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APRIL 23, 2017

ST. GERALD

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

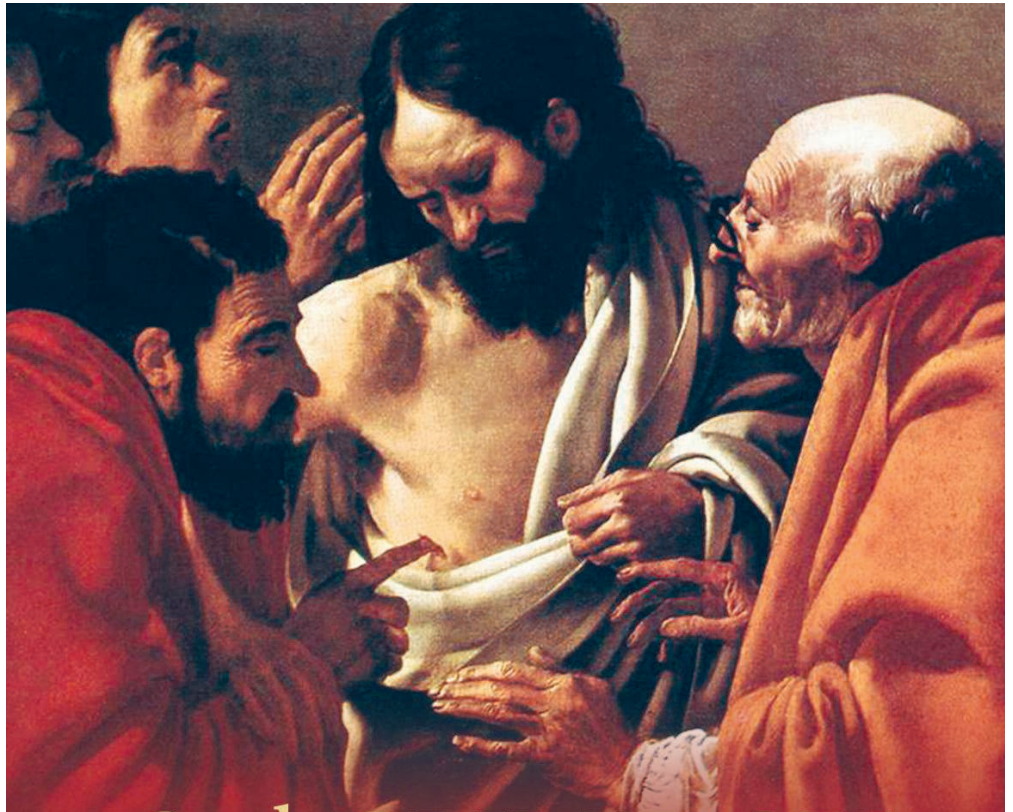
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

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 EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"
Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you
have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have
believed." —Jn 20:28-29

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING AND GOODS DRIVE

Time to start your spring cleaning!
The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here the weekend of
April 29 and 30th for your donations!

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

APRIL 24 - APRIL 28

Monday 9:15 AM

Robert Casey

Requested by Jean Price

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Harry Kimmel

Requested by Julee Burger

Wednesday

No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Molly Joy

Requested by Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Sarah J. Kerwin

Requested by Barbara Kerwin



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ACTS 4:23-31/PS 2:1-9/JN 3:1-8

TUESDAY: 1 PT 5:5B-14/PS 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/MK 16:15-20

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 5:17-26/PS 34:2-9/JN 3:16-21

THURSDAY: ACTS 5:27-33/PS 34:2, 9, 17-20/JN 3:31-36

FRIDAY: ACTS 5:34-42/PS 27:1, 4, 13-14/JN 6:1-15

SATURDAY: ACTS 6:1-7/PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/JN 6:16-21

NEXT SUNDAY: ACTS 2:14, 22-33/PS 16:1-2, 5, 7-11/

1 PT 1:17-21/LK 24:13-35

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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

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

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

Celebration of First Communion

Sunday, April 30th, 12:00 PM Mass

All are welcome!

Please keep our First Communion Candidates and their families in your prayers.



**APRIL 30, 2017
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00 PM April 29 Fr. Kaiser

For Robert E. Blankenship Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00A

8:30 AM April 30 Fr. Roodbeen

For Enrico & Josephine Soave Requested by Flora Rossi	Servers	Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	David Wells 8:30C

10:15 AM April 30 Fr. Kris

For Philip Gerhart Requested by a Friend	Servers	Claire Pagnucco Grace Pagnucco
	Lector/ Ushers	Rick Stone 10:15C

12:00 PM April 30 Fr. Kris

For Greg Zmich & Laura Nowak (living) Requested by Michelle Zmich	Servers	Angela Guerra Fernando Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Rob Gulick 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

April 29 and April 30

Team B

May 6 and May 7

Team A

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of April 9 \$ 10,109.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of April 9 \$ 8,800.00

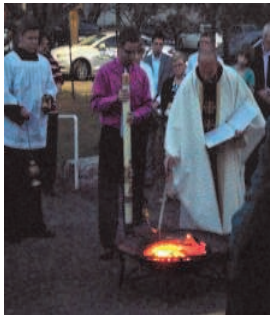
Actual Offertory July 1 - April 9 \$387,451.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - April 9 \$369,600.00

RICE BOWLS ARE DUE BACK!

Thank you to all who have donated to Operation Rice Bowl. Donations are due back. Please place your donation in the basket on the table in the gathering space of the church.



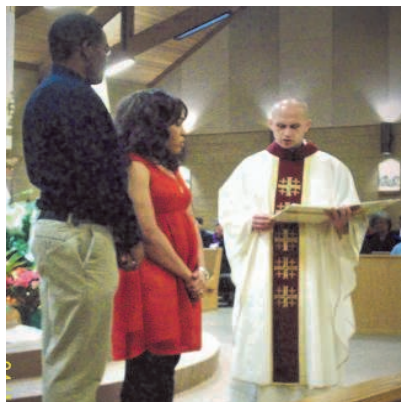


A glimpse of Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil Masses

YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Young Professionals: are you interested in joining one of the fastest growing Catholic organizations while making a lasting impact on your local community? Young Catholic Professionals is partnering with the Archdiocese of Detroit to launch a chapter in the Detroit Metro area to join the national network of 15+ chapters nationwide. We are in need of volunteers to join our leadership team! Volunteer Chapter Leaders receive numerous benefits which include developing your faith in a fast-paced professional world, mentorship from chapter board members, exclusive access to executive speakers and mentors, incredible friendships formed with other leaders in your chapter and around the country, and development of management and leadership skills that are invaluable in the marketplace. Any interested young professionals in their 20's and 30's should contact Donald Smith at dsmith01@newyorklife.com or Erik Coules at coules.erik@aod.org. For more information, visit www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org.

Welcome
Harriet Nwaburu
on the occasion of your Confirmation in the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil Mass on April 15th!



Welcome to Our Church

Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald Parish:

Laura Ballor
Daniel and Cheryl Fradette
Robert Puroil

We are glad you are here!

Pray for our sick :

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
Bob Johnston	Nancy Kolliker
Laurie Aldrich	Margaret Joyal
Mary Ann Alcalá	Joan Preston
Andy Vermiglio	Joan Koeppen
Joan Goniea	Sue Kowzan
Rick Stone	Joan Koeppen
Nadeen Quelette	Betty Hunter
John Dillon	James Cooper
Nell Sagripanti	Renee Skoczylas
Sean English	Ralph Wenski

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
GERALD MAKOWSKI
+
DECEMBER 4, 1937
APRIL 5, 2017
+
ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO GERALDO LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM

*Remembered with Lilies this Easter Season
(additions to last weekends memorials)*

In Memory of:	Remembered by:
Mary Garbacik	Robert and Rita Garbacik
Gary Grace	Robert and Rita Garbacik
Edmund Koss	Robert and Rita Garbacik
Stanley and Theodore Maciak	David Wells
Schafran Family	David Wells
Kenneth, Letti and Linda Wells	David Wells
Sophie La Fave Wells	David Wells
Warren and Esther Wells	David Wells

Messages from the St. Gerald Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We thank all of you who have enrolled your Kroger Plus Cards with our St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at St. Gerald. As a result, this past year we have received \$673.53 from the Kroger Rewards Program. This, along with all the other support we receive from our generous parishioners, enables us to help the less fortunate in our area with food, rent, utility assistance and other needs.



Some good news is that you no longer need to re-enroll each year to continue designating our St. Vincent de Paul Conference as your beneficiary organization.

If you have not already done so, you can enroll your Kroger Plus Card with us by following the steps below. **This will in no way affect the rewards you receive personally from your card.**

If this is the first time you are registering, you will need to set-up an account first.

Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com.

- Click "Create an account"
- Put in your e-mail address and create a password.
- Confirm the password.
- Enter plus card or alternate ID number
- Go to Community Rewards (near bottom)
- Follow the steps (name, address, etc.)
- Choose Organization 90868.

HANDS AND FEET OF JESUS

Over the last several months our St. Vincent de Paul Conference has been able to help numerous clients. Thanks to MEAP (Michigan Energy Assistance Program) funding, we have been able to help clients with their electric and gas bills. Since October 1, 2016, we have applied for and received approximately \$9,240.00 in MEAP funding to help those in need to keep their electric and gas services.

In the month of March, our conference helped 14 clients. We provided seven bags of food and issued \$70.00 in food cards. We also helped seven people (some of the same people to whom we gave food) remain in their residence by paying their rent. Those rent payments totaled \$2,862.44. On behalf of our clients, thank you for your continued generosity and prayers.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference is always looking for volunteers to be the "hands and feet of Jesus". If you are interested in this rewarding ministry, please contact us at 248-476-7677 x220. Leave a message stating that you are interested in becoming a Vincentian, state your name, phone number and the best time to contact you. We need volunteers. There are so many in need and so few to help them. Please consider joining us. Thank you.



St. Vincent De Paul
Serving those in Need

School of Evangelization - May 12th & 13th - Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Hosted by the Companions of the Cross. Learn how to evangelize through a series of practical workshops. Cost is \$30.00 for the two day session (includes snacks, meals, and materials). Please register online: www.companionscross.org > click News > Events > School of Evangelization Detroit. Everyone welcome!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 3rd Sunday of Easter
8:40 am Rosary	8:40 am Rosary	10:30 am Quilting Group	6:20 pm Rosary	8:40 am Rosary	St. Vincent de Paul Clothing and Goods Drive	St. Vincent de Paul Clothing and Goods Drive
9:15 am Mass	9:15 am Mass	7:00 pm Vicariate Bible Study	7:00 pm Mass	9:15 am Mass	Spring Clean up of Parish Grounds	8:30 am Mass
10:00 am Divine Mercy Chaplet	10:00 am Divine Mercy Chaplet	7:30 pm Adult Choir	8:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet	10:00 am Divine Mercy Chaplet	3:30 pm Confessions	10:00 am Botsford Commons Visit
5:30 pm First Communion Rehearsal				7:30 pm Holy Hour	5:00 pm Mass	10:15 am K of C Family Communion Mass
				8:00 pm AA Meeting		12:00 pm First Communion Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS

*COME TO THE CABERNET, OLE CHUM!
FRUIT OF THE VINE WINE EVENT & FUNDRAISER
Saturday, May 20th at 7:00 PM*



What wine do I serve with a Reuben sandwich?
Can I serve a red wine with fish?
Do I need special wine glasses for an expensive Champagne?

* * *

Do these questions roll around in your mind while preparing for a dinner party? Well, its time to fret no more. Joe Lozano (sommelier, broker, and wine collector) will bring his 40 years of experience in the wine industry to **St. Gerald Parish**. Joe will answer these questions, and more, while we enjoy an evening of learning and sampling wines from around the world. Please RSVP to 734-341-1999.

Suggested donation of \$10/person

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WINE EXCHANGE



Those who wish to participate in the Wine Exchange are asked to bring three (3) bottles of the SAME wine. You will be provided with two personalized wine tags. One bottle will be opened for sampling & sharing. Then, you can place each of your tags on any two wines of your choice; to enjoy yourself or give as a gift.

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Will you have fun? How can you not?

Wine + Friends = a great evening.

** All proceeds from this event will benefit our Religious Education Program.*

THEOLOGY on TAP

with Mark Livingston

7:00 PM on Friday, May 12
at the Grand Tavern on Drake Road.



Bring a friend and enjoy a night of good conversation and information.

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6th Grade to Adult.

Please contact Mary Taylor
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Please join Mother and Unborn Baby Care in celebrating "Take My Hand Not My Life" at our 33rd Annual Spring Fundraiser on Thursday, May 4 at 5:30 PM at the San Marino Club, 1685 E. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI.

Our keynote speaker is Dr. Ray Guarendi, pro-life father of ten, clinical psychologist, author, public speaker, and nationally syndicated radio and television host. To purchase tickets or place an ad in our program, contact Jeff Thiede at 248-559-7576 or jeff@maubc.org.

GARDEN NEWS



Countdown for the Spring Clean-up is ticking away and God is providing favorable weather!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 29 from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Join fellow parishioners for comraderie; share our achy muscles in beautifying St. Gerald grounds. Young people earn community credits for school, as well as knowing you are a part of this parish.

At 2 PM we will sit down and enjoy pizza, a drink and knowledge of fulfilling our role in caring for our church home! Brown lawn waste bags are still needed! Region heads/assistants also needed. Hope to see you there!



Mark your calendars! Our annual Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, June 11th. More information to come!



CELEBRATE ADOPTION AND FOSTER CARE

Creating families through adoption and protecting children through foster care will be spotlighted at the Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan Annual Celebration Saturday, April 29, at the Somerset Inn in Troy. Save the date and purchase your tickets today to help CCSEM expand the daily acts of mercy and love provided to more than 20,000 metro Detroiters annually regardless of religion, race, cultural background or financial wherewithal.

Attendees are welcome to an optional 4:30 PM Mass concelebrated by Archbishop Vigneron at nearby St. Thomas More Parish followed by the doors opening for cocktail hour at the Somerset Inn. Silent and live auctions, raffles, a wine grab, an elegant dinner, and more are included. Marge Huggard, former CEO of Catholic Social Services in Oakland and Monroe counties, will be honored. Tickets are \$150 per person and tables are \$1,250. Visit ccsem.org, call 248-552-0753 or email blaulw@ccsem.org!



KNIGHTS CORNER

Show the Colors at Sunday's Family Communion Mass; Two New Members Welcomed

Next Sunday is another Family Communion Mass, when we gather with our spouses and families at the 10:15 AM Mass. Be sure to wear your red Knight's shirt and to sit with the group on the right hand side of the center section in front of the Ambo.

We are welcoming two new members this month. Paul Borchert, a long-time parish volunteer, and Dr. Daniel Ezekwudo, a newcomer to our parish. Paul is new to our order, having been initiated April 6 in ceremonies at the St Fabian Council. Dr. Daniel is rejoining the K of C after having been a member of the Holy Cross Council in Atlanta. A Third Degree, Dr. Dan was initiated there in 2008.

At last Tuesday's membership meeting, all serving officers were nominated for another term beginning July 1. Additional nominations can be made until the voting period ending at the May 16 membership meeting.

Chancellor Frank Gariepy at last Tuesday's membership meeting distributed a survey seeking to determine the social interests of members. He also was planning to distribute the surveys at today's pancake breakfast to members who were not at the membership meeting. If there was an activity not listed, but you think might be of interest to a group of your fellow Knights, mention it to Frank. The Council leadership is very open to new ideas or taking a new look at an old idea, so speak up.

The next major degree ceremony is Monday evening, May 22, at nearby Our Lady of Sorrows Parish for those of you who have yet to attain the Second and Third Degrees. There will be another Degree on Sunday, June 4, at the Monaghan Council on Farmington Road south of Eight Mile. There is no cost to those participating in the ceremony. If interested in attaining these Degrees, see Membership Chair, Shatomi Kerbawy, or Grand Knight, Fred Gerometta

Charity Poker Party Study Chairman, Thom Seabolt, reports that the technicalities that delayed our application have been cleared up and we are in line to be considered for approval by state authorities. At this time we are not sure when that will be.

Looking ahead: Officers meet May 2 and Members meet May 16, when the election of officers will be held. May 25 is the date of the annual Council Memorial Mass honoring deceased members. June 7 is another Casino Bus Trip and June 11 is the Parish Picnic.

Heading for the cottage? Read the Knights Corner in the Voice 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)

STAFF

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Administrator x 203
- Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate x 202
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- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant x 212
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- Christian Services**
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- Music and Youth Ministry**
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- 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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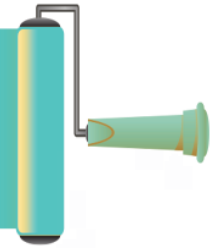
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