THE VOICE

JANUARY 7, 2018

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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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Happy New Year and Thank You to all who helped with decorating and cleaning to make our church look beautiful to welcome the Baby Jesus. To all the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, the Choir and Instrumentalists and those who raised their voices in song and to those who gave gifts to the staff and me. Everything is appreciated. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful St. Gerald family. May the true meaning of Christmas and the love of the Christ Child fill your hearts and lives with many blessings in 2018. Fr. Kris



MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 8 - JANUARY 12

Monday 9:15 AM Bob Koenig (Birthday) Requested by Family

<u>Tuesday</u> 9:15 AM **Deborah Ann Agdorny** Requested by John Anhut

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM John Piasentin Requested by Mr. and Mrs. George Nick

> <u>Friday</u> 9:15 AM **Bashir Jabra** Requested by Graziano Canini

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MONDAY: IS 42:1-4, 6-7 OR IS 55:1-11 OR ACTS 10:34-38 OR 1 JN 5:1-9/IS 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6 [3]/MK 1:7-11
- TUESDAY: 1 SM 1:9-20/1 SM 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD [CF. 1]/ MK 1:21-28 OR 1 SM 1:1-8 AND 1:9-20/1 SM 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8ABCD [CF. 1]/MK 1:14-20 AND 1:21-28
- WEDNESDAY: 1 SM 3:1-10, 19-20/PS 40:2 AND 5, 7-8A, 8B-9, 10 [8A AND 9A]/MK 1:29-39
- THURSDAY: 1 SM 4:1-11/PS 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 [27B]/ MK 1:40-45
- FRIDAY: 1 SM 8:4-7, 10-22A/PS 89:16-17, 18-19 [2]/MK 2:1-12
- SATURDAY: 1 SM 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1A/PS 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2A]/ MK 2:13-17
- NEXT SUNDAY: 1 SM 3:3B-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8A, 9A]/ 1 COR 6:13c-15A, 17-20/JN 1:35-42

LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB)

K OF C PANCAKES JANUARY 28 AID ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Help area families and enjoy a hardy pancake breakfast January 28. St. Gerald K of C members will donate the net proceeds to the parish St. Vincent de Paul when they heat up their grill after the 8:30 AM and 10:15 AM masses. Tickets are available at the door; free will donations are encouraged.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Gerald Parish Mardi Gras Celebration Saturday, February 10th 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM Music and Entertainment for all !

JANUARY 14, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM Jan	uary 13 Fr.	Kris		
For Richard McAskin Requested by Mary Lou Olschansky	Servers	Eli Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart		
	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 5:00B		
8:30 AM January 14 Fr. Kris				
For Charles Thomas Goheen Requested by Bob & Sherry Kuhr	Servers	Gabe Smith		
	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30B		
10:15 AM January 14 Fr. Kris				
For Maria Civita Morelli Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Servers	Jen Weber		
	Lector/ Ushers	Rick Stone 10:15C		
12:00 PM January 14 Fr. Kaiser				
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Need Servers		
	Lector/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00B		

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, January 7th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

<u>Jan. 6 & Jan. 7</u> Team B Jan. 13 and Jan. 14 Team D





Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Dec. 24	\$ 6,889.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Dec. 24	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Dec. 24	\$244,921.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Dec. 24	\$244,300.00
Christmas Collection Actual as of Dec. 24	\$ 54,030.00
Christmas Collection Budget	\$ 39,793.00

the office at

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

248-477-7470 or email

will be added to our prayers.

If you know someone who could use our

prayers and would like them added to our

prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at

stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and their name

We welcome to the

Body of Christ

Titus Jeffrey Monteith bapized Saturday, December 30, 2017

by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Titus is the son of

Douglas and Abby

Godparents are

Brian Monteith and Jessica Monteith

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 <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.

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.



Let us welcome John Kulpin who recently became a member of our church. Welcome John, we are glad you are here!

THANK YOU!

On Christmas Dav at the 10:15 Mass. along with our FABULOUS CHOIR, we had a group of talented young musicians add a most festive accent to the They are: Trumpet -Mass. Rohan De Silva, Flute - Moses Jaramillo. Baritone -Eliiah Jaramillo, Cello - Vijaye Pinlac, Trombone - Guerra Fernando, Bass Violin - Jmar Bongado and Carlos Ramos, Shrianthi De Silva, Director and the beautiful Nina De Silva as altar server.

I feel truly blessed to have them join us and adding so much to this special day. Thank you so much for sharing your time and talents with the parishioners of St. Gerald.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Mary Melonio



St Gerald SVDP says "THANK YOU"!

The parishioners at St. Gerald are some of the most giving people I have ever met. Not only did you give food for Thanksgiving and Christmas (I was overwhelmed by the amount of food you donated) and gifts you purchased for the Christmas tags, but also a total of \$2,085.00 dollars in food cards, \$2,935.00 in cash donations and \$490.00 in gift cards from stores, and fast food places. We fed many people, gave gifts and still have some left for clients in 2018. We who work with the clients in our parish SVDP Conference want to say "Thank you for giving to the Lord". He knows the good deeds you do and He, as well as us, appreciate your good deeds.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Proverbs 19:17 says..."If you help the poor, you are lending to the Lord and he will repay you."

As our creator, God values all of us, whether we are poor or rich. When we help the poor, we honor both the Creator and his creation. God accepts our help as if we had offered it directly to him.

P.S. We need your help and so does God. Please pray about joining our Conference here at St. Gerald. Many hands make work easier and we could use yours (especially men). If you are interested, please call Bob & Sherry Kuhr at 248-888-9335. God Bless you!

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today's Gospel reading reveals the story of the magi who come from the east to pay homage to Jesus, the newborn king. The story of the magi teaches Christian stewards three Christmas truths: God, in the person of Jesus Christ, is present and active in the world, and good stewards strive daily to follow his star. Second, each of us, no matter our circumstances or station in life, has a gift to bring to the Lord. And finally, our life's journey always leads to Christ, even when at times we do not know where the road is taking us.

LENT/SPRING SCRIPTURE STUDY 2018 THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the continuation of the study of Isaiah.

> Location: **Parish Social Hall** Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM Dates: **February 28 – May 3, 2018**

NOTE: No class on March 28, 2017

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Study guides <u>Isaiah for Everyone</u> – (Goldingay) will be available for purchase (cash) and/or bring your own Bible. No need to register. Also, bring your coffee/water to drink, if desired.

Note – study will not meet if the Farmington Schools are closed due to weather.

Contact Diane Blankenship (dlb882@gmail.com), Sharon Weberlein (shrweber@aol.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.

Electronic Deposit Of Donations Is Available at St. Gerald. Forms Are Available on the Bookshelf In The Gathering Space Of the Church Or On Our Website At stgeraldparish.org.

EPIPHANY



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

JOSEPH PHILLIPS

DECEMBER 24, 1921 AUGUST 18, 2017

MARY MAPLES

March 19, 1917 December 9, 2017

MARY LOUISE TORRES

March 11, 1921 December 15, 2017



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO JOSEPH, MARY AND MARY O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM

2017 ST. GERALD CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

In an effort to reduce expenses, the 2017 St. Gerald Contribution Statements will not be mailed out. If you need a copy of your contribution statement, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. With a prior request, statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. Thank you!

BULLETIN REMINDER

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 12 noon on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org or "like" our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.

REMEMBER in your prayers	Doug Foley Charles Minear	Kimberly Thompson Erin Malloy	
Karen Hall	Betty Hunter	Wanda Reiner	
Jim Sockow	Linda Malloy	Andy Vermiglio	
Rose Hickey	Ralph Wenski	Pat Fanilone	
Roberta Provenzano	Florence Ptak	Beth Croitori	

ST. CHRISTINE SOUP KITCHEN

Help is needed on Tuesday, January 9th, at 2:30 PM at the St. Christine Soup Kitchen. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please contact Matt Yokom at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or email myokom.sgp@gmail.com





I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be safe.

My Church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly, if I am. Its' pews will be filled, if I help fill them. It will do great work, if I work. It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver. It will bring other people into its worship, if I invite and bring them. It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all of the

things that I want my church to be. Amen.

PRAYER MEETING

Wednesday, January 10th at 1 PM at St. Gerald in classroom #5. We will pray a rosary and review the next Sunday's readings for Mass. It should last approximately an hour. Please join us, "where two or more are gathered, I am in their midst". May God bless you abundantly, Alicia Wludyka

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Terra Sancta Pilgrimages with Franciscan friar Fr. Alex Kratz will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from April 9-23, 2018. This life-changing experience walking in Jesus' footsteps includes daily Mass and Rosary, biblical readings on site, time for payer and spiritual guidance, and meeting local Christians. Cost is \$4,299 (all expenses included, round trip from Detroit, 3 daily meals, all tips and taxes). \$500 deposit due at registration. Orientation Meeting is February 4. Call 248-514-1747 or mrspattig@yahoo.com.





KNIGHTS CORNER

Use Available Worksheet to Compile Charitable Activities for Supreme K of C Report Due January 31

If you haven't received an invoice for your 2018 dues, either through an email or through the U.S. mail, give Financial Secretary Bob Kuhr a call at 248-888-9335. There is a glitch in the records. Chances are that you are missing other important communications from the Council.

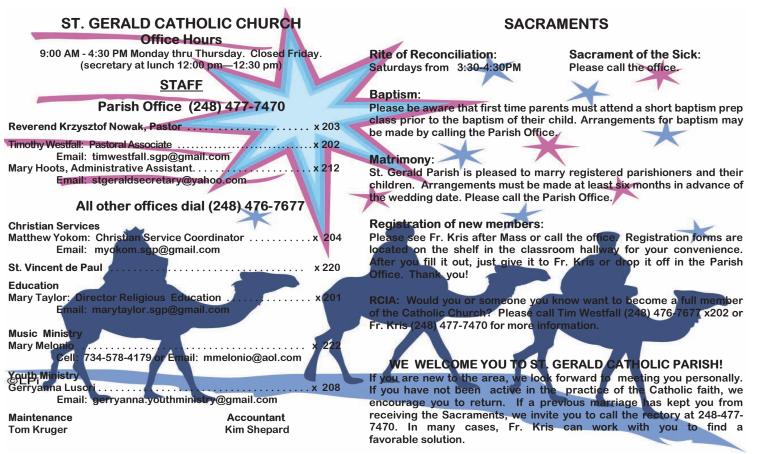
Some Council Officers will be attending a semi-annual District Meeting January 22 at St. Fabian. These sessions involve representatives of the six Farmington-Farmington Hills Councils that make up District 12 of the Michigan K of C and are conducted by District Deputy Jim Escott. He keeps the locals up to date on State programs as well as acting as a coach and teacher.

GK Fred Gerometta is compiling a report on the fraternal activities of our Council that the Supreme Council uses to prove its tax-free status to the IRS. To help individual Council members tally up their activities during the past year, a worksheet is available at www.kofc.org/forms. Once on that page, click on Form 1784A. It can be printed. Or contact Program Director Tom McPhail and he will email you a copy that you can print and use. Complete the copy and bring it to the Januay 16 Membership Meeting. The compiled Council report is due in Supreme headquarters January 31.

A reminder that the Knights will be serving breakfast for the parish from 9 AM to Noon on Sunday, January 28, with net proceeds going to the St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Society. That group's operating funds are being really strained at this time of year and can use all the help it can get. Event Manager Dave Bednarski will be circulating a sign-up sheet at the January 16 Membership Meeting. He also is looking for a Knight to train as his successor as pancake boss. As he explains the job, "I make sure we have enough supplies, ask the guys to help and then get out of the way. The guys know what to do."

Ushers, Eucharistic ministers and lecturers are needed by the parish. Ushers are the biggest need, especially in the winter when so many of parishioners head for warmer weather. Ushering adds an extra ten minutes or so to your trip to church. And when a full complement of ushers is in force it is done every third Sunday. To volunteer for any of these jobs, give Tim Westfall a call at 248-477-7770. ext. 202.

Send Someone on a Cruise, Sell a State K of C Charity Raffle Ticket This Week!

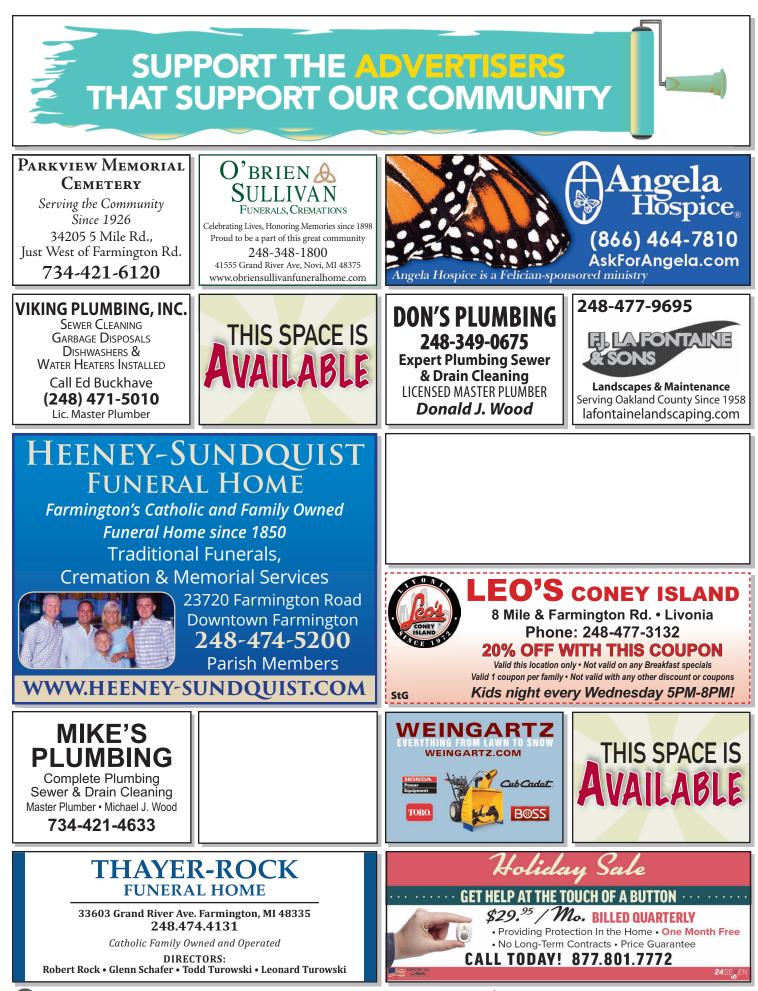


ST. GERALD MISSION STATEMENT

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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