

# THE VOICE

JULY 9, 2017

## ST. GERALD

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
A Servant Church Of  
The Archdiocese of Detroit

21300 Farmington Road  
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Website: [stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org)

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

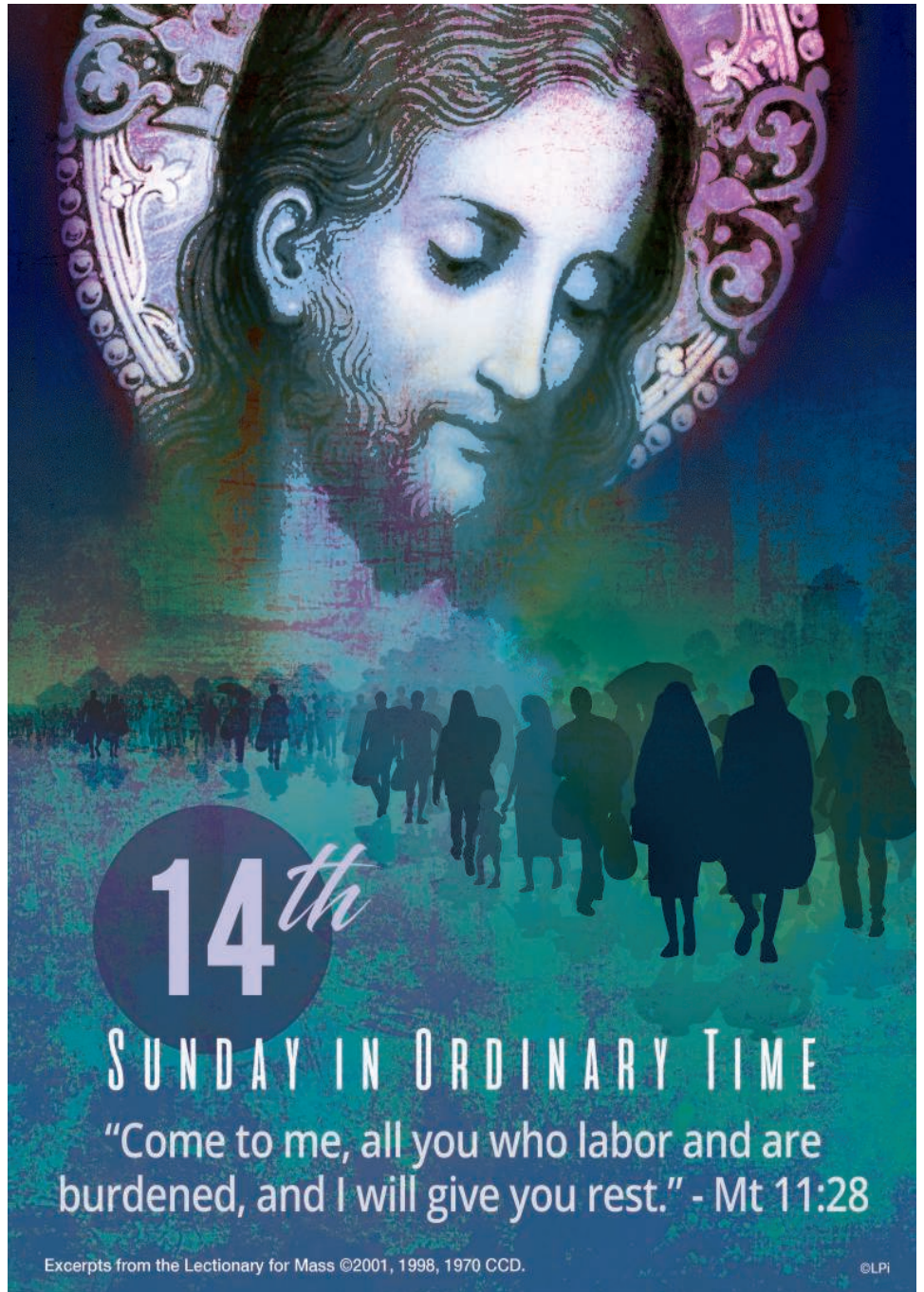
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

### WEEKDAYS

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

### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



**14<sup>th</sup>**  
**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
"Come to me, all you who labor and are  
burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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**PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED JULY 12 AND 13  
AS STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING A SOFTWARE TRAINING  
SESSION AT SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY.**

**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**

**JULY 10 - JULY 14**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Denise Varner**

Requested by Tuz Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Frank Nowak**

Requested by Donna Nowak

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Richard Tucholka**

Requested by Karl Koenig

Friday 9:15 AM

**Irene Davis**

Requested by Philip Davis



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** GN 28:10-22A/PS 91:1-4, 14-15AB/MT 9:18-26

**TUESDAY:** GN 32:23-33/PS 17:1B, 2-3, 6-7AB, 8B, 15/  
 MT 9:32-38

**WEDNESDAY:** GN 41:55-57; 42:5-7A, 17-24A/PS 33:2-3,  
 10-11, 18-19/MT 10:1-7

**THURSDAY:** GN 44:18-21, 23B-29; 45:1-5/PS 105:16-21/  
 MT 10:7-15

**FRIDAY:** GN 46:1-7, 28-30/PS 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,  
 39-40/MT 10:16-23

**SATURDAY:** GN 49:29-32; 50:15-26A/PS 105:1-4, 6-7/  
 MT 10:24-33

**NEXT SUNDAY:** IS 55:10-11/PS 65:10-14/ROM 8:18-23/  
 MT 13:1-23 OR 13:1-9

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

**JULY 16, 2017  
 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM July 15 Fr. Kris

For <b>John Piasentin</b> Requested by Marianna D'Agnillo	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00B

8:30 AM July 16 Fr. Kris

For <b>Florence Murray</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	David Wells 8:30B

10:15 AM July 16 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>John Piasentin</b> Requested by Mary Moreland & Patricia Dilerato	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Sofia Mansoor 10:15B

12:00 PM July 16 Fr. Kris

For <b>Intention of Mary Keller</b> Requested by Barbara Kerwin	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Mary Power 12:00A

**Sacristan Schedule for Next Week**

July 15 and July 16

Team A

July 22 and July 23

Team C

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons  
 Sunday, July 9th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

**Please pray for our sick:**

Wanda Reiner	Beth Croitori	Sylvia Funni	Stephen Cleary
Janice Ronan	Marianna Schiffman	Bob Johnston	Nancy Kolliker
James Cooper	Joe Maggie	Laurie Aldrich	William Marr
Dick Campbell	Erin Malloy-Tingle	Nell Sagripanti	Joan Preston
Charles Minear	Andy Mosher	Andy Vermiglio	Joan Koeppen
Rita Knight	Cyndy Fenech	Joan Goniea	Lillian Malley
Chelsea Wright	Emily Choike	Ralph Wenski	Joan Koeppen
Josephine Meyers	Corinne Wedge	Nadeen Ouelette	Betty Hunter
Marjorie Allen	Linda Malloy	John Dillon	

**Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of June 25 . . . . .	\$ 8,960.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of June 25 . . . . .	\$ 8,800.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - June 25 . . . . .	\$495,860.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - June 25 . . . . .	\$457,600.00

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

**BLOOD DRIVE - GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!**

A Blood Drive is scheduled at St. Gerald for Sunday, July 16, from 8 AM to 2 PM. The Blood Drive appointment sheet is in the Parish Hall at the Health Ministry table. Please sign up, or call Barbara Seabolt at 248-477-4752, or go online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) using the sponsor code **stgeraldch**.

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

**CHRISTIAN SERVICE CORNER**

**NEW IDEAS:** As the summer goes on and things start to calm down on my end one item that always comes to mind is what new things would you like to see here at St. Gerald? I am asking you, as the summer months go on, to please think of new things you would like Christian Service to do this next year. Whether it is something big or something small that may only take a few people, I would love to hear some of the ideas.

**ST. CHRISTINE’S SOUP KITCHEN:** Over the past few weeks I have had a few parishioners approach me about whether or not we will continue to go to St. Christine’s Soup Kitchen to help. The answer is YES, we will be going to St. Christine’s again starting in September. We will twine with members from Our Lady Of Sorrows, as they have very low turn out from their parish. In the future, if we get enough of a response from our volunteers, I will gladly schedule a Saturday for us to go as a parish. Look at future bulletins for dates and times for upcoming dates to help. God Bless! Matt

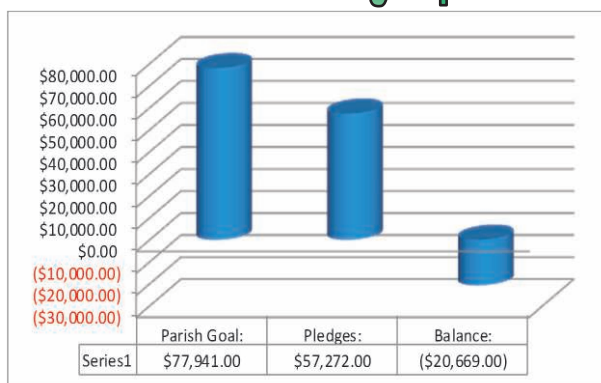
**CSA - National Collections**

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal fund our local Church’s contribution to six national collections of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops each year.

The bishops in the United States created national collections so dioceses could combine resources and more effectively carry out our mission as Catholics. Each collection represents our community of faith at work in our country and around the world.

CSA gifts are given to the collections for the Catholic University of America, Catholic Communication Campaign, Holy Land, Church in Latin America, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, and Black and Indian Missions. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to [www.aod.org](http://www.aod.org).

**St. Gerald CSA Pledge Update**



**CSA NOTE. . .**

Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to CSA. We are in the process of mailing out the CSA cards to those that were not able to pick up their card after the Masses during the month of May. When you receive your card, please return it to church by dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, mailing it back in with the envelope provided or dropping it off in the Parish Office. Please help us reach our goal of \$77,941.00! Any money over the target goal will be returned to the parish. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated!

**AN INVITATION TO JOURNEY!**



The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into:

- Believing with the Church community
- Living with the Church community
- Praying with the Church community
- Serving with the Church community

The RCIA is intended to serve:

- The unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those baptized Catholics who have not completed the Initiation Sacraments.

The RCIA Process is much more than a program:

- It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Christ in a powerful manner.
- It is an answer to the Gospel invitation “Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your soul will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Have Questions... need more information? Contact Tim Westfall, Pastoral Associate at 248-477-7470 x 202 or email [timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com).

**FATHER SOLANUS CASEY BEATIFICATION SET FOR NOVEMBER 18 AT FORD FIELD IN DETROIT**

The Capuchin Franciscan Order of St. Joseph in Detroit has announced that the date for the Father Solanus Casey beatification ceremony will be Saturday, November 18, 2017 at Ford Field in Detroit. This follows the historic announcement by Pope Francis on May 4 that Father Solanus Casey will be elevated to Blessed in the Roman Catholic Church. Details on the Fr. Solanus Casey beatification ceremony, including ceremony time, will be released in the coming weeks and available at [solanuscasy.org/beatification](http://solanuscasy.org/beatification) and [aod.org](http://aod.org). Ticket information will be made available by August 15. Ford Field will be configured to accommodate approximately 60,000 guests for the ceremony.

**DRIVERS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES . . .**



If you live in the area of Nine Mile and Gill Road and are able to drive someone to a weekend Mass here at St. Gerald, please contact the Parish Office. We have received calls from two parishioners who are not able to drive and are looking for transportation to a weekend Mass. Thank you for any support you are able to give!

## WOMEN'S GROUP UPDATE

Our May Bunco night was a great success and lots of fun; because of this, we will have another Bunco night on Wednesday, July 19th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall.



If you would like to attend, contact Joanne Tapin at [jmtapin2826canal@gmail.com](mailto:jmtapin2826canal@gmail.com) or by calling 810-858-7121. Please bring a beverage of your choice, an appetizer or dessert to share and a Bunco game, if you have one. When responding, say whether you intend on bringing an appetizer or a dessert and if you will be bringing a Bunco game. Feel free to bring a friend as well.

As always, if you have any ideas or would like to host an event, please email the [horsburghs@netscape.net](mailto:horsburghs@netscape.net) or call the Parish Office. Thank you!

## SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER (AUGUST 20 – 27, 2017)



South Oakland Shelter (SOS) provides homeless prevention, sustainable housing and career development strategies and programs for homeless and at-risk people seeking stabilization and self-sufficiency.

This year we are hosting S.O.S. at North Congregational Church with the Muslim Community Mosque.

**Sign-ups for food donations and volunteers will be online** through SignUpGenius. Beginning Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> you may go to [NorthCongregationalChurch.org](http://NorthCongregationalChurch.org) and sign up through the links there. You may also e-mail Danny Hawkins at [NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com](mailto:NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com) and have him enter your information on SignUpGenius.

### Opportunities to help include:

- Donations of food and supplies (monetary donations for food expenses can also be done at [NorthCongregationalChurch.org](http://NorthCongregationalChurch.org))
- Building set up on the first Sunday afternoon
- Transportation from S.O.S. in Lathrup Village to North Congregational Sunday through Saturday 4:30 – 7:00 PM
- Evening transportation to the Farmington YMCA for showers at 8:00
- Overnight supervision and box lunch preparation
- Breakfast preparation, Monday through Sunday – all guests are out of the church by 8:00 AM
- Transportation from North Congregational to S.O.S.'s Lathrup Village office or to our guests' places of work 6:30 – 8:00 AM (a few may be earlier)
- Laundering of bed linens – a few towels and hand towels each day during the week
- Tear down and reconfiguring of church rooms on the second Sunday morning

Committee Chair people to assist Danny Hawkins are still needed. Please check the North Congregational Church website or contact him at [NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com](mailto:NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com) for more information on these roles.



**If you have borrowed a pyx to take communion to someone and are done with it, please return it to the sacristy. If you are still using a pyx, please let us know by emailing [timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office and let us know that you have it. Thank you!**

## St. Gerald Mom's Corner



### UPCOMING EVENT

**July 12<sup>th</sup> -Park Day!** The Wrukowska Family will be hosting this day.  
\*\*\*The next planning meeting will be in August\*\*\*



**A wonderful time was had on June 25th putting together bags for the PBJ that were donated to Our Lady of Good Council to give to others! Thank you to everyone who helped to put the bags together and to those who made a donation for these energy bags!**

*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.*

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

One of the most well known and beloved passages in scripture is the gentle invitation of our Lord in today's Gospel reading: "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." When we need physical rest, we sleep or take a nap. When we need emotional rest, we sometimes take a vacation. But how do we find spiritual rest? How do we discover Christ's peace as we grapple with the complex issues of life deep in our hearts? Good stewards find their rest in the Lord. Reflect this week on what you do to welcome the peace of Christ into your heart.

Do you hear God calling and challenging you to minister to the sick? The Spiritual Care department at Beaumont Hospital -Farmington Hills (formerly Botsford Hospital) is needing individuals to give communion to Catholic patients. It is a powerful and wonderful way to serve your community. If interested, please call Chaplain Kurt Stutz at [248-471-8850](tel:248-471-8850) for all the details.



**FOUR-COUNTY PROLIFE DIAPER DRIVE!**

Help low-income pregnant women and families with children less than one year old by donating disposable diapers, formula, and baby food! Project Hope, the

prolife ministry of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan is accepting donations in Auburn Hills, Clinton Township, Detroit, Monroe, and Royal Oak. Now underway, the goal of this Diaper Drive is to stock our shelves with an urgently-needed three-month supply of diapers, formula, and baby food for Project Hope clients – perfect items to add to your shopping list or for a class, club, or group project. Learn more by calling 248-548-4044, ext. 3811 or email: websterc@ccsem.org

**CAREER OPPORTUNITY**

The Knights of Columbus is seeking a Field Agent for a career opportunity representing our Insurance and Financial Services Program. No prior experience is needed, as all training and licensing is provided. We offer a complete benefits package and professional level income opportunity with this full-time position. In order to qualify, one must be a member of the Knights of Columbus (or be eligible for membership). For more information, please contact General Agent Ronald Sneller at 820-423-0826, or visit our website at [www.SnellerAgency.com](http://www.SnellerAgency.com), where you can email us or upload a resume.

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The increasingly diverse student body is a shining example that we are all called to follow the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in our faith. With a student body ranging from ages 17 to 81, our students are answering the call to training for lay ministry, the diaconate, or simply personal enrichment.

Sacred Heart Major Seminary has committed to meet this growing demand through increasing scheduling flexibility, online classes, and generous scholarships at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

We ask that you pray for those answering the Lord’s call at Sacred Heat Major Seminary. If you are feeling prompted to learn more, please do not hesitate to contact us for more information at 313-883-8696. God bless you!

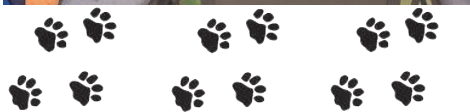
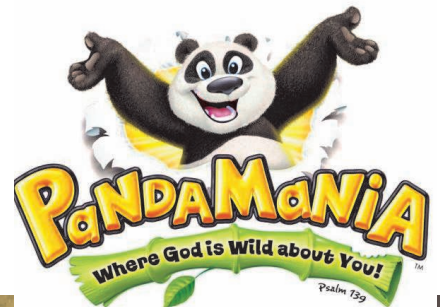
**Food Pantry Needs . . .**

- Jelly/Jam
- Saltine Crackers
- Juice
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Cookies



Food Pantry Donations Needed

# Vacation Bible School Fun!





**KNIGHTS CORNER**

***July 18 Member Meeting will Feature Corn on the Cob and Coney Dogs;  
Three Projects Need Volunteers***

August 15th is a holy day of obligation, so our August Membership Meeting will start about 45 minutes later than the normal start time. As soon as Mass celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Mother ends, we will adjourn to the social hall and GK Fred Gerometta will open the meeting. Mark your calendar. Join us at Mass and stay for the meeting afterwards.

District Deputy Jim Escott announced last month that he has changed his mind about retiring and will serve another year, his third in that position. For those of you who are unaware of the State K of C structure, DD's are the layer between the grassroots --- the Councils – and the Diocesan level. They function mostly as coaches to the leaders of five or six Councils, but quickly become drill sergeants when paperwork is late or ignored. Jim is one of the more able ones. In the 2015-16 fraternal year, all the Councils in his district attained Star Council status, a very rare accomplishment.

One of Jim's duties is to conduct a twice yearly meeting of the top leaders of the Councils he oversees. Our Council will be hosting the 2017 summer meeting on July 31st. We will be asking for a few volunteers at the July 18th Membership Meeting to help with the light dinner that precedes the District Meeting.

Since the August Membership Meeting will get a late start due to the holy day, GK Gerometta has decided to move our traditional corn & dog night to the July 18th Membership Meeting. He promises a quick meeting. Anyone wishing to help serve the chow should give Program Director Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185 or an e-mail at tandamcphail@att.net.

The task of leading the preparation of a dinner August 23rd for about 40 homeless folks during the South Oakland Shelter week at nearby North Congregational Church remains open. Three Knights and spouses are waiting to help. They need a leader, someone to step up and replace the previous leader who moved to another city and council. To volunteer, just call or e-mail Program Director Tom McPhail at the addresses listed above.

***The Annual Council Pot Luck Dinner is Scheduled for Saturday, August 26th. Save the Date!***

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**SACRAMENTS**

**Office Hours**

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.  
(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

**Rite of Reconciliation:**  
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM

**Sacrament of the Sick:**  
Please call the office

**STAFF**

**Parish Office (248) 477-7470**

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**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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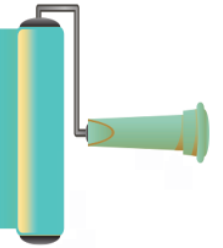
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