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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

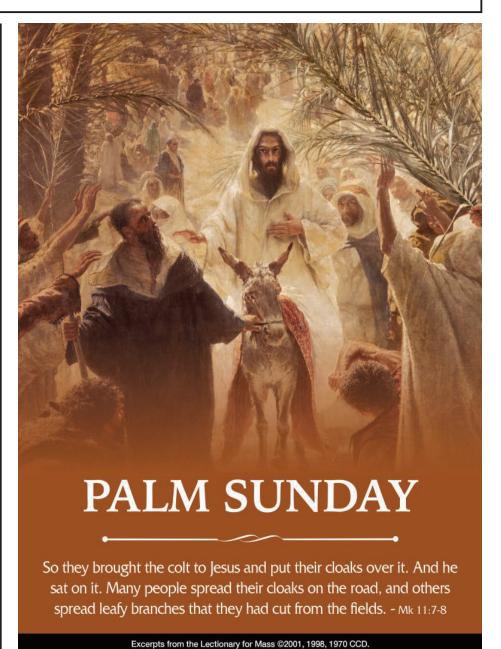
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

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 3 of the Bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 26 - MARCH 29

Monday 9:15 AM
Jim Meloche
Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Frank Nowak
Requested by Donna Nowak

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM Molly Joy Requested by Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: IS 42:1-7/PS 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 [1A]/JN 12:1-11 TUESDAY: IS 49:1-6/PS 71:1-2, 3-4A, 5AB-6AB, 15 AND 17 [CF. 15AB]/JN 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY: IS 50:4-9A/PS 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 AND 33-34 [14c]/MT 26:14-25

THURSDAY: CHRISM MASS: IS 61:1-3A, 6A, 8B-9/PS 89:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [2A]/RV 1:5-8/LK 4:16-21

EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: EX 12:1-8, 11-14/ PS 116:12-13, 15-16BC, 17-18 [CF. 1 COR 10:16]/1 COR 11:23-26/JN 13:1-15

FRIDAY: IS 52:13--53:12/PS 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 [LK 23:46]/HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9/JN 18:1--19:42

SATURDAY: VIGIL: GN 1:1--2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31A/PS 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 [30] OR PS 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 [5B]/GN 22:1-18 OR 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18/PS 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/EX 14:15--15:1/EX 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 [1B]/IS 54:5-14/PS 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 [2A]/IS 55:1-11/IS 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/BAR 3:9-15, 32--4:4/PS 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [JN 6:68C]/EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28/PS 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 [42:2] OR IS 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6 [3] OR PS 51:12 -13, 14-15, 18-19 [12A]/ROM 6:3-11/PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/MK 16:1-7

NEXT SUNDAY: ACTS 10:34A, 37-43/PS 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6B-8/JN 20:1-9 or MK 16:1-70r LK 24:13-35

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

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

APRIL 1, 2018 EASTER SUNDAY: THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:30 PM Mar	ch 31 Fr.	Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Eli Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart Isabelle Gerhart Luke Horsburgh Nina DeSilva
Parismoners	Lector/ Ushers	D. Blankenship, T. Westfall, C. Kott, T. Williams, M. Murone, S. McCarthy 5:00A
8:30 AM Apri	I 1 Fr.	. Kris
For	Servers	Gabe Smith
Adolfo Palombo Requested by Lynn Boza	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert Jim Bergin 8:30A
10:15 AM Apri	I 1 Fr.	. Kris
For	Servers	Servers Needed
Enrico & Josephine Soave Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Rosa Russenberger Angela McLoughlin 10:15B
12:00 PM Apri	l 1 Fr.	Roodbeen
E	Servers	Servers Needed
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani Paul Radzilowski 12:00A

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week

March 31 and April 1
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Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot Actual Offertory for Weekend of March 11 \$ 9,284.00 Budget Offertory for Weekend of March 11 \$ 9,096.00 Actual Offertory July 1 - March 11 \$ \$351,220.00 Budget Offertory July 1 - March 11 \$ \$333,528.00



EASTER VIGIL MASS

Ring in the Gloria

and the Alleluia!!!!

BRING BELLS TO RING

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

NOTE FROM CHRISTIAN SERVICE COORDINATOR

On March 20, 2017 I began my role as Christian Service Coordinator. It has been a wild and crazy year getting familiar with what working in parish life entails, getting familiarized with how programs work and many more things, but I can honestly say it has been one of the greatest experiences for me. It is wonderful to be a part of the St. Gerald family and I'd like to thank you all for welcoming me here. Matt Yokom

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

This coming Saturday is Holy Saturday and the celebration of the Easter Vigil. If you are bringing a dish for the reception please drop it off in the kitchen prior to the start of Mass. If you would like to volunteer for the reception, please call 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or email myokom.sgp@gmail.com. A Blessed Holy Week to all! Matt



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

Canned Vegetables



Thank you to all who have donated to Operation Rice Bowl so far. Donations are due back. They may be placed in the box located in the gathering space of the church

or dropped off in the Parish Office.



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.

Join us for Mass Services during Holy Week Join our Youth Group for:



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

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

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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.



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

Foster Closet of Michigan

Thank you to all who donated to the *Foster Closet of Michigan!* Your generosity is overwhelming! A special thank you to all the students and families who served at the Mass and Fellowship on March 18th, it was a joyful celebration with so many involved.

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!

BIBLE STUDY - THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

There is no Bible Study on March 28 - Bible Study will resume on April 4



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!



CSA - YOUTH MINISTRY

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal will help high school -age teens in the Archdiocese of Detroit learn how to become better Christian leaders, examples to their peers, and evangelizers through Youth Leadership and Evangelization Training.

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"Chosen to Follow" covers topics like digital discipleship, pastoral relatability, small group facilitation, planning programs and prayer experiences, and pastoral relatability, as well as sharing faith with other teens. Through the "Strengthsfinder" resource, teens will also learn how to develop their God-given talents into specific strengths and then contribute their gifts to ministry.

Offered by archdiocesan Youth Ministry Office, Youth Leadership and Evangelization Training will be held overnight at St. Colette in Livonia on April 4 and 5. Registration is required, and CSA gifts help keep the cost to \$55 a participant. For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF TOBEY JEAN NOEL

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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO TOBEY O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today, in St. Mark's processional Gospel passage, the evangelist retells of Jesus' glorious and triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Christ's travel on a colt signifies that He is a different leader, not a Roman conqueror or king, but a Messianic King. He is a humble, suffering servant Who, as portrayed in St. Mark's Passion account, will sacrifice His life for all seeking eternal salvation. The prophet Isaiah professes how the Lord God leads and strengthens all those in difficult situations. St. Paul proclaims how Christ humbly emptied Himself, becoming human and dying for our salvation so God could exalt Him — that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend ... and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord! Do we, as faithful stewards, acknowledge God's tremendous gift of His Son by opening our hearts to a personal relationship with Him? Following Palm Sunday Mass, make crosses or other religious symbols from your blessed palms. Throughout the year, these transformed palms will serve as a reminder of Jesus' invitation to a life of peace and joy with our Lord and Savior.



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.

Please Note: There will be no pinochle during Holy Week. Will resume on Thursday, April 5th.



DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA Mother Teresa Circle #1413



The Daughters of Isabella are hosting a Polish Dinner/Entertainment Fundraiser on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 7:00 PM. It is for the benefit of the ongoing works of our circle.

A complete catered dinner and Polish deserts will be served. Entertainment and raffles will go on throughout the evening.

The cost per ticket is \$25.00.

It will be held at St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia Michigan in the Activity Center.

Come and join us for an evening of great food and entertainment.

To order your tickets call:

734-744-7686 or 248-471-3962

PALM SUNDAY

It was during the fourth century in Jerusalem that Christians first starting using palm branches in commemoration of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Today, we continue to use palms in most churches on this Sunday, Catholic and Protestant alike. It is one of



those traditions of worship that, no matter how far apart we may seem at times, we continue to share due to our common heritage.

But Palm Sunday is also known as Passion Sunday, because we hear an account of the passion of Jesus Christ during the liturgy. Most churches also share this reading in common. Many Catholic parishes use multiple lectors to proclaim the Gospel, while it is not uncommon for a similar reading or even a performance in many mainstream Protestant churches.

The commonality found in the worship on this particular Sunday seems to highlight the fundamental

truth in the observance: Jesus Christ died for everyone. He did not die on a cross for just Catholics, or just Orthodox, or just Protestants. Whether one acknowledges it or not, he was crucified for all those who are born of man. Today, we rejoice not just for what he has done for us but also for what he has done for all of creation.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

What we do from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday?

Holy Thursday brings the end to Lent. That night we begin the Three Days that are the center of the Church's year. Why are these Three Days so important? What do they mean for you? You are invited to make these Three Days different from all the days of the year.

Adults in the community are invited to plan ahead so that the whole time from Thursday night until the Easter Vigil is free of social engagements, free even of work, free of entertainment, free of meals except for the simplest nourishment. We are asked to fast during Good Friday and to continue fasting, if possible, all through Holy Saturday as strictly as we can. We make Good Friday and Holy Saturday free for prayer and reflection and preparation and silence. The church is getting ready.

Whether you are young or old, currently active in the parish or not, please set these days aside. All of us should know that our presence for the liturgies is not just by invitation. We are all needed here. All of us need this whole community together on its greatest days. Please look closely at the parish schedule and make plans to take part in the various liturgies and other gatherings of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Above all, come on Saturday night for the Easter Vigil.

We Begin as Holy Thursday Ends

Thursday evening we enter into the Triduum together. After listening to the scriptures, we do something strange: We wash feet. Jesus gave us this image of what the church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like. This is rehearsal for Christian life.

Later, we celebrate the Eucharist. The evening liturgy has no ending: Whether we stay to pray awhile or leave, we are now in the quiet and peace and glory of the Triduum.

And We Continue through Good Friday and Holy Saturday

We gather quietly on Friday and listen to scripture. We pray at length for all the world's needs. Then there is another once-a-year event: The holy cross is held up in our midst and we come forward one by one to do reverence with kiss or a bow or a genuflection. We also receive communion. It was consecrated last night at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

We continue in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. This Saturday for us is like God's rest at the end of creation. It is Christ's repose in the tomb.

Until the Night between Saturday and Sunday

Excited, the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible, then we bless the waters. These are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God. Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. Easter Sunday begins and we are ready for Fifty Days of rejoicing.

At the Easter Vigil Liturgy, please bring bells to ring during the singing of the GLORIA.

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KNIGHTS CORNER

Council 13673 Members Get Notice of April 17 Start of Annul Nomination and Election of Officers

If you are a member of Council 13673, this is your official notice of the election of officers for terms beginning July 1, 2018. Nominations will open at the April 17 Membership Meeting and close during the May 15 Membership Meeting when they are followed by the voting. Nominees must have attained the Third Degree of the Order and be in good standing. A nominee can be proposed for office by another member in good standing or nominate himself. A nominee must formally notify the Election Committee chair of his acceptance or rejection of the nomination prior to the voting period.

The following offices are involved in the election process: Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Advocate, Warden, two Guards and a Trustee. All positions are for terms of one year, except Trustee, whose term will end on 2021. However, during the term of Grand Knight Darren Losey (2014-15) a succession policy was adopted covering the three top positions – Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Chancellor – who would serve two years in each position. The goal is to insure that Council leaders are trained and familiar with procedures and policies. A description of each Council office will be e-mailed or mailed to all members prior to the opening of nominations. Members must be present at meetings to nominate and elect. GK Fred Gerometta will appoint an Election Committee Chair at the April 3 officers meeting.

PGK Rich Smith already has started preparations for the annual Memorial Mass, where we honor the deceased members of our Council. He could use a couple of members to help with the Mass and the reception that will follow. Contact Smith at 248-747-6817. The Mass will be at 7 PM on Thursday, May 24.

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 that the ticket that sends someone on a great cruise or delivers a nice pile of cash to them.

Make a note on your calendar right now that the Council will pray together at a Family Communion Mass at 10:15 AM Sunday, April 29. Be sure to either wear your Council shirt or Council badge and sit together with the group in the right side of the center section in front of the ambo.

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)

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SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation: Sacrament of the Sick: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM 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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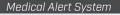
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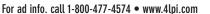
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