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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.



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." —Mt 17:5

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



Lenten Soup Supper
Tuesday, March 28, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 PM
Featuring soups from Big Boy
More information to come!



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

MARCH 13 - MARCH 17

Monday 9:15 AM
Fr. Krzysztof Nowak
 Requested by Friend

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Nancy Croitori
 Requested by Croitori Family

Wednesday
No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Enrico and Ida Canini
 Requested by Graziano Canini

Friday 9:15 AM
Joan Marie Hackert
 Requested by Hackert and Haas Families



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: DN 9:4B-10/PS 79:8-9, 11, 13/LK 6:36-38
TUESDAY: IS 1:10, 16-20/PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21, 23/ MT 23:1-12
WEDNESDAY: JER 18:18-20/PS 31:5-6, 14-16/MT 20:17-28
THURSDAY: JER 17:5-10/PS 1:1-4, 6/LK 16:19-31
FRIDAY: GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A/PS 105:16-21/ MT 21:33-43, 45-46
SATURDAY: MI 7:14-15, 18-20/PS 103:1-4, 9-12/LK 15:1-3, 1 1-32
NEXT SUNDAY: EX 17:3-7/PS 95:1-2, 6-9/ROM 5:1-2, 5-8/ JN 4:5-42 OR 4:5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42

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Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of February 26 . . . \$ 10,189.00
 Budget Offertory for Weekend of February 26 . . \$ 8,800.00
 Actual Offertory July 1 - February 26 \$327,700.00
 Budget Offertory July 1 - February 26 \$308,000.00

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

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 the office at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and their name will be added to our prayers.

**MARCH 19, 2017
 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 PM March 18 Fr. Kris		
For Wilda McAskin Requested by Bob and Diane Blankenship	Servers	Isabelle Gerhart Eli Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Tim Westfall 5:00A
8:30 AM March 19 Fr. Kris		
For Gennadiy Dudin Requested by Rosalie & Steve Rudzki	Servers	Gabe Smith Nina Stephanie DeSilva
	Lector/ Ushers	Thad Radzilowski 8:30A
10:15 AM March 19 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Fred Haubold Requested by Lorraine Boore	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco
	Lector/	Angela McLoughlin 10:15C
12:00 PM March 19 Fr. Kris		
For Shirley Thomas Requested by Mary Taylor	Servers	Angela Guerra Fernando Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Chris Greig 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Two Weeks

March 18 and March 19 Team D March 25 and March 26 Team A

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, March 19th following the 8:30 AM Mass

Please Pray For Our Sick:

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| Wanda Reiner | Beth Croitori |
| Tony Wadrick | Bill Walker |
| Loretta Zahn | Carol Reinke |
| Dick Campbell | Erin Malloy-Tingle |
| Charles Minear | Andy Mosher |
| Rita Knight | Cyndy Fenech |
| John MacDougall | Emily Choike |
| Josephine Meyers | Corinne Wedge |
| Megan Schroeder | Linda Malloy |
| Wanda Johnson | Stephen Cleary |
| Ralph Wenski | Nancy Kolliker |
| Laurie Aldrich | Margaret Joyal |
| Mary Ann Alcalá | Joan Preston |
| Andy Vermiglio | Gerry Makowski |
| Joan Goniea | Sue Kowzan |
| Bill Borchert | Gabbie Frey |
| Nadeen Ouelette | Betty Hunter |
| John Dillon | Joanne Dixon |
| Nell Sagripanti | Renée Skoczylas |
| James Cooper | Rick Stone |
| Mary Power | |

TIM'S TIDBITS

As we continue our Lenten journey today, we encounter the transfigured Jesus. In his glory, Jesus embodies our future life just as Abraham's future was promised by God.

The Cross is a central symbol of Lent and is our focus. In the Gathering Space we find the Cross, with a pedestal of rock and purple sash on this Second Sunday of Lent. As we pass by it, we are reminded of what it symbolizes for us. When you pass by it feel free to touch it, as you enter or exit the church proper. Let it serve as a reminder to you of the season. This is the Cross which we will use throughout the season and one that we will venerate on Good Friday. Throughout the season of Lent, let our Cross be our guide as we move towards the most sacred time of the Church Year – the Paschal Triduum. With Lent, always let our focus be on the glorious, redemptive act, of the triumphant cross. Our focus is always to be on the Resurrection, what we all await and hope for.

Living the Paschal Mystery (from *Living Liturgy*, 2017)

Jesus commands the disciples to "Rise, and do not be afraid." The journey of discipleship has its dangers (temptations), but we still venture forth on the journey to eternal glory. We trust in God's guidance (given through law, prophets, teachings of Jesus, Gospel living modeled by others) and surrender ourselves into God's hands. All we need to do is exclaim with Peter, "Lord, it is good that we are here."

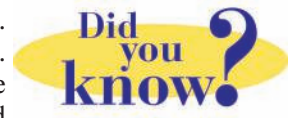
We are with Jesus through our own practice of taking some time every day to read God's word in Scripture, through the good modeling of discipleship by another, through the guidance we seek in spiritual direction, through the disciplines we choose for Lent. There are many ways we share in Jesus' glorified Presence. Being here with Jesus means that we keep our eyes focused on the vision of Jesus transfigured and know that God, in great love and divine mercy, intends that we share in that same glory. We cannot lose sight of Jesus himself. "Lord, it is good that we are here."

Have a prayerful week.

THE FEAST OF ST. GERALD, MONDAY, MARCH 13

Who is St. Gerald?

St. Gerald was the bishop of Mayo, an English monk, date of birth unknown; died 13 March, 731. He followed St. Colman to Ireland, and settled in Innisboffin, in 668. Dissensions arose, after a time, between the Irish and the English monks, and St. Colman decided to found a separate monastery for the thirty English brethren. Thus arose the Abbey of Mayo (Magh Eo, the yew plain), known as "Mayo of the Saxons", with St. Gerald as the first abbot, in 670. Although St. Gerald was a comparatively young man, he proved a wise ruler, and governed the abbey until 697, when, it is said, he resigned in favour of St. Adamnan. After the governance of St. Adamnan, St. Gerald returned to the abbey and the Saxon saint continued to govern the Abbey and Diocese of Mayo till his death. His feast is celebrated on 13 March.



LENT/SPRING SCRIPTURE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

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



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

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

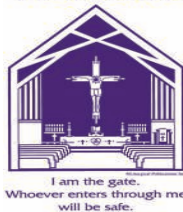
All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides. Study guides will be available for \$10. No need to register.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday, April 15th,
 starting with blessing in church
 at 11:30 AM.
 Donations of wrapped candy
 and plastic Easter Eggs
 filled with wrapped candy are needed
 in order to make this a successful event.
 Please place your donation
 of Easter Eggs in the plastic bins
 located in the vestibule of the Church.

Welcome



**Let us welcome:
 Amy Hartman, Kelli Bocan and
 Bettina Buchin
 our newest members, who joined
 St. Gerald last week.
 Welcome to our parish!**

MAKE THIS THE BEST LENT EVER

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 book case in the gathering space of the Church.

Special Events



Saturday, May 20th 7:00 PM
Fruit of the Vine; Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Joe Lozano, California Sommelier, will be providing a sampling of wines and presentation. Proceeds for this event will benefit our Religious Education Program. Mark your calendar for an enjoyable evening.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY



Mark your calendar:

Blood Pressure Screening **May 21, 2017**
(B/P will begin September thru May, 2017-2018)
Blood Drive, **July 16, 2017**, 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Flu Clinic, **October (TBD), 2017**, 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Watch the calendar for more CPR/AED and First Aid Classes.

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!



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

On **May 15th** 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 event. More events will be coming up. Keep reading the bulletin to get more information.

GAME NIGHT

Saturday, March 18th
6:45 to 10:00 PM

Come join the fun.

We will have soup, meatballs and rolls, and enjoy good company.

Bring the family, bring a friend.

Bring an appetizer, or a game to share.



Fridays during Lent at 7 PM



Lenten Schedule

Monday, March 13

Feast of St. Gerald

9:15 AM Mass

5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation

7:00 PM Baptism Prep Class

Tuesday, March 14

9:15 AM Mass

10:30 AM "Resisting Happiness" book discussion

5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation

7:00 PM Parish Leaders' Meeting

Wednesday, March 15

7:00 PM Vicariate Bible Study

7:30 Adult Choir

Thursday, March 16

10:30 AM SVDP Meeting

7:00 PM Mass

Friday, March 17

9:15 AM Mass

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

8:00 PM AA Meeting

8:00 PM Holy Hour

Saturday, March 18

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Mass

6:30 PM Family Game Night

Sunday, March 19

Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Mass

10:00 AM Botsford Commons Visit

10:15 AM Mass

10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:15 AM Sunday School

12:00 PM Mass

1:00 PM Baptisms

1:00 PM MOM's Group

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. Rice Bowls and information are available in the gathering space of the Church. Please consider making a donation to this very worthy cause.

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 Parish Office.

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



The Lenten season is upon us! The SGMC is sponsoring a Prayer Box Craft Day on Fellowship Sunday, April 2nd after the 10:15 and 12:00 masses! All are welcome! The children will be making Prayer Boxes to share with their families, as they learn about prayer, sacrifice, and giving, during the Lenten season. So, bring the family and get to know other young families and make new friends in your parish!



Our next meeting will be March 19th after the 12:00 Mass to get to know each other and share new ideas with the group.

The purpose of St. Gerald Mom's Corner is to provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their Christian faith to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as service projects, parties, speakers, outings and discussion – moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. The meetings will take place the 3rd Sunday of the month after 12:00 Mass in one of the classrooms.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Some of our wonderful volunteers



A special thank you to Karen Goheen for her leadership role at the supper!



Our Knights of Columbus did all the cooking. Great job!



Lots of fun and fellowship!





KNIGHTS CORNER

K of C Insurance Program Sets Sales Record for 16th Straight Year; Has \$105 Billion in Force

A big “Atta Boy” to the ten Knights who staffed the kitchen during the Feb. 28 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Led by Grand Knight Fred Gerometta, the crew of Pat McDonald, Ken May, Armin Russenberger, Thom Seabolt, Rich Smith, Tony Wagner, Rich Bigger, Peter Becks and Rich Blewett served up pancakes, sausages and egg for parishioners.

Also a big “Atta Girl” to Karen Goheen who had the job of event manager dropped into her lap after the resignation of Christian Service Coordinator Candy Desjarlais. Karen enlisted the volunteers, bought the supplies, organized the hall and put on a successful dinner. A very, very good initial effort!

Speaking of efforts, the K of C’s insurance program set a sales record last year for the 16th consecutive year with \$8.54 billion in new life insurance sold – an increase of more than \$125 million over the previous year. The K of C now has more than \$105 billion of life insurance in force, marking a \$50 billion increase in the last decade due to the record sales.

“More and more Catholic families are turning to the Knights of Columbus for their insurance needs,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “By leveraging our fraternal network of professional field agents and remaining faithful to our Catholic roots, we offer something unique to members and their families: top quality financial protection provided by professionals who are brother Knights and who share our values — and act on them.”

Last March, the K of C was named a World’s Most Ethical Company by the Ethisphere Institute for the third consecutive year. In September, the Knights again were listed on the Fortune 1000 list and, for the 41st consecutive year, earned the highest possible rating for financial strength, A++ (Superior), from A.M. Best, a national insurance rating service.

Win an Exciting Trip and/or Cash in the State K of C Raffle; See a St. Gerald Knight for a Ticket!

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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- Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201
Email: taylor.mary04@yahoo.com
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- Mary Melonio x 222
Email: mmelonio@aol.com
- Maintenance Accountant**
- Tom Kruger 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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