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SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

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

## MASS SCHEDULE

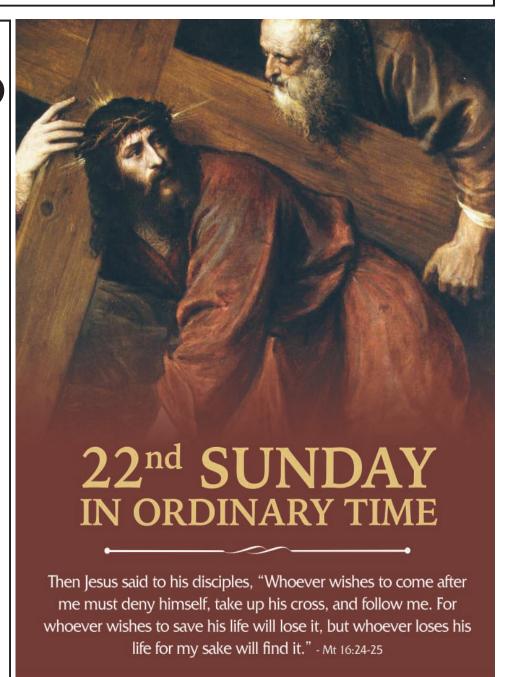
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

## **WEEKDAYS**

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

## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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



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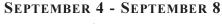
PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2017 IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

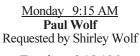
#### ALL ARE WELCOME

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**





Tuesday 9:15 AM
Ronald Malmsten
Requested by Rita Knight

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht
and Goderman Families
Requested by C. Kemp

Friday 9:15 AM
Ann Waltanen
Requested by Mary Yageman



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK** 

MONDAY: 1 THES 4:13-18/PS 96:1, 3-5, 11-13/LK 4:16-30

TUESDAY: 1 THES 5:1-6, 9-11/PS 27:1, 4, 13-14/

LK 4:31-37

WEDNESDAY: COL 1:1-8/PS 52:10-11/LK 4:38-44 THURSDAY: COL 1:9-14/PS 98:2-6/LK 5:1-11

FRIDAY: MI 5:1-4A OR ROM 8:28-30/PS 13:6/MT 1:1-16.

18-23 OR 1:18-23

SATURDAY: COL 1:21-23/PS 54:3-4, 6, 8/LK 6:1-5 NEXT SUNDAY: EZ 33:7-9/PS 95:1-2, 6-9/ROM 13:8-10/

MT 18:15-20

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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB)

## Please pray for our sick:

Betty Hunter Pat Fanllone Jim Bergin Beth Croitori

Jerome Williams Wanda Reiner Charles Minear Andy Vermiglio

Ralph Wenski Karen Hall

If you would like a name to added on the prayer list, please email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. Thank you!



Have you lost an item recently and are not sure where it could have gone? Take a look in our Lost and Found Drawer located in the gathering space of the church. The drawer is full of many unclaimed items.

One might be yours!

## SEPTEMBER 10, 2017 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM	September 9 Fr. Kris	
For  Jeffrey Racklin  Requested by  Dennis and Sharon  Weberlein	Servers	Isabelle Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Lyda DelRosario 5:00B
8:30 AM	September 10 Fr. Kris	
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30A
10:15 AM	September 10 Fr. Roodbeen	
For <b>Kathryn M. Cernak</b> Requested by	Servers	Ashley Grabinski
Fr. Kris Nowak & St. Gerald Staff	Lector/ Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri 10:15A
12:00 PM	September 10 Fr. Kris	
For <b>Ophelia Alonzo</b>	Servers	Angela Guerra
Requested by Pauline & Jerry Panyard	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week
Sept. 9 & Sept. 10
Team A

Team B

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



## **Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of August 20 . . . . \$ 7,882.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of August 20 . . . . \$ 9,096.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - August 20 . . . . . . \$ 773,160.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - August 20 . . . . . . . \$ 770,919.00

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** 

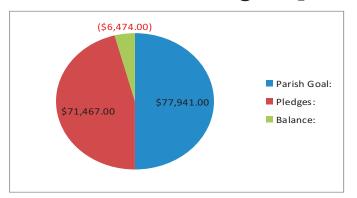
No class on Nov 1, 2017 - All Saints Day

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

# St. Gerald CSA Pledge Update



#### CSA NOTE...

We are still \$6,474.00 from our goal. Many have donated toward CSA this year, and for that we are very thankful. If you have not turned in your CSA card, please consider making a donation. You can either donate electronically or turn in your donation (cash/check) by dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, mailing it back in with the envelope provided or dropping it off in the Parish Office. 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!



## ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE

begins Wednesday, September 13th at 7:30 PM. All are invited. No experience necessary.



#### 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.



Cookies Tuna
Canned Fruit Jam/Jelly
Campbells - Canned Soup



## 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.



"Oh, the Lord is good to me and so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need the sun and the rain and the apple seed the Lord is good to me!"

SGMC would like to welcome all Moms and their families to attend our first outing this fall. We will be going to Erwin's Orchard! We will go on a wagon ride and pick apples on Saturday, September 16th @11:30 AM! We will meet in the church parking lot and carpool to Erwin's.

## Other Fall agenda events are:

**Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM -St. Gerald's Trunk or Treat! The SGMC will be assisting!

**Sunday, November 19**<sup>th</sup> Sunday after all the masses -Outreach Day! We will be collecting new socks, travel size shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, body lotion, dental floss, combs and brushes for the homeless. The SGMC will be packing the donations. (Feel free to start collecting these items now!)

**Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM -SGMC Christmas** Ornament Craft and Pizza!

A big thank you to Cindy Kovach, Julie Kornmeier, Milbia Rometty and Vivica Garcia for organizing and completing the Snack bag outreach day in August!

Looking forward to seeing all of our members again and meeting new members too! God bless each of you and your families.

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother." St. Therese of Lisieux

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." At the end of the reading Jesus suggests there is great hope in the cross. Today's followers of Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire legacy, including his cross and that through their mutual sacrifices God's glory is revealed. They don't live their lives in Christ only when it is convenient for them. They make a decision to take up their cross and carry it, no matter what the cost is to themselves. Reflect this week on the cross you bear in order to reveal God's glory. How do you embrace that cross? How, at times, do you shirk that cross when it is not convenient?



Hello Teens & Parents!

I hope your summer was safe and fun! My family and I enjoyed a beautiful Michigan summer and I look forward to beginning the school year in my role as Youth Minister here at St. Gerald Church:)

We are having a Youth Group planning night on Sunday, October 1st (prior to the Confirmation class time). We will meet in the Social Hall at 5:30 PM to discuss format and ideas for our new group. I look forward to working with the teens to coordinate some interesting meetings, and fun activities. Hope to see you there!

Please note the upcoming community service opportunities noted in this bulletin;

- The Knights of Columbus can use teen helpers at the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, September 24th.
- Mercy Day in Action is on Saturday, October 14th. Help is needed for this wonderful program to help others in our community. Service sheets will be provided for all teen volunteers.

Contact me for more details at 248-476-7677 x208 or email gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com. Gerryanna Luscri

## A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER FOR SEPTEMBER

Lord Jesus Christ,

As we begin to shift from summer schedules to autumn demands.

teach us to recognize you,

and help us follow you amidst our busy life.

Open the Scriptures to us ...

that we may know you, see you, hear you—

in the voices of friends and family,

in the ministries of our parish,

in the proclamation of the Word,

and in the Breaking of the Bread,

Teach us to be good stewards,

that we may use your gifts wisely

and care for all those you place in our path.

Encourage us, when we are overwhelmed.

Strengthen us,

when we are frightened.

Challenge our complacency.

Help us make this new season

a time of spiritual renewal, hope, and action

to proclaim the Gospel in our words and in our deeds.

For the kingdom and the power

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



# 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 starting at 4 PM at Ford Field in Detroit. Doors will open at 2 PM. 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. More information is available at **solanuscasey.org/beatification** and **aod.org**. Please call the Parish Office for ticket information. Ford Field will be configured to accommodate approximately 60,000 guests for the ceremony.

#### MASS FOR COMMERCE

Everyone is invited to join His Excellency, Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron and the Catholic business and professional community at the 24th Annual Mass for Commerce at 8 AM on Wednesday, October 18, at the Chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit 48206.

This celebration of the Eucharist reminds Catholic men and women at all levels of business and professions of the need to incorporate their faith into their daily lives, that they are not just business and professional people who happen to be Catholic, but people who recognize they are stewards of God's gifts and their need for the Holy Spirit to be with them, guiding them every day.

A breakfast will follow Mass. For more information, call 313-596-7430 or visit the web at www.massforcommerce.org

# ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND PARENTS - PLEASE JOIN US! 3RD ANNUAL CATHOLIC COLLEGE NIGHT

Wednesday, September 20, 2017 4:30-8:00 PM

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Representatives from over 25 Catholic Colleges and Universities from 8 states and Canada will be on hand displaying and answering your questions about their school and life on a Catholic campus. In addition, there will also be seminars on the Federal student aid process (FASFA), scholarship and grants.

<u>Free admission. Free parking. Free pizza and refreshments - courtesy of Hungry Howies and Costco!</u>

For more information and registration please visit www.catholiccollegenight.org

#### VENDORS WANTED



St. Mary Cause of Our Joy is holding a Vendors Show on Friday, November 17, 2017 fro 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 Bohr at 734-718-5974 to obtain a table rental contract.

## **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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> so we can guarantee your shirt for this event will be ordered. Thank you!

### HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

As many of you know, last weekend Hurricane Harvey devastated much of the Texas coast. As a result, there are numerous areas flooded, some almost 5 feet deep in water. When an event like this happens many of us wonder how they can help? If you would like to make a donation, log onto the Archdiocese of Detroit's website at www.aod.org and click on the home page, which will then give you information about donating to relief efforts coordinated by Catholic Charities USA. You may also go to the Red Cross website, where you may donate money as well. More information is also on the Christian Service board at the entrance of church. Let us pray for our brothers and sisters affected by this event. God Bless Matt

### **CSA - CHRISTIAN WORSHIP**

"Engage the Power of Prayer," a training for parish Prayer and Intercession Teams, will be held at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Saturday, September 16.

In *Unleash the Gospel*, Archbishop Allen Vigneron's pastoral letter on the New Evangelization, he charged each parish in our Archdiocese to have a Prayer and Intercession Team in place by December 2017. The mission of this team will be to pray for the mission of the parish and the intentions of the leadership team. The Christian Worship Office is organizing this training for Prayer and Intercession Teams. Thanks to gifts to the Catholic Service Appeal, the cost per person is only \$7. For more information about this and other CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to www.aod.org.

## KNIGHTS CORNER

### Council Pot Luck Dinner a Success; Officers Meet Tuesday to Plan September 19 Installation and Dinner

Many thanks to GK Fred Gerometta and his wife Diane for hosting the Council Pot Luck dinner. By all accounts, it was a culinary and social success. The chicken, grilled by Fred and son Patrick, was done to perfection. There was plenty of other good food and lots of good conversation. The first ever Pot Luck Corn Toss Tournament was won by Tom and Arlene McPhail, who narrowly edged Thom and Barbara Seabolt in the final game as nightfall came.

The only business of the night was the presentation of the Knight of the Year and Family of the Year plaques by GK Gerometta. He presented the Knight award to our Chancellor Frank Gariepy who is our Corn Toss Czar, a member of the millionaire party study committee and an eager worker at most Council functions. The Family award went to Bob and She rry Kuhr who have been very active in the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference for many years. They also are Eucharistic ministers, usually at the 10:15 AM Mass. Bob also has been our Financial Secretary for the past three years.

Bob and Sherry Kuhr



Council officers will meet at their regular time Tuesday, September 5. Among the agenda topics

is a discussion of how to handle the formal installation of officers with the St. Fabian Council at their facility at 32200 Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills (west of Orchard Lake Road). The Installation Ceremony will be followed by a pot luck dinner. Wives are invited to the ceremony and the dinner. The Installation will count as our September Membership Meeting.

The Father Solanus Casey Center is looking for volunteers to help at the Capuchin Priest's Beautification Ceremony November 18 at Ford Field. It is expected that 60,000 people from all over the world will attend. Volunteers are sought as ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, interpreters and escorts. Volunteers are also expected to be able to stand for long periods of time and to be able to handle steps. To register, go to the Capuchin site at www.solanuscenter.org and click on the Beautification Website box.

Watch for an E-Mail to sign up to help with the September 24 Pancake Breakfast!

## 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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**Tom Kruger** 

## 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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