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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.



**2nd SUNDAY
OF LENT**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



Lenten Soup Supper
Tuesday, March 6, 2018
from 5:30 to 7:30 PM



For more information, please read the insert in the bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS

FEBRUARY 26 - MARCH 3



Monday 9:15 AM
Molikutty Joy
Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Beeler Family
Requested by Croitori Family

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Angel Wagner
Requested by Tuesday Catechist

Friday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Goderman Families
Requested by C. Kemp

Saturday 9:15 AM
Special Intention
Requested by Friend

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: DN 9:4B-10/PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13 [CF. 103:10A]/ LK 6:36-38
TUESDAY: IS 1:10, 16-20/PS 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21 AND 23 [23B]/MT 23:1-12
WEDNESDAY: JER 18:18-20/PS 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17B]/ MT 20:17-28
THURSDAY: JER 17:5-10/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 [40:5A]/ LK 16:19-31
FRIDAY: GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A/PS 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5A]/MT 21:33-43, 45-46
SATURDAY: MI 7:14-15, 18-20/PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8A]/LK 15:1-3, 11-32
NEXT SUNDAY: EX 20:1-17 OR 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [JN 6:68C]/1 COR 1:22-25/JN 2:13-25
SCRUTINY: EX 17:3-7/PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/ROM 5:1-2, 5-8/JN 4:5-42 OR 4:5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42
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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

Pray for our Sick:

Doug Foley	Jim Lewis	Kimberly Thompson
Charles Minear	Karen Hall	Erin Malloy
Beth Croitori	Jim Sockow	Wanda Reiner
Linda Malloy	Rose Hickey	Rose Pierce
Ralph Wenski	Roberta Provenzano	Pat Fanilone

**MARCH 4, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 PM March 3 Fr. Kris		
For Richard McAskin Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00A
8:30 AM March 4 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Gabe Smith Jack Truant
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30C
10:15 AM March 4 Fr. Kris		
For James Cooper Requested by Jon & Rochelle Esper	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Sofia Mansoor 10:15A
12:00 PM March 4 Fr. Roodbeen		
For James Carnegie, Jr. Requested by Matt & Julie Fischer	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Christine Greig 12:00A

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, March 4th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

March 3 and March 4
Team C

Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Feb. 11	\$ 6,934.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Feb. 11	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - February 11	\$299,944.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - February 11	\$298,879.00

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.

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!

GOODBYE NOTE FROM TIM WESTFALL

My journey with you will be coming to a close. I write to you today to let you know of my leaving parish ministry at St. Gerald. I have had a grateful experience since coming here in September of 2015. The decision to leave here was not made lightly. I have enjoyed being here. We have been through much together and I am grateful to have been ministered to, *by you*, and you have allowed me to minister *to you*. You will always be in my heart.

My last official day will be February 28. However, I will conduct the RCIA program till after Easter. It would only be fair to all those involved with the program.

As you might know, I have been employed on a part time basis at the Desmond Funeral Home. I was approached last month about the possibility of coming aboard there full time. After careful consideration and meetings, I agreed to the offer last week. I will serve in an administrative support capacity, mostly at the Crooks Rd. location. There are three locations, two in Troy and one in Royal Oak. A. J. Desmond and Sons Funeral Directors has been in business since 1917.

I met with Fr. Kris last week to let him know of my decision and to plan for the future. In my article of introduction which ran in the September 6, 2015 issue of "The Voice", I started out by talking about journeying with you together. It's been a spirit-filled journey here, with you. I am thankful for having come here and for meeting you.

Let us keep each other in prayer.

PANCAKE SUPPER THANK YOU!

The Christian Service Commission and myself would like to thank each and everyone of you who were able to attend this year's Pancake Supper. In a special way, I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for doing all of the cooking and a very special thank you to Frank Adams and the Harmony Town Chorus for providing us with a little entertainment. Lastly, to all the volunteers and those of you who were able to provide a desert, thank you! Without you we would not be able to do what we do. God Bless, Matt



Happy LENT!

I hope the journey to increase your faithfulness is on target. During Lent we strive to include the three aspects that help us to become the best version of ourselves; prayer, giving and sacrifice. These three elements help us to mindfully focus on our goals.

Our **Lenten Retreat** is on **Sunday, March 4th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM**, all teens are welcome to share in this program.

Teen Top Pick Topic Night is on **Tuesday, March 13th**. Our discussion will be Hope vs Hopelessness; where do we find hope?

Bring a friend to church day on **Fellowship Sunday, March 18th** after all Masses. Parent & teen helpers needed. See sign up board.

Living Stations of the Cross presentation will be on **Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM**. Drama and tech volunteers are to contact Gerryanna at 248-476-7677 x208.

Lenten Schedule

Monday, February 26

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

Tuesday, February 27

- 8:40 am - Rosary
- 9:15 am - Mass
- 5:00 pm - Elementary Religious Formation
- 6:30 pm - BUNCO Night**

Wednesday, February 28

- 7:00 pm - RCIA
- 7:00 pm - Vicariate Bible Study
- 7:30 pm - Adult Choir Practice



Thursday, March 1

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

Friday, March 2

- First Friday**
- 8:40 am - Rosary
- 9:15 am - Mass
- 7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross**
- 8:00 pm - AA Meeting



Saturday, March 3

- First Saturday**
- 9:15 am - Mass
- 3:30 pm - Confessions
- 5:00 pm - Mass

Sunday, March 4

- Third Sunday of Lent**
- Botsford Commons Visit**
- Sunday Fellowship**
- 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
- 6:00 pm - Teen Lenten Retreat



EVANGELIZATION

Rest in God's presence, allow Him to guide you this Lenten season.

PRAY with a faithful heart.

Be generous to others in need; share your time, money, food, love and forgiveness.

Fast to strengthen yourself spiritually: refrain from bad habits and take on new habits that benefit and improve your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sacrifice those things that create distant between you and God.

God loves you—Honor Him and be faithful.



Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald. They are:

Carol Hall

Chelsea and Sean Murphy and Family



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.

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.



PINOCHLE START DATE

Are you interested in playing pinochle? St. Gerald will be starting a pinochle group on March 1st. The group will meet every Thursday beginning at 12 noon in the parish social hall with card play beginning promptly at 12:30 PM. Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



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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. Monetary donations will also be appreciated. There will be a representative from AWPC there to speak with you to answer any questions you may have.

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 the 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)

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10-EPISEODE TV SERIES ON ETERNAL WORD TELEVISION NETWORK (EWTN)

Are you searching for a way to grow in faith while helping others? Then tune into the **“Our Faith in Action: Today’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul”** TV series.

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Sundays (starting March 4 through May 6) 6:30 AM and 4:30 PM
Saturdays (starting March 10 through May 12) 6:00 PM

St. Gerald’s St. Vincent de Paul Conference

As you probably know, our SVdP Conference here at St. Gerald operates a food pantry and helps the needy in our parish boundaries with other material aid. At the heart of our ministry is the home visit. This is where we visit those in need in their homes to assess what aid we can provide. This could be in the form of rental assistance, utilities assistance, or other material needs. We may also help with referrals to other resources, and we always ask to end our visits with a prayer.

If you feel called to join us in this mission, call 248-476-7677, ext. 220 and leave your contact information. Thank you!



Timothy Westfall (left) with the RCIA Candidates **Scott Horsburgh** and **Daniel Irvin** (center) with their Sponsors at Rite of Election 2018 at Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Detroit



Thank you to everyone who volunteered and to all that came to enjoy the wonderful food served at our annual Pancake Supper!



Pancake Supper was a success!



Frank Adams and his harmonic men’s group was a nice addition to our supper.





KNIGHTS CORNER

“Good Bye,” Tony, Our Unsung Hero; Gariepy to Take Over as Council’s Pancake Boss

It was “Good Bye, Tony” at the fellowship that followed last Sunday’s 8:30 AM Mass. Among the well-wishers and donut munchers were a handful of Knights who joined the parish farewell to Tony. He is moving to St. Petersburg, Florida., to be near his family.



“Unsung Hero”
Tony Wagner

As a charter member of our Council, Tony was a dependable worker at many events each year. He also was an active volunteer for the parish, some jobs included opening the Church every morning, serving as an altar server and serving as an usher at Sunday Masses. In the absence of the vacationing Grand Knight Fred Gerometta, PGK Rich Smith presented Tony with a Service Award plaque, which recognized Tony as an “Unsung Hero” of Council 13673. In addition, GK Gerometta sent a letter of introduction to Jerry Linthicum, Grand Knight of Holy Family Council 12306, the Council Tony is planning to join once settled in his new home. In his letter, Gerometta advised his brother Grand Knight, “We know you will come to value Tony’s involvement in your parish and your Council as much as we did here.”



Frank Gariepy

Chancellor Frank Gariepy has volunteered to succeed DGK Dave Bednarski as our Pancake Boss. Dave who was Event Manager for two years will start showing Frank the ropes with the April 22 event. Our Council started cooking pancakes for the parish shortly after our formation in 2005. It was our primary source of operating funds until beginning the Casino Bus program. Since then, most of the net proceeds of the Pancakes have been given away to various charitable causes.

The month of March will be a busy time for the Council, on March 4 Trustee Bill Croitori and wife Joanne will be taking the lead in serving fellowship donuts after the Sunday masses. They could use a pair of volunteers after each Mass. To help, give Bill a call at 248-320-7939. Two days later, on March 6, we will be serving the soup at the annual Parish Soup Supper, which will run from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Check with GK Fred Gerometta (248-763-3196) if you can help in the kitchen or the serving line. On March 7, another Council sponsored bus will make a run to the Fire Keepers Casino outside Battle Creek. At last report, PGK Rich Smith had a few seats available. Check with him at 248-747-6817.

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

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- Maintenance**
- Tom Kruger
- Accountant**
- 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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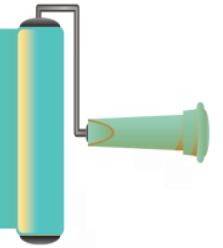
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