THE VOICE

APRIL 22, 2018

ST. GERALD

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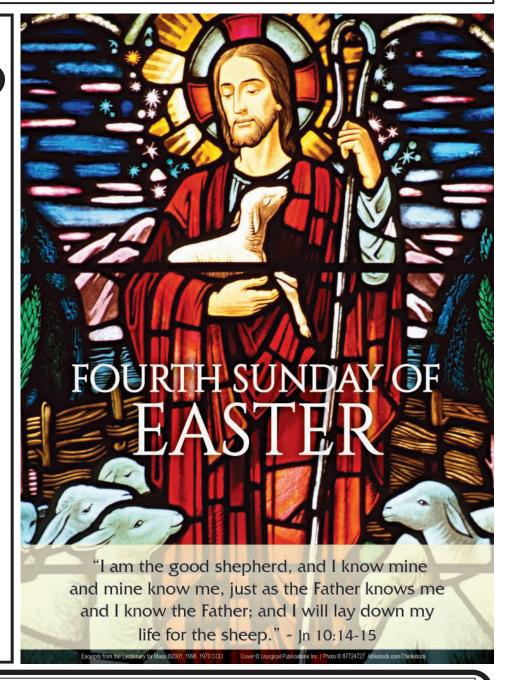
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> **OFFICE HOURS** Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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.





Celebration of First Communion Sunday, April 29th, 12:00 PM Mass

All are welcome! Please keep our First Communion Candidates and their families in your prayers.

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 23 - APRIL 27

Monday 9:15 AM Fr. Krzysztof Nowak Requested by Friend

<u>Tuesday 9:15 AM</u> Jerry Kopasz Requested by Barbara Kopasz

Wednesday No Mass

<u>Thursday 7:00 PM</u> Elizabeth Sultana Requested by Wojnar Family

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MONDAY: ACTS 11:1-18/PS 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [CF. 3A]/ JN 10:1-10
- TUESDAY: ACTS 11:19-26/PS 87:1B-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1A]/JN 10:22-30
- WEDNESDAY: 1 PT 5:5B-14/PS 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 [2]/ MK 16:15-20
- THURSDAY: ACTS 13:13-25/PS 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 AND 27 [2]/JN 13:16-20
- FRIDAY: ACTS 13:26-33/PS 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11AB [7BC]/ JN 14:1-6
- SATURDAY: ACTS 13:44-52/PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 [3CD]/JN 14:7-14
- NEXT SUNDAY: ACTS 9:26-31/PS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31 -32 [26A]/1 JN 3:18-24/JN 15:1-8

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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB)

Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot	
Actual Offertory for Weekend of April 8	\$ 10,053.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of April 8	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - April 8	\$397,400.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - April 8	\$369,912.00

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:

Jim Lewis	Kimberly Thompson
Karen Hall	Erin Malloy
Jim Sockow	Wanda Reiner
Rose Hickey	Rose Pierce
Roberta Provenzano	Pat Fanilone
	Karen Hall Jim Sockow Rose Hickey

APRIL 29, 2018 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM	Apri	28	F	r. Kris		
For Joann Pavco Requested by Joe Pavco		Servers		Eli Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart		
		Lector/ Ushers		Monica Murone 5:00A		
8:30 AM April 29 Fr. Kris						
For Mary Camilleri Requested by Family		Servers		Servers Needed		
		Lector/ Ushers		Candy Rosowski 8:30B		
10:15 AM April 29 Fr. Kaiser						
For Molly Joy Requested by Friend		Servers		Luke Horsburgh Jack Truant		
		Lector/ Ushers		Sofia Mansoor 10:15C		
12:00 PM	Apri	29	F	r. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners		Servers		Servers Needed		
	Lector/ Ushers		Fernando Guerra 12:00A			
Team #2 is called for Pataford Commons Sunday						

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, April 29 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

> Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week April 28 and April 29 Team C



MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like to request a mass intention for a loved one deceased or living, please contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email the office at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and their name will be added to our prayers.



SAVE THE DATE!

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



PINOCHLE ANYONE?

Do you enjoy playing pinochle? Come join the card group on Thursday afternoons in our parish social hall. Please arrive by noon with card play beginning at 12:30 PM. What better way to spend your Thursday afternoons. You do not need to call ahead to join in the fun, just stop in and make some new friends!





Tuesday, April 24th in the St. Parish Gerald 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!

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





Join us for a parent & teen potluck dinner on Sunday, April 22nd at 6:30 PM in our church social hall.



Spring and summer

activities will be planned. VBS volunteer sign up opportunity and fall schedule to be discussed. RSVP with your contribution to Gerryanna @ 248-477-7677 x 208 or gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

A special thank you for a wonderful year and all the support and participation opportunities given to our Youth Group; from K of C, St. Vincent DePaul, Gardening and Evangelization Team, and so many others who have encouraged and advocated for our teens, they are growing in faith and maturity thanks to our St. Gerald Family.

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!

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS Good and gracious God, You call each person by name and invite them to follow you. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, may each person hear and respond to the call they have received. We pray for all discerning marriage, the chaste single life, consecrated life, or ordained ministries, that your Holy Spirit would guide, inspire, and strengthen them. May your Church and the world be enriched by the "yes" of your children. /OCATIONS Amen.





Saturday, May 5th is designated as the 2018 Spring Clean-Up of our church grounds, so mark your calendars now!

GARDEN NEWS: Let's brush the snowflakes off our noses and think Spring!

Individuals, teens and families sharpen your tools, shake out the work gloves and plan to come at 10:00 AM to work, visit with old friends and meet new ones... As in the past, pizza will be served around 1 PM.

Keep watching the Voice for updates as the date approaches!

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 <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.

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.

CSA - CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Next week's Christian Service Coordinators Association Retreat will focus on "Making Time for Jesus."

Your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal provide funding for this retreat, which will help Christian Service Coordinators — through prayer, conversations, presentations, and quiet time —explore some simple but life-changing habits and prayerful practices so their lives are deeply and constantly rooted in their friendship with Jesus. Sister Janet Schaeffler, OP, will serve as presenter.

The retreat will be held at St. Mary's Retreat House in Oxford on Wednesday, April 25, and is hosted by the Archdiocese of Detroit along with Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

What's Happening

Monday, April 23 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, April 24

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Wednesday, April 25 7:00 PM Vicariate Bible Study 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, April 26

12:00 PM Pinochle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour

Friday, April 27

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

Saturday, April 28

3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, April 29 Fifth Sunday of Easter Botsford Commons Visit 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass (K of C Family Communion Mass) 12:00 PM First Communion Mass



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In St. John's Gospel, Jesus proclaims, *I am the Good Shepherd*, giving us the beautiful image of Him as shepherd attending to us, His flock. In contrast to the hired hand that bolts at the first sign of trouble, Jesus will never desert His flock. St. Peter, in the Acts of the Apostles, reminds us that *there is no salvation through anyone else* but Christ. In St. John's First Letter, he affirms that we are children of God. These themes are supported at the Lord's Last Supper, where Jesus institutes the Holy Eucharist. He left us with an ongoing presence of His consecrated Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the sacrifice of the Mass. As faithful stewards, we believe and embrace this true presence. When we receive Holy Communion, we receive grace against evil and are inspired to share our joy in Jesus with those we encounter, to build up the Church, to evangelize the world, and *to make disciple of all nations* (Mt. 28:19). One way to take the Catholic faith to the streets is to join a local St. Paul Street Evangelization team, or to volunteer at a local soup kitchen or homeless shelter serving our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

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!

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 RSVP by April 23 to Tom at 734-927please. 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

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 send them via submissions and e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@vahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.



PLEASE We have placed a comment/suggestion box on **OTE..** 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!

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

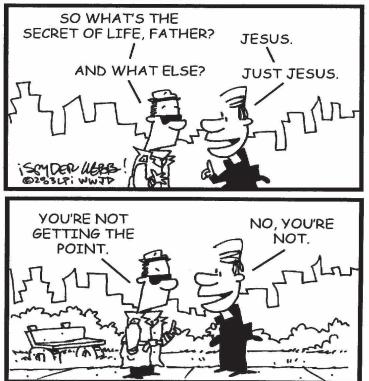
\$25.00. It will be held at St. Colette Church, 17600 Newburgh, Livonia Michigan in the Activity Center.

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

> To order your tickets call: 734-744-7686 or 248-471-3962



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER





KNIGHTS CORNER

Join Your Fellow Knights and Families in Prayer Next Sunday at the 10:15 Mass

Next Sunday, April 29, is another Council Family Communion Mass. Members and their families are encouraged to attend the 10:15 AM Mass and pray together. Come a few minutes early and sit in the front of the right hand center section in front of the ambo – the stand used by the reader. The uniform of the day is your Council shirt or a sport coat with the Council badge.

A reminder that nominations for the May Officer's election remains open. If you missed the April 17 Membership Meeting, and wish to nominate a fellow Knight or yourself, give Election Committee Chair Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185. Nominees must be in good standing and have attained the Third Degree of our Order. Nominations will close just prior to the voting during the May 15 Membership Meeting. The Knights Corner will have a status report of the nominations in next week's issue of *The Voice*. We are unable to report the status in this issue because the deadline was prior to the meeting.

Keeping members informed of Council activities is an important task of Council leaders. In addition to this weekly article, members periodically are sent e-mails announcing events or opportunities to volunteer. If you haven't been getting e-mails from the Council or recently have started using e-mail for the first time, give Program Director Tom McPhail a call at 248-875-1185. He will enroll you in the Information Program. Meanwhile, you can go to www.kofc.org and www.mikoc.org and find news of the Supreme Council and Michigan State Council activities.

Today's breakfast continues our practice of donating the event's net proceeds to a good cause. Thanks to all the diners for their support. Profits will go to the Mother and Unborn Baby Care Pregnancy Center in Southfield. Lynne Smith, wife of PGK Rich Smith, a charter member of our Council and the present Membership Director, serves on the center's board. Brother Michael O'Dea, also a Council charter member, and his wife, Peggy, donated the building the center uses. Net proceeds for prior breakfasts were donated to the parish St. Vincent de Paul, the Supreme Council's Hurricane Relief Fund and to help fund a Memorial honoring Msgr. Ed Baldwin, a past weekend assistant here at St. Gerald.

Save the Date – The Memorial Mass Honoring our Deceased Members is May 24 Join Your Fellow Knights at the Family Communion Mass at 10:15 AM on April 29th!

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH Office Hours		SACRAMENTS			
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Cl (secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30	,	of Reconciliation: days from 3:30-4:30PM	Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the office.		
<u>STAFF</u> Parish Office (248) 477-7	class	e be aware that first time	parents must attend a short baptism prep teir child. Arrangements for baptism may Office.		
Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor		, j			
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant	x 212 Matr St. G child	Matrimony: St. Gerald Parish is pleased to marry registered parishioners and thei children. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance o			
All other offices dial (248) 47	6-7677 the w	edding date. Please call t	he Parish Office.		
Christian Services Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinator Email: myokom.sgp@gmail.com St. Vincent de Paul	x 204 Pleas locat x 220 After	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!			
Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com	the C	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.			
Music Ministry Mary Melonio Cell: 734-578-4179 or Email: mmelonio@ Youth Ministry Gerryanna Luscri Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.c	aol.com V If you you l x 208 enco	are new to the area, we le nave not been active in urage you to return. If	ST. GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH! ook forward to meeting you personally. If the practice of the Catholic faith, we a previous marriage has kept you from invite you to call the rectory at 248-477-		
Maintenance Accour	ntant 7470	In many cases, Fr.	Kris can work with you to find a		
Tom Kruger Kim She	epard favor	able 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.



