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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.



**5th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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**St. Gerald Financial Report is located on
Pages 4 and 5 of this bulletin.**

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 5 - FEBRUARY 9

Monday 9:15 AM

Joann Kargula

Requested by Barbara Della Mora

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hesse

Requested by Bob and Monica Koenig

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Mary David

Requested by Her Husband

Friday 9:15 AM

Darlene Trivan

Requested by Wojnar Family



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY: 1 KGS 8:1-7, 9-13/PS 132:6-7, 8-10 [8A]/
MK 6:53-56**

**TUESDAY: 1 KGS 8:22-23, 27-30/PS 84:3, 4, 5 AND 10, 11
[2]/MK 7:1-13**

**WEDNESDAY: 1 KGS 10:1-10/PS 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 [30A]/
MK 7:14-23**

**THURSDAY: 1 KGS 11:4-13/PS 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 AND 40
[4A]/MK 7:24-30**

**FRIDAY: 1 KGS 11:29-32; 12:19/PS 81:10-11AB, 12-13,
14-15 [11A AND 9A]/MK 7:31-37**

**SATURDAY: 1 KGS 12:26-32; 13:33-34/PS 106:6-7AB, 19-20,
21-22 [4A]/MK 8:1-10**

**NEXT SUNDAY: LV 13:1-2, 44-46/PS 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 COR
10:31--11:1/MK 1:40-45**

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**FEBRUARY 11, 2018
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM February 10 Fr. Kris

For Michael Hoots Requested by Family	Servers	Eli Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Ellen Stacey 5:00B

8:30 AM February 11 Fr. Roodbeen

For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Jack Truant Rohan DeSilva
	Lector/ Ushers	Rosa Russenberger 8:30C

10:15 AM February 11 Fr. Kris

For Maria Civita Morelli Requested by Joseph & Louise Angelosanto	Servers	Jen Weber
	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15A

12:00 PM February 11 Fr. Kris

For Maria Andreassi Requested by Mary Melonio	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B

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

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

Feb. 3 & Feb. 4
Team C

Feb. 10 and Feb. 11
Team D



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". Please stop in the social hall after mass this weekend and look at all the items that we have collected in our "Lost and Found". See if something may be yours. Unclaimed items will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul.

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.

Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Jan. 21	\$ 8,860.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Jan. 21	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Jan. 21	\$274,404.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - Jan. 21	\$271,591.00



**St. Gerald Parish
Mardi Gras Celebration
Saturday, February 10th from 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. Please contact Mary Taylor at marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com or 248-476-7677 ext. 201, for further information.



**SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER**

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, which is Tuesday, February 13th. 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



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. **We will be setting up a planning meeting soon to begin the card group. Please watch the bulletin for updates.**

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



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

The Week Ahead . . .

Monday, February 5

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

Tuesday, February 6

- 8:40 am - Rosary
- 9:15 am - Mass
- 2:00 pm - Nursing Home Mass
- 5:00 pm - Elem. Religious Formation
- 6:30 pm - Worship Commission Meeting
- 7:00 pm - K of C Officers' Meeting

Wednesday, February 7

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

Thursday, February 8

- 6:20 pm - Rosary
- 7:00 pm - Mass
- 7:45 pm - Holy Hour

Friday, February 9

- 8:40 am - Rosary
- 9:15 am - Mass
- 8:00 pm - AA Meeting

Saturday, February 10

- 3:30 pm - Confessions
- 5:00 pm - Mass
- 6:30 pm - Mardi Gras Celebration**

Sunday, February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am - Mass
- 10:15 am - Mass
- 10:15 am - Children's Liturgy of the Mass
- 12:00 pm - Mass
- 6:30 pm - Confirmation Classes



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 if you have questions or would like to help.



St. Gerald Financial Report

Financial Report for the six months ending December 31, 2017.

Operating Revenue:

	Percent	Six Months 2017	Six Months 2016
Offertory	72%	\$253,823.00	\$241,159.00
Christmas Collections	16%	\$ 57,617.00	\$ 38,288.00
Bequests and Donations	7%	\$ 23,613.00	\$ 58,640.00
Other Income	5%	\$ 19,447.00	\$ 37,446.00
Total Operating Revenue	100%	\$354,500.00	\$375,533.00

Operating Expenses:

	Percent	Six Months 2017	Six Months 2016
Administration		\$104,658.00	\$102,835.00
Operations and Maintenance		\$115,304.00	\$118,494.00
Archdiocesan Assessment		\$ 18,358.00	\$ 10,930.00
Church		\$ 54,937.00	\$ 26,401.00
Total Operating Expenses	83%	\$293,257.00	\$258,660.00
Net Operating Surplus	17%	\$ 61,243.00	\$116,873.00

Operating Comments:

For the six months ending December 31, 2017, our weekly offertory and holy day collections provided 72% of the total revenue. The \$253,823.00 collected in offertory combined with Christmas collections, bequests and donations and other income enabled us to meet our expenses of \$293,257.00 to end the period with a net operating surplus of \$61,243.00. Our goal for the current fiscal year is to collect offertory in amounts sufficient to cover all operating expenses. This can be accomplished as we pray and share as a parish family.

Salaries and benefits account for 47.1% of expenses. This includes salary, health insurance and retirement benefits for staff and clergy. Staff salaries and benefits are 38.5% of expenses and clergy salary and benefits are 8.6% of expenses. The Archdiocese of Detroit sets compensation for the clergy. Ideally, we would like to be at or below 50% of total expenses.

As you plan for the year ahead, we encourage you to reflect carefully on what you are able to give to support St. Gerald and its' ministries. We also ask you to consider enrolling in the Electronic Giving Program. This helps provide a consistent revenue stream and alleviates declines in the weekly offertory associated with holidays and vacations.

St. Gerald Financial Report (Cont'd.)

Funds available as of December 31, 2017 and 2016

Funds:

	2017	2016
Checking	\$106,493.00	\$154,348.00
General Savings	\$288,413.00	\$130,923.00
Changing Lives Together	\$ 88,092.00	\$169,100.00
Sale of St. Alexander	\$ 87,756.00**	\$ 0.00
Total Funds	\$570,754.00	\$454,371.00

** The St. Alexander property was sold for \$500,000.00 cash and after paying all loans, the remaining amounted to \$87,756.00. This amount closely approximated the costs to maintain the property for last two years.

Comments:

- The Checking Account balance represents cash needed to pay for two months' Operating Expenses.
- General Savings Account is established to provide for future repairs and maintenance as needed.
- The balance in the *Changing Lives Together Fund* represents the amount due on the new lighting system. This project and others, including a new garage storage facility, prayer garden, church carpeting, pew cushions, upgrades to the sound system and new candle holders, were funded by parishioner contributions to the *Changing Lives Together Program*.
- The Sale of St. Alexander Fund is the remainder of the proceeds from the sale of the St. Alexander properties after paying the loans due to the Archdiocese.

GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!!

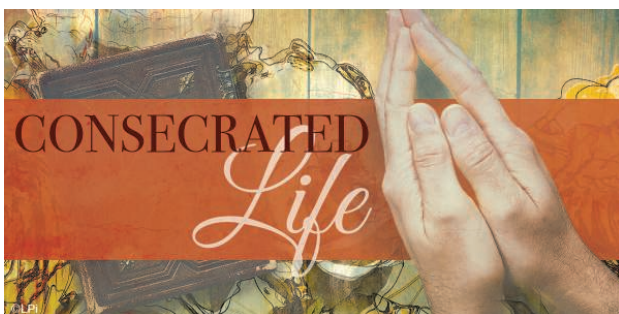


The Health Ministry has scheduled a [Blood Drive](#) for [Sunday, February 25, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.](#)

The Blood Drive appointment sheet is in the Social Hall at the Health Ministry table. Please sign up, or call Barbara Seabolt at 248-477-4752 (H) or 248-231-4184 (Cell), blseabolt@att.net, or go online to www.redcrossblood.org using the sponsor code [stgeraldch](#)

Next blood drive will be July 15, 2018.

Thank you for your support on saving many lives by giving blood and your time.



Let us welcome our newest members to
St. Gerald Parish!

Jessica and Kevin Brisbois
Joseph and Catherine Clairmont
Joann Tabaczewski

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Today's Scripture passages concentrate on the subjects of suffering and healing, faith, preaching the Good News of the Gospel, and prayer. Job suffers tremendously, yet stays focused on his faith in God. St. Paul, the evangelist, professes that he has been charged with preaching the Gospel, stating, *woe to me if I do not preach it*. In St. Mark's Gospel, Jesus, at His disciples' prompting, cures Simon-Peter's mother-in-law. This miracle emphasizes the importance of prayer and knowing that, through faith, He will always strengthen us in times of distress and heal us from our afflictions — if it is His will. Daily communication with God is essential to growth in discipleship. Take a few minutes each day in a quiet place to converse with our Lord.



KNIGHTS CORNER

Should We Support State K of C Endowment Fund to Finance Scholarships for Sacred Heart Seminarians?

A contribution to a State K of C Endowment Fund to provide scholarship money to Sacred Heart Major Seminary students will be one of the agenda items when Council Officers meet Tuesday. State Officers established the fund in the latter part of last year at the request of Archbishop Allen Vigneron. The State Board organized the fund under the Michigan Knights of Columbus Charities Inc., the State’s 5019c)(3) tax-deductible fund. The State is asking Councils for a contribution of \$6 per member this first year. The goal is a raise \$1 million and maintain it through 2026.

Speaking of contributions, members at the January Membership Meeting approved a \$300 donation to Core Nigeria, the medical mission run by former Pastor Fr. Festus Ejimadu. Brother Paul Borchert and his wife Sue set up that fund. Paul said Fr. Festus reported that 1,100 patients had been seen by the seven doctors hired by the mission. In past years, the high was about 500 patients.

Pancake Breakfast boss Dave Bednarski rated last Sunday’s event a success. “Although the final numbers are not in yet, the St. Vincent de Paul group here in the parish are going to be pleased,” he said. “A big Thank You to the parish members who bought tickets or who gave an extra bit.” He added that the 25 Knights who produced the breakfast deserve a big “Atta Boy!” Working for all or part of it the were Matt Barrett, Peter Becks, Rich Bigger, Paul Borchert, PGK Steve Conatser, Bill Croitori, Frank Gariepy, GK Fred Gerometta, Brian Gulick, Bill Hudy, Bob Koenig, Bob Kuhr, Ken May, Pat MacDonald, Tom McPhail, PGK Bruce Roberts, Rich Rosowski, Armin Russenberger, PGK Rich Smith, Roger Stacey, Dennis Weberlein, Andy Williams. Jerome Williams and Dave Bednarski. Also a special thank you to Bob Kuhr’s son Bob who is visiting from Germany

A second round of 2018 dues notices are making their way to the 35 members who have attained the status of “delinquent.” If you are late and have not received that second notice, there probably is a problem with the records, so give Financial Secretary Bob Kuhr a call at 248-888-9335.

At last report PGK Rich Smith reports three open seats on the March 7 bus to the Fire Keepers casino near Battle Creek. Call him at 248-747-6817 to reserve your seat. **Send Someone on a Great Cruise! Sell them a State Charity Raffle Ticket!**

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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- Tom Kruger

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Kim Shepard

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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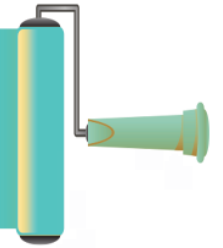
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