# THE VOICE

MARCH 26, 2017

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

#### MASS SCHEDULE

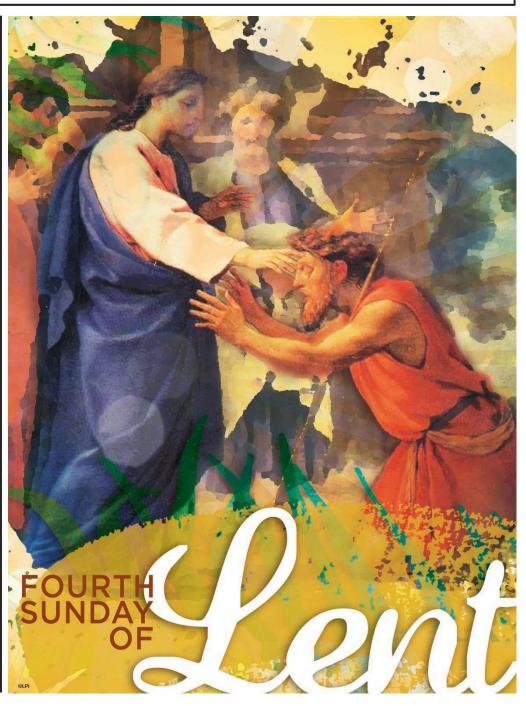
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

#### **WEEKDAYS**

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

#### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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





Lenten Soup Supper Tuesday, March 28, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM



For more information, please read the insert in the bulletin

#### 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 27 - APRIL 1

Monday 9:15 AM

J. Bassett

Requested by Bassett Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Richard Kryszak
Requested by Arlene and Tom McPhail

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Corinne Kordyson
Requested by Dan and Sue Connor

Friday 9:15 AM
Joachim D'sa
Requested by Jean D'sa

Saturday 9:15 AM Vachan Pravachan Requested by Friend



MONDAY: IS 65:17-21/PS 30:2, 4-6, 11-12A, 13B/JN 4:43-54 TUESDAY: EZ 47:1-9, 12/PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/JN 5:1-16

WEDNESDAY: IS 49:8-15/PS 145:8-9, 13 CD-15, 17-18/JN 5:17-30

THURSDAY: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/JN 5:31-47

FRIDAY: WIS 2:1A, 12-22/PS 34:17-21, 23/JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

SATURDAY: JER 11:18-20/PS 7:2-3, 9BC-12/JN 7:40-53 NEXT SUNDAY: EZ 37:12-14/PS 130:1-8/ROM 8:8-11/

JN 11:1-45 OR 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33B-45

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#### Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of March 12 . . . \$ 8,502.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of March 12.. \$ 8,800,00

Actual Offertory July 1 - March 12 ..... \$347,686.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - March 12 . . . . . . . \$316,800.00

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

#### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN**

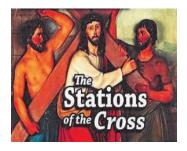
If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email the office at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and their name will be added to our prayers.

#### APRIL 2, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM	April 1	Fr. Kris
For Stephen Wolff Requested by Joe Wolff	Servers	Mandy Millar Melanie Millar
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00A
8:30 AM	April 2	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Gabe Smith Nina Stephanie DeSilva
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30C
10:15 AM	April 2	Fr. Roodbeen
For Purchiaroni Family Requested by Norma Bazzett	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone 10:15B
12:00 PM	April 2	Fr. Kris
For Norah Valchine Requested by Diane Bonadeo and Rosalie Rudzsi	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week
April 1 and April 2
April 8 and April 9

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, April 2nd following the 8:30 AM Mass



Team B

Fridays evenings during Lent at 7 PM

Team C



St. Gerald Parish
Communal Penance
Service
with the opportunity
for individual confession
and absolution
Monday, April 10 at
7:00 PM

#### TIM'S TIDBITS

We now enter the fourth week of Lent. This past Monday, Spring sprung. We are on our way to Easter. The daylight is longer. In our second reading today from Paul's letter to the Ephesians, we hear: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." We, as Christians, are meant to live in the light of Christ. Let us walk with each other and bring that light to the world.

#### About Liturgy (taken from Living Liturgy, 2017)

Authentic worship, participation, and Body of Christ: In the five decades after Vatican Council II there have been many calls for full, conscious, and active participation in the church's liturgy. This is probably one of the best known of the council's decisions. But participating in the ritual actions themselves is only one aspect of what the council fathers desired.

The council fathers also called for the renewal of our identity as those baptized in Christ, the Body of Christ who participates in Jesus' paschal mystery. One sign of authentic worship and participation, then, is how we are together the Body of Christ (that is, the church). Authentic worship always calls us outside of ourselves into something bigger than any one of us. Authentic worship demands of us the willingness to surrender ourselves - which means even our personal tastes and desires in how we might want to worship - in order for the Body of Christ to be strengthened.

This may seem a contradiction because worship, in one sense, is a deeply personal act — so why should we give up our personal tastes and desires? The real issue here is that the *surrender* is intensely personal and that is far more important than our personal tastes and desires. The Body of Christ comes to full statue when our own *surrender* is joined to others' surrender and something new — Christ's life — bursts forth. This is when worship is exciting and fruitful: when worship calls us beyond ourselves, when we receive gifts from God through others, and when we then return those gifts to the community in mission. Have a prayerful week.



# WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF GIOVANNI "JOHN" PIASENTIN

APRIL 4, 1938 MARCH 20, 2017

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
JOHN O LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM

#### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE CORNER**

Let me first begin by introducing myself, my name is Matthew Yokom, I am the new Christian Service Coordinator here at St. Gerald. I am 25 years old and the middle of 3 children. I currently live in Redford where I attend St. Valentine parish. I grew up attending St. Agatha, which closed back in 2005. I am currently attending Madonna University pursuing a degree in music education. I have been involved in Christian Service for many years at different parishes throughout the Archdiocese and am looking forward to working with everyone here at St. Gerald. I am always open for new ideas, so please, if you have an idea of something we can do here as a parish feel free to reach out to me. We are always looking for volunteers in any aspect, whether it is for the parish picnic or simply lending a small hand at a reception. Another thing I want to do is to get more young people involved in service. We are the future of the church and need to be more of a presence in the community and the parish itself, because, as the gospel says "the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few." I am very happy to be a part of the Christian Service team here and am looking forward to working with everyone. Again, please feel free to reach out to me in any way. God Bless, Matthew





Wanda Reiner Tony Wadrick Loretta Zahn Dick Campbell **Charles Minear** Rita Knight John MacDougall Josephine Mevers Megan Schroeder 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** Corinne Wedge Linda Mallov Stephen Cleary Nancy Kolliker Margaret Joyal Joan Preston Gerry Makowski Sue Kowzan Gabbie Frey **Betty Hunter Mary Power** Renèe Skoczylas **Rick Stone** 

## Good Friday ~ Living Stations of the Cross ~ Friday, April $14^{th}$ at 12:30 PM

Reflection and prayer of Christ's powerful journey and crucifixion presented by our parish teens.

Good Friday Liturgy begins at 1:15 PM

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



## FRUIT OF THE VINE: WINE TASTING & EXCHANGE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM
Proceeds to benefit our Religious Education Program
Suggested donation of \$10 per person
RSVP to Gerryanna Luscri for details at
luscrifamily@hotmail.com

#### 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.

#### 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 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.

#### SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER

North Congregational will host South Oakland Shelter in coordination with St. Gerald Catholic Church and the Muslim Community Mosque. S.O.S. provides homeless prevention, sustainable housing and career development strategies and programs for homeless and at-risk people seeking stabilization and self-sufficiency. We will provide food, housing, transportation, entertainment and hospitality services for a group of 30-35 people, including individuals and families, the week of August 20th. We will need a few team leaders to help coordinate the various functions. Please contact Danny Hawkins at NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com if you are interested in a larger role helping. Volunteers for each of the areas of service will be able to sign up on-line in July.



#### Monday, March 27

8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 10:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation

#### Tuesday, March 28

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
10:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet
10:30 AM "Resisting Happiness" book
discussion
5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation
5:30 PM Soup Supper

#### Wednesday, March 29

7:00 PM RCIA 7:00 PM Vicariate Bible Study 7:30 Adult Choir

#### Thursday, March 30

6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 8:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet

#### Friday, March 31 8:40 AM Rosary

9:15 AM Mass 10:00 AM Divine Mercy Chaplet 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross 8:00 PM AA Meeting 8:00 PM Holy Hour



#### Saturday, April 1 First Saturday

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

## Sunday, April 2 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Mass 10:00 AM Botsford Commons visit 10:15 AM Mass 12:00 PM Mass Spring Break - No Formation Classes

#### **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

Lent provides us with time to reflect on the temptations we face and remember we rely on God for all things. Through our participation in Operation Rice Bowl, we put our faith into actions and our prayers and alms help people in need around the world. Please take home a Calendar and Rice Bowl for your family and follow the suggested activities during Lent. These supplies are available in the gathering space of the church.

#### 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

#### We welcome to the Body of Christ

Joey Frank Vega baptized Sunday, March 19, 2017 by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

> Joey is the son of Juan Vega

Maria Jaime - Ortega

# SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION HELP HN DISGUISE The Catholic Relief Services Collection assists the vulnerable and marginalized around the world while promoting the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. Linki kidness kizhirigan IS. All giftermental Police Services (September 1998).

#### **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

This week, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



The Lenten season is upon us! The SGMC is sponsoring a Prayer Box Craft Day on Fellowship Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!



The SGMC Would like to welcome our newest members: Bridgid Holloway and her son Liam and daughter Kiera. Also, Julie Levine and her son David. Our next meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup>! Keep checking the Voice for all upcoming events, charitable outreach acts and planning dates. All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you at the Prayer Box event!

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month after 12:00 mass in one of the classrooms.

#### ST. GERALD WOMEN'S GROUP

If you are interested in going to Cranbrook and see the King Tut exhibit the first week of April, please contact Pat Hixson at 248-615-1755 or email m.e.hixson@juno.com as soon as possible.





In preparation for Spring, on Monday, May 15th at 6 PM, we will have an indoor plant exchange and play Bunco in the social hall. Please contact Joanne Taplin at 810-858-7121 to RSVP for this event.

Please join us, all women are welcome!



Please welcome Michael and Amy Leahy who just recently joined our parish! We are glad you are here.

#### KNIGHTS CORNER

#### Tuesday's Soup Supper Marks Debut of Christian Service Leader Matthew Yokom, Also K of C Founder's Day

The Christian Service Commission on March 28 resumes its sponsorship of the Lenten Soup Supper. Last year it was a pot-luck affair after skipping a couple of years. The Knights will again be in the kitchen heating and dishing out five different soups, including Grand Knight Fred Gerometta's ham and pea. Fred's soup, made using a secret recipe brought from Italy many years ago by his grandfather, has become a popular choice of parishioners.

The supper also will make the debut of our new parish Christian Service coordinator, Matthew Yokom. He will join Karen Goheen in running the soup supper. Matthew is a student at Madonna University and will be working with the parish part-time. For Soup Supper ticket information and serving times, see the enclosed flyer.

March 28 also is a big day for the Knights of Columbus. It marks the founding of our order 135 years ago in New Haven, Conn. by a young parish priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney. He called a small meeting of men at St. Mary parish in 1882 who formed a society designed to strengthen the men in their Catholic faith and to provide financial assistance for widows and orphans. Later called the Knights of Columbus, that group has grown into the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. Wear your Council shirt to the Soup Supper in celebration of the anniversary of our founding. Be proud of the special brotherhood that involves membership in the Knights of Columbus.

Watch your e-mail or regular mail boxes for an explanation of offices being contested in our annul election in April and May. Candidates must be members in good standing (dues paid) and have attained the third degree of our Order. For those of you who wish to gain your third degree before the election in May, the next area degree ceremony is April 23 in St. Clair Shores.

We are still looking for several couples to host the after-mass fellowship on April 9, Palm Sunday. The Knights have been assigned donut duty which will require about 30 minutes of time after one of the three masses. If you can help, contact Program Director Tom McPhail at 248-875-1185.

Pray Every Day for Your Brother Knights and Their Families: Some are Ailing, Some are Grieving!

## 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

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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:**

x 203

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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