

# THE VOICE

JANUARY 28, 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

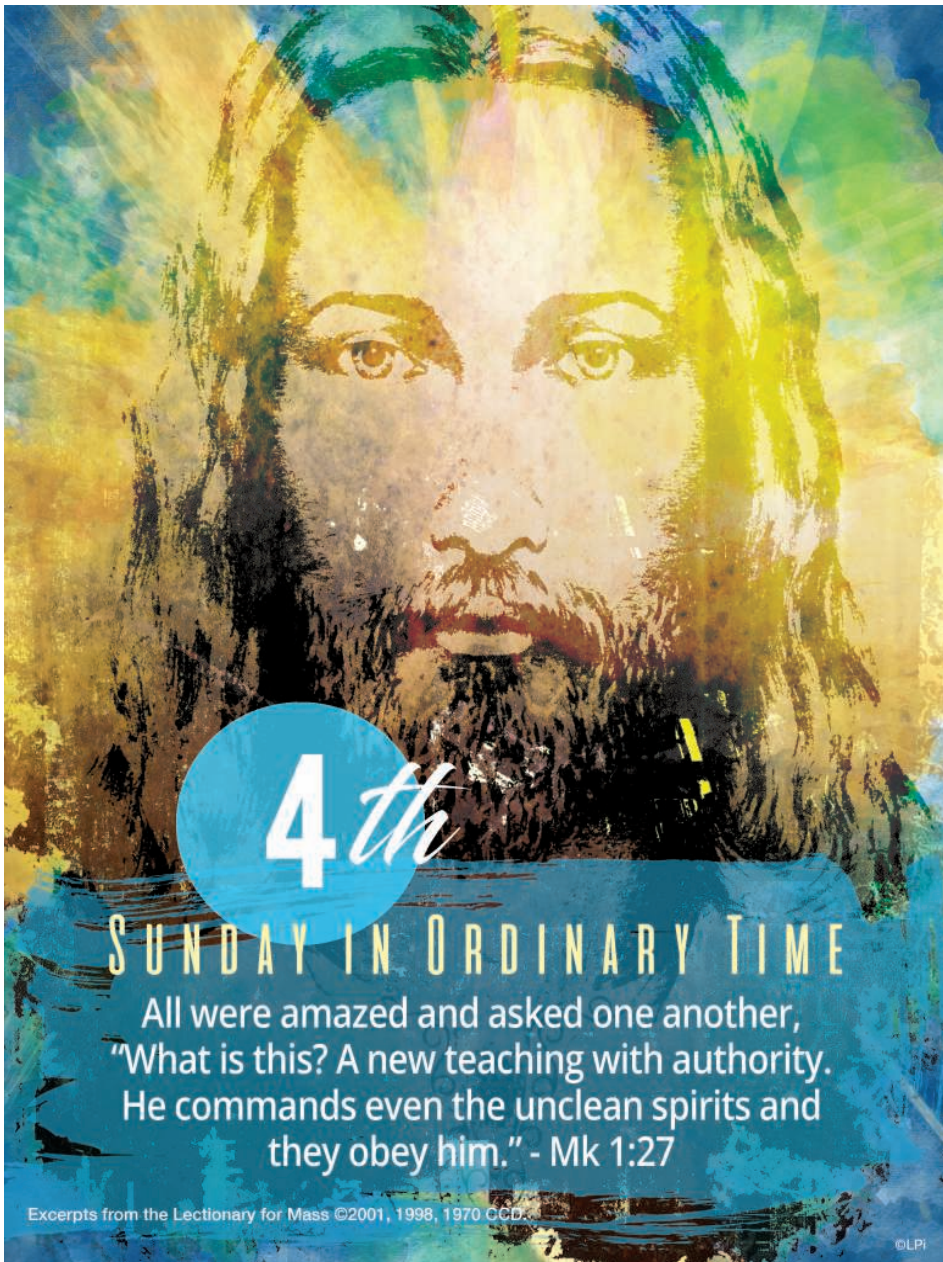
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

### WEEKDAYS

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

### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



**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, Face Painting and Craft Room.**  
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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**JANUARY 29 - FEBRUARY 3**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Joann Kargula**

Requested by Barbara Della Mora

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Christopher Barker**

Requested by Sally Bolda

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Nicholas and Margret Anderson**

Requested by Croitori Family

Friday 9:15 AM

**Special Intention**

Requested by Friend

Saturday 9:15 AM

**Harry and Roxie Adams**

Requested by Croitori Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** 2 SM 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/PS 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8A]/MK 5:1-20

**TUESDAY:** 2 SM 18:9-10, 14B, 24-25A, 30--19:3/PS 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1A]/MK 5:21-43

**WEDNESDAY:** 2 SM 24:2, 9-17/PS 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [CF. 5C]/MK 6:1-6

**THURSDAY:** 1 KGS 2:1-4, 10-12/1 CHR 29:10, 11AB, 11D-12A, 12BCD [12B]/MK 6:7-13

**FRIDAY:** MAL 3:1-4/PS 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [10B]/HEB 2:14-18/LK 2:22-40 OR 2:22-32

**SATURDAY:** 1 KGS 3:4-13/PS 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 [12B]/MK 6:30-34

**NEXT SUNDAY:** JB 7:1-4, 6-7/PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [CF. 3A]/1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23/MK 1:29-39

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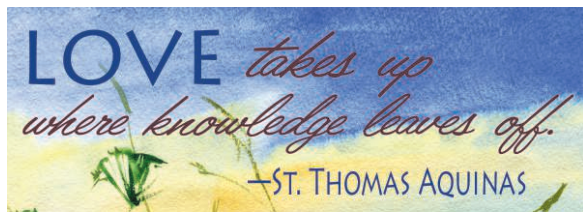
(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))



**On Saturday, February 3rd, Feast of St. Blaise, there will be Blessing of Throats during the 9:15 AM Mass.**



**First Friday, February 2, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9:15 AM Mass until 9 AM Saturday. Adorers Are Needed. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering space.**



**FEBRUARY 4, 2018  
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM February 3 Fr. Rakoczy

For <b>John Piasentin</b> Requested by Mr. & Mrs. John Sanders	Servers	Isabelle Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 5:00BA

8:30 AM February 4 Fr. Kris

For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Servers	Gabe Smith Rohan DeSilva
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30B

10:15 AM February 4 Fr. Roodbeen

For <b>Geraldine Powell</b> Requested by Bonacchi Family	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15C

12:00 PM February 4 Fr. Kris

For <b>Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht &amp; Goderman Families</b> Requested by C. Kemp	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00A

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, February 4th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

**Sacristan Schedule for Next Week**

Jan. 27 & Jan. 28  
Team B

Feb. 3 and Feb. 4  
Team C



**Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Jan. 14 . . . . .	\$ 8,585.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Jan. 14 . . . . .	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Jan. 14 . . . . .	\$265,989.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Jan. 14 . . . . .	\$262,492.00



**Please note . . .**  
Mass of Anointing will be offered quarterly at St. Gerald. Our next Mass of Anointing will be on April 7 during the 9:15 AM First Saturday Mass.



**SHROVE TUESDAY  
PANCAKE SUPPER**

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which is Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. It will begin at 5:00 PM

and go until 7:00 PM We are in need of volunteers. If you are interested in helping please call me at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. God Bless! Matt, Christian Service



**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." We remember that *all* human life is sacred. We are called to keep in prayer all of the human family.

What can you do to support life?, is the question listed on the back page of the brochure. There are many ways. Prayer is a way that we all can do. Volunteering time and talent to various agencies that support life. We have parish members that do just that. Mother and Unborn Baby Care, Another Way Pregnancy Center, Angela Hospice are places where folks are active. Buying Christmas cards from an organization that supports life.

There are many agencies that support pregnant women and assist them when the birth occurs. Baby needs are also addressed. Always promote adoption as the norm instead of making decisions that not only affect the baby in the womb, but will affect the mother, down the road. There is also help to the mother, after a decision to end pregnancy has been made. Project Rachel is a very good source for help.

Volunteering at the Oakland County Jail is another way, of promoting life. Other hospice organizations exist in our area. It can be a very rewarding experience to volunteer at a local hospice – where folks are given dignity in their final days. Looking into ways to reduce gun violence is an opportunity. Human trafficking is an issue. Sanctum House was recently created to provide sanctuary for women survivors of human trafficking. Abuse is an issue. Any form of abuse of another, if you see it or hear about it, speak up! As you can see, promoting a respect for life, involves many, many issues around human life.

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.

Take care and ask for God's blessings daily.

**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.

**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.

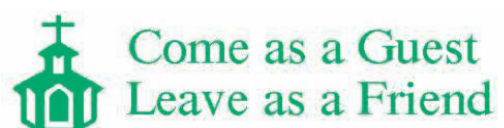


- Jelly/Jam
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Canned Fruit
- Juice
- Saltine Crackers
- Canned Pasta
- Soup



**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

In today's Gospel we hear proclaimed the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. He teaches. He heals. And all are amazed. By their baptism, Christian stewards realize they are called to do the same in their lives. They are called to be the light of Christ each day. As we bring closure to the beginning of this new year, now is a good time to ask the Lord to fill our hearts with courage and faith, so that we too may publicly minister in his name; that we may be liberated from our insecurities and fear so that we can share the Gospel authoritatively and work to heal at least one wounded relationship in the coming months ahead.



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

## 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](mailto:gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com) for details. Proceeds from fundraiser will help cover costs for teen retreat activities.



**Order weekend:**  
January 27/28 after all Masses.

**Sub making day:**  
Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from  
10 AM to Noon.

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

A look ahead for **Mardi Gras 2018** on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Is there an item that you haven't been able to find in a while and are not sure where to look? Well, there may be a chance that you left it at church and it is now located in our "Lost and Found". Next weekend we will place all the items that we have collected in our "Lost and Found" out on a table in the Social Hall. While you are in the Social Hall enjoying your donut at our Sunday Fellowship, please take a look on the table and see if one of the items on the table may be yours. Unclaimed items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.



## CSA - National Catholic Schools Week

National Catholic Schools Week 2018, the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States, begins this Sunday, January 28. Many schools in the Archdiocese will hold open houses this Sunday and throughout the week for families interested in Catholic education for their children.

This year's theme — "Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed." — encompasses the core products and values found in our Catholic schools. Not only do they teach students to become future servant leaders, faith-filled disciples, and enriched citizens, educators grow along with their students. In Catholic schools, all are learners, servants and leaders, and these shared qualities make Catholic schools work and succeed.

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal allow the archdiocesan Office for Catholic Schools to help our Catholic schools provide their students with exceptional academic training while continuing the teaching mission of Jesus Christ. The office, which is part of the Department of Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools, offers resources for teachers and principals, parents and students, and alumni.

For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).

## The Week Ahead . . .

### Monday, January 29

8:40 am - Rosary  
9:15 am - Mass  
5:30 pm - Elem. Religious Formation

### Tuesday, January 30

8:40 am - Rosary  
9:15 am - Mass  
5:00 pm - Elem. Religious Formation  
6:30 pm - BUNCO

### Wednesday, January 31

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

### Thursday, February 1

10:30 am - SVDP Meeting  
6:20 pm - Rosary  
7:00 pm - Mass  
7:45 pm - Holy Hour

### Friday, February 2

**First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**  
8:40 am - Rosary  
9:15 am - Mass  
8:00 pm - AA Meeting

### Saturday, February 3

**Feast of St. Blaise**  
**First Saturday**

Super Bowl Sub Sale  
9:15 am - Mass with blessing of throats  
3:30 pm - Confessions  
5:00 pm - Mass



### Sunday, February 4

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Super Bowl Sub Sale  
Botsford Commons visit  
**Fellowship Sunday**  
8:30 am - Mass  
10:15 am - Mass  
10:15 am - Children's Liturgy of the Mass  
10:15 am - Sunday School  
12:00 pm - Mass



## Super Bowl Sub Sale Weekend

### Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>

Sub choices are Turkey, Ham & Cheese and Italian.  
Side salads will also be available for purchase.  
Pre-sales will be after Masses this weekend.



# 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](http://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.**

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## 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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Final day to register is Feb 6th, 2018

**Register at: [www.worldmarriageday.org](http://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](mailto:dlb882@gmail.com)), Sharon Weberlein ([shrweber@aol.com](mailto:shrweber@aol.com)) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.



## PLEASE SUPPORT ONE OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP MEMBERS

Come to the second annual Orchestrating for Freedom benefit concert. Last year, we raised more than \$3,000 and we hope to raise even more this year. Enjoy an evening of student instrumental solos to benefit a good cause on Friday, February 9 at 7 PM in the Harrison High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$3.00 a person and money raised will benefit Freedom House, a temporary home in downtown Detroit for survivors of persecution from around the world who are seeking legal asylum in the U.S. and Canada. Additional free-will donations will also be greatly appreciated along with gift cards to Target or Meijer to help residents buy the things they need. Harrison High School is located at 29995 Twelve Mile Road in Farmington Hills. The auditorium is in the back of the school across from the football field. Please contact Rosie at [rosiebp@tds.net](mailto:rosiebp@tds.net) if you have questions or would like to help.



**KNIGHTS CORNER**

**Thanks to Breakfast Goers for Your Support; State K of C Starts Fund to Aid Seminarians**

A big “Thank You” to all the parishioners who enjoyed a hardy pancake breakfast this morning so the Knights can help the parish St. Vincent de Paul Society. Those SVDP angels do the hard work, the nitty-gritty where there is real need, real pain. Bless them! And bless the giving people of St. Gerald parish for their generosity, for always answering our call.

Speaking of giving, the Archbishop of Detroit, Al Vigneron, called in the top leaders of the State Council late last year to ask for their help with a problem. Sacred Heart Major Seminary was in need of a scholarship program. The K of C agreed to establish a \$2 million endowment fund through its’ K of C Charities, a tax-deductible 501-3(c) fund.

At a meeting last week of nearby Councils, including ours, State Deputy Kenneth B. Unterbrink said the fund would be asking Councils for contributions of \$6 a man as it builds the fund. Our Council will take up the issue in February. Unterbrink also explained the reasoning behind the change in the “Take 5” program to the “\$10 for Charity” that took place at dues time this year. “Take \$5” began in 1977. “It takes \$20 now to buy what that same dollar bought in 1977,” he said. The program supplements the funds raised by the annual State Charity Raffle, which the State Council uses to support more than 50 charities state-wide.

The State Charity Raffle is underway and will continue until the drawing 2:30 PM April 14 at DeCarlos Banquet Center in Warren. Each Knight should have received a book of 10 tickets. If you need more, see PGK Bruce Roberts. If you sold tickets, be sure to write your name and “Council 13673” on each stub and mail the stubs and money to the State Council at the location indicated on the stub.

Millionaire Party Chair Thom Seabolt is still recruiting workers. He is three quarters to his target of 16. He explained that he is aiming at starting the program in July and will organize some training sessions where our Knights observe other Councils at work. The job is essentially exchanging gaming chips for money and then chips back to money. Other people handle the actual gaming.

*Heading for Vacation? Read the Knights Corner online at [www.stgeraldparish.org](http://www.stgeraldparish.org)*

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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**

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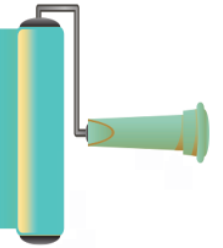
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