# THE VOICE

### SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

## ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH A Servant Church Of The Archdiocese of Detroit

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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.

## 24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." - Mt 18:21-22



### Mark Your Calendars!

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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.

### 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 18 - SEPTEMBER 22



<u>Monday</u> 9:15 AM Barbara Oleszkowicz Requested by Barbara Della Mora

> Tuesday 9:15 AM Edward Berger Requested by Julee Berger

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Goderman Families Requested by C. Kemp

> Friday 9:15 AM Nicholas Tuz Requested by Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK MONDAY: 1 TM 2:1-8/PS 28:2, 7-9/LK 7:1-10 TUESDAY: 1 TM 3:1-13/PS 101:1B-3AB, 5-6/LK 7:11-17 WEDNESDAY: 1 TM 3:14-16/PS 111:1-6/LK 7:31-35 THURSDAY: EPH 4:1-7, 11-13/PS 19:2-5/MT 9:9-13 FRIDAY: 1 TM 6:2C-12/PS 49:6-10, 17-20/LK 8:1-3 SATURDAY: 1 TM 6:13-16/PS 100:1B-5/LK 8:4-15 NEXT SUNDAY: IS 55:6-9/PS 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18/ PHIL 1:20C-24, 27A/MT 20:1-16A

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### 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	Florence Ptak	

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!

### **HURRICANE RELIEF DONATIONS**

If you would like to make a donation to help those affected by the recent hurricanes, please donate to the Catholic Charities USA directly at <u>https://app.mobilecause.com/public/peer\_fundraisers/375237/peer</u>fundraiser donations/new

### SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM September 23 Fr. Kris		
For Frederick Strick Requested by	Servers	Servers Needed
Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00B
8:30 AM	September 24 Fr. Kris	
For Nickolis & Margret Arcleon Requested by Croitori Family	Servers	Gabe Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Thad Radzilowski 8:30B
10:15 AM September 24 Fr. Kris		
For <b>Ed Fenech</b> Requested by Yolanda Fenech	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Sofia Mansoor 10:15C
12:00 PM September 24 Fr. Briffa		er 24 Fr. Briffa
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lectors/ Ushers	Mary Power 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next WeekSept. 23 & Sept. 24<br/>Team CSept. 30 and Oct. 1<br/>Team D

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

God never asks more of us than we have.

### **Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Sept. 3	\$ 10,760.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Sept. 3	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Sept. 3	\$92,970.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Sept. 3	\$89,111.00

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

### **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 vear, please contact Mary Taylor at 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. 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 **DONATIONS** or need more information, please call Christian ACCEPTED Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204.



### **CSA PLEDGE UPDATE...**

We are still \$5,974.00 away 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!

### 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:

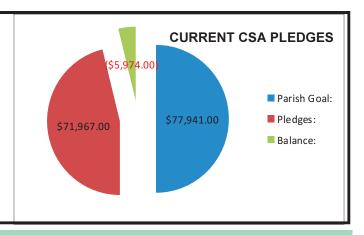
- The unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- · Those baptized Catholics who have not completed the Initiation Sacraments.

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 available in the gathering space on the bookrack.





### GARDEN NEWS ....

School has started, a few trees have some color in their leaves, and the blankets are on our beds . . yep, fall is coming!

Your garden committee has begun sprucing up the church grounds for Fr. Kris' Installation Mass on October 8th. The next step is planning the Fall Clean-up 2017! So mark your calendars for Saturday, November 4th and Saturday, November 11th! We are hoping you can volunteer for ONE of the days, being conscious of other activities and family obligations. Watch for more information in "The Voice".



"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 all our Fall activities below:

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 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.

We welcome to the Body of Christ
Sophia Rose Giannola
baptized Sunday,
September 10, 2017 by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak
Sophia is the daughter of
Anthony & Jennifer

### **BULLETIN REMINDER**

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 12 noon on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.



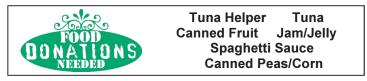
Providing a positive impact by gathering, growing and giving together.

As we start off a new school year, here are a few opportunities for service in our community and to meet old and new friends.

Join us... we'll be expecting you :)

- Sept. 24th (Sunday) Pancake Breakfast (helpers welcome).
- Sept. 27th (Wednesday) "See You at the Pole" event. Meet at YOUR school flag pole at 7:00 AM to pray for your campus, teachers, students and family. PRAYING together for the GOOD of ALL!
- Oct. 1st (Sunday) High School Youth Group Planning Meeting 5:30 to 6:30 PM.
- Oct. 14th (Saturday) Mercy Day in Action; Teen volunteers welcome to help with blankets and other activities.
- Nov. 3rd (Friday) Square Dancing Event; details coming soon.

More opportunities are happening; read the entire bulletin to keep informed. Email or call Gerryanna @ 248-476-7677, ext. 208 for more information and joining our Youth Group.



### COLLECTION TO SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS' RETIREMENT

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection for our priests' retirement fund. The "*With Thanks for Their Service in Christ*" collection will support the Priests' Pension Plan, which provides a monthly pension, as well as health and automobile insurance to priests at age 70.

As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our senior priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pension from the Priests' Pension Plan for basic needs, such as food, housing, and transportation.

Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to our community by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the "*With Thanks for Their Service in Christ*" collection. You may return your completed special collection envelope during the second collection or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you!



### Lunch & Learn Health Topic Discussion on Memory: Dementia & Alzheimer's

### Wednesday, September 27th at 12:15 PM

Join us for a lunch time pot-luck with Beaumont Nurse, Gerryanna Luscri. We will discuss diagnosis, prevention and management of the different forms of memory loss and how to handle changes and situations effectively.

Bring a dish to share, or pack your own lunch and come learn with us.

Sign up sheet is provided at Health Information Table in Social Hall, or call Gerryanna Luscri at 248-476-7677, ext. 208 for details.

### ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS, SELF-EMPLOYED AND FAMILIES!

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

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**ADVERTISING SPACE** 



Jim Keaser from Liturgical Publications, our bulletin printer, will be in our office the week of **10/02**, securing new ads for our bulletin. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or In Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

### **BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING**

- Local, targeted community advertising for one full year, at one low price.
- A FREE ad listing on parishesonline.com.
- FREE, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

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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 the date for the Father Solanus Casey beatification ceremony will be Saturday, November 18 starting at 4 PM at Ford Field in Detroit. Doors will open at 2 PM. Tickets are available on-line starting October 9th at **www.fordfield.com**. Tickets are free. More information is available at **solanuscasey.org**/ **beatification** and **aod.org**.

### 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) with questions or 248-477-7470.

### WHAT IS MERCY DAY IN ACTION?

It began in 2016 during Pope Francis's Year of Mercy. The Catholic Charities of Michigan and the Archdiocese of Detroit began a day of service focusing on the different Works of Mercy both Corporal and Spiritual. This year we will once again participate in "Mercy Day in Action" by doing both Corporal and Spiritual works. We have three projects; one of them is to put together birthing kits that will be distributed by Global Health Charities, another is to make fleece blankets that will be distributed to the homeless in our area. The third is a Spiritual Work of Mercy, in which we will gather in the church and participate in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. You may participate in any way you feel necessary, please call Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or fill out one of the forms in the back of church or in the parish office if you would like to volunteer.

### TIME AND TALENT NEEDS . . .

Many ministries at St. Gerald are in need of volunteers. All ministries are very important to our church. Some main areas that we would prayerfully like you to consider giving of your time are:

Children's Liturgy of the Word Bulletin Board Decorator Ministers of Care RCIA Catechist Altar Servers—weekday and weekend Eucharistic Ministers at Mass Lectors Ushers Greeters Funeral Greeters Church Cleaners Sacristans



### **KNIGHTS CORNER**

Members Invited to Tuesday's Officer Installation that Replaces Regular Meeting.

An installation of officer's ceremony at St. Fabian Parish will replace Tuesday's regular membership meeting. District Deputy Jim Escott will formally install the officers from our Council and those from St. Fabian. The 6 PM ceremony will be followed by a dinner for officers and their wives and for any St. Gerald Council members and their wives who wish to attend. Officers should arrive at 5:30 PM for a briefing and formation.

Members should have received an e-mail from GK Fred Gerometta inviting them to the ceremony. Members without e-mail should have received a telephone call. If no communication was received, immediately contact Fred at 248-471-2642 and provide your current contact information.

Council Officers have decided that the net proceeds from the Sept. 24 Pancake Breakfast should be sent to the Supreme K of C Disaster Relief Fund to help victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Instead of the usual \$7 adult ticket, diners will be asked to make a free will donation. Checks should be made payable to Knight of Columbus Charities, Inc., the K of C's tax deductible entity. On the memo line write "United Disaster Relief."

DGK Dave Bednarski reports that a few worker slots remain open for the event after next Sunday's 8:30 and 10:15 AM masses. To volunteer, call him at 248-615-1026.

Millionaires Party Chair Thom Seabolt is continuing his hunt for volunteers. He has received commitments from six Knights and could use at least another six to get the program started. Time is a factor since the organizations that actually operate the games will soon be deciding their schedules for the first six months of 2018. Our Council would be handling the chips and money for players. No heavy lifting involved. For more details, contact Thom at 248-477-4752 or Thomseabolt@mi.rr.com.

Lean More About How the Supreme K of C Disaster Fund Helps Others at www.kofc.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, Pastorx 203	
Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associatex 202 Email: timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com	
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant	

### All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

Christian Services Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Email: myokom.sgp@gm	
St. Vincent de Paul	x 220
Education Mary Taylor: Director Religious Ed Email: taylor.mary04@ya	
Music Ministry Mary Melonio Email: mmelonio@aol.co	
Youth Ministry Gerryanna Luscri Email: gerryanna.youthr	
Maintenance Tom Kruger	Accountant Kim Shepard

**Kim Shepard** 

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.

SACRAMENTS

### **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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