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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

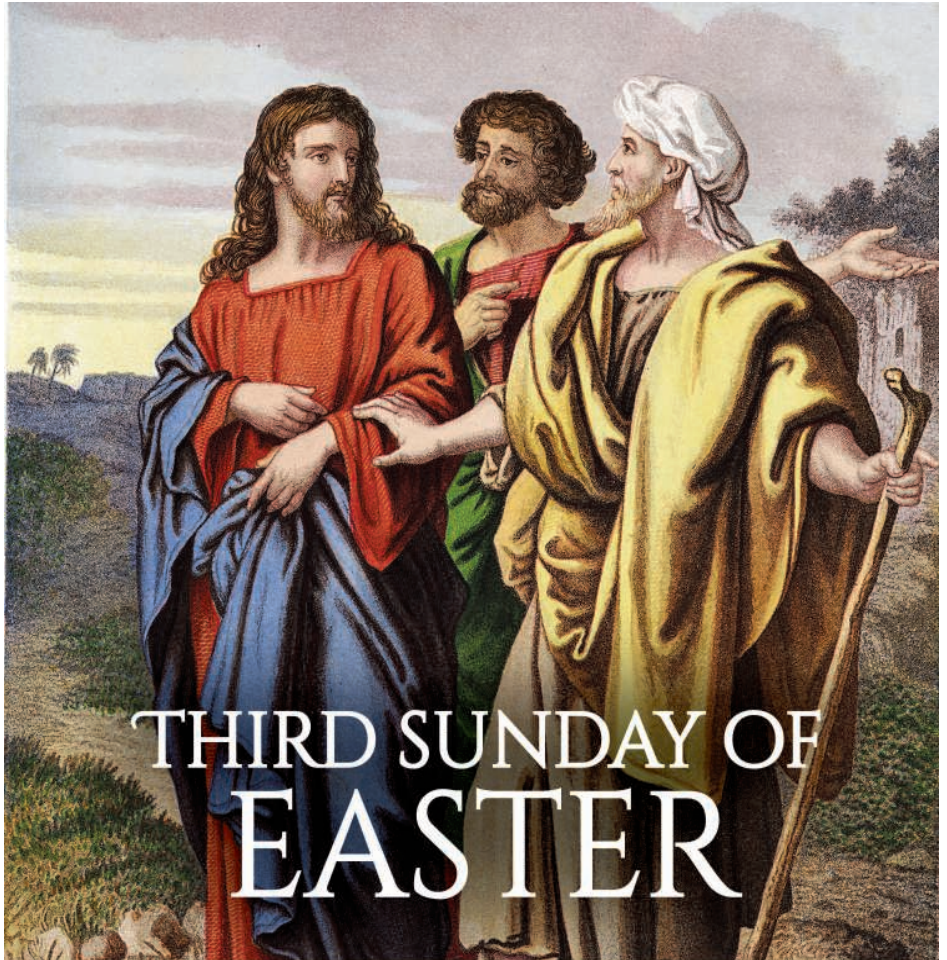
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled. You are witnesses of these things."

- Lk 24:44, 48

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Pancake Breakfast Coming Next Weekend!

*Knights of Columbus Cooking Breakfast after
8:30 AM and 10:15 AM Masses on April 22nd.
See enclosed flyer for more information.*



MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 16 - APRIL 20

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

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Frances Casey
 Requested by John Casey

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Sarah Jean Kerwin (2nd Anniv.)
 Requested by Barb Kerwin

Friday 9:15 AM
Simon and Anna Lati
 Requested by Croitori Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ACTS 6:8-15/PS 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1AB]/ JN 6:22-29
TUESDAY: ACTS 7:51--8:1A/PS 31:3CD-4, 6 AND 7B AND 8A, 17 AND 21AB [6A]/JN 6:30-35
WEDNESDAY: ACTS 8:1B-8/PS 66:1-3A, 4-5, 6-7A [1]/ JN 6:35-40
THURSDAY: ACTS 8:26-40/PS 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/JN 6:44-51
FRIDAY: ACTS 9:1-20/PS 117:1BC, 2 [MK 16:15]/JN 6:52-59
SATURDAY: ACTS 9:31-42/PS 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/ JN 6:60-69
NEXT SUNDAY: ACTS 4:8-12/PS 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 JN 3:1-2/JN 10:11-18

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Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of April 1	\$ 18,551.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of April 1	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - April 1	\$387,347.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - April 1	\$360,816.00

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.

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 22, 2018
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM April 21 Fr. Kris		
For Robert E. Blankenship Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Servers	Mandy Millar Melanie Millar
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00B
8:30 AM April 22 Fr. Roodbeen		
For David Wojnar In Thanksgiving Requested by Family	Servers	Gabe Smith Nina DeSilva
	Lector/ Ushers	Thad Radzilowski 8:30A
10:15 AM April 22 Fr. Kris		
For James Cooper Requested by Jon & Rochelle Esper	Servers	Isabelle Gerhart Eli Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15B
12:00 PM April 22 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B
Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, April 15 following the 8:30 AM Mass.		

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week
April 21 and April 22
 Team B

Welcome new members!
 If you are a newer member to our parish and have not yet received an invitation to our Evening of Welcome on Thursday, April 19th, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 for details and to RSVP. If you received an invitation, please remember to RSVP also!
 Thank you



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

You would not know it by the weather lately, but this year the St. Gerald Parish Picnic will take place rain, snow or shine on Sunday, June 10th following the 12 Noon Mass. This year we will be bringing back some things that we have not had in a few years, in particular games and the ever popular basket raffles. Look for volunteer sign up sheets to be in the gathering space of the church in the weeks to come. Yours in the Risen Christ. Matt



YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for a Parent and Teen Dinner on Sunday, April 22nd at 6:30 PM - location to be determined. Spring and summer activities will be planned. VBS volunteer sign up opportunity and fall schedule to be discussed.

RSVP to Gerryanna @ 248-477-7677 x 208 or Gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Please keep our First Communion Candidates and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, April 21st and First Communion on Sunday, April 29th, during the 12:00 PM Mass.



FRESH THYME GIVING BAGS FOR OUR SVDP CONFERENCE



During the month of April, every reusable Fresh Thyme Giving Bag that you purchase at the Farmington store will result in a \$1.00 contribution to our St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference. The price of a bag is \$2.99.

So, buy a bag and keep reusing it to support our conference and our environment!

We welcome to the Body of Christ

Conrad Milne Ostrowski

baptized Sunday, April 8, 2018

by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Conrad is the son of Brian Ostrowski and Julie Morrison

SAVE THE DATE!
St. Gerald Church
Vacation Bible School
June 18th - 22nd
10:15 AM - 1:00 PM



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.

My Church is composed of people like me.
I help make it what it is.
It will be friendly, if I am.
Its' pews will be filled, if I help fill them.
It will do great work, if I work.
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.
It will bring other people into its worship, if I invite and bring them.
It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

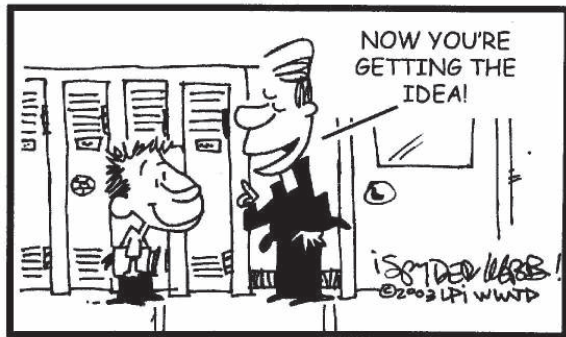
Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all of the things that I want my church to be.
Amen.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

The themes linked in today's Scripture readings call for us to avoid sin by following the Lord's directives, to repent, and to seek forgiveness. St. Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, relates the evil of Christ's passion and death, and that through repentance and conversion, *our sins be wiped away*. St. John, in his First Letter, reminds us that Jesus is an offering for our sins. In St. Luke's Gospel, Jesus appears to His disciples after His Resurrection while two of them recount their encounter with Jesus on the road to Emmaus. They finally recognize Him in the breaking of the bread. The Church has long taught that partaking of the Eucharist forgives lesser sins. Likewise, participating in the sacrament of Reconciliation for the forgiveness of sins opens us to Christ's grace, bringing us closer to Him, giving us peace in our lives. This week, go to confession and receive Holy Communion to draw into union with Christ.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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.



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REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
YVONNE HENGESBAUGH

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AUGUST 19, 1959
APRIL 7, 2018

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YVONNE O LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, April 16

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation

Tuesday, April 17

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation
7:00 PM K of C Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 18

7:00 PM Vicariate Bible Study
7:30 Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, April 19

10:30 am SVDP Meeting
12:00 PM Pinochle
6:20 PM Rosary
7:00 PM Mass
7:45 PM Holy Hour
8:00 PM Evening of Welcome

Friday, April 20

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, April 21

11:00 AM First Reconciliation
12:00 PM Rehearsal for First Communion
3:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter

K of C Pancake Breakfast

8:30 AM Mass
10:15 AM Mass
10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:00 PM Mass
1:00 PM Baptisms

Events happening in and around our community

2018 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SUPPORT AND EDUCATION SERIES: DEEPER REFLECTIONS

April 24th at Sacred Heart Major Seminary – NFP, Subfertility and Infertility

April 22 – 28, 2018 is National Infertility Awareness Week. Approximately 1 in 8 couples will struggle to build their family. At this meeting we'll explore NFP in relation to subfertility and infertility. Couples have found help from NFP to identify and treat a variety of fertility concerns. The Church recognizes the pain of infertility and offers her love and support to couples dealing with this unique cross. We will come together to offer prayer, comfort and understanding for all those affected by infertility.

RSVP to nfp@aod.org and visit www.aod.org/nfp for upcoming dates and more information!



Tuesday, April 24th in the St. Gerald Parish Social Hall beginning at 6:30 PM. Please call or text Joan Tapin at 810-858-7121 if you would like to attend or for more information. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a beverage of your choice. If you have a Bunco game, bring it along. See you there!

FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

5th Week of the Month Coed Breakfast Club
Senate Coney Island in Northville –April 30

On months with 5 weeks we enjoy a coed breakfast and camaraderie at various restaurants in the area. All widowed men and women are invited to join us Monday, April 30, 2018 at 9:30 AM at Senate Coney Island, 39430 Dun Rovin Drive (off Haggerty between 5 and 6 Mile) in Northville. Come meet new friends, have great conversation and enjoy good food. Order off the menu, separate checks. No walk-ins please. RSVP by April 23 to Tom at [734-927-0610](tel:734-927-0610). Widowed Friends is a "Peer" Support Group offering widowed men and women a variety of enrichment activities to facilitate the journey from loss to a new sense of joy and purpose. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at www.widowedfriends.org

PLEASE NOTE..

We have placed a comment/suggestion box on the table at the main entrance of the church for parishioners to share their thoughts about our parish. These comment sheets will be read by the Pastor and



then, if needed, forwarded to the appropriate Area Representative for action. **It is important that you put your contact information on these sheets so that we can respond to your comment or suggestions.** We truly value your input!

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**

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.



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

AQUINAS COLLEGE VISIT DAY – FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH

Aquinas College in Grand Rapids is hosting an AQDay for all high school juniors and seniors interested in visiting their beautiful 117-acre campus. The Admissions Office invites you to come and discover what life at AQ is really all about. Get the inside scoop on academics, athletics, scholarships, service learning, study abroad, and more.

Please visit aquinas.edu/aqday for more details or to register for the event on April 20th.



Mark your calendars! Our annual Parish Picnic will be on Sunday, June 10th. More information to come!



KNIGHTS CORNER

Enjoy a Hardy Breakfast Next Sunday and Support Neighboring Pregnancy Center

A motion to donate the net proceeds from next Sunday’s Pancake Breakfast to a Southfield pregnancy center with ties to Council 13673 is expect to be endorsed at Tuesday’s Membership Meeting. The annual election of officers also will open at Tuesday’s meeting with the start of the nominating process.

Council Officers unanimously voted to send the net pancake profits to the Mother and Unborn Baby Care Center (MUBC), which is housed in a building donated by brother Michael O’Dea and his wife Peggy. Lynn Smith, wife of PGK Richard Smith, serves on the facility’s Board of Directors. MUBC is a 501©3 nonprofit organization, an important fact since the Council again is welcoming freewill donations at the pancake breakfast.

Next Sunday’s Pancake Breakfast will have a new leader. Deputy Grand Knight Dave Bednarski, the pancake boss for the last two years, will hand the reins to Chancellor Frank Gariepy. Gariepy said he will be making a pitch for volunteers during Tuesday’s meeting.

Bednarski is passing the pancake lead to Gariepy because under a succession policy adopted three years ago he expects to take over the Grand Knight job. Gariepy, now the Chancellor, is expected to move up to Deputy Grand Knight and be in line to become Grand Knight in 2020. The succession policy was adopted to assure that the Grand Knight position was filled by someone familiar with Council operations and Council members.

Newcomers to the parish will be celebrated Thursday at the 7 PM Mass with a reception following. It is an opportunity for Knights to meet some potential new members. If you plan to attend, give GK Fred Gerometta a call at 248-763-2642. Also remember to wear your Council shirt and your member badge. Prior to the reception, you might want to review the promotional brochures on the Knights’ table in the Social Hall.

Join Your Fellow Knights at the Family Communion Mass at 10:15 AM on April 22nd!

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

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- Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com

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- 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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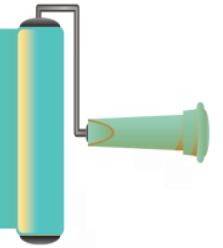
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