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FEBRUARY 18, 2018

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

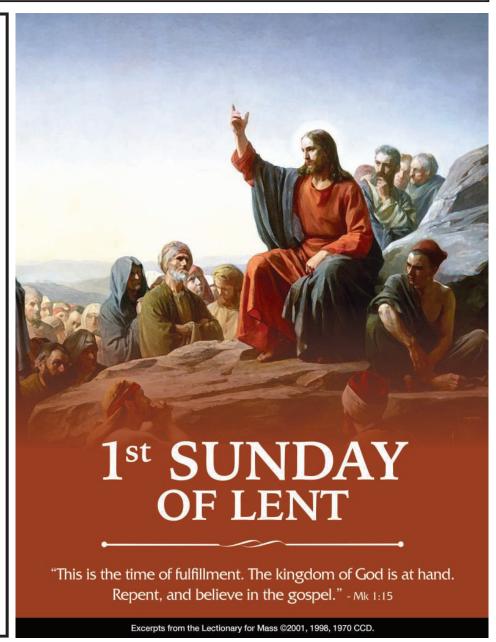
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

### **WEEKDAYS**

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

### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.





Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

FEBRUARY 19 - FEBRUARY 23



Monday 9:15 AM For All Our Parishioners

<u>Tuesday 9:15 AM</u> **For All Our Parishioners** 

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Kathy Steck

Requested by Delphine Midura

Friday 9:15 AM

Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and
Goderman Families
Requested by C. Kemp

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: LV 19:1-2, 11-18/PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [JN 6:63B]/ MT 25:31-46

TUESDAY: IS 55:10-11/PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18B]/ MT 6:7-15

WEDNESDAY: JON 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19B]/ LK 11:29-32

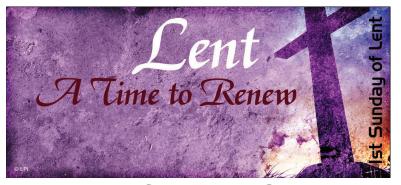
THURSDAY: 1 PT 5:1-4/PS 23:1-3A, 4, 5, 6 [1]/MT 16:13-19 FRIDAY: EZ 18:21-28/PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7A, 7BC-8 [3]/MT 5:20-26

SATURDAY: DT 26:16-19/PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1B]/MT 5:43-48

NEXT SUNDAY: GN 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/ROM 8:31B-34/MK 9:2-10

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



# Pray for our Sick:

Doug Foley Charles Minear Betty Hunter Linda Malloy

Ralph Wenski

Karen Hall
Jim Sockow
Rose Hickey
Roberta Provenzano

Kimberly Thompson

Erin Malloy

Wanda Reiner

Florence Ptak

Pat Fanilone Beth Croitori

### FEBRUARY 25, 2018 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM Feb	ruary 24 I	Fr. Roodbeen
For <b>Lucille Strick</b>	Servers	Mandy Millar Melanie Millar
Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lector/ Ushers	Ellen Stacey 5:00B
8:30 AM Feb	ruary 25 F	r. Roodbeen
For <b>Ken Hartsig</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	Servers	Need Servers
	Lector/ Ushers	Candy Rosowski 8:30B
10:15 AM Feb	ruary 25	Fr. Kris
For Alan Metivier & Catherine Mazurek	Servers	Luke Horsburgh Jack Truant
Requested by Cindy Kehrer & Claudia Pisani	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani 10:15C
12:00 PM Feb	oruary 25	Fr. Kris
For	Servers	Guerra
All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00B

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, February 18th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

### Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

February 24 and February 25
Team B

# Parish Support

### Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Feb. 4 ...... \$ 10,380.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of Feb. 4 ..... \$ 9,096.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - February 4 ..... \$293,010.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - February 4 ..... \$289,783.00

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.

### **Lenten Little Black Books**

are available in the Gathering Space of the church this weekend. A small donation would be appreciated!





### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Hello all you wonderful people who help God's children who live within St. Gerald's boundaries. I plan to put an article in the bulletin once a month or every other month making you aware of what we do

with the money and food you so generously give. So far this year, we have helped 19 families with rent, food or utilities. We gave out 13 bags of food at about \$50 each, \$75 in thrift store cards for kitchen items, \$147 for a mattress and frame, \$2,347.50 in rent and \$922.69 for Consumers bills. It isn't easy deciding who we can and cannot help, but through prayer we make those decisions, and we do not make them lightly.

Without your help, we would not be able to do this work. So I once again I say "Thank You" for being the hands of Christ here on earth. God Bless All of You!! And remember, we can always use more hands so if you would like to be a part of this ministry please call Sherry Kuhr at 248-888-9335.

### RIGHT TO LIFE-LIFESPAN DROP OFF BABY SHOWER

St. Gerald, in cooperation with Right to Life-Lifespan, will be accepting donations of new and gently used baby items, clothes,

furniture and maternity clothes on the weekend of **March 10 and 11**. Your donations may be placed in the playpen located in the social hall that weekend. Monetary donations will also be appreciated.



### Monday, February 19

8:40 am - Rosarv

9:15 am - Mass

### Tuesday, February 20

8:40 am - Rosary

9:15 am - Mass

7:00 pm - K of C Membership Meeting

### Wednesday, February 21

7:00 pm - RCIA

7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice

### Thursday, February 22

6:20 pm - Rosary

7:00 pm - Mass

7:45 pm - Holy Hour

### Friday, February 23

8:40 am - Rosary

9:15 am - Mass

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

8:00 pm - AA Meeting

### Saturday, February 24

3:30 pm - Confessions

5:00 pm - Mass

### Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday of Lent

### 8:00 am - Blood Drive

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



# Preparing Butter Lambs for Holy Saturday





Looks like fun!





### 2017 St. Gerald Contribution Statement

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.

Thank You!



### WOMEN'S GROUP BUNCO NIGHT

Please join us on **Tuesday**, **February 27th at 6:30 PM** in the Social Hall for Bunco Night. 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.

### OPERATION RICE BOWL

We will again be participating in Catholic Relief Services Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl. This program has inspired Catholics in the U.S. to pray, fast, learn and give as we increase our understanding of our global community throughout our Lenten journey. We encourage you to



participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. Rice Bowls and information are available in the gathering space of the Church. Please take a rice bowl home and make a donation to this very worthy cause.

### THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This week, our second collection will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the aftermath of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your generosity.



### 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.

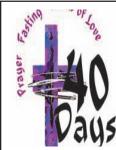
Note – study will not meet if the Farmington Schools are closed due to weather.

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

## 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



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### ST. GERALD EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

This Easter Season the church will once again be decorated with memorial flowers. Parishioners have the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away through donations toward the purchase of these Easter flowers. Suggested donation this year remains \$10.00 per name.

Just fill out the form below or use the envelope provided to you in your church envelope packet! Place your form and donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Donation" (or use envelope provided in envelope packet) and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office.

A list of the donors and memorial names will appear in th bulletin for our Easter Sunday Edition.	
IN MEMORY OF:	
(Please legibly print name of deceased)	
REMEMBERED BY:	
(Your name)	
YOUR PHONE NUMBER: ( )	
(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)	

Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church





### A Pretzel to Remind us of Arms Crossed In Prayer

The pretzel has been used during Lent for over 15000 years. It is thought that originally pretzels were made to resemble arms crossed in prayer. Since, basically only flour and water are used, pretzels can remind us of Lenten fasting. They are also reminders of the call to deeper prayer which we hear at Lent.

### Pretzel Praver

Heavenly Father, we ask you to bless these little breads. Each time we eat them may we be reminded of the special season of prayer and fasting that we are keeping. May they remind us of our need to come closer to you in prayer. May they remind us of those in need. Keep your loving arms around us, O Father, to protect us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### Who are we?

We are a 501c3 nonprofit taxable organization. We are operated 100% by volunteers; most of them foster families themselves. We have local branches throughout the state of Michigan.

### What We Do?

Our organization provides clothing, underclothing, toys, shoes, baby equipment, and gear and in some cases furniture to children placed in the foster care system in State of Michigan. These items are **new and like new items** that have been donated to us. Children are often placed into foster care with no personal items and in many cases they come into care with only the clothes on their back. Our organization provides these kids with stylish new or like new clothing and personal items helping to begin the process of rebuilding their self-esteem and providing them with belongings they can call their own.

### How can the Foster Closet help?

Our organization helps reduce the financial strain a new placement can place on a foster family by freeing up funds that would otherwise be used to fulfill these immediate needs. These needs are not always met immediately or in full by the State and that is where we step in. Meeting these needs allow foster parents to be able to use the funds saved to help the children adapt to their new home life in other ways. The Foster Closet is not a "One Stop" shop; you may use it as many times as the need arises.

**Items Needed:** 

**New or Gently used Clothing** (Preemie - Teenage) **Gently used Shoes New Pajamas** Coats **Snow Pants/Snow suits Boots** Non-Drop down Cribs **Toddler beds/Crib Mattress'** Any type stroller Unexpired Car seats/Booster **High chairs/Booster Seats Diapers Cleansing Wipes** All Baby Items **New Socks and Underwear** 

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This Lent please help the St. Gerald Religious Formation students in supporting the Foster Closet, which is located on Farmington Rd., by placing donations in the baskets located in the church vestibule or the entrance to the classroom hallway. Monetary donations may be made directly to Foster Closet of Michigan online to also help with rent. Contact Mary Taylor, 248-476-7677 ext. 201 or marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com if vou would like more information.

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### KNIGHTS CORNER

Two New Programs – Funeral Altar Serving and Meeting Chow – Up for Approval at Tuesday's Member Meeting
One of the gaps in the operation of St. Gerald that Charter Member Tony Wagner's move to Florida created, is who will be altar server at the three dozen or so funerals celebrated here each year. At Tuesday's Membership Meeting,

Program Director Tom McPhail will suggest that the Knights propose to Fr. Kris that they help when needed. Of course, a bit of training would be necessary, even for Knights who were altar servers in their school days. If you have the free time, please let Tom know, either at the meeting or calling him at 248-875-1185. He reports that having Knights, clad in suits or their Council shirts and slacks, as funeral altar servers is a common practice in Bay City area churches.

Also on the agenda for member approval, is a new program called "Meeting Chow." It involves exactly what is stated in the name – food at our Membership Meetings. House Committee Chair Ken May will direct the program which would have a light meal served at 6:30 PM on Membership Meeting nights. The start of the business session would open 15 minutes later than normal.

At the start, Meeting Chow – either cooked by members or catered -- would be served every other month. To make this work, Brother May needs to expand his band of helpers. He is working on a system whereby everyone gets an opportunity either to help with the preparations or the cleanup.

The Parish Health Ministry, headed by Barbara Seabolt, wife of brother Thom Seabolt, is sponsoring a Red Cross blood drive in the Social Hall from 8 AM to 2 PM on Sunday, February 25. She could use a few Knights to assist donors. She also is recruiting donors. To help, give Barb a call at 248-477-4752 or see the sign up sheet on the Healthy Ministry table in the Social Hall.

A sometimes overlooked selling point for State Charity Raffle tickets is that a prize can be transferred to another person designated by the winner. In other words, the winner of one of the great cruises could present it as a gift to a son, daughter or friend. For \$5 someone can present a cruise worth thousands of dollars as a birthday present or anniversary gift. Wow!

Keep in Touch with Your Council News -Read the Knights Corner in The Voice!

## 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**

### Parish Office (248) 477-7470

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203
Timothy Westfall: Pastoral Associate
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant
All other offices dial (248) 476-7677
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St. Vincent de Paul x 220
Education  Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201  Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com
Music Ministry  Mary Melonio
Youth Ministry

Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

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Kim Shepard

Maintenance

Tom Kruger

## 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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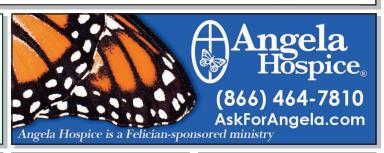
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