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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.



29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?"
They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay
to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what
belongs to God." - Mt 22:20-21

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH,
6:30 PM-8:30 PM**

**IN THE SOUTH PARKING LOT. FILL YOUR TRUNKS WITH CANDY
AND TREATS TO SHARE. A PARISH CELEBRATION OF HALLOWE-
EYE! FOLLOWED BY A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COOKOUT IN
THE SOCIAL HALL. FREE WILL OFFERING APPRECIATED.
COSTUMES OPTIONAL, RAIN OR SHINE!**

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 23 - OCTOBER 27

Monday 9:15 AM
Joseph Batalucco
 Requested by Marilou Knight

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Paul Wolf
 Requested by Shirley Wolf

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
John Keyes
 Requested by Rosalie Rudzki and Kathleen Egbers

Friday 9:15 AM
Molly Joy
 Requested by Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ROM 4:20-25/LK 1:69-75/LK 12:13-21
TUESDAY: ROM 5:12, 15B, 17-19, 20B-21/PS 40:7-10, 17/
 LK 12:35-38
WEDNESDAY: ROM 6:12-18/PS 124:1B-8/LK 12:39-48
THURSDAY: ROM 6:19-23/PS 1:1-4, 6/LK 12:49-53
FRIDAY: ROM 7:18-25A/PS 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94/
 LK 12:54-59
SATURDAY: EPH 2:19-22/PS 19:2-5/LK 6:12-16
NEXT SUNDAY: EX 22:20-26/PS 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 THES 1:5C-10/
 MT 22:34-40

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**OCTOBER 29, 2017
 THIRTIETH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM October 28 Fr. Kaiser

For Margaret Weberlein Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 5:00A

8:30 AM October 29 Fr. Kris

For Mark T. Webb Requested by Jeff Webb	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Rosa Russenberger 8:30B

10:15 AM October 29 Fr. Roodbeen

For Gerry Makowski Requested by Margaret Makowski	Servers	Mandy Millar Melanie Millar
	Lector/ Ushers	Rick Stone 10:15B

12:00 PM October 29 Fr. Kris

For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Angela Guerra
	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00B

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

Oct. 28 & Oct. 29 Team C Nov. 4 and Nov. 5 Team A

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, October 29th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Children's Liturgy



of the Word

During the 10:15 AM Mass
 Children in grades: Kindergarten through 3rd Grade are welcome!

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!

Please pray for our sick:

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|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Betty Hunter | Pat Fanllone | Lyda DelRosario | Beth Croitori |
| Jerome Williams | Wanda Reiner | Charles Minear | Andy Vermiglio |
| Ralph Wenski | Karen Hall | Florence Ptak | Jim Sockow |
| James Cooper | Kimberly Thompson | Rose Hickey | |



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. 8	\$ 8,960.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Oct. 8	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Oct. 8	\$131,434.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Oct. 8	\$125,495.00

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

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

MERCY DAY IN ACTION THANK YOU

Last Saturday, October 14th, St. Gerald along with Our Lady of Sorrows participated in Mercy Day in Action. On behalf of Kim Gary at Our Lady of Sorrows, both Christian Service Commissions and myself, I would like to thank all those who were able to participate in this wonderful event. We were able to make 312 birthing kits for Global Health Charities and a total of 35 fleece blankets for cancer patients.

Plenty of fleece: Due to your wonderful donations of fleece for the Mercy Day in Action project, we have fleece left over. I have had a few people say to me "I was not able to make it to Mercy Day can I still make a fleece blanket?" The answer is YES!! If you were not able to come but would still like to make a blanket, I have plenty of fleece left. While some of it will be going to Our Lady of Sorrows to be made during their homeless shelter week, the remainder of it will remain here. So please feel free to give me a call or stop by my office and I will gladly give you some fleece to make some blankets. There is no deadline in which you have to bring them back, so take your time in making them. Thank you and God Bless! Matt (248-476-7677 ext. 204)

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 248-477-4752.

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 **\$3,449.00** 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!



If you have any pictures of people/events at St. Gerald that you would like to share, please send them to: stgeraldpictures@aol.com or put the prints in an envelope marked "St. Gerald pictures" and drop them in the Parish Office. Thank you!

WORSHIP

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE



Our Mass of Remembrance is coming up on Thursday, November 2 at 7:00 PM. We will celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy for all those who were buried from our parish community since last year. There will be a reception with light refreshments afterwards. In a special way, our Book of Remembrance is placed out for the month as a way to remember our loved ones as well. You may fill in names of your beloved dead. We pray that they enjoy the Heavenly Banquet Christ has prepared for them.

Altar Servers



Calling ALL 4th-12th grade students!

WE NEED YOU!

Please join us for **Altar Server Training**

October 23, 5:45-6:45 PM

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

RSVP to Tim Westfall at

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

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.



GARDEN NEWS



Fall clean-up dates are Saturday, **November 4 and 11 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM with a 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.



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, toothbrushes, tooth paste, body lotion, dental floss, combs and brushes for the homeless, please consider donating to this program. **These items will be given to the South Oakland Shelter.** The SGMC will be packing the donations they 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 donations can be placed. Thank you for your support.



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.



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!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's Gospel we hear proclaimed a profound teaching by Jesus on stewardship. What belongs to Caesar? What belongs to God? Christian stewards recognize that everything they have belongs to God. God created them, and God has claims on every part of their existence. They also realize that the sovereign is an institution whose nature and purpose is to promote the common good and protect the welfare of its citizenry. As long as it accomplishes this mission while treating every single person with deep respect, justice and compassion, it merits the steward's support and cooperation. Christian stewards know what belongs to the Lord, and they are better citizens when they live their lives according to his Gospel.

BRINGING FORTH THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE

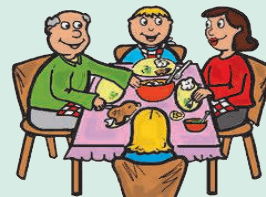
As you are aware, during the Mass, folks are asked to bring forward the gifts of bread and wine. Please, if an usher asks you take bring them up, say yes! It is an honor to do so, as what is brought forward becomes Christ's Body and Blood. Article 73 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal states,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



TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - a day that leads us to the heart of our Christian faith - leads us to mission! Your generosity on World Mission Sunday supports the work of priests, religious and lay leaders in the Missions who share our faith with those most in need. This year we can even "chat" with our chief missionary, Pope Francis, and learn more about his missions and missionaries. Learn more at ChatWithThePope.org. Chat - Pray - Give this World Mission Sunday.

FOOD DRIVE

HELP US FEED FAMILIES FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS IN 2017!!!



Please place your donation in the box located at the main entrance of our church.

Items Requested:

- GROCERY GIFT CARDS FOR TURKEYS/MEAT
- CEREAL/OATMEAL/COCOA
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- TUNA / TUNA HELPER
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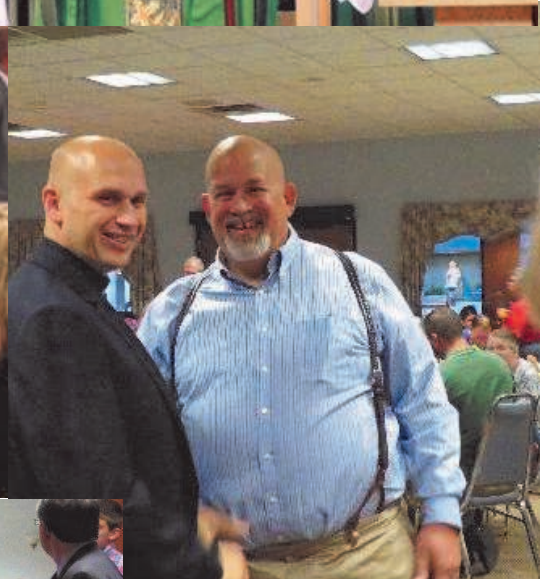
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QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL
Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204



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. **It is important that you put your contact information on these sheets so that we can respond to your comment or suggestions.** We truly value your input!

More Pictures from Fr. Kris' Installation Mass





KNIGHTS CORNER

Knights Serve Hot Dogs and Chili Saturday and Gather Sunday at Family Communion Mass

A few more pots of chili and a few Knights to man the serving line are still sought for Saturday’s annual “Trunk or Treat” party on October 28th in the south parking lot and the parish hall. Parents are asked to decorate their car trunks or vans and supply some Halloween treats. Everybody moves inside at 7 PM or so for the Knights Cookout and music. If you can help with a crockpot of chili or by volunteering a couple of hours, give Program Director Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185.



Next Sunday, October 29, is another K of C Family Communion Mass at 10:15 AM. It is a time that you can set an example to other men in the parish, showing them that being a Knight is more than cooking pancakes and raising money to help others. It also is an opportunity for us to show the spiritual side of our Knighthood. Join your fellow Knights in the right center section in the front pews, proudly wearing your Council shirt and/or Council badge.

Congratulations to brother Bill Hudy and wife Christine for their amazing feat at last Sunday’ Free Press marathon. Both finished the half marathon. Walking and running, Chris did the 13.1 mile course in 3 hours and 23 minutes, Bill who celebrated his 74th birthday, September 1, and competed on replacement knees walked all the way, finishing in 3 hours and 36 minutes. He explained that they started training early in the year and intensified their workouts in September. “In all, we probably walked 150 miles getting ready,” he said. WOW and WOW! Another half-marathoner was Ellen Stacey, wife of Recorder Roger Stacey. She ran the 13.1 mile course in 2 hours, 19 minutes. Another WOW!

The Supreme K of C has stepped up its training efforts lately, expanding on its on-demand webinars that you can participate in with your home computer, tablet or smart phone when you have time. Just go to www.kofc.org and look for the block that talks about training.

Changed Your Phone or E-mail Address Lately? Tell FS Bob Kuhr about it at 248-888-9335.

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

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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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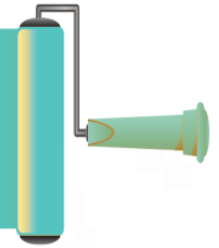
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