# THE VOICE

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2017** 

# ST. GERALD

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

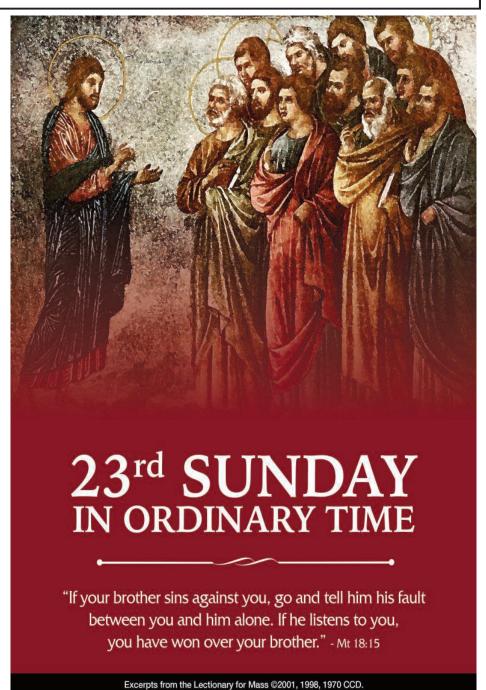
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

#### **WEEKDAYS**

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

#### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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





Looking for a way to help the Hurricane Harvey victims? St. Vincent de Paul has a Domestic Disaster Fund to assist with recovery. More information is available at www.svdpusa.org. Donations can be made on-line and designated for Hurricane Harvey.

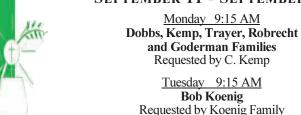
#### ALL ARE WELCOME

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**

SEPTEMBER 11 - SEPTEMBER 15



Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM Anna Iadipaolo Requested by Gerryanna Luscri

> Friday 9:15 AM **Special Intention** Requested by Friend



MONDAY: COL 1:24--2:3/PS 62:6-7, 9/LK 6:6-11

TUESDAY: COL 2:6-15/PS 145:1B-2, 8-11/LK 6:12-19

WEDNESDAY: COL 3:1-11/PS 145:2-3, 10-13AB/

LK 6:20-26

THURSDAY: NM 21:4B-9/PS 78:1BC-2, 34-38/PHIL 2:6-11/

JN 3:13-17

FRIDAY: 1 TM 1:1-2, 12-14/PS 16:1B-2A, 5, 7-8, 11/

JN 19:25-27 OR LK 2:33-35

SATURDAY: 1 TM 1:15-17/PS 113:1B-5A, 6-7/LK 6:43-49

NEXT SUNDAY: SIR 27:30--28:7/PS 103:1-4, 9-12/

ROM 14:7-9/MT 18:21-35

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

## Please pray for our sick:

**Charles Minear** 

**Andy Vermiglio** 

**Betty Hunter** Pat Fanllone Jim Bergin **Beth Croitori** Jerome Williams Wanda Reiner

> Karen Hall Ralph Wenski

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!

### **SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY** IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM	September 16 Fr. Kris	
For <b>Wilda McAskin</b> Requested by	Servers	Servers Needed
Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A
8:30 AM	Septemb	er 17 Fr. Kaiser
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30A
10:15 AM September 17 Fr. Kris		
For Onesta, Antonio, Giuseppe & Neil Morelli Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15B
12:00 PM	Septembe	er 17 Fr. Kris
For Fr. James Wright	Servers	Angela Guerra Fernando Guerra
(Anniv.)	Lectors/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week Sept. 16 & Sept. 17 Sept. 23 and Sept. 24 Team B Team C

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, September 17th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

## Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of August 27	\$ 9,050.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of August 27	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - August 27	\$82,210.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - August 27	\$80,015.00



## Mark Your Calendars!

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. Please join us. All are invited to attend. A reception will follow.

#### **ELEMENTARY RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES** STARTING SEPTEMBER 25TH AND 26TH



If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the program last year, please Mary **Taylor** contact 248.476.7677 ext. 201 or via email at taylor.mary04@yahoo.com and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Elementary classes, grades 1-6, will begin September 25th and 26th, Monday sessions meeting from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM and Tuesday sessions meet from 5:00 PM to 6:15 PM. Students in the Confirmation program, grades 7 and 8, will attend their first session on Sunday, October 1st from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The Sunday School program, for 4 and 5 year olds, also begins on Sunday, October 1st during the 10:15 AM Mass. Please contact Mary Taylor if you have any questions.

REMINDER: Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit, children of the parish are to receive two full years of religious formation before the reception of a sacrament.

#### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE NOTES**

As many of you know Mercy Day in Action is fast approaching. One of the things that we will be doing this year is making fleece blankets. In



order to do this, we will need some **fleece** for the blankets. **ACCEPTED** Please drop your donation off in the bin at the entrance of the



church. We need two pieces of fleece that are two and a half yards long for each blanket. If you have any questions, please call me at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 and I will be happy to give you more information.

This Monday September 11<sup>th</sup> the Christian Service Commission will have its first meeting of the year beginning at 7PM. If you are wondering what goes on or the things we do, please join us for the meeting. Coming to this meeting does not mean that you are on the commission by any means, you may just simply see what goes on and we hope that you will come back. So please consider joining us for our first meeting. Have a blessed week! Matt



#### 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? We will begin on Wednesday, September 27, 2017. Sessions are an hour and a half. Please consider joining us.

Contact Tim Westfall, Pastoral Associate at 248-477-7470 x 202 or email timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com See the flyer insert in today's bulletin! More inserts are available in the gathering space on the bookrack.

#### CSA PLEDGE UPDATE...

We are still \$6,474.00 from our goal. If you have not turned in your CSA card, please consider making a donation to help us reach our goal. 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.

We ask that 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!





"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 the orchid.

#### 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!

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

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 second reading Saint Paul enjoins us to be indebted to no one. Debt creates the kind of pressure that impedes our relationship with Jesus Christ. But there is one debt we will always owe and never be able to pay off fully: The debt of showing love to others. We will never reach the place where we can say, "Now I love others as much as I ought, and that's enough." No matter how much we've grown in faith we will always be required to grow in love. Good stewards realize that God does not call them just to love those who are easy to love, but to love the unloved and the hard-to-love people in this world as well. This week, remind yourself: "I am put here as an ambassador of God's love."



Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, September 12 7:00 PM in Parish Social Hall



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



Tuna Helper Tuna Canned Fruit Jam/Jelly Spaghetti Sauce Canned Peas/Corn

# COLLECTION TO SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS' RETIREMENT

The Archdiocese is blessed to have 107 retired priests who dedicated, in many cases, more than 50 years of their lives to caring for and ministering to others. Even in retirement, many continue to give of themselves in countless ways of service for which we are most grateful.

At age 70, priests in the Archdiocese of Detroit begin receiving a \$1,550 monthly pension and health and automobile insurance from the Priests' Pension Plan. The Archdiocese annually assesses each parish \$15,644 per priest serving there to support this fund.

Next weekend, September 16 and 17, our parish will take up a special collection to help defray the cost of this assessment and to show our appreciation for those priests who have cared for us and ministered to us throughout the years. Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best contribute to the *With Thanks for Their Service in Christ* collection this year. You may return your special collection envelope at Mass next weekend in the second collection. Thank You!



# 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 9:00 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!



### 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.

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



#### KNIGHTS CORNER

# Supreme K of C Rolls Out Relief Fund for Harvey Victims; State Airs Plans for 2018 March for Life

The Supreme K of C Council has set up a program through which tax deductible donations can be made to help victims of Hurricane Harvey. Assisting victims of natural disasters is a long time tradition with the K of C. "Whether at home or abroad, Charity is our Order's first principle and the basis for all we do as brother Knights" said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. "It is a tangible way that we live out that spirit of fraternity and missionary discipleship to which Pope Francis has called us." Checks should be made payable to "Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.", the Order's nonprofit 501 [C](3) entity. Be sure to fill in the memo line with "United Disaster Relief." Mail your check to Knights of Columbus Charities, One Columbus Plaza, P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966.

Meanwhile, the State Council has announced details for the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. January 18-21, 2018. An extra day has been added to allow for a guided tour of the St. John Paul II Shrine and Mass on January 20. A State Council sponsored bus will leave Lansing on Thursday, January 18 and make a stop in Chelsea and then proceed to Washington, arriving in time for 7:30 AM Mass at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on January 19. The Michigan group will stay two nights at the Hampton Inn, Old Towne Alexandria, VA. The marchers will depart for home Sunday morning, arriving in Chelsea around 6:30 PM and Lansing around 8 PM. Lodging cost is \$109 plus tax per night for up to four persons and is payable to Hampton Inn. Room accommodations should be made to the Inn directly at 703-329-1400. A block of rooms have been reserved under Michigan K of C. The cost of the bus is \$165 per person and payable to the Michigan State Knights of Columbus. Mail the bus check to Tim & Cindy Donovan, 4074 Cemetery Road, Fowlerville, MI 48836. Inquiries should be made to 517-214-5121 or t.donovan@mikofc.org

~Workers needed for the September 24 Pancake Breakfast. Sign up by calling Dave Bednarski at 248-615-1026~

# 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, Pastor x 203
Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant
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#### **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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