# THE VOICE

### NOVEMBER 5, 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.

# 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice." - Mt 23:3

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

# **CSA PLEDGE UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone who so generously pledged to our CSA campaign this year. Because of your generosity, we were able to reach our goal of \$77,941.00. We are truly blessed to have such great support from our parish!



#### 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

#### **NOVEMBER 6 - NOVEMBER 10**

<u>Monday</u> 9:15 AM William and Josephine Farrington Requested by Fr. Kris and St. Gerald Staff

Tuesday 9:15 AM Frances Casey Requested by John Casey

Wednesday - No Mass

<u>Thursday 7:00 PM</u> **Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Goderman Families** Requested by C. Kemp

> <u>Friday 9:15 AM</u> **Theodore Owens** Requested by Family

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

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/ LK 14:12-14 TUESDAY: ROM 12:5-16B/Ps 131:1BCDE-3/LK 14:15-24 WEDNESDAY: ROM 13:8-10/Ps 112:1B-2, 4-5, 9/ LK 14:25-33 THURSDAY: EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/ 1 Cor 3:9C-11, 16-17/JN 2:13-22 FRIDAY: ROM 15:14-21/PS 98:1-4/LK 16:1-8 SATURDAY: ROM 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/PS 145:2-5, 10-11/ LK 16:9-15 NEXT SUNDAY: WIS 6:12-16/PS 63:2-8/1 THES 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14/MT 25:1-13 LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB)

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:

Betty Hunter	Pat Fanllone	Linda Malloy	Beth Croitori
Jerome Williams	Wanda Reiner	Charles Minear	Andy Vermiglio
Ralph Wenski	Karen Hall	Florence Ptak	Jim Sockow
James Cooper	Kimberly Thompson	Rose Hickey	Erin Malloy
	Roberta P	rovenzano	

#### NOVEMBER 12, 2017 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM November 11 Fr. Kris			
For <b>William Strick</b> Requested by	Servers	Mandy Millar Melanie Millar	
Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A	
8:30 AM	Novembe	er 12 Fr. Kris	
For	Servers	Servers Needed	
All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30A	
10:15 AM November 12 Fr. Kris			
For Giovanni Rotondo	Servers	Luke Horsburgh	
Requested by Lisa Morrelli & Family	Lector/ Ushers	Sofia Mansoor 10:15A	
12:00 PM	Novembe	r 12 Fr. Kris	
For Vincenzo & Bettina Troiani	Servers	Angela Guerra Fernando Guerra	
Requested by Nazzareno Troiani & Family	Lectors/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B	

Sacristan Schedule for Next WeekNov. 11 & Nov. 12Team DTeam B

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, November 12th following the 8:30 AM Mass.



#### **Offertory Snapshot**

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Actual Offertory for Weekend of Oct. 22	\$ 7,638.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Oct. 22	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Oct. 22	\$159,300.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Oct. 22	\$154,632.00

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

# CHRISTIAN SERVICE

#### **ON THE RISE BAKERY**



Next weekend, members from *On the Rise Bakery* will be coming to sell some of their baked goods. This bakery is located in Detroit and is a part of the Capuchin community. Their ministry is to employ people who have recently been released from prison. The work of their

mission at the bakery is to give a place to those men who are trying to get back on their feet, some of the employees have been out of prison for a month, while some have been out for a few years. So please stop by the social hall after mass next weekend and pick up some of the many goodies that will be available. I can say from experience that they are very good. Have a great week! Matt

# YOUTH MINISTRY



#### Don't change so people will like you. Be Yourself & the Right people will love the Real YOU.

(cut above to use as bookmark)

Have you taken a look at the Youth Ministry/ Teen News board near the main entrance? Check out the sign up sheets for events and outreach needs and keep in the loop. November 19th, Sunday, Outreach Day after all masses December 2nd, Saturday, Christmas Craft Day December 6th, Wednesday, Advent Tea

December 17th, Sunday, Youth Group hosting Fellowship after all masses

For information contact Gerryanna Luscri gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com or call 248-476-7677 x 208

#### EVANGELIZATION

The Archdiocese of Detroit notes, "The New Evangelization is unfolding and breathing new life into the Church in Detroit". We seek to bring about this change first in our hearts, through an **encounter** with Christ. Then in our homes as we **grow** in our faith. And finally in our culture as we become a **witness** to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is a need to elevate the presence and importance of Christ in individuals, families, parishes, schools, and Catholic institutions to receive the good news, to live it, and to share it with our friends, our families, in our workplaces and beyond.

Archbishop Vigneron prompts us to ask ourselves this question, "What is the Holy Spirit saying to me?"

Are you open to hearing the Holy Spirit? And, are you Ready to Respond?

## WORSHIP

#### **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**



In a special way, our Book of Remembrance is placed out for the month of November 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.



**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS!** 

Please remember to sign up to serve at the weekend Masses at

http://signup.com/go/bhQvgtb.

In order to be able to print the assignments in the parish bulletin, it is requested that you sign up at least two weeks in advance. Also, please type in your full name when you sign up. Thank you for your service to St. Gerald.

GARDEN NEW



Thank you R HELP

Thank you to everyone who showed up to help us with the grounds clean up this weekend! It is with your help that we are able to keep

the parish property nice and cleaned up! Thanks to Fr. Kris for the pizza lunch that followed!

On Saturday, November 18th, because of the beatification of Fr. Solanus Casey Mass, many parishes in our archdiocese will not be having Saturday evening masses. Below is the list of churches in our Vicariate that will still be having Saturday evening Masses. Please note St. Gerald Parish will have a 5:00 PM Saturday Mass.

Parish	City	Time
St. Gerald	Farmington	5:00pm
Nat. Shrine Basilica	Royal Oak	4:30pm/6:30pm
Our Lady of LaSalette	Berkley	4:00pm
Our Lady of Sorrows	Farmington	4:30pm
St. Hugo of the Hills	Bloomfield Hills	5:00pm
St. Regis	Bloomfield Hills	4:30pm
Transfiguration	Southfield	4:30pm
St. Owen	Bloomfield Hills	5:00pm
Holy Name	Birmingham	4:00pm



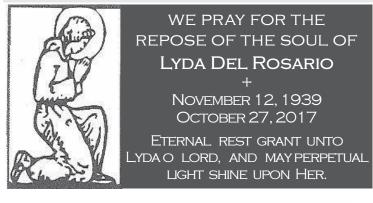
We had a wonderful turn out last Saturday at the Trunk or Treat! We met a lot of new families, enjoyed seeing all of the decorated trunks and seeing the creative costumes that all of the children wore! It was a chilly evening, but we warmed up quickly as we gathered in the social hall where the K of C had prepared a delicious warm meal of hotdogs and chili. We would like to give a huge thank you to the Knights, Mary Taylor and the Education Commission for sponsoring this wonderful tradition! Also, a special thank you to Cindy Kovach, Milbia Rometty and their families for helping out at the event.

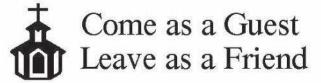
-Outreach Day! November 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the 12:00 Mass We are collecting the items listed below for the "South Oakland Shelter." The shelter, through volunteers, transports homeless clients to a different church each week and helps provide meals, clothing and a place to sleep until they can transition into permanent housing. (Please visit Handup.org where you can learn more about the S.O.S). We are 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. Your donations can be placed in the chest located in the main entrance of the church. Thank you!

- Christmas Nativity Ornament Craft and Pizza! December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 AM
- January Snow day planning meeting to be determined

Looking forward to seeing all of our members again 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. The meetings will take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month after 12:00 Mass in one of the classrooms.





#### 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 MAC AND CHEESE CRACKERS CAKE MIX/FROSTING PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP CANNED YAMS PEANUT BUTTER/JELLY COFFEE/TEA SPAGHETTI SAUCE/PASTA CANNED VEGETABLES AND FRUIT

#### DROP OFF DONATIONS BEFORE NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204

#### FAMILY MASS Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at the NOON MASS

Sponsored by the St. Gerald Tuesday Religious Formation Classes. Everyone in the family is asked to bring one or more of the <u>above items requested for the Food Drive</u> to



Mass to bring up to the sanctuary during the presentation of the gifts, these items will be distributed in Thanksgiving Baskets to those less fortunate than us. There will be no Sunday School Classes or Children's Liturgy of the

Word during the 10:15 Mass November 12<sup>th</sup>.



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!

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#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN**

Each day, Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) serves families from all walks of life at 13 locations throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit. Through the All Saints Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry in southwest Detroit, services for newcomers to the United States, Project Hope for expectant mothers and mothers with young children, and other ministries, CCSEM brings the love and mercy of Jesus Christ to our brothers and sisters most in need. Next weekend, our parish will take up a special collection for CCSEM. Please prayerfully consider contributing to help CCSEM care for the most vulnerable among us. For more information about CCSEM or to make a donation online, please visit CCSEM.org.





Many showed up to have fun at Trunk or Treat on Saturday evening. We would like to thank all the volunteers who helped at this event and also to our Knights of Columbus who prepared the wonderful food that was enjoyed by all after the trunk or treating was done in the parking lot. Thank you to everyone!









#### **ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS**

You can relieve some of the financial burdens for needy families throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit and make their Christmas a little brighter through the CCSEM Adopt a Family for Christmas program. Nominated by Catholic parishes throughout the Archdiocese, these families are in need of help with basic necessities like food, rent, utilities and medical care. Go to ccsem.org/adoptafamily to see the list of families and donate online, or mail a check to the address below. Make checks payable to CCSEM with "Adopt a Family" in the memo line. To help a specific family, put their number in the memo line as well. The deadline to donate is December 7. Questions? Contact Kelly Luttinen at (248) 548-4044 x3621 or luttinenk@ccsem.org.

CCSEM Attn: Kelly Luttinen, 15945 Canal Road, Clinton Township, MI

#### A Week Ahead

Monday, November 6 9:15 am - Mass 5:30 pm - Elem. Religious Formation

#### Tuesday, November 7

Election Day 9:15 am - Mass 2:00 pm - Nursing Home Mass 7:00 pm - Evangelization Meeting 7:00 pm - K of C Officer's Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 8

K of C Casino Bus Trip Today 7:00 pm - RCIA 7:00 pm - Vicariate Bible Study 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, November 9 2:30 pm - Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm - Mass 7:45 pm - Holy Hour

Friday, November 10 9:15 am - Mass 8:00 pm - AA Meeting

Saturday, November 11 On the Rise Bakery at St. Gerald 3:30 pm - Confessions 5:00 pm - Mass

Sunday, November 12 On the Rise Bakery at St. Gerald Botsford Commons Communion Visit 8:30 am - Mass 10:15 am - Mass 12:00 pm - Family Mass 1:00 pm - Baptism 6:30 pm - Confirmation Classes



#### **KNIGHTS CORNER**

Thanks to Knights and Spouses who Served Chili and Hot Dogs for Rocking Trunk or Treat

Many thanks to the chili cooks and Knights who cooked and served at the 2017 parish Trunk or Treat. Many of the youngsters wore costumes to the delight of parents, grandparents and workers. The crowd polished off an estimated 30 quarts of chili supplied by Knights Claude Centers, Bill Croitori, Bob Kuhr, Len Lemanski, Pat McDonald, Tom McPhail, PGK Rich Smith, PGK Bruce Roberts, Rick Stone and Rich Rosowski. Also, thanks to their spouses who in most cases were the actual cooks. And a tip of the hat to the other Knights who worked the kitchen or the hot dog serving line –Pat McDonald, Arnie Lemieux, Mike Rometty, Rich Rosowski, PGK Rich Smith, PGK Bruce Roberts, Rick Stone, Peter Becks and Tom McPhail.

Our annual drive to collect sweatshirts for the Holy Cross Children's Center (HCCC) is one of the topics that will be discussed at Tuesday's Officers Meeting. That drive will take place later in the month with the goal of collecting XL and XXL sweatshirts with sports logos for HCCC, the successor to Boysville.

The Knights have been assigned host duty for the fellowship after the November 26 Masses. It is an easy opportunity for a Knight and spouse to get involved. Mostly the job involves loading donuts on trays and setting them out. Brother Tony Wagner does most of the heavy lifting and is always on hand for guidance. If interested, contact Program Director Tom McPhail at 248-875-1185.

Another Council sponsored bus leaves the parish parking lot at 9 AM this Wednesday for the Fire Keepers Casino near Battle Creek. If interested in joining it, check with PGK Rich Smith at 313-421-0204 if last minute cancellations have opened seats or for the 2018 schedule.

If you missed getting your blood pressure checked at Church last week, representatives of the Parish Health Ministry will be doing checks again November 26 after the 8:30 and 10:15 masses. No advance sign up necessary. In 2018, blood pressure checks will be available January 21, February 18, March 18, and May 20.

Change Your E-Mail or Phone Lately, Tell Financial Secretary Bob Kuhr 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**

#### Parish Office (248) 477-7470

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastorx 2	03
Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate	02
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant	12

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

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Christian Services Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinatorx 204 Email: myokom.sgp@gmail.com
St. Vincent de Paul x 220
Education Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201 Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com
Music Ministry Mary Melonio
Youth Ministry Gerryanna Luscri
Maintenance Accountant

**Kim Shepard** 

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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