newest members:

Robyn Davis Erik Livingston

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.



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

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** Joanne Dixon

Renèe Skoczylas

Linda Malloy

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 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.



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!

And 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.

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.

Sponsored by St. Gerald Knights of Columbus



Monday, February 27

9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation

Tuesday, February 28

9:15 AM Mass

10:30 AM "Resisting Happiness" book gathering 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation 5:00 PM Pancake Supper

Wednesday, March 1 ASH WEDNESDAY

9:15 AM Mass (with distribution of ashes) 7:00 PM Mass (with distribution of ashes)

Thursday, March 2

10:30 AM SVDP Meeting 7:00 PM Mass

Friday, March 3

First Friday - Eucharistic Adoration following morning mass

9:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, March 4

First Saturday

9:15 AM Mass with Anointing of the sick 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, March 5 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Mass

10:00 AM Botsford Commons visit

10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:15 AM Mass

10:15 AM Sunday School

12:00 PM Mass

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!

LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Lent is the season which runs from Ash Wednesday until the Mass of the Lord's Supper exclusive. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of total fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. In keeping with the spirit and meaning of the Lenten fast, Catholics are encouraged to observe the Good Friday fast through Holy Saturday and until the celebration of the Easter Vigil.

The <u>law of fasting</u> binds persons from the completing of their 18th year to the beginning of their 60th year, i.e., from the day after their 18th birthday to the day after their 59th birthday.

The <u>law of fasting</u> allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food in the morning and evening, observing - as far as quantity and quality are concerned - approved local custom. The order of meals is optional; i.e., the full meal may be taken in the evening instead of midday. Also: (1) the quantity of food taken at the two lighter meals should not exceed the quantity taken at the full meal. (2)The drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast.

The <u>law of abstinence</u> binds persons from the completion of their 14th year - i.e. from the day after their 14th birthday throughout life

The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, but not of eggs, the products of milk or condiments made of animal fat. Permissible are soup flavored with meat, meat gravy and sauces.

St. Peter Chrysologus (380-450) states in his "Sermon 43" that "Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting . . . they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not at all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself. . . . Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain to the earth. However much you cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, show virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit. When you fast, if you mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gathering by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others."

ST. GERALD EASTER MEMORIAL LILIES

This Easter Season the church will once again be decorated with memorial lilies. Parishioners have the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away through donations toward the purchase of these Easter Lilies and other Easter flowers. Suggested donation this year remains \$10.00 per name.

Just fill out the form below! Place your form and donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Donation" and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the ministries office in the education hallway.

A list of the donors and memorial names will appear in the bulletin for our Easter Sunday Edition.

IN MEMORY OF:

(Please legibly print name of deceased)

REMEMBERED BY:

(Your name)

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: (

(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)

Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church



OPERATION RICE BOWL



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 this week. 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 this week of. A small donation would be appreciated!



THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTER EUROPE



Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in over 20 countries, many of which are still struggling to recover in the aftermath of Soviet

rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations, and seminar formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. Please take an envelope at the end of the pew home with you and return next weekend and place in the second collection basket. More information can be found at 2www.usccb.org/ccee.

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



KNIGHTS CORNER

Membership Drive Next Month Opens a Very Busy Two Months Ahead

A big membership drive will get underway next month and you can help. At last Tuesday's membership meeting, Membership Shatomi Kerbawy and Chancellor Frank Gariepy, chair of the Member Retention Committee, outlined a plan to attract new members. The first step is Gariepy's letter last week to 180 former Knights who now live in Farmington or Farmington Hills, having quit other Councils located in other areas. The letters are an invitation to the March 9 open house described below.

The second step will be passing out prospect cards after the March 4-5 masses. Those masses will feature a brief pulpit talk inviting interested men and their spouses to an open house and light dinner after the 7 PM mass Thursday, March 9. Members are expected to help out with the prospect cards and come to the open house and socialize with the prospects.

A few members also are expected to accompany prospects to a first degree ceremony March 13 at nearby St. Priscilla Church in Livonia. If you know of a parishioner who would make a good Knight, pass his name along to Shatomi so the prospect can receive the letters. Another membership drive is planned for May, Kerbawy said. "It is vital that we add more members at this time since five Knights have transferred to other Councils since the start of the fraternal year".

PKG Rich Smith reports that six seats remain available for the March 8 bus to the Fire Keepers Casino near Battle Creek. The bus leaves the church parking lot at 9 AM and arrives back around 6 PM. The net cost is \$10 after you purchase a \$35 ticket and get \$25 in gaming and food credits. A real bargain for a day of fun and great company! To reserve a seat, contact Smith at 313-421-0204.

The next two months will be busy ones. In addition to the Membership Drive, the Knights will be in the kitchen for the Parish Soup Supper on Tuesday, March 28. That event is sponsored by the Christian Service Commission. April 9, we will be serving donuts during fellowship time after the Palm Sunday masses. We'll produce a Pancake Breakfast for the parish on Sunday, April 23. The April 18 membership meeting will open the nominating period of officers for 2017-18, and Sunday, April 30, will be another Family Communion Mass. Mark your calendars.

The Best Recruiter is YOU: Tell a Fellow Parishioner How Knighthood has Helped You!

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

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Administrator x 203

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

Tom Kruger Kim Shepard

Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate x 202
Email: timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistantx 212 Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com
All other offices dial (248) 476-7677
Christian Services Christian Service Coordinator
St. Vincent de Paul x 220
Education Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education
Music and Youth Ministry Mary Melonio
Maintenance Accountant

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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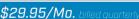


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