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

MASS SCHEDULE

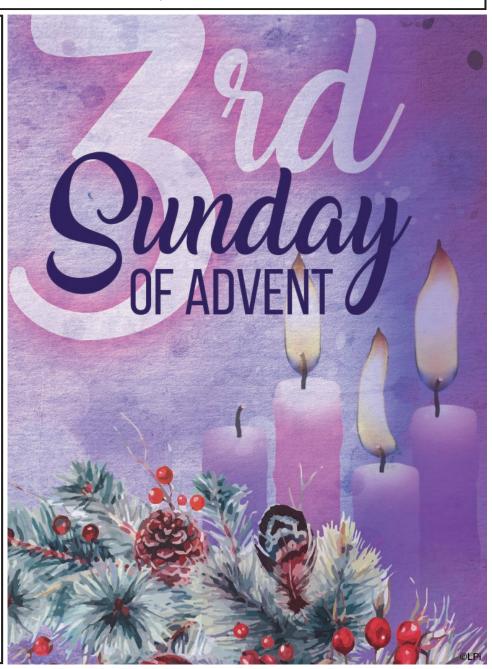
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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

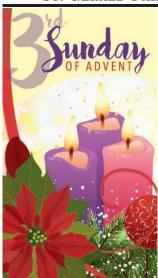


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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 18 - DECEMBER 22

Monday 9:15 AM Svetopetrick Family Requested by Croitori Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Bill Croitori
Requested by Family

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Agnes Doher

Requested by Peggy Driskell

Friday 9:15 AM
Joanne Wojnar
Requested by Croitori Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: JER 23:5-8/PS 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [CF. 7]/ MT 1:18-25

WII 1.10-20

TUESDAY: JGS 13:2-7, 24-25A/PS 71:3-4A, 5-6AB, 16-17

[CF. 8]/LK 1:5-25

WEDNESDAY: IS 7:10-14/PS 24:1-2, 3-4AB, 5-6 [CF. 7C

AND 10B]/LK 1:26-38

THURSDAY: SG 2:8-14 OR ZEP 3:14-18A/PS 33:2-3, 11-12,

20-21 [1A; 3A]/LK 1:39-45

FRIDAY: 1 SM 1:24-28/1 SM 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD

[CF. 1A]/LK 1:46-56

SATURDAY: MAL 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5AB, 8-9, 10 AND

14 [CF. LK 21:28]/LK 1:57-66

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16/Ps 89:2-3,

4-5, 27, 29 [2A]/ROM 16:25-27/LK 1:26-38

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DECEMBER 24, 2017 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5:00 PM December 23 Fr. Kris				
For Kaye and Pavco Families Requested by Joe Pavco	Servers	Need Servers		
	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 5:00A		
8:30 AM December 24 Fr. Kris				
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Rohan DeSilva		
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Brennan 8:30A		
10:15 AM December 24 Fr. Kris				
For Msgr. Easton Requested by Fr. Kris Nowak	Servers	Need Servers		
	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15A		

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, December 24th following the 8:30 AM Mass.



DECEMBER 24, 2017 CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM December 24 Bp. Reiss				
For Adolfo Palombo Requested by Palombo Family	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco		
	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski Sharon McCarthy 4:00B		
6:00 PM December 24 Fr. Kris				
For Michael & Phyllis Albis Requested by Taylor Family	Servers	Adrianna Gerhart Angus Murray		
	Lector/ Ushers	Isabelle Gerhart Eli Gerhart 6:00		
10:00 PM December 24 Fr. Kris				
For Mildred Dudek Requested by Her Loving Family	Servers	Need Servers		
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship Ray Pisani 10:00		
12:00 Midnight December 24 Fr. Kris				
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Need Servers		
	Lector/ Ushers	12:00		



DECEMBER 25, 2017 CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM December 25 Fr. Kris				
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Need Servers		
	Lector/ Ushers	Rosa Russenberger 8:30B		
10:15 AM December 25 Bp. Reiss				
For All Living & Deceased Morelli & Rotondo Family Requested by J. Rotondo & Family	Servers	Need Servers		
	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott Rick Stone 10:15B		
12:00 PM December 25 Fr. Kris				
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Need Servers		
	Lector/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra Gerryanna Luscri 12:00B		

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

Dec. 16 & Dec. 17
Team B

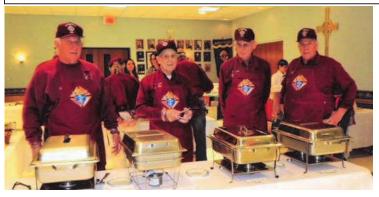
Dec. 23 and Dec. 24
Team A

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St. Nicholas Advent Tea



"Our teen serving staff was a great help to all at the Advent Tea." Ava Martin, Adam Sypitkowski, Zach Morden, Andrew Corkery, Cassie Poisson, Abigail Brooke, Hayden Rometty, Steven Ihm, Ben Weber, Peter Baracco, and Carlos Tello. "Thank you for helping and serving our parish family."



We also very much appreciate our K of C, who were there to serve dinner!



Doesn't Tim Westfall make a great St. Nicholas? **れれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれれ**

Christmas Carolers are welcome to join us at Botsford Commons Senior Center on Wednesday, December 20th at 4:00 PM. The quantity of voices is more important than the quality.

So whether you're a good singer, or not, please join us in sharing some Christmas cheer with others.

Call Gerryanna at 248-476-7677 x208



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We would like to give a big thank you to Fred and Diane Gerometta for once again taking leadership in planning and organizing this wonderful event! It was a great success!

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In today's second reading Paul concludes his letter to the Christian community at Thessalonica by providing it with actions to take as they wait for the return of the Lord. The first action is to rejoice always and give thanks in all circumstances. This sounds easy but it's not. The two words that make this task difficult are "always" and "all". This means giving thanks and rejoicing even when our circumstances are not always moments of joy and thanksgiving, or when we are confronted with a broken world. Prayerful stewards rejoice and give thanks in all circumstances because they are people of hope. A good reflection this week would be how the season of Advent can give you reason to hope.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

On behalf of St. Vincent De Paul, Christian Service and myself, we would like to thank you so very much for your generosity during this year's Christmas program. Because of your donations, we were able to provide Christmas to 34 families and donated much more to various organizations such as St. Aloysius Church in Detroit and the Goodfellows. I can't tell you how thankful I am for your generosity when it comes to helping our community. Without your help, none of this would be possible. Rejoicing in the Lords coming, Matt



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OFFER KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS MAGNETS

St. Gerald's Knights of Columbus members are kicking off their "Keep Christ in Christmas" campaign after masses this weekend. They are offering a 6 inch by 6-1/2 inch auto magnet of a manger scene bearing

the legend "Keep Christ in Christmas" for a suggested donation of \$5.00. See a Knight at an exit door this weekend and next.

The plastic coated magnets will adhere to a steel or iron surface such as an auto trunk. They will not stick to plastic, wood, paper or aluminum surfaces. If attached to your vehicle, remove before entering a car wash.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Thank you to our growing group! It's wonderful to see the willingness and kindness in our teens and their involvement with our parish. I have received many compliments on the good works and behavior of our students.



KUDOS & THANKS to all!

Keep your hearts focused on receiving Jesus and making Him the center of our lives. Be Jesus to those around you. Use opportunities this Advent to help others, show love and forgiveness to those around you.

Let's show God's love to those around us and share the real 'Reason for the Season' ... Jesus!

Join us for Fellowship Sunday/Donut Day on December 17th after all Masses and Christmas Caroling at Botsford Commons on Wednesday, December 20th from 4-5:30 PM Volunteers, please contact gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com or 248-476-7677 x208





DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS CHARISM WORKSHOP

Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, and February 7; 7-9 PM St. Gerald Parish Hall

This workshop is for those:

- Seeking to learn more about themselves and their relationship with God
- Facing life transitions, career moves, or ministry opportunities
- Seeking a deeper prayer life
- Desiring to know their gifts and how to find happiness through them

In these five sessions you will uncover how God has uniquely gifted you to find true happiness, live out your call to holiness, lead a fulfilling life, and go deeper in your relationship with Jesus. During the sessions, you will learn how both your spiritual gifts given in baptism (charisms) and natural talents are discerned, activated and exercised through ministry, career, volunteer opportunities, and relationships with others. We will also delve into learning how to pray deeply to be able to discern wisely.

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 Saint Gerald Parish. 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.



st Gerald Mom's Corner

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 3rd Sunday of the month after 12:00 Mass in one of the classrooms.



SAVE THE DATES: 2018 LII Super Bowl Sub Sale -

Youth Group Fundraiser SALE DATES WILL BE ON FEB. 3 & 4 (Sat. & Sun.) Pre-sale

orders will be taken last two weeks of January 21/22 and 27/28. Look for more information to come.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Dec. 3 \$ 13,008.00 Budget Offertory for Weekend of Dec. 3. . . . \$ 9.096.00 \$219,842.00 Budget Offertory July 1 - Dec. 3 \$217.013.00

ST. GERALD PARISH ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2017-2018

The Advent/Christmas Mass Schedule
Daily Mass—M, T, F-9:15 AM; First Saturday-9:15 AM;
Th-7:00 PM

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 23-24 - Mass times are
Saturday, 5:00 PM; Sunday 8:30 and 10:15 AM

(No 12 noon Mass on December 24) (To fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation, please participate at one of the above Masses)

Christmas Eve—Sunday, December 24 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM Children's Mass, 10:00 PM Choir Mass & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day—Monday, December 25 8:30 AM Mass, 10:15 AM & 12 Noon Masses (To fulfill your Christmas Mass obligation, please participate at one of the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses)

New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31 5:00 PM Mass

New Year's Day, Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1 - 10:00 AM Mass

First Friday observance-adoration

Friday, January 5 Adoration begins after the 9:15 AM Mass and ends at 9:00 AM Saturday with benediction.

First Saturday Mass with Sacrament of Anointing

Saturday, January 6—9:15 AM

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, Jan. 6 - 5:00 PM and Sunday, Jan. 7 - 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, December 18

9:15 am - Mass

5:30 pm - Elem. Religious Formation

Tuesday, December 19

9:15 am - Mass

5:00 pm - Elem. Religious Formation 7:00 pm - K of C Membership Mtg.

Wednesday, December 20

7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, December 21

10:30 am - SVDP Meeting 7:00 pm - Mass

7:45 pm - Holy Hour

Friday, December 22

9:15 am - Mass 8:00 pm - AA Meeting

Saturday, December 23

3:30 pm - Confessions

5:00 pm - Mass

Sunday, December 24
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Botsford Commons Visit

8:30 am - Mass

10:15 am - Mass

No 12:00 pm - Mass

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 pm

6:00 pm - Family Mass

10:00 pm

12:00 Midnight

Monday, December 25 Christmas Day Masses

8:30 am 10:15 am 12:00 pm





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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!

KNIGHTS CORNER

Millionaire Party Volunteer Duties, Time Requirements Explained at Tuesday's Member Meeting Brothers are reminded that they can pay their 2018 dues at Tuesday's Membership Meeting which will open at 7 PM. At this article's deadline, Financial Secretary Bob Kuhr had collected dues from only 14 members. The dues statement has a new wrinkle this year. The long-standing "Take \$5" optional donation, established in 1977 by the State Council, has been upgraded to "\$10 for Charity." Funds collected allow

the State Council to help more than 50 charities throughout Michigan, supplementing the state charity raffle.



Included on the agenda is an explanation from Millionaire Party Chair Thom Seabolt of the duties and time commitments required of volunteers for that activity. He has not committed the Council to partner with a game provider with only seven members offering to work. He needs a minimum 16 eight hour shifts to be filled over a four day period. Our license restricts our activity to handling chips and money only. The game provider operates the game.

Congratulations to Trustee Bill Croitori who is celebrated as December's Knight of the Month and to Chancellor Frank and Kathy Gariepy named December's Family of the Year.

PGK Rich Smith will be reporting on two projects he oversees. One is the annual sweatshirt collection for the youngsters at Holy Cross Children's Services (HCCS), the former Boysville. Parishioners and Knights donated 30 sweatshirts which he delivered earlier this month. He also leads the Knights who host the casino bus trips. The January 10 bus has a single seat as of December 8. To get on a wait list, call Rich at 313-421-0204.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" is the message on a manger scene magnet being made available to parishioners by our Council this Sunday and next. Brian Gulick is heading this project and could use some help after masses. Give him a call at 248-615-1636.

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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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