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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

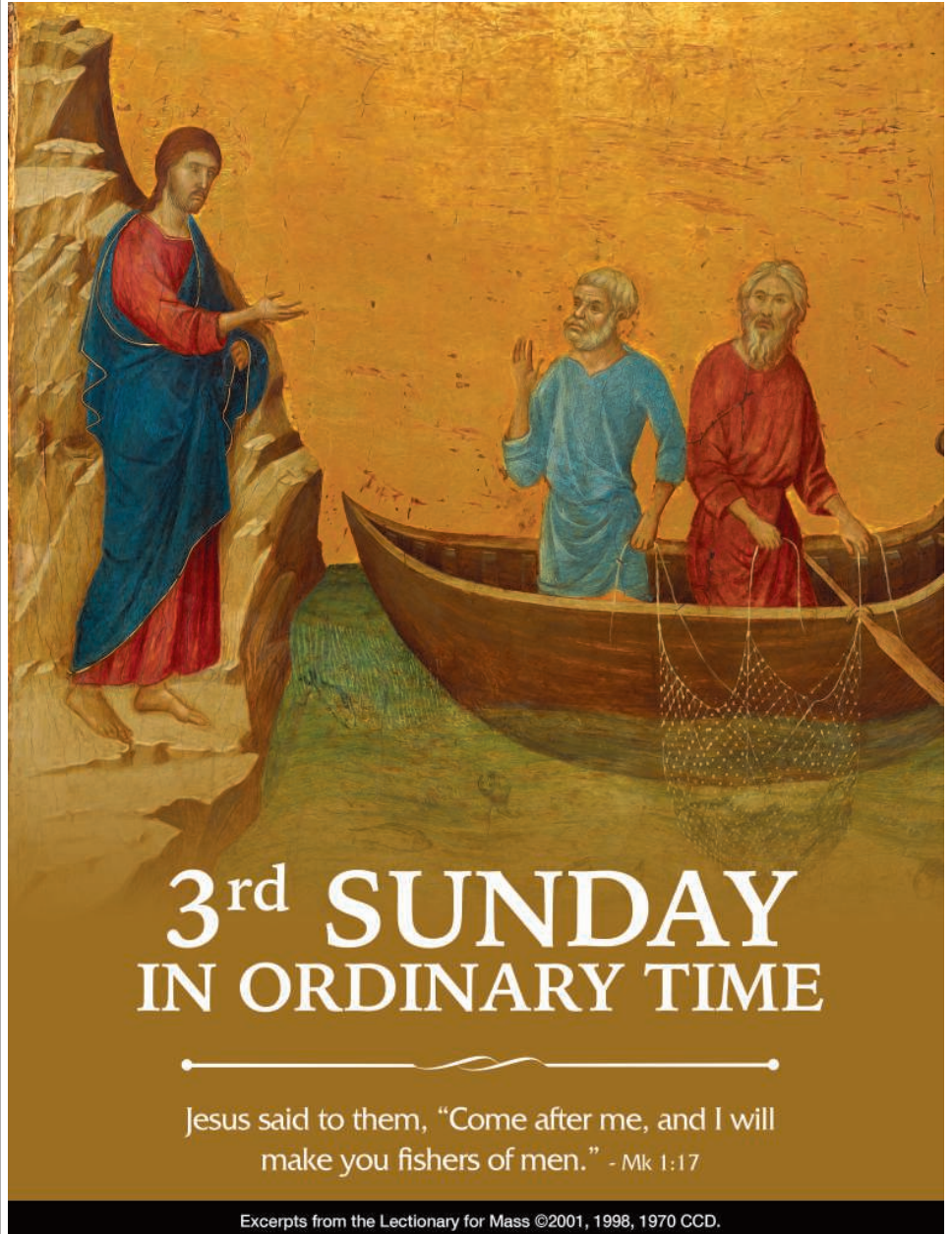
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION


Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST JANUARY 28TH WILL PROVIDE AID TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Help area families and enjoy a hardy Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 28th, in our parish social hall. St. Gerald K of C members will donate the net proceeds from the breakfast to the parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference 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.



MASS INTENTIONS
JANUARY 22 - JANUARY 26

Monday 9:15 AM
Victoria Pitera
 Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Fernando Melonio
 Requested by Mary Melonio

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Tom and Arlene McPhail
(Mass of Thanksgiving)
 Requested by Family

Friday 9:15 AM
Bashir Jabra
 Requested by Graziano Canini

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 2 SM 5:1-7, 10/PS 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 [25A]/
 MK 3:22-30

TUESDAY: 2 SM 6:12B-15, 17-19/PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/
 MK 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY: 2 SM 7:4-17/PS 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 [29A]/
 MK 4:1-20

THURSDAY: ACTS 22:3-16 OR ACTS 9:1-22/PS 117:1BC,
 2 [MK 16:15]/MK 16:15-18

FRIDAY: 2 TM 1:1-8 OR TI 1:1-5/PS 96:1-2A, 2B-3, 7-8A,
 10 [3]/MK 4:26-34

SATURDAY: 2 SM 12:1-7A, 10-17/PS 51:12-13, 14-15,
 16-17 [12A]/MK 4:35-41

NEXT SUNDAY: DT 18:15-20/PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9, [8]/
 1 COR 7:32-35/MK 1:21-28

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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

St. Gerald Parish
Mardi Gras Celebration
Saturday, February 10th
6:30 PM—9:30 PM



Music and entertainment for all ages!
 Soda, Snacks, Subs,
 Sundae Bar.

Bring your own beer or wine, if desired.
 \$5.00 per person. \$20.00 per family, or
 \$15.00 per family if purchased in advance.

JANUARY 28, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM January 27 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Richard McAskin Requested by Ellen & Roger Stacey	Servers	Eli Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Brennan 5:00B
8:30 AM January 28 Fr. Roodbeen		
For John Pitera Requested by Family	Servers	Gabe Smith Jack Truant
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30A
10:15 AM January 28 Fr. Kris		
For Maria Civita Morelli Requested by Ritz Family	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone 10:15B
12:00 PM January 28 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 12:00B

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday,
 January 21st following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

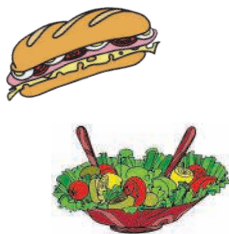
<u>Jan. 20 & Jan. 21</u>	<u>Jan. 27 and Jan. 28</u>
Team A	Team B



Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Jan. 7	\$ 12,483.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Jan. 7	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Jan. 7	\$257,404.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Jan. 7	\$253,396.00



Super Bowl Sub Sale Weekend
Saturday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 4th

Sub choices are Turkey, Ham & Cheese and Italian.
 Side salads will also be available for purchase.
 Pre-sales will be after Masses on January 20th and 21st, and January 27th and 28th.

TIM'S TIDBITS

In the bookrack in the gathering space of the church, I have placed copies of the Focus brochure from the Michigan Catholic Conference entitled, "Promoting a Respect for Life." As we remember the events in 1973, the Mass celebrated on January 22, is called, "For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life", as found in the Ordo; that is the official pastoral guide for the liturgical cycle of the Church Year. And we remember that all human life is sacred. We are called to keep in prayer all of the human family.

In the article is a quote from the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin, of the Archdiocese of Chicago:

Joseph Cardinal Bernardin of Chicago coined the term "consistent ethic of life" in describing the Catholic Church's pro-life position during a 1983 lecture at Fordham University. Cardinal Bernardin emphasized that every life is sacred, and that "The taking of even one human life is a momentous event." A consistent ethic of life means preserving and enhancing life every step of the way. As part of this mentality, Catholics are encouraged to pray for the unborn, to promote adoption and alternatives to abortion, to call for end-of-life care that truly respects each patient, and to stand against the threats that plague American society such as assisted suicide, the death penalty, embryonic stem cell research and gun violence.

I encourage you to pick up a copy and read the pages.



As you may know, we have had a Mass of Anointing scheduled for the First Saturdays of each month. Beginning this month, January, we will offer the Mass of Anointing quarterly. We had one already on January 6. The following will be on April 7, July 7 and October 6. The time would remain the same, at 9:15 AM.

The following comes from the General Introduction on the Pastoral Care of the Sick, article 8 – 15, paraphrased:

The Letter of James states that the sick are to be anointed in order to raise them up and save them. Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this sacrament.

The sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious.

A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery.

Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children are to be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament. In case of doubt whether a child has reached the use of reason, the sacrament is to be conferred.

In public and private catechesis, the faithful should be educated to ask for the sacrament of anointing and, as soon as the right time comes, to receive it with full faith and devotion. They should not follow the wrongful practice of delaying the reception of the sacrament.

The sacrament of anointing is to be conferred on sick people who, although they have lost consciousness or the use of reason, would, as Christian believers, have at least implicitly asked for it when they were in control of their faculties.

When a priest has been called to attend those who are already dead, he should not administer the sacrament of anointing. Instead, he should pray for them, asking that God forgive their sins and graciously receive them into the kingdom.

This is a means of education for all, so that we are aware of when to call a priest and to know more about the Sacrament of Anointing. May God's blessings be upon each of us this week.

Please pray for our sick

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The first disciples of Jesus in today's Gospel left their work and their daily routines to follow him. They abandoned their livelihoods, familiar surroundings and the lives to which they had become accustomed to be closer to him. The good steward finds ways to be removed from what may be a comfortable existence or daily routine in order to serve the Lord more faithfully. All too often, out of fear, insecurity or even selfishness, we refuse to leave the safety of the little world we have created for ourselves in order to hear the Lord's call and be challenged by his Gospel. Perhaps we should reflect on what comforts we need to sacrifice in order to be better stewards of God's mercy, compassion and hospitality he planted within us.

Doug Foley	Kimberly Thompson	Karen Hall
Charles Minear	Erin Malloy	Jim Sockow
Betty Hunter	Wanda Reiner	Rose Hickey
Linda Malloy	Andy Vermiglio	Roberta Provenzano
Ralph Wenski	Pat Fanilone	Cynthia Kapiwoda
Florence Ptak	Beth Croitori	Tom Kapiwoda
		Connie Boedigheimer

We would like to congratulate Natalie Hess on her great accomplishments earning Honors status for her first semester at Divine Child High School! Great job Natalie!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS . . .

Super Bowl 52 Sub Fundraiser; order days, sub making and sales help needed. Sign up on the Teen News bulletin board at main entrance or email gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com for details. Proceeds from fundraiser will help cover costs for teen retreat activities.



Order weekends:
January 20/21 and January 27/28 after all Masses.

Sub making day:
Saturday, February 3rd from
10 AM to Noon.

Sub sale days:
Saturday, February 3rd after
5 PM Mass and
Sunday, February 4th after all Masses.

A look ahead for **Mardi Gras 2018** on Saturday, February 10th from 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Activity station helpers needed. See Gerryanna, or as always, sign up on Teen board located in the Church main entrance.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE NOTES

Over the weekend of January 13th I had the privilege of spending the weekend on retreat. During this retreat, I kept all of you at St. Gerald in my prayers. The theme of this retreat focused on what we are called to do in our life and what the Good Shepherd is calling us to do. As we begin a fresh start to this New Year, I would like you to pray and ask yourself the same question, "what is the Lord calling me to do"? Perhaps the Lord may be calling you to be a part of the Christian Service Commission. Maybe to help out in more ways. I'd like to ask that you prayerfully consider if you are being called to be a part of the team here. This does not mean you have to commit yourself fully, it can be just to check it out and see. If you would like more information or are interested, please call me and I will be happy to provide you with more information.



The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper is fast approaching. It will be held, as always, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which is Tuesday, February 13th. It will begin at 5:00PM. We are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping please call me at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. God Bless! Matt

St. Gerald Mom's Corner



Happy New Year to all of our Members!

This weekend on Sunday, January 21st will be our planning meeting following the 12:00 Mass. Pizza and Hot Chocolate will be provided. All members are encouraged to come and participate in planning a spiritually, fun-filled schedule of events for the coming year. 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.

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, January 22

9:15 am - Mass
5:30 pm - Elem. Religious Formation

Tuesday, January 23

9:15 am - Mass
5:00 pm - Elem. Religious Formation

Wednesday, January 24

7:00 pm - Discovering Your Gifts
7:00 pm - RCIA
7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, January 25

7:00 pm - Mass
7:45 pm - Holy Hour

Friday, January 26

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

Saturday, January 27

3:30 pm - Confessions
5:00 pm - Mass

Sunday, January 28

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

K of C Pancake Breakfast

8:30 am - Mass
10:15 am - Mass
10:15 am - Children's Liturgy of the Mass
12:00 pm - Mass

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
THE SOULS OF
KENNETH J. MINER

+
OCTOBER 20, 1927
JANUARY 8, 2018

HELEN STEGEMAN

+
JUNE 6, 1919
JANUARY 8, 2018

MARY CATHERINE TOBIN

+
SEPTEMBER 15, 1928
JANUARY 11, 2018



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO KENNETH,
HELEN AND MARY O LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.



Parish and Community Activities

WOMEN'S GROUP BUNCO NIGHT

Please join us on Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30 PM in the Social Hall for Bunco. **During the month of January, men are also invited to join us for the fun.** If you have a Bunco game or dice, please bring them so we have enough for everyone to play. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a beverage of your choice. RSVP by calling or texting at Joanne Tapin at 810-858-7121. Next date for Bunco is February 27th.



MORE WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS . . .

Another Women's Group event will be taking place on Saturday, April 7th at 3:00 PM at the Tipping Point Theatre in Downtown Northville. We will be seeing a funny senior comedy called RIPCORDER. Feel free to look up the entire review at www.tippingpointtheatre.com. The cost is \$33 per person. The cost for seniors 62 and over is \$2 less. Please drop off or send your payment to the church office no later than February 2nd. Checks can be made payable to Caron Kott. If you have any questions, call her at 313-520-9344. **We are also opening up this event to men who would like to attend.**

PINOCHLE ANYONE?

Do you enjoy playing pinochle? We would like to start a card group St. Gerald. It would get together once a week in the Social Hall on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons at 12:30 PM to play some Pinochle, socialize and have some snacks. What better way to spend your afternoon?

If you would be interested in joining this group, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com.



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 prayer 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 mrsppattig@yahoo.com.

World Marriage Day

A day of marriage enrichment that includes dinner and dancing February 11, from 3:00-8:00pm at San Marino Club in Troy MI

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\$275 for a Table Reservation (5 couples, \$55 per couple)

Final day to register is Feb 6th, 2018

Register at: www.worldmarriageday.org

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 Isaiah for Everyone – (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.

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 can be emailed or picked up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. Please allow at least one week after request. Thank you!

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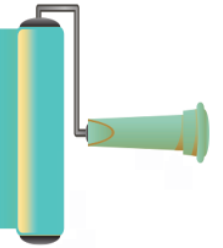
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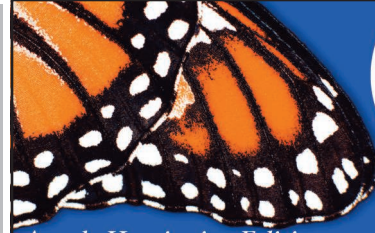
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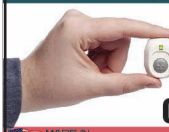
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