# THE VOICE

OCTOBER 1, 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.

# 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Join us at Fr. Kris' Installation Mass next Sunday, October 8th at the 12:00 Noon Mass. Bishop Arturo Cepeda will be here to celebrate Father's installation. Please plan on attending this Mass and the reception which follows as we formally welcome our new pastor.

#### **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



**OCTOBER 2 - OCTOBER 7** Monday 9:15 AM Alan Knight

> Requested by Rita Knight Tuesday 9:15 AM Carol Horvath Requested by Diane Petter

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM Mark T. Webb Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Schaupeter

> Friday 9:15 AM Fr. Krzysztof Nowak Requested by Friend

Saturday 9:15 AM For All Our Parishioners

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

MONDAY: ZEC 8:1-8/PS 102:16-23, 29/MT 18:1-5, 10 TUESDAY: ZEC 8:20-23/PS 87:1B-7/LK 9:51-56 WEDNESDAY: NEH 2:1-8/PS 137:1-6/LK 9:57-62 THURSDAY: NEH 8:1-4A, 5-6, 7B-12/PS 19:8-11/ LK 10:1-12 FRIDAY: BAR 1:15-22/PS 79:1B-5, 8-9/LK 10:13-16 SATURDAY: BAR 4:5-12, 27-29/PS 69:33-37/LK 10:17-24 NEXT SUNDAY: IS 5:1-7/PS 80:9, 12-16, 19-20/ Рни 4:6-9/Мт 21:33-43 LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB)

### Saint Francis says: et us bless the pets!



We will have Pet Blessing on Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30 PM

in the parish parking lot.

FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6					
James Cooper					
Ralph Wenski	Karen Hall	Florence Ptak	Jim Sockow		
Jerome Williams	Wanda Reiner	Charles Minear	Andy Vermiglio		
Betty Hunter	Pat Fanllone	Stacey Bywalec	Beth Croitori		
	Please pray for our sick:				



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following 9:15 AM Mass until 9 AM Saturday. Scheduled Adorers Needed. Sign-up sheets in gathering space.

#### **OCTOBER 8, 2017 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM October 7 Fr. Kris		
For Bernice, Dennis & Louis Kaye	Servers	Servers Needed
Requested by Joe Pavco	Lector/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00B
8:30 AM	October 8 Fr. Kris	
For <b>Larry Desjarlais</b>	Servers	Gabe Smith
Requested by Fr. Kris & St. Gerald Staff	Lector/ Ushers	Rosa Russenberger 8:30A
10:15 AM	October 8	8 Fr. Maka
For Annita Soave Grossi	Servers	Servers Needed
Requested by Josephine Rotondo	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone 10:15B
12:00 PM	October 8	Bp. Cepeda
For	Servers	Fernando Guerra Luke Horsburgh
All Our Parishioners	Lectors/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy Paul Radzilowski 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week Oct. 7 & Oct. 8 Oct. 14 and Oct. 15 Team A Team B

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



St. Gerald is now equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher to help you with a receiver if needed for Mass.

#### **Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Sept. 17	\$ 9,519.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Sept. 17	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Sept. 17	\$102,489.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Sept. 17	\$ 98,207.00

FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE. Francis of Assisi

#### **RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**



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**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 donations are greatly needed!

Please join us for Holy Hour with Rosary on Thursday nights in church following 7 PM Mass concluding at 8:30 PM. All are welcome!



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 :)

- 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.

GARDEN NEWS

We would like to thank two area heads who have given a couple of years to the parish grounds and are now retiring. They are Stephanie Johnson and friend, Sean, as well as Sue Oleszkowicz. Of course, that means we need a couple of new area heads.

Fall clean-up dates are Saturday, November 4 and 11. Many hands are needed as well as donations of brown compost bags. You can place your bag donations in the box located in the hallway outside the parish office. If you missed signing up for yard/gardening on our Ministry Sheet passed out last weekend, you can call one of the leaders listed below:

John McLoughlin at 248-477-2477; Nancy Lacey at 248-943-6272; Gerryanna Luscri at 248-477-5098; or Johanna Ward at 248-478-2849.

#### 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."

### TIME AND TALENT!

If you were not here last weekend and would like to volunteer your time at the parish, please pick up a Time and Talent Sign up sheet located on the table in the Gathering Space of the Church. Please prayerfully consider a commitment of your time and talent to the parish by volunteering to a ministry of your choice. Thank you!



Our trip to Erwin Orchards was a lot of fun! We enjoyed lovely weather, farm animals and playing on the haystacks! Also, we had delicious fresh made donuts and cider too! Most of all we simply enjoyed each other's company. A big thank you to the Kovach and Rometty families for organizing this outing! Please check out the pictures located at the right of this column!

The Fall agenda is as follows:

**October 28<sup>th</sup> Saturday at 6:30 PM** -St. Gerald's Trunk or Treat! The SGMC will be assisting! (Please let us know if you and your family would like to help.)

November 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after all the masses -Outreach Day! We would like donations of new socks, travel size shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, body lotion, dental floss, combs and hairbrushes for the



homeless shelter. The SGMC will be packing the donations. (Feel free to start collecting these items now!) There will be a chest as you enter church where donations can be dropped off.

**December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM** -SGMC Christmas Nativity 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.

As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you. – <u>Isaiah 66:13</u> His Peace

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.

## **Our Trip to Erwin Orchards**





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!

#### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE NOTES**

Mercy Day in Action is fast approaching. We will be making fleece blankets for donation. In order to do this, we will need some **fleece** for the blankets. Please drop your fleece 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.



K of C Pancake Breakfast



A few pictures from our Pancake Breakfast last

Sunday. A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus for their continuing service to our parish and wonderful food!



#### 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 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.

#### HALLOWEEN at Sacred Heart Major Seminary

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner and Sacred Heart Major **Seminary** needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many children who visit the seminary. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of Halloween candy, please bring them to the bins located in the vestibule of the church or the Religious Formation Office no later than October 24th. Thank you for your continued generosity in placing a smile on God's children.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE! When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org or "like" our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.

#### 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**.

#### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE CORNER**

Mercy Day in Action is now just two weeks away on Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Many of you have been asking me what the time frame is for that day, while others have asked me what exactly it means when it gives you the option to participate in adoration. Here is the breakdown of the day. We will begin our day with registration and continental breakfast at 9AM in the Social Hall. From there we will proceed into the church for the Opening Prayer at 9:30 AM. Once our prayer time has concluded, we will then proceed and divide into our groups. The service projects will all be onsite and begin at 10AM. Those projects will run until noon. Finally, at 12:30 PM we will gather, once again, in church for closing prayer and departure.

As mentioned before, we will also be having Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I am asking that if you are participating in one of the service projects to please take some time away from your project and spend some time in Adoration. This will avoid the Blessed Sacrament being exposed with no one in the church. As always, if you have any questions please call my office at 248 -476-7677 Ext 204. Thank you for your participation in this day of service. God Bless! Matt



Vegetables

(corn, peas, etc.)

Pork & Beans

#### CSA PLEDGE UPDATE...

We are still **\$5,249.00** 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**

Officers Meet Tuesday; Our Oct 7-8 Tootsie Roll Sale Helps the Mentally Challenged

After enjoying a brief respite, when the Installation of Officers ceremony replaced the September membership meeting, your Council Officers will again be hearing the gavel Tuesday at 7 PM when Grand Knight Fred Gerometta calls them to order.

One of the agenda items will be a report from PGK Bruce Roberts on the preparations for the annual Tootsie Roll Sale to benefit the mentally challenged after the October 7-8 weekend masses. He needs four Knights at each mass to cover the Church exits. If you can spare 10 minutes after Mass, give Bruce a call at 248-756-9257. Be sure to wear your Council shirt.

Also, there will be a report on the Knights' role in the October 28 "Trunk or Treat" event. New this year is the participation of the Parish Women's Club and the shift in overall supervision from Christian Service to the Religious Education Department. More news on that situation in the coming weeks. Workers needed for this fun event.

Treasurer Rich Rosowski is expected to report on the net proceeds of the September 28 Pancake Breakfast. That event was designated as a fundraiser for the victims of the recent Texas and Florida hurricanes. When decision was made to donate to the Supreme K of C disaster fund, only Harvey and Irma were wrecking havoc. Hurricane Maria has since joined the party, increasing the need.

If you or a friend missed the breakfast and wish to help, make a check payable Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc. On the memo line, write "United Disaster Relief, Council 13673." Mail your check to Knights of Columbus Charities, One Columbus Plaza, P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966 or drop it off at the Parish Office.

The Sunday following *Trunk or Treat* is a Fifth Sunday and time for another Council Family Communion Mass at 10:15 AM. Mark your Calendar now so you will remember to join your fellow Knights and their families.

Congratulations to Fred and Diane Gerometta, our September Family of the Month

#### 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** 

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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