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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

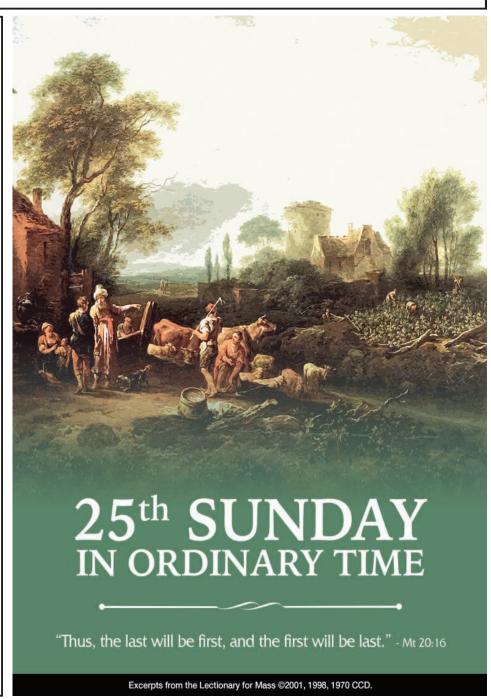
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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



ONE OF THE GREATEST GIFTS YOU CAN GIVE IS YOUR TIME

TIME AND TALENT WEEKEND!

Please prayerfully consider a commitment of your time and talent to the parish by volunteering to a ministry of your choice. We appreciate your commitment.

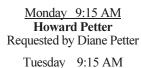
ALL ARE WELCOME

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 25 - SEPTEMBER 29



Molly Joy
Requested by Family

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM Walter Winiarski Requested by Victor Winiarski

Friday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and Goderman Families
Requested by C. Kemp



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: EZR 1:1-6/PS 126:1B-6/LK 8:16-18

TUESDAY: EZR 6:7-8, 12B, 14-20/PS 122:1-5/LK 8:19-21 WEDNESDAY: EZR 9:5-9/TB 13:2-4BEFGHN, 7-8/LK 9:1-6

THURSDAY: HG 1:1-8/PS 149:1B-6A, 9B/LK 9:7-9

FRIDAY: DN 7:9-10, 13-14 OR RV 12:7-12A/PS 138:1-5/

JN 1:47-51

SATURDAY: ZEC 2:5-9, 14-15A/JR 31:10-12AB, 13/

LK 9:43B-45

NEXT SUNDAY: EZ 18:25-28/PS 25:4-9/PHIL 2:1-11

OR 2:1-5/MT 21:28-32 LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC

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

Please pray for our sick:

Betty Hunter Pat Fanllone Stacey Bywalec Beth Croitori

Jerome Williams Wanda Reiner Charles Minear Andy Vermiglio

Ralph Wenski Karen Hall Florence Ptak Jim Sockow

PLEASE JOIN US



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.
A reception will follow.

OCTOBER 1, 2017 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| 5:00 PM | September 30 | | |
|---|--------------------|---------------------------|--|
| For Lucille Strick Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein | Servers | Servers Needed | |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Lyda DelRosario 5:00A | |
| 8:30 AM | October 1 | | |
| For Michael Stec Requested by Milkiewicz Family | Servers | Gabe Smith | |
| | Lector/ Ushers | Ray Pisani 8:30C | |
| 10:15 AM October 1 | | 1 | |
| For All Our | Servers | Servers Needed | |
| All Our Parishioners | Lector/ Ushers | Caron Kott 10:15A | |
| 12:00 PM | October 1 | | |
| For Barbara Oleszkowicz Requested by | Servers | Servers Needed | |
| Steve & Diane Bonadeo | Lectors/ Ushers | Fernando Guerra 12:00B | |

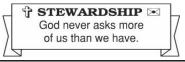
Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1

Team D

Team A

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



Offertory Snapshot

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 START THIS WEEK

Elementary classes, grades 1-6, will begin September 25th and 26th, Monday sessions meet from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM and Tuesday sessions meet from 5:00 PM to 6:15 PM. little children 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.

A WARM WELCOME AND THANK YOU TO ALL **OUR CATECHISTS**

Many thanks to the following people who have answered the call to serve as catechists in our Religious Formation program:

Rosa Russenberger, Lynne Gulick, Marisa Ferrari, Susan Hill, Carol Ferguson, Joyce Kopp, Carolyn Arlen, Shirley Murray, Mary Power, Michelle Ficyk, Emily Long, Christie Cannon, Barbie Reavis, Gerryanna Luscri, and Crystal Flood. Thank you also to all our other Religious

> Formation support volunteers: Sharon Weberlein and Laurel Hoetger.

> If you would like to volunteer, in any way, with the Religious Formation Program or become involved with the Education Commission, please

call Mary Taylor at 248- 476-7677, ext. 201.

I would also like to invite all members of the parish to join the children and catechists for our prayer service each week before classes, Monday at 5:30 PM and Tuesday and at 5:15 PM. Middle School students will gather for prayer every other Sunday at 6:30 PM.



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

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

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 . . .

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 bulletin.

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 or need more information, please call Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Also, volunteer sheets are located on the shelves in the gathering space of the church.

> **Rosary Rally Madonna University** Livonia, Michigan Saturday, October 14 12:00 PM



For more information, please call 734-432-9744

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**

Church Cleaners Sacristans

Funeral Greeters

Lectors

Ushers

Greeters



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"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:

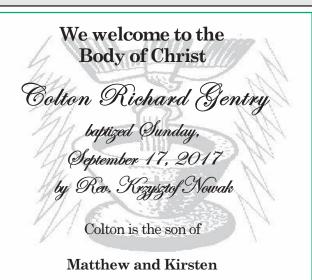
Saturday, October 28th at 6:30 PM -St. Gerald's Trunk or Treat! The SGMC will be assisting!

Sunday, November 19th 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 2nd 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.





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. 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.



Tuesday, October 24th in the Parish Social Hall beginning at 6:30 PM. Please call Joan Tapin at 810-858-7121 if you would like to attend or for more information. Please bring your own snack and beverage. See you there!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION TRUCK

Fall cleaning? On October 21 and 22 the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here for your donations. Clothing items are needed!

BRINGING FORTH THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE.



As you are aware, during the Mass, folks are asked to bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. Please, if an usher asks you take bring them up, say yes! It is an honor to do so, as what is brought forward becomes Christ's Body and Blood. Article 73 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, "At the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist the gifts which will become Christ's Body and Blood are brought to the altar."

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**Time: Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Dates: **Now through 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.

A RECOMMITMENT TO STEWARDSHIP

Summer's end brings with it nostalgia for carefree days, long nights, lazy weekend afternoons, reunions with families, and summer road trips.

But in our parish, autumn brings a burst of new life that makes September feel almost like spring.

Why? For the Christian steward, fall brings a renewed sense of commitment. Literally, many of us make our commitment of time and resources to our parish during September or soon after. Stewardship and ministry fairs bring a sense of excitement to parish weekends, witness talks remind us of the good work to be done, renewed calls for needs, and kids are everywhere — in our Catholic schools and in our faith formation programs — filling us with hope and enthusiasm for our young Church.

This is the time when we reexamine and reconfirm our stewardship. If you found yourself away from your parish this summer – either through neglect or through travel and visits to other parishes – now is the time to get reacquainted. Our parish is our primary faith community, where we built relationships based on our shared values and sacramental life, and September is a wonderful way to come "home" to that community.



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.



Young Marrieds Dinner Date Night -The First Years and Beyond

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Saturday, October 21, 6:30 – 9:00PM / St. Mary's Parish (Royal Oak)

www.aod.org/youngmarrieds \$45 per couple – Includes dinner, desert, open bar, live entertainment, and dancing!

The evening will feature Certified Relationship Expert Dr. Tim Hogan, Psy.D. who will be our tour guide as he takes us through "The Amazing Marriage Adventure". Through a mix of proven insights, humor and take away strategies Dr. Hogan will offer guidance on how to successfully navigate the twists and turns and sometimes peril of the unfolding marriage journey!

Engaged couples welcome to attend! Babysitting is available.

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit Marriage and Family Ministry



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF JOHN C. NOLAN

т JULY 13, 1936 SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
JOHNO LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM

CSA PLEDGE UPDATE...

We are still \$5,424.00 away from our goal of \$77,941.00. 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!



KNIGHTS CORNER

You and Your Family Invited to Annul Memorial Mass November 12 at Sacred Heart Seminary

District Deputy Kenneth B. Unterbrink and leaders of the Detroit Archdiocesan Vovtional League (DAVL) recently issued the following invitation of all Michigan Knights: In November of each year, there is a Memorial Mass hosted by the Knights of Columbus Detroit Archdiocesan Vocation League in remembrance of the members of the Knights of Columbus, their spouses, families and friends who have been called to be with God the Father. This year's Memorial Mass will be held at the Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 10 AM. The Seminary is located at 2701 Chicago Blvd. in Detroit.

The Memorial Mass is open to all Knights of Columbus members, their families and friends. Also attending are the Priests and Seminarians of Sacred Heart Major Seminary. Following the Mass, everyone is invited to attend breakfast and a short program. The seminarians who are not on assignment that day are also invited to share breakfast with us.

This is a great way to experience the seminarians, their backgrounds and their experiences while attending the Seminary, as well as to follow their call to the religious life. A free will donation of \$10 per person is suggested. We pray that you will be able to schedule time to join us in this special Mass of Remembrance for those who have gone before us. This is the 25th anniversary of the Memorial Mass. If you are interested in attending the breakfast, please RSVP by Friday, October 28 to Robert Garstka at 586-484-0781 or by email at rigars@comcast.net.

Other Council Doings – Chancellor Frank Gariepy and wife Kathy are seeking backers for their Walk for the Poor September 30. The walk on Belle Isle is a big fundraiser for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. All money raised by the Gariepys will be directed to the parish SVDP conference.



Maintenance

Tom Kruger

Our annual Tootsie Roll Sale to benefit the mentally impaired is set for October 7-8. PGK Bruce Roberts is the event manager and is looking for helpers to handle sales at the church doors after the weekend masses.

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)

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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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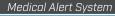
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