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MARCH 18, 2018

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

#### MASS SCHEDULE

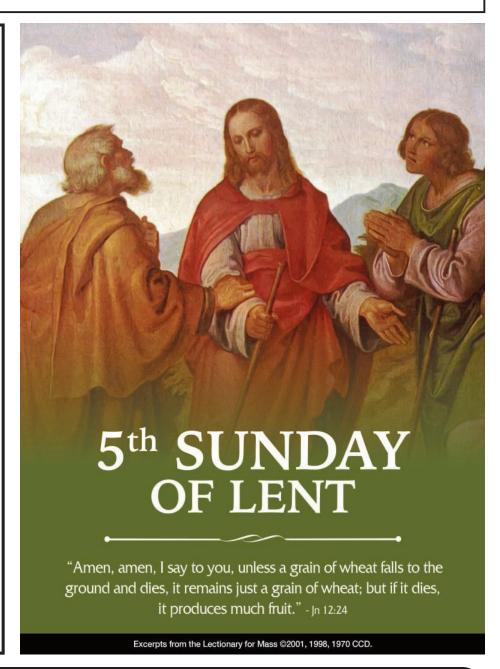
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

#### **WEEKDAYS**

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

#### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.





HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE ON PAGE 4 OF THE BULLETIN

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**



**MARCH 19 - MARCH 23** 

Monday 9:15 AM For All Our Parishioners

Tuesday 9:15 AM For All Our Parishioners

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM For All Our Parishioners

Friday 9:15 AM
For All Our Parishioners

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16/PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22/MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A OR LK 2:41-51A

TUESDAY: NM 21:4-9/PS 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/JN 8:21-30

WEDNESDAY: DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/DN 3: 52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52B]/JN 8:31-42

THURSDAY: GN 17:3-9/PS 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8A]/ JN 8:51-59

FRIDAY: JER 20:10-13/PS 18:2-3A, 3BC-4, 5-6, 7 [CF. 7]/ JN 10:31-42

SATURDAY: EZ 37:21-28/JER 31:10, 11-12ABCD, 13 [CF. 10D]/JN 11:45-56

NEXT SUNDAY: MK 11:1-10 OR JN 12:12-16/IS 50:4-7/PS 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2A]/PHIL 2:6-11/MK 14:1-15:47 OR 15:1-39

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## LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM

Reflection and prayer of Christ's powerful journey and crucifixion presented by our parish teens.

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 25, 2018 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5:00 PM Mai	rch 24 F	r. Kris
For Joann Pavco, Bernice, Louis	Servers	Servers Needed
& Dennis Kaye Requested by Joe Pavco	Lector/ Ushers	Ellen Stacey Monica Murone 5:00B
8:30 AM Mai	8:30 AM March 25 Fr. Roodbeen	
For	Servers	Servers Needed
All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert Candy Rosowski 8:30C
10:15 AM March 25 Fr. Kris		
For Alessandra, Michael, Maria,	Servers	Servers Needed
Nick & Giovanni Rotondo Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Lector/ Ushers	Sofia Mansoor Caron Kott 10:15A
12:00 PM March 25 Fr. Kris		
For	Servers	Servers Needed
Kathryn Roggenbeck Requested by Pauline & Jerry Panyard	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy Paul Radzilowski 12:00B

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

#### Sacristan Schedule for Next Week

March 24 and March 25 Team B

## Parish Support

#### **Offertory Snapshot**

#### 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

#### 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



Food Pantry Donations Needed Tuna Helper Canned Meats Canned Tuna Canned Fruit Crackers Jam and Jelly Rice

Pork and Beans

#### 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.



Please remember to turn in your Rice Bowls by March 24th. There will be baskets out in the gathering space that weekend for your donations. Thank You!

#### 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.



It's time to do a little Spring cleaning!
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.

Please join us for Holy Hour with Rosary on Thursday nights in church following 7 PM Mass concluding at 8:30 PM. All are welcome!

#### BULLETIN REMINDER

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 10 AM on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.



#### Monday, March 19

8:40 am - Rosary

9:15 am - Mass

5:30 pm - Elementary Religious Formation

7:00 pm - RCIA

#### Tuesday, March 20

8:40 am - Rosary

9:15 am - Mass

5:00 pm - Elementary Religious Formation 7:00 pm - K of C Membership Meeting

#### Wednesday, March 21

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

#### Thursday, March 22

12:00 pm - Pinochle

6:20 pm - Rosary

7:00 pm - Mass

7:45 pm - Holy Hour

#### Friday, March 23

8:40 am - Rosary

9:15 am - Mass

7:00 pm - Living Stations of the Cross

8:00 pm - AA Meeting

#### Saturday, March 24

3:30 pm - Confessions

5:00 pm - Mass

#### Sunday, March 25

#### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 am - Mass

10:15 am - Mass

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

12:00 pm - Mass

## BIBLE STUDY 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

Now 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.



First Day

Spring





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 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!



#### March 24 and 25 - Palm/Passion Sunday

Masses: Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon

#### March 29 – Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM Night Watch at the Garden of Repose from 8:30 PM until Night Prayer at 10:30 PM

#### March 30 - Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy at 1:15 PM Private Veneration of the Cross from 3:00–5:00 PM

#### March 31 – Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter Baskets and Easter foods at 11:00 AM

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 PM with reception following



\*NO 3:30 PM CONFESSIONS OR 5 PM MASS\*

#### April 1 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon

#### 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.

#### STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Through Jeremiah's prophecy, God made a new covenant with the Israelites: I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ... I will ... remember their sin no more. The Second Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Christ is the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him. Jesus is the model of obedience to God the Father. Jesus professes, in St. John's Gospel, that the Father will honor those who follow and serve Him. This is a strong message to faithful stewards who discern what God wants in their lives, then strive to fulfill His will by completely losing themselves in love and service to God and neighbor. St. Teresa of Calcutta displayed this during her life. Take time to read her story and let her great faith inspire you.



#### Life in Bloom 34th Annual Spring Banquet

Dinner~Silent Auction~Speaker Thursday, April 19, 2018 6:00 - 9:00 PM St. Mary's Cultural Center, Livonia Featuring: Fr. Frank Pavone, National Director of Priests for Life

Tickets: \$75. Call (248) 559-7576.

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All are invited to our Youth Group presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM on Friday. March 23rd.

Join us for this contemporary reflection of our Lord's Passion.

Also, Join us for Mass Services during Holy Week. See page 4 of the bulletin for more information.

Join our Youth Group for:

- Water Park outing in May (date to be determined)
- Parish Picnic games Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.
- Vacation Bible School on Monday Friday, June 18th to 22<sup>nd</sup>

Sign-up sheets on Teen News board. Call Gerryanna for details at 248-476-7677 x208 or gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com.

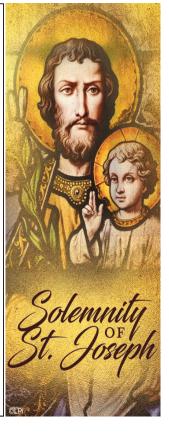


We hope everyone has a safe and memorable Easter season. Improving ourselves as well as our relationships with family and friends are ways to be better Christians. May your Easter be a turning point in becoming the best version of yourself, for God's sake.

#### LENTEN WORD SEARCH

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#### **KNIGHTS CORNER**

#### Meeting Chow Starts at Tuesday's Meeting; Knights Insurance Program Marks Record Growth Again

Come early to Tuesday's Membership Meeting and bring an appetite as the new "Meeting Chow" is introduced. Hospitality Chair Ken May said that chow will be served at 6:30 PM and urges members to be seated prior to that time. At press time May was completing the final details of his menu, which he will announce at the meeting. The business meeting will be called to order as close to the regular 7 PM starting time as is practical.

Many thanks to the Knights who worked the Parish Soup Supper. They were Bill Croitori, Pat McDonald, DGK Dave Bednarski, Rich Rosowski, PGK Rich Smith, PKN Bruce Roberts, Roger Stacey, Bob Kuhr, Richard Biggers and PGK Steve Conatser. No one seems to remember the year the Knights first took over the task of dishing up the soup for the Christian Service Commission. It has been more than a few years. One of the many services Knights quietly provide year-in and year-out to the parish.

Last week's article on the new E-Member program may have provided some confusing information when it stated that the new E-membership "did not provide entry into a Council." It should have said that it does not provide Council membership but it does allow an E-member to attend Council meetings and take part in other Council activities. According to State Membership Director Ken Krause, "He has a K of C membership card provided by Supreme, so he is a Knight." 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 Knights of Columbus recorded its 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of growth in insurance sales in 2017 with \$8.78 billion in new life insurance sold – an increase of more than \$245 million over the previous year. The K of C now has more than \$109 billion of life insurance in force, signifying a \$39.5 billion increase in the last decade due to record sales.

The new sales record caps a solid year for the Knights. In February, for the fifth consecutive year, the organization was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute, an independent center for research promoting best practices in corporate ethics and governance. In 2017, the Knights was again listed on the Fortune 1000 list (880) and earned a financial strength rating of A+ (Superior) from AM Best, an insurance rating organization.

## 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)

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#### **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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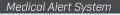
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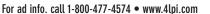
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