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OCTOBER 15, 2017

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

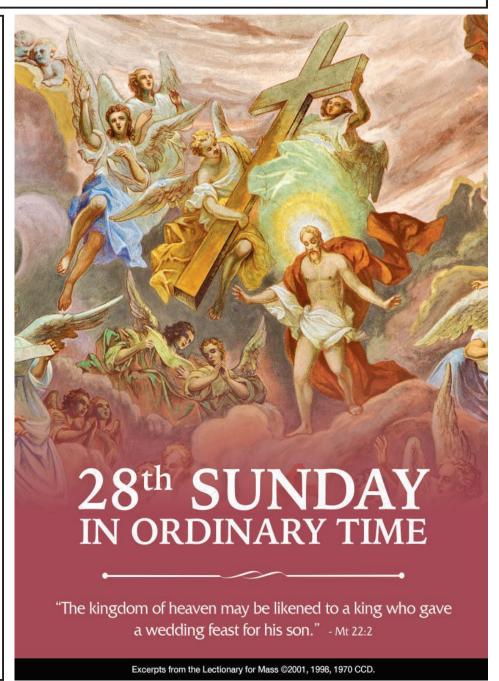
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION TRUCK

Fall cleaning?

Next weekend October 21 and 22 the St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here for your donations.

Gently used clothing items are greatly needed!

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 16 - OCTOBER 20



Monday 9:15 AM William Shea

Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Fr. James O'Hagan (Anniv.)

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Barbara and Jerry Kopasz (Anniv.)

Requested by Best Friends Forever

Friday 9:15 AM Hannah Maclean

Requested by Yolanda Fenech

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ROM 1:1-7/PS 98:1-4/LK 11:29-32 TUESDAY: ROM 1:16-25/PS 19:2-5/LK 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY: 2 TM 4:10-17B/PS 145:10-13, 17-18/LK 10:1-9

THURSDAY: ROM 3:21-30/PS 130:1B-6AB/LK 11:47-54

FRIDAY: ROM 4:1-8/PS 32:1B-2, 5, 11/LK 12:1-7

SATURDAY: ROM 4:13, 16-18/PS 105:6-9, 42-43/LK 12:8-12 NEXT SUNDAY: IS 45:1, 4-6/PS 96:1, 3-5, 7-10/1 THES 1:1-5B/

Мт 22:15-21

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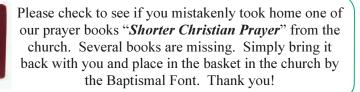
Children's Liturgy



of the Word

During the 10:15 AM Mass

Children in grades:
Kindergarten through
3rd Grade are welcome!



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

James Cooper Lyda DelRosario Kimberly Thompson

OCTOBER 22, 2017 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM	October 2	1 Fr. Kris
For Robert A. Papler	Servers	Servers Needed
Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00B
8:30 AM	October 2	22 Fr. Roodbeen
For	Servers	Servers Needed
All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Thad Radzilowski 8:30C
10:15 AM	October 2	22 Fr. Kris
For Margaret Hamilton	Servers	Servers Needed
Requested by Margaret Williams	Lector/ Ushers	Sofia Mansoor 10:15A
12:00 PM	October 2	2 Fr. Kris
For Edward & Virginia Gulick	Servers	Servers Needed
Requested by Brian, Lynne & Rob Gulick	Lectors/ Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri 12:00A

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week
Oct. 21 & Oct. 22
Team D
Team C
Team C

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, October 15th 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 Oct. 1	\$ 11,115.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Oct. 1	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Oct. 1	\$122,474.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Oct. 1	\$116,399.00

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

FORMATION

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI

This Sunday, October 15th, 14 young people will be received as full members of the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Bishop Francis Reiss. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey. They are: Ciara Braska, Jason Butka, Olivia Cole, Xanthe Ficyk, Kyle Jackson, Rachel Jackson, Trevor Jones, Julia Koon, Paige Meier, Lorn Morden, Evelyn Penner, Gabriel

Smith, Nicholas Terry, Ian Width. Please continue to keep them, their sponsors and their families in your prayers.

YOUTH MINISTRY

School is in full swing; homework, football, cider mills and weather changes. And, around the corner is our *annual family Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM*. We will be decorating a themed trunk as a group and helping with games and music for the event.

The **annual Advent Tea** is scheduled for Wednesday, December 6th. Mark your calendars and join us at the Youth Group table for an evening of prayer, fellowship and food.

The Youth Group will be hosting **Fellowship** (aka Donut Sunday) after all Masses on Sunday, December 17th. Volunteers are needed. Helper sign up sheet is on the Youth Ministry Board at the main entrance or call Gerryanna at 248-476-7677 ext. 208.

HEALTH MINISTRY



FLU SHOTS

Flu shots will be administered on Sunday, October 29, 2017, 9:30 AM -12:00 PM. Because we need to know approximate numbers, there is a sign up sheet at the Health Ministry Information Table in the social hall.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Screening will begin in October and will coincide with Fellowship Sundays on the last weekend of each month after 8:30 and 10:15 Mass. Look for us in the social hall. The first weekend will be **October 29**. The dates are as follows: October 29, November 26, January 21, February 18, March 18, and May 20. I will need volunteers to help take Blood Pressures, please call me at the below number.

HEALTH & WELLNESS BULLETIN

Each month we will have different topics available at the Health Ministry table. Please let me know if you have any special topic request. Barbara Seabolt 248-477-4752

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Last Sunday, we had the wonderful opportunity to officially install Fr. Kris as our pastor here. I would like to thank those of you who were able to donate a dish or dessert for the reception,



and to all those who helped set up. And especially to those volunteers who were behind the scenes making everything flow very nicely. Without you we would not be able to carry out these events.

Fleece Donation Thank You: On behalf of the Christian Service Commission and myself, I would like to thank all those who have donated fleece for Mercy Day in Action. When I had originally put a notice asking for fleece I was not sure how much I was going to get. Well as always, God provided and your generosity was more than I could ask for. God Bless! Matt

WORSHIP

Altar Servers



Calling ALL 4th-12th grade students!

WE NEED YOU!

Please join us for Altar Server Training

October 16, 5:45-6:45

October 23, 5:45-6:45

November 7, 5:45-6:45 (if needed)

RSVP to Tim Westfall at

timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com or just show up!!

CSA PLEDGE UPDATE...

We are so close, if you have not pledged yet, please consider helping us reach our goal of \$77,941.00. We are currently **\$4,449.00** short of achieving our goal. Any help you can give would be appreciated. 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. Thank you for your generosity!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

There are certain Bible verses Christian stewards have memorized. One of them is in Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians found in today's second reading— "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (4:13). Most people define themselves either by their problems or their possibilities. Fearful people wake up each morning ensnared by their problems. Christian stewards wake up reflecting on their possibilities with confidence and hope. Some stewardship reflection questions for the week: What challenges do you back away from because you doubt that you are up to them? What would you attempt tomorrow if you were sure God would help you?



st. Gerald Mom's Corner

Help for Those in Need

The St. Gerald Mom's Corner is scheduling an Outreach Day on Sunday, November 19th, after all the masses! We are collecting new socks, travel size shampoo, tooth brushes, tooth paste, body

lotion, dental floss, combs and brushes for the homeless – please consider donating to this program. The SGMC will be packing the donations we receive for distributions on Sunday, November 19th, in one of the

classrooms, join us if you would like to help. There is a chest in the vestibule

of the church where you can start dropping off donations! Thank you.

The purpose of St. Gerald Mom's Corner is to provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their Christian faith to murture 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.



Tuesday, October 24th in the Parish Social Hall beginning at 6:30 PM. Please call or text Joan Tapin at 810-858-7121 if you would like to attend or for more information. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a beverage of your choice. If you have a Bunco game, bring it along. See you there!



Soup Tuna Fish Pork & Beans

Juice Vegetables

Jelly

Cookies

(corn, peas, etc.)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

At St. Gerald we welcome all and encourage anyone 18 years of age and older to become registered members of the Parish. Registration is a simple process that is done at the Parish Office during office hours 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday or by picking up a Registration form located on the book shelf in the gathering space of the church and sliding a completed form under the Parish Office door. Keeping our records current is also important. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please call the information into the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. If you are moving from our parish, please let us know.



Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, a special day on which we unite ourselves with Catholics all over the world to pray and sacrifice for the missionary efforts of the Church.

The observance of World Mission Sunday is truly "worldly" as prayers and support of the missionary work of the Church is done in every parish church and chapel throughout the entire world. All Catholics respond to the request for this special day by our Holy Father who has asked the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith to plan and promote this holy work of "First Evangelization".

We will soon witness the beatification of the Venerable Solanus Casey who graced our city for so many years with his wisdom and healing of both bodies and souls. At the time of his death he uttered, "I looked on my whole life as giving, and I want to give until there is nothing left to give." Even after his death and burial many people have received the answer to their prayers and needs.

This life of giving was not just to the poor and hungry on our streets but it extended to the many missionary efforts of his Capuchin Community. By imitating his love for the missions you truly honor this saintly man.

This week you will see special envelopes at the ends of the pews from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the mission collection to be taken next weekend. It is suggest that families contribute for the missions at this time, thus enrolling themselves in the Society as well as offering substantial help to our missionaries who spread the gospel.

Please take an envelope home with you and return in the second collection basket next weekend. 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

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...

Ouestions contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com), Sharon Weberlein (shrweber@aol.com) or 248-477-7470.

New to St. Gerald! We have placed a comment/suggestion box on the table at the main entrance of the church for parishioners to share their thoughts about our parish. These comment sheets will be read by the Pastor and then, if needed, forwarded to the appropriate Area Representative for action. We truly value your input!

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.

GARDEN NI

Fall clean-up dates are Saturday, **November 4 and 11 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM with pizza lunch included**. 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 are interested in helping or need more information, please call one of the volunteers 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.

FATHER SOLANUS CASEY BEATIFICATION SET FOR NOVEMBER 18 AT FORD FIELD IN DETROIT

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



Kids of All Ages Welcome RSVP mary04@yahoo.com

taylor.mary 04@yahoo.com with number attending by October 24th if possible

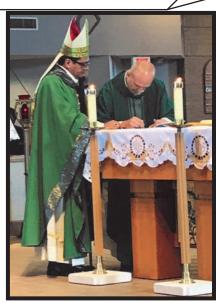


Here are a few pictures from last Sunday's Mass of Installation of Father Kris. Please see next weekend's bulletin for more pictures of Father's special day!

Congratulations Fr. Kris!









KNIGHTS CORNER

Chili Cooks Sought at Tuesday's Member Meeting for Parish Trunk 'n' Treat Night October 28

Recruiting chili cooks will be one of the main agenda items at Tuesday's membership meeting. Also sought will be a few Knights to cook hot dogs to accompany the Chili at the Parish "*Trunk or Treat*" party Saturday, October 28. If you can provide a crock pot of chili but are unable to attend Tuesday's meeting, give Program Director Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185. In all, nine or ten pots are sought. The heated chili should be brought to the Parish Hall by 6:30 PM on October 28.

Hats off to Team Gariepy and to brother Matt Barrett for their fundraising efforts for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The trio again this year participated in the SVDP Walk for the Poor on Belle Isle September 30. Frank and wife Kathy Gariepy raised \$918. Matt raised \$150. Great job!

PGK Rich Smith reports that all the seats to the next Casino Bus trip November 8 are reserved as of October 8. However, he anticipates there will be cancellations prior to departure time, so he will add your name to a wait list. Contact him at 313-421-0204. The schedule for next year's trips to the Fire Keepers Casino outside Battle Creek already has been determined. They will take place January 10, March 7, June 6, August 8 and November 7.

Seats on another bus – for the January 19, 2018 March for Life in Washington D.C.—still are available. Sponsored by the State K of C, the bus will leave Lansing and Chelsea January 18 and return January 21. The bus cost is \$165, payable to the State K of C and a motel fee of \$109 for two nights. For details, visit www.mikofc.org or call Tim Donovan at 517-214-5120.

Don't forget that October 29 is another fifth Sunday and a time when Knight families gather together at the 10:15 AM Mass. Come a few minutes earlier than normal wearing your Council shirt and/or badge and sit in the center right section. It is important to remind other members of the parish of the spiritual side of our Knighthood.

Knight and Spouse Sought to Supervise as Knights Serve Donuts After November 26 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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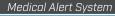
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