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AUGUST 27, 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.



21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” - Mt 16:19

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Save the Date

Fr. Krzysztof Nowak will celebrate his Installation Mass at St. Gerald Parish
at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, October 8th.

Bishop Arturo Cepeda will be the principal celebrant.

All are invited to attend.



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

AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 2

Monday 9:15 AM

Fr. Krzysztof Nowak
Requested by Friend

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Clara Batalucco (3rd Anniv.)
Requested by Marilou Knight

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Joan Marie Hackert
Requested by Hackert and Haas Families

Friday 9:15 AM

Bob Koenig
Requested by Family

First Saturday 9:15 AM

For All Parishioners



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 THES 1:1-5, 8B-10/PS 149:1B-6A, 9B/ MT 23:13-22

TUESDAY: 1 THES 2:1-8/PS 139:1-6/MK 6:17-29

WEDNESDAY: 1 THES 2:9-13/PS 139:7-12AB/MT 23:27-32

THURSDAY: 1 THES 3:7-13/PS 90:3-5A, 12-14, 17/ MT 24:42-51

FRIDAY: 1 THES 4:1-8/PS 97:1, 2B, 5-6, 10-12/ MT 25:1-13

SATURDAY: 1 THES 4:9-11/PS 98:1, 7-9/MT 25:14-30

NEXT SUNDAY: JER 20:7-9/PS 63:2-6, 8-9/ROM 12:1-2/ MT 16:21-27

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

Please pray for our sick:

Wanda Reiner	Beth Croitori	James Cooper	Stephen Cleary
Janice Ronan	Marianna Schiffman	Bob Johnston	Nancy Kolliker
Annamaria Celini	Jim Sockow	Jim Bergin	Linda Malloy
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	Jerome Williams	Ralph Wenski	Marjorie Allen
Josephine Meyers	Corinne Wedge	Nadeen Ouelette	Betty Hunter

In order to keep the Sick List current, all names listed above will be removed and a new list will be created beginning the weekend of September 2 and 3. If you would like a name to remain on the list, please email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. Thank you!

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2017
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM September 2 Fr. Briffa

For Lucille Strick Requested by Dennis and Sharon Weberlein	Servers	Amy Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00A

8:30 AM September 3 Fr. Kris

For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30C

10:15 AM September 3 Fr. Kris

For Richard & Bill Kuhr Requested by St. Gerald Vincentians	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15C

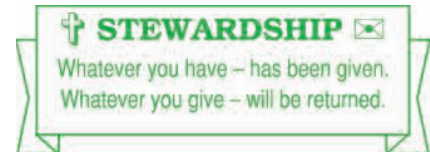
12:00 PM September 3 Fr. Roodbeen

For Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht & Goderman Families Requested by C. Kemp	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

September 2 & September 3 September 9 and September 10
Team D Team A

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, September 3rd following the 8:30 AM Mass.



Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of August 13	\$ 8,879.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of August 13	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - August 13	\$65,278.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - August 13	\$61,823.00

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

**FALL 2017 SCRIPTURE STUDY
THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH**

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the scripture study of the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Location: **St. Gerald Church Social Hall,
Farmington, MI**

Time: Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Dates: **September 13, 2017 – November 15, 2017**

No class on Nov 1, 2017 - All Saints Day

Class will be cancelled if Farmington Schools are closed due to weather.

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Study guides will be available for purchase (cash) and/or bring your Bible. No need to register. Also bring your own coffee/water...

Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com), Sharon Weberlein (shrweber@aol.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.

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. Flyers are available on the bookracks in the gathering space of the church.

A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR



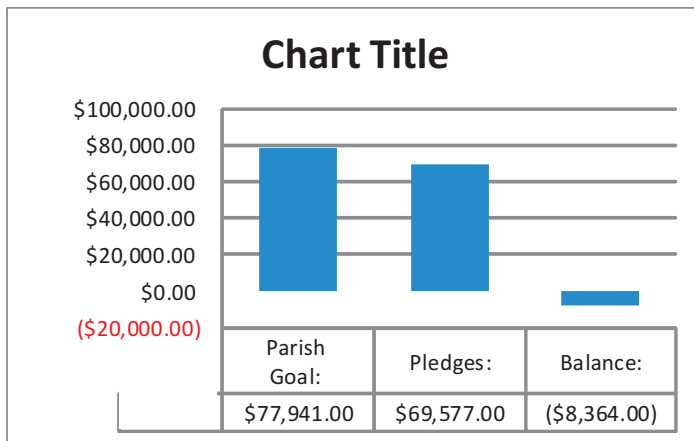
Anyone interested in joining a hand bell choir, please let me know what days/times for practice would be convenient. Experience is not necessary.

I am still interested in additional instruments to be added to Sunday Masses. Don't be SHY! I can accommodate many practice possibilities. Please come and see me. I encourage anyone who would like to share their love of music to talk to me about what they would be able to share with this great parish. Please see me after Mass or call 248-477-7470.

Yours musically
Mary Melonio



St. Gerald CSA Pledge Update



CSA NOTE . . .

As you can see, we are getting closer to our Parish Goal. If you haven't already done so, please return your card as soon as possible 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!

If you are unable to donate at this time, simply return your card indicating that you are not able to contribute this year. Every contribution, big or small is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS
Next blood drive will be
February 2018 and July 2018, dates TBA.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace. Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.



St. Gerald Mom's Corner

Look for updates on activities planned for the St. Gerald's Mom's Group in next weekend's bulletin.

CSA - OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS

Your CSA gifts are supporting this year's Convocation of Lay Ecclesial Ministers, which will include discussion on Archbishop Allen Vigneron's *Unleash the Gospel* pastoral letter on the New Evangelization.


The convocation is a day of fellowship and formation for all lay ecclesial ministers who serve the Church in a professional capacity, such as full-time, part-time, and volunteer Christian service coordinators, religious education and music directors, pastoral associates, and RCIA, youth ministry and evangelization coordinators.

Morning and evening sessions will be offered at Detroit's Sacred Heart Major Seminary this Thursday, August 31, with a keynote address by Archbishop Vigneron, updates from archdiocesan leaders, and facilitated discussions on the pastoral letter.

For more information about this and other CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to www.aod.org




New to the parish? Perhaps you are thinking of a way in which you can contribute more to your parish community. Then consider joining the Christian Service Commission here at St. Gerald, our commission needs new members! We meet the second Monday of the month beginning at 7PM. If you feel this is a ministry that you would like to be involved in, please call **MATT** in the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677 ext. 204 for more information.





Food Pantry Needs

Cookies	Tuna
Canned Fruit	Jam/Jelly
Campbells - Canned Soup	



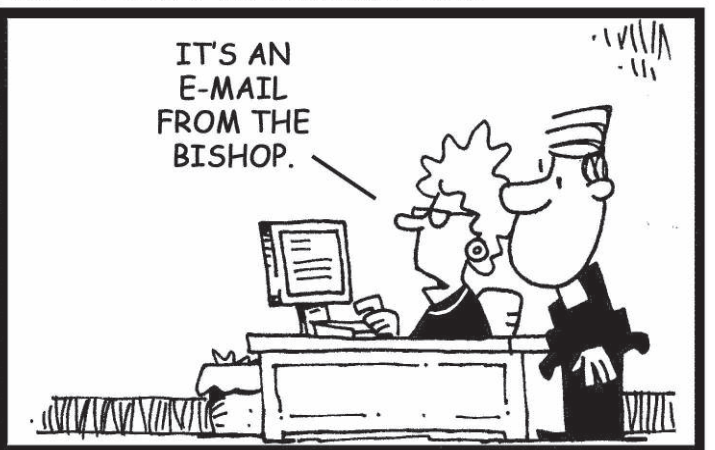
First Friday, September 1,
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament from
10 AM - 9 AM Saturday
Scheduled Adorers Needed
Sign-up sheets in gathering space



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 REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
JEAN HOOTS
 +
 FEBRUARY 10, 1935
 AUGUST 21, 2017
 ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
 JEAN O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL
 LIGHT SHINE UPON HER.

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.

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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 and aod.org. Ticket information will be provided soon. Ford Field will be configured to accommodate approximately 60,000 guests for the ceremony.



To Vacation or Not to Vacation. Is that the question?

Looking for some time alone with your spouse to relax and rejuvenate? Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend for a vacation with your spouse like no other!

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Other upcoming 2017 weekends are
 Nov 3-5 (Holiday Inn, Troy)

** Marriage Encounters hosted at a parish allow couples to return home each night.

Additional Weekend dates / locations and application can be found online at www.encounterdetroit.org or call 888-322-9963

VENDORS WANTED



Bohr at 734-718-5974 to obtain a table rental contract.

St. Mary Cause of Our Joy is holding a Vendors Show on Friday, November 17, 2017 from 6 PM to 9 PM in the Parish Social Hall, located at 8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland, MI. Table rental is available for \$25.00 for a 6 foot table and \$40 for a 12 foot table. Call Katie

MERCY DAY IN ACTION 2017

St. Gerald will once again participate in the Mercy Day in Action event. This year we will be the host parish for the event, which will begin Saturday, October 14th at 8:00 AM in the St. Gerald Social Hall. Join us as we provide local service to our community by tidying up parks and cemeteries, helping those in need, and various other efforts. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please call the Christian Service Coordinator, Matt, at 248-476-7677 ext. 204 to put your name down on the list.

You will also need to fill out a volunteer sheet. You may pick those up in the Parish Office. Please return your sheet by the weekend of September 9th so we can guarantee your shirt for this event will be ordered. Thank you!



Now in our 3rd Season The Michigan Catholic Choir Psalm 98:4

Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth; Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.

The Michigan Catholic Choir is a self-funded, statewide, 100+ voice, Catholic Choir dedicated to serving the Catholic Church. We are currently forming our membership & concert dates for our 3rd season. Would you prayerfully consider being a member. Our rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:00PM to 9:00PM and located at The American Legion Hall — Swartz Creek, Michigan. The choir prepares two concerts a year.... A Christmas Festival of Music & A Patriotic Festival of Music. Throughout the year, the choir also sings at special liturgical events. For more information, please call 810-516-5505 Or visit www.TheMichiganCatholicChoir.org or write to Dan@TheMichiganCatholicChoir.org

Join us for the 2nd Annual Grandparent's Day

Fun for the whole family! Free Admission. Ste. Anne in Detroit on Saturday, September 9 from 3-5 PM. There will be a petting farm, face painting, entertainment, snacks and more! Question: 313-496-1701, ext. 14.



KNIGHTS CORNER

Officers Meet September 5 , Installation of Officers at St. Fabian will replace September 19 Member Meeting

Your Officers will be meeting Tuesday, September 5 with one of the main discussion points being what will we do with the net proceeds from the September 24 pancake breakfast. Although our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference will benefit from a special collection at this weekend’s masses, the need is very great.

In the past 12 months, SVDP has made 139 home visits, paid out more than \$33,670 in rental and utility assistance, obtained \$12,747 in MEAP and THAW help and distributed \$1,055 worth of food and gas cards and 227 bags of food. The recipients of this help all live within our parish boundaries.

Officers also will be discussing the Installation of Officers’ Ceremony, which will replace the September 19 Membership Meeting. The Installation will be conducted jointly with St. Fabian Council officers at their facility at 32200 Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills. A potluck dinner will follow the ceremonies. As always, wives are encouraged to attend the Installation and dinner. More details on the ceremony and the dinner will be announced via an e-mail in the next week or so.

PGK Bruce Roberts, who heads our wearables program, announced that he taking orders for the light Council windbreaker jackets. “Order now so you will have yours when the cooler weather arrives” he said. The red nylon jackets have a light fleece lining and sport our Council logo. Cost is \$25 for small, medium and large. There is a slight upcharge for extra large sizes. Call Bruce at 248-756-9257 to order yours.

Earlier this month, the Supreme Council announced a change in Fourth Degree Honor Guard uniforms. The feathered chapeau, cape and black tuxedo are being replaced by a black beret, blue sport coat, and dark gray slacks. The ceremonial swords and white gloves will be retained. For a photo and more information, go to www.koc.org. The switch to the new gear is expected to be completed by July 1, 2018.

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(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

STAFF

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- 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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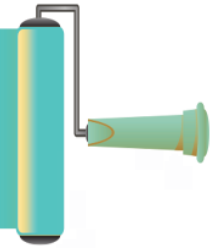
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