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MARCH 4, 2018

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

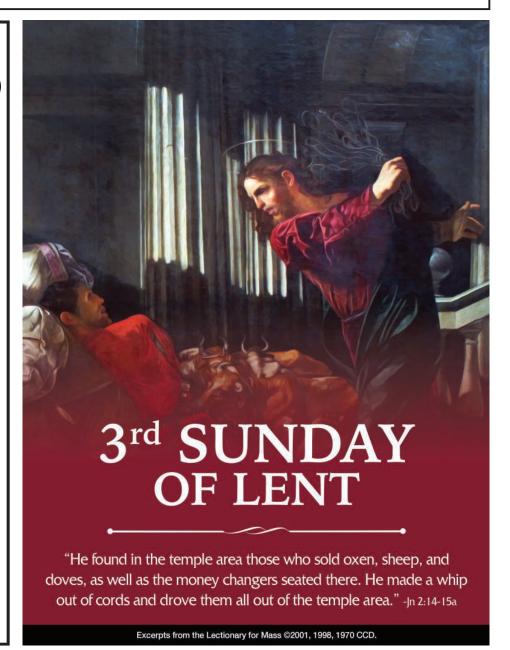
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.





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

Come enjoy some soup from Big Boy and fresh bread from the Sunflour Bakehaus. Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Prices are: Adults - \$6.00 and Children (12 to 4 years) - \$3.00



MASS INTENTIONS



MARCH 5 - MARCH 9

Monday 9:15 AM
Gerry Makowski
Requested by Margaret Makowski

<u>Tuesday 9:15 AM</u> **Iolanda Tambornini** Requested by Peter Tambornini

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht
and Goderman Families

Requested by C. Kemp

<u>Friday</u> 9:15 AM **Bernadine Trybuski** Requested by Geraldine Meloche

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 2 KGS 5:1-15B/PS 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4

[CF. 42:3]/LK 4:24-30

TUESDAY: DN 3:25, 34-43/PS 25:4-5AB, 6 AND 7BC,

8-9 [6A]/MT 18:21-35

WEDNESDAY: DT 4:1, 5-9/PS 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20

[12A]/MT 5:17-19

THURSDAY: JER 7:23-28/PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/

LK 11:14-23

FRIDAY: HOS 14:2-10/PS 81:6C-8A, 8BC-9, 10-11AB,

14 AND 17 [CF. 11 AND 9A]/MK 12:28-34

SATURDAY: HOS 6:1-6/PS 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21AB

[CF. HOS 6:6]/LK 18:9-14

NEXT SUNDAY: 2 CHR 36:14-16, 19-23/PS 137:1-2, 3,

4-5, 6 [6AB]/EPH 2:4-10/JN 3:14-21.

SCRUTINY: 1 SM 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A/PS 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 [1]/EPH 5:8-14/JN 9:1-41 OR JN 9:1,

6-9, 13-17, 34-38 LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC

(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO 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 11, 2018 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00 PM	March 10		Fr. Kris	
For Stephanie Cison		Servers		Servers Needed
Requested by Milkiewicz Family		Lector/ Ushers		Tim Westfall 5:00B
8:30 AM	March 11		Fr. Roodbeen	
For Helen Winiarski		Servers		Servers Needed
Requested by Victor Winiarski		Lector/ Ushers		Rosa Russenberger 8:30A
10:15 AM March 11 Fr. Kris				
For Acleta & Alfano Purchia	roni	Servers		Luke Horsburgh
Requested by Norma Bazzett		Lector/ Ushers		Nancy Stone 10:15B
12:00 PM March 11 Fr. Kris				
For Mary Louise Torres		Servers		Servers Needed
Requested by Marina Brezinsky		Lector/ Ushers		Fernando Guerra 12:00B

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

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

March 10 and March 11
Team D

Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Feb. 19 \$ 9,174.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of Feb. 19 \$ 9,096.00

Actual Offertory July 1 - February 19 \$309,118.00

Budget Offertory July 1 - February 19 \$307,975.00

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!



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

This coming Tuesday, March 6th, from 5:30-7:30 PM we will be having our annual Lenten Soup Supper. Faith Offman will be coming to speak to us about Catholic Social Teaching. Faith currently serves as the Associate Director of Ministry at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. She is also a part-time faculty member at Sacred Heart Major Seminary and Dominican Center Internship

in Spiritual Direction. Faith has numerous degrees in the

ministerial life, including Associate of Arts in Pastoral Ministry and a Bachelor's Degree in Community Service from Siena Heights University. In addition to her Associate's and Bachelor's Degree, she also has a Master of Divinity from Saints Cyril and Methodius



Seminary. She is a graduate of Dominican Center for Religious Development Internship in Spiritual Direction. Faith is married with two adult children and has five grandchildren. She enjoys golf and sewing. I have had the pleasure of knowing Faith for numerous years and encourage you to attend the soup supper and enjoy some fellowship and delicious soup! 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.

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.



Monday, March 5

8:40 am - Rosary

9:15 am - Mass

5:30 pm - Elementary Religious Formation

7:00 pm - RCIA

Tuesday, March 6

8:40 am - Rosary

9:15 am - Mass

2:00 pm - Nursing Home Mass

5:00 pm - Elementary Religious Formation

5:30 pm - Lenten Soup Supper

7:00 pm - K of C Officers' Meeting

Wednesday, March 7

K of C Casino Bus Trip

7:00 pm - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

7:00 pm - Vicariate Bible Study

Thursday, March 8

12:00 pm - Pinochle

6:20 pm - Rosary

7:00 pm - Mass

7:45 pm - Holy Hour

Friday, March 9

8:40 am - Rosary

9:15 am - Mass

7:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

8:00 pm - AA Meeting

Saturday, March 10

Right to Life-Lifespan Baby Shower

3:30 pm - Confessions

5:00 pm - Mass

Sunday, March 11

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Right to Life-Lifespan Baby Shower

8:30 am - Mass

10:15 am - Mass

10:15 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:00 pm - Mass

PINOCHLE START DATE



Are you interested in playing pinochle? You are welcome to join the pinochle group on Thursdays afternoons in the Parish Social Hall. Please arrive by 12 noon to begin card play at 12:30 PM. Hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

RIGHT TO LIFE-LIFESPAN DROP OFF BABY SHOWER

St. Gerald, in cooperation with Right to Life-Lifespan, will be accepting donations of new

baby cloths (which are greatly needed), baby items, 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. A representative from AWPC will be there to speak with you to answer any questions you may have.









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

When: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM

through **May 3, 2018**

NOTE: No class on March 28, 2017

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study. Study guides <u>Isaiah for Everyone</u> – (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.

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. Please turn in your request no later than Monday, March 19th.

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: ()

Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church



(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)

DON'T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE THIS LENT!

Do something different this year! Do something life-changing! Take a 40-day journey to become the best version of yourself!

There are inspirational videos, practical tips and encouraging stories. It's free! All you have to do is sign up at: **DynamicCatholic.com/SignUp** to have the Best Lent Ever!



Next week, our parish will take up Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the support to displaced hungry, refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Please take an envelope located at the end of the pew home with you and return next weekend in the second collection basket. Thank you!

Foster Closet of Michigan

This Lent please help the St. Gerald Religious Formation students in supporting the Foster Closet, which is located on Farmington Rd., by placing below listed donations in the baskets located in the church vestibule or the entrance to the classroom hallway.

Monetary donations may be made payable to *Foster Closet of Michigan* or directly to the Foster Closet of Michigan Oakland County Branch online to help with rent and purchase of items needed.

Contact Mary Taylor, 248-476-7677 ext. 201 or marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Please see the bulletin board in the main entrance of the church for more information about this organization.

Items Needed:

New or Very Gently used Clothing (Preemie - Teenage)

New Pajamas

Diapers/Wipes

Baby/Toddler Gear

New Socks and Underwear

Toiletries/Hygiene Products



St. Gerald Parish
Communal Penance Service
with opportunity for
individual confession and absolution
Monday, March 12 at 7:00 PM



10-EPISODE 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.

Join Society of St. Vincent de Paul members on their spiritual growth journey through service to people and families in need. From the Society's traditional home visits, food pantries and assistance with rent and utilities, to innovative health care, financial and mentoring programs, the Society's Vincentians see the face of Christ in the people they encounter. In this 10-week series, Vincentians volunteer across the country to bring effective, personalized help to those in poverty, and share with you their stories of Christ's love along the way.

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!

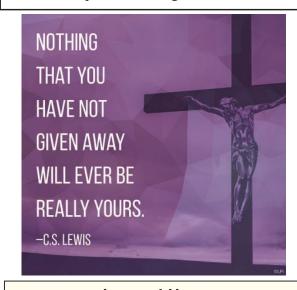
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LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION

St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center
Wednesday, March 7
9:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Presenters: R. Pat Brennan, CP; Fr. Phil
Paxton, CP; and Faith Offman
\$30.00 per person
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online or by phone at 313-286-2800 or
stpaulretreat.org/retreats



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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

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REMEMBER
TO TURN
YOUR
CLOCKS
AHEAD ONE
HOUR ON
SUNDAY,
MARCH 11.

Today's First Reading from the Book of Exodus recalls God's giving of the Ten Commandments to the ancient Israelites, who passed them down through the generations to us. Following these instructions leads to a path of holiness. The Scripture readings from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthian community and St. John's Gospel both express the people's need for signs or miracles to believe in Christ. However, faith based only on signs and miracles does not last. Only after Christ rises from the dead do His disciples believe what He taught. As Christian stewards seeking ongoing discipleship in the Lord, we must believe in the essential elements of our faith: Christ's life, death, Resurrection, Ascension, and sending of the Holy Spirit. Unity with Him in the Holy Eucharist strengthens our faith. Make time every Sunday to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion — the "source and summit" of our Catholic faith.

KNIGHTS CORNER

Knights Take Over Serving at Weekday Masses; Help with Many Other Parish Parish Activities

A big "Thank You" is due to a lot of folks this fine Sunday. First to brothers Bob Koenig and Bill Croitori who have picked up some of the gap left by the departure of brother Tony Wagner. In addition to opening the Church most weekday mornings, Tony was also the altar server for the morning Mass. Bob and Bill have replaced him as servers. Bill also has taken over the task of maintaining the supplies of hosts, altar wine and candles.

Many thanks to the parishioners who donated blood at last Sunday's Red Cross Blood Drive. A total of 34 units were collected, exceeding the goal. Knights were involved in this project too. Brother Thom Seabolt was the main assistant of Health Ministry, his wife Barb Seabolt was the chief and assisting donors were Shelly Kuhr and brother Tom McPhail and wife Arlene.

And let's not forget Bill Croitori and wife Joanne, plus brother Paul Borchert and wife Sue who are fulfilling the Knights' assignment as today's Donut Sunday hosts. The task of hosting Donuts on Fellowship Sunday is spread among all the parish organizations and committees.

There is an Officers' Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, the same night as the Parish Soup Supper. The Knights will be cooking and serving at the Soup Supper. Those Knights who are officers will have to leave for the meeting. In the ten or so years we've cooked at this event, this is the first time there has been a conflict with a meeting.

The Soup Supper is only one of the many parish activities involving the Knights. We are the backbone of the Parish Picnic, provide the major social activity for seniors with the casino bus, cook and serve the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, are a major supporter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and provide three pancake breakfasts for parishioners yearly. Individually, Knights serve as ushers and Eucharistic Ministers at all weekend masses, as well as, serve on most parish commissions and committees.

The February 23rd issue of the *Michigan Catholic* had a lengthy article about Knights of Columbus; a new E-membership, a trial program rolled out in Michigan and 20 other states and two Canadian provinces. If you can't find an issue, we will have more information here in the Knights Corner in the weeks' ahead.

Keep Informed of Your Council's News, Read the Knights Corner online at www.stgeraldparish.org

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 Kim Shepard

Youth Ministry

Cell: 734-578-4179 or Email: mmelonio@aol.com

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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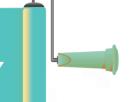
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