# THE VOICE

## **DECEMBER 10, 2017**

# ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH A Servant Church Of The Archdiocese of Detroit

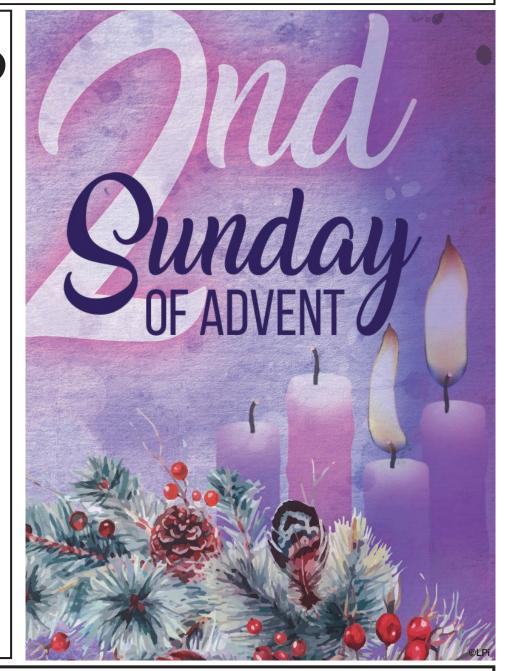
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> **OFFICE HOURS** Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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.





# PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

7:00 PM on Monday, December 11th With individual confession and absolution.

#### 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

**DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 15** 

Monday 9:15 AM Bashir Jabra Requested by Graziano Canini

Tuesday 9:15 AM In Thanksgiving for Bob and Monica Koenig Requested by Cathy Hasse

Wednesday - No Mass

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

> Friday 9:15 AM Bashir Jabra Requested by Graziano Canini

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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9AB and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4F]/Lk 5:17-26

- TUESDAY: ZEC 2:14-17 OR RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB/ JDT 13:18BCDE, 19 [15:9D]/LK 1:26-38 OR LK 1:39-47
- WEDNESDAY: IS 40:25-31/PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 AND 10 [1]/ MT 11:28-30
- THURSDAY: IS 41:13-20/PS 145:1 AND 9, 10-11, 12-13AB [8]/MT 11:11-15
- FRIDAY: IS 48:17-19/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 [CF. JN 8:12]/ MT 11:16-19
- SATURDAY: SIR 48:1-4, 9-11/PS 80:2AC AND 3B, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/MT 17:9A, 10-13
- NEXT SUNDAY: IS 61:1-2A, 10-11/LK 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 [IS 61:10B]/1 THES 5:16-24/JN 1:6-8, 19-28

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Children of the parish, preschool-5th grade, are invited to participate in the St. Gerald Gospel Enactment of the Christmas Story at the 6:00 Christmas Eve Mass.



There will be one rehearsal on Saturday, December 16th at 11:00 AM in the church. Please contact Mary Taylor by December 7th to sign up, 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com.



### DECEMBER 17, 2017 3rd Sunday OF Advent

5:00 PM December 16 Fr. Puzio					
For Gennadiy Dudin	Servers	Need Servers			
Requested by Rosalie & Steve Rudzki	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00B			
8:30 AM December 17 Fr. Roodbeen					
For Mark T. Webb	Servers	Gabe Smith			
Requested by Mr. & Mrs. Glen Jarvela	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30C			
10:15 AM December 17 Fr. Kris					
For Ed Fenech	Servers	Luke Horsburgh Jack Truant			
Requested by Yolanda Fenech	Lector/ Ushers	Sofia Mansoor 10:15C			
12:00 PM December 17 Fr. Kris					
For All Our	Servers	Angela Guerra			
Parishioners	Lectors/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00A			
Sacristan Schedule for Next Week					

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Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, December 10th following the 8:30 AM Mass.



	Jerome Williams	Wanda Reiner
	Charles Minear	Andy Vermiglio
	Betty Hunter	Pat Fanilone
	Linday Malloy	Beth Croitori
12	Ralph Wenski	Karen Hall
	Florence Ptak	Jim Sockow
11	Kimberly Thompson	Rose Hickey
11	Erin Malloy	Roberta Provenzano



Christmas Wafers (Oplatki) are available in the Parish Office during our regular office hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. If you would like an Oplatki and are unable to come during office hours, please call 248-477-7470 and other arrangements can be made. A freewill donation would be appreciated!

#### **DECEMBER 10, 2017 3** CHRISTIAN SERVICE YOUTH MINISTRY **CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM HAPPY ADVENT EVERYONE!** If you took a gift tag and have not returned your gift to church, Our hearts are fixed on receiving Jesus and making Him the please be sure to bring them to church this Sunday by 1 PM. If center of our lives. you still need some time, please make sure they are here no later than **TUESDAY**, **DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> before 4:30 PM** to ... acting like Him ... loving like Him ensure that they are available for the families on gift distribution ... spending time with the Word of God and finding day December 16<sup>th</sup>. guidance through worship, together with those who love Volunteers Still Needed: We are still in need of people to help 115 on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> for the distribution of the gifts for How are you preparing to invite Jesus into your heart, your Christmas. If you are available and are able to give some of home, your life? your time, please call me at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. We will be Jesus came to invite us on a path to Heaven. Are you on the distributing gifts from 9:30 to 11:00 AM that day. Awaiting the Lord, Matt right path? Use opportunities this Advent to help others, show love and WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF forgiveness to those around you. THE SOUL OF Join us in distributing items to the needy at St. Gerald on JAMES ANDREW CARNEGIE, JR. Saturday, December 16th from 9:30 to 11:00 AM. Fellowship Sunday/Donut Day on December 17th after all DECEMBER 26, 1927 Masses DECEMBER 2, 2017 Christmas Caroling at Botsford Commons on Wednesday, ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO December 20th from 4-5:30 PM. JAMES Let's show God's love to those around us and share the O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT real 'Reason for the Season' ... Jesus! SHINE UPON HIM. Volunteers, please contact Welcome Our New Members gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com or 248-476-7677 x208 Al and Kathy Fabian who recently joined St. Gerald. Welcome to our Parish! **DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS CHARISM WORKSHOP** Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, and February 7; 7-9 PM St. Gerald Parish Hall almost! This workshop is for those: Seeking to learn more about themselves and their relationship with God • Remember getting ready for Christmas • Facing life transitions, career moves, or ministry opportunities when you were a child? Decorating the • Seeking a deeper prayer life tree. Baking cookies. Joyful moments. Don't let this be another Advent where • Desiring to know their gifts and how to find happiness through them you get distracted and too busy to enjoy In these five sessions you will uncover how God has uniquely gifted you to find true excitement of the Christmas happiness, live out your call to holiness, lead a fulfilling life, and go deeper in your approaching. Rediscover the joy of the season with Best Advent Ever! A free relationship with Jesus. During the sessions, you will learn how both your spiritual gifts email program that will help you given in baptism (charisms) and natural talents are discerned, activated and exercised prepare for Christmas in a way that will through ministry, career, volunteer opportunities, and relationships with others. We will

The workshops will be presented by Judy Maten and Mary Garlow of *Via Maria Consulting, LLC*. The cost is \$30.00 per person for the five week workshop. All materials will be provided. Please make checks payable to <u>Saint Gerald Parish</u>. Walk-ins are welcome, but we will need to know beforehand, if you plan to attend. To register or for questions contact Tim Westfall at timwestfall.sgp@gmail.com or 248-477-7470 x202.

also delve into learning how to pray deeply to be able to discern wisely.

videos, practical tips and real-life stories of hope. All you have to do is sign up at:

make it as special and joyful as when

You will receive short inspirational

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you were a child.



On behalf of the SGMC, we would like to thank all the volunteers who generously gave of their time and talents at the Craft Day last Saturday. These volunteers are Milbia Rometty and daughter Julianna, Abby Brooks, Hayden Rometty and Gerryanna Luscri. Thank you for everything!



Upcoming Event:

January Snow day planning meeting date to be determined. Further information will be in upcoming bulletin. 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.



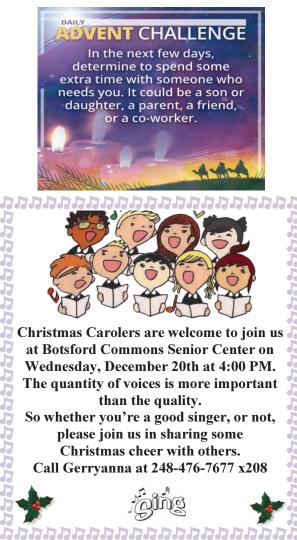


#### **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

This weekend, parishes across the Archdiocese of Detroit are taking up a special collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This annual collection will benefit some 32,000 aging Catholic sisters, brothers, and priests in religious orders.

Most senior religious served a lifetime in our Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes for little or no pay, without access to pensions or retirement plans, so have little retirement savings. Their religious communities struggle to care for them while also continuing important ministries to faithful in dioceses throughout the country and world.

Contributions to the Retirement Fund for Religious will help provide medications, nursing care and more for our elderly religious. Please prayerfully consider giving generously during today's special collection.



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#### KNIGHTS CORNER Check Out Supreme K of C Program for College Scholarships for Offspring of Knights

One of the benefits of K of C membership for younger men is the availability of college scholarship money for their children. Scholarships are also available to children of Knights killed or totally disabled while serving in an armed conflict or are offspring of Knights killed or totally disabled while serving in law enforcement or the fire service. Some scholarships are available on the basis of academic excellence. Other aid is awarded on the basis of need. Most are for undergraduate study at Catholic Universities or Colleges, including the Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Some scholarships are available for graduate programs.

For the 2016-2017 academic year, the Supreme K of C awarded 515 scholarships totaling more than \$1.2 million. These figures include \$287,500 in grants to 122 seminarians in the United States and Canada. Applications for scholarships are available now and must be submitted by May 1. A pamphlet summarizing the scholarship program -- Financial Aid to Education --- is available on the table in the Knights Corner of the Social Hall. Or for more upto-date information you can go to the Supreme website – www.kofc.org – and click on "Scholarships" at the bottom of the home page under "Engaged in Service". For those without a computer you can write Department of Scholarships, Knights of Columbus PO Box 1670, New Haven Ct 06507-0901.

When You Buy a State K of C Charity Raffle Ticket, You Support More Than 50 Michigan Charities



A funeral Mass was celebrated December 4 at Southfield's Church of the Transfiguration for Brother Robert (Bob) Paige, a member of

our Council and a resident of Novi. Survivors include his wife, Suzanne, step-son Robert Sitko, granddaughter Jessica, a brother, James (Diane), and several nieces and nephews. Brother Paige and his wife were very active in the Right to Life Movement, devoting many hours to the Mothers and Unborn Baby Care Center.



#### 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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Maintenance

Tom Kruger

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Accountant Kim Shepard 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

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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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