

THE VOICE

MARCH 11, 2018

ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
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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.

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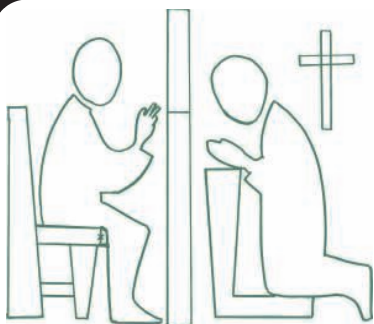
Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



**4th SUNDAY
OF LENT**

“Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” - Jn 3:21

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

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 12 - MARCH 16



Monday 9:15 AM
For All Our Parishioners

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Charles Schroeder
 Requested by Beth Schroeder

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Nancy Croitori
 Requested by Croitori Family

Friday 9:15 AM
Jerry Kopasz
 Requested by Barbara Kopasz

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: IS 65:17-21/PS 30:2 AND 4, 5-6, 11-12A AND 13B [2A]/JN 4:43-54
TUESDAY: EZ 47:1-9, 12/PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/JN 5:1-16
WEDNESDAY: IS 49:8-15/PS 145:8-9, 13CD-14, 17-18 [8A] JN 5:17-30
THURSDAY: EX 32:7-14/PS 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4A]/ JN 5:31-47
FRIDAY: WIS 2:1A, 12-22/PS 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 AND 23 [19A]/JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
SATURDAY: JER 11:18-20/PS 7:2-3, 9BC-10, 11-12 [2A]/ JN 7:40-53
NEXT SUNDAY: JER 31:31-34/PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12A]/HEB 5:7-9/JN 12:20-33
SCRUTINY: EZ 37:12-14/PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/PS 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/ROM 8:8-11/JN 11:1-45 OR JN 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33B-45

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

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.

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 18, 2018
 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00 PM	March 17	Fr. Roodbeen
For Wilda McAskin Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00BA
8:30 AM	March 18	Fr. Kris
For Bly Family Requested by Croitori Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/Ushers	Thad Radzilowski 8:30B
10:15 AM	March 18	Fr. Roodbeen
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri 10:15C
12:00 PM	March 18	Fr. Kris
For Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht & Goderman Families Requested by C. Kemp	Servers	Sarah Weber Lauren Ihm Jack Truant
	Lector/Ushers	Fernando Guerra Sarah Martinchick Edison Imel 12:00A

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, March 18th following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

March 17 and March 18
 Team A

Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of Feb. 25	\$ 7,670.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of Feb. 25	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - February 25	\$329,187.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - February 25	\$315,336.00

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

SOUP SUPPER THANK YOU!

On behalf of the Christian Service Commission and myself, I would like to thank each and everyone of you that made it to our Lenten Soup Supper, it was a great success! In a special way, I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus and all those who volunteered for this event, without you it would not be possible. A special thank you to the Sunflour Bakehaus for their donation of the delicious bread and to Faith Offman for coming and speaking to us about Catholic Social Teaching. It was wonderful to have her here!

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

WE NEED YOU!! It is hard to believe that we are halfway through the Lenten season, that means only one thing, that Easter is fast approaching. We are in need of food donations for the Easter Vigil reception. We need both entrées and desserts. If you are able to donate a food item, please call my office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204, and let me know what you will be donating. God Bless! Matt

**You are invited to a FAMILY MASS
on Sunday, March 18th,
at the 12:00 PM Mass**

This Mass is sponsored by the
St. Gerald Monday Religious Formation Classes.

Everyone is asked to bring a donation to the **Foster Closet of Michigan** which may be placed in the baskets and bins located in the vestibule of church before Mass.

There will be no Sunday School Classes or Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:15 AM Mass on March 18th.



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.

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, March 12

8:40 am - Rosary
9:15 am - Mass
5:30 pm - Elementary Religious Formation
7:00 pm - RCIA
7:00 pm - Parish Reconciliation Service



Tuesday, March 13

St. Gerald Feast Day

8:40 am - Rosary
9:15 am - Mass
5:00 pm - Elementary Religious Formation
5:00 pm - Teen Top Pick Discussion
7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 14

7:00 pm - Vicariate Bible Study

Thursday, March 15

10:30 am - SVDP Meeting
12:00 pm - Pinochle
6:20 pm - Rosary
7:00 pm - Mass
7:45 pm - Holy Hour

Friday, March 16

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



Saturday, March 17

3:30 pm - Confessions
5:00 pm - Mass

Sunday, March 18

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Fellowship Sunday
Blood Pressure Screenings
8:30 am - Mass
10:15 am - Mass
12:00 pm - Family Mass
6:30 pm - Confirmation Classes



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.

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm

in the Parish Social Hall. All are welcome!



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31st starting at 11:00 AM in Church with a Blessing of Bread, Butter and Food Baskets. All are welcome!

All families will receive a loaf of bakery bread and a butter lamb to share at their Easter Meal.

Bring a friend!



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: () _____

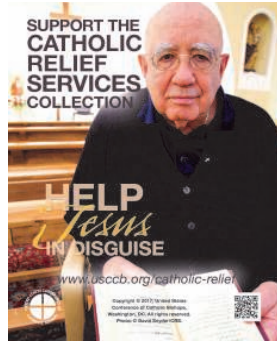
(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)

Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church



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!



Today we will be taking The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection gives aid to victims of persecution and natural disasters, provides legal services to poor immigrants, and advocates for the powerless. Through your generosity, six Catholic agencies will help Jesus as he bears the disguise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized.

Please prayerfully consider contributing to the collection today.

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 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 Foster Closet of Michigan Oakland County Branch online to help with rent and the purchase of items needed. Contact Mary Taylor, 248-476-7677 ext. 201 or marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com if you would like more information.

Items Needed:

- New or Very Gently used Clothing (Preemie - Teenage)
- New Pajamas
- Diapers/Wipes
- Baby/Toddler Gear
- New Socks and Underwear
- Toiletries/Hygiene Products



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

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org or "like" our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.



Thank You, Thank You, to the Knights of Columbus for putting on a pancake breakfast to raise money for our Conference, and to our parish members for being so generous. Thanks to all of you they raised \$1500, which will be put to good use.

Since I wrote you last, we have visited 11 families and provided \$785 in rent, \$1290 in Consumers bills, \$918 in DTE bills, and given out \$200 in Kroger and Meijer cards to be used for milk and perishables, diapers and gasoline. We also gave out 19 bags of food and paid \$54.16 so someone could get their prescription filled.

Our boundaries cover the three hotels on Grand River and lots of times those clients need food. We sure could use some non-frozen microwaveable food for the pantry (stews, soups, pasta, etc.). So if you happen to be shopping and some of these items are on sale, pick up one or more for us. As always, we thank you for your generosity. Without your help these families would not receive aid from us.

And again pray about becoming a Vincentian, many hands make lighter work. Is God calling you? Blessings, Sherry Kuhr (248-888-9335)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

In his Gospel, St. John describes the common link in today's Scripture passages that is also a significant theme throughout the Bible: God's infinite love for us. For God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life (John 3:16). The Second Book of Chronicles illustrates how God, following the Israelites' exile to Babylon due to grave sin, mercifully invites them home through an edict of King Cyrus of Persia. In St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he reminds us of God's love and mercy through Christ even when we are dead in our transgressions. No sin is too great that it cannot be forgiven by our Lord through the sacrament of Reconciliation. If you have not been to confession in a while, return with a contrite heart during Lent for forgiveness that will rekindle your discipleship in the Lord and give you peace.



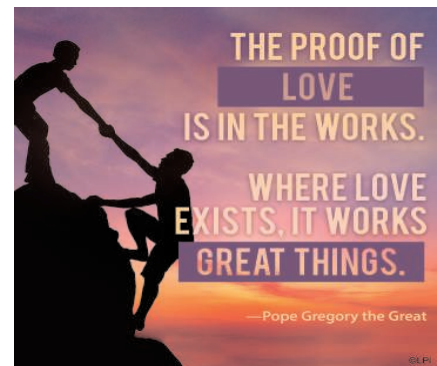
The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here in our church parking lot on the weekend of April 14 and 15 to collect donations.



Life in Bloom
34th Annual Spring Banquet
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 Thursday, April 19, 2018
 6:00 - 9:00 PM

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

At St. Gerald we welcome all and encourage anyone 18 years of age and older to become registered members of the Parish.

Registration is a simple process that is done at the Parish Office during office hours 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday or by picking up a Registration form located on the book shelf in the gathering space of the church and sliding a completed form under the Parish Office door. Keeping our records current is also important. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please call the information into the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. If you are moving from our parish, please let us know.



THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplain 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 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.



Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald:

June Dorè
Julie, Brian and Conrad Ostrowski
Barbara Valasek

Welcome to St. Gerald, we are glad you are here!



KNIGHTS CORNER

International Knights of Columbus Introduces an Online Membership

Men of the Parish: Are You Ready to accept the Challenge? Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process. As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including more than 65,000 in Michigan, who stand together. Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer?

Visit www.kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus. For information about Michigan State Council activities, visit www.mikofc.org, and for K of C Supreme Council national and international activities, visit www.kofc.org. The E-membership allows a Catholic man to become a Knight but does not give him entry into a Council. That is a decision the E-Knight can make later once involvement in a Council and the fellowship that comes with it is offered to him by a Council member or when he decides to seek a connection. Michigan is one of 21 states and three Canadian provinces where the E-membership is being tried. Programs designed for E-members are expected to be unveiled as the year progresses.

Meanwhile, back here at Council 13673 there will be a Membership Meeting March 20. Among the agenda items will be a discussion about Meeting Chow – where food will be served at selected meetings throughout the year. Members will be asked to approve the program. Parish men wanting information about Council 13673 membership should contact Grand Knight Fred Gerometta at 248-471-2642. The Council has an active year-round program of charitable and social activities.

The drawing for the Michigan State Council Charity Raffle is set for 2:30 PM Saturday, April 14, at DeCarlos Banquet Center, 6015 East Ten Mile (at Ryan), Warren. Council members are welcomed. It will be more exciting if you have sold a few tickets, so get busy. Just think how happy you will be if you sell the ticket that sends someone on a great cruise or delivers a nice pile of cash to them. **Leaving on Vacation? Keep in Touch with Council News 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

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203
- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant. x 212
- Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

Christian Services

- Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinator x 204
- Email: myokom.sgp@gmail.com

- St. Vincent de Paul x 220

Education

- Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201
- Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com

Music Ministry

- Mary Melonio x 222
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Youth Ministry

- Gerryanna Luscri x 208
- Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

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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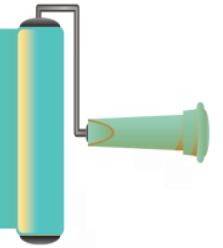
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