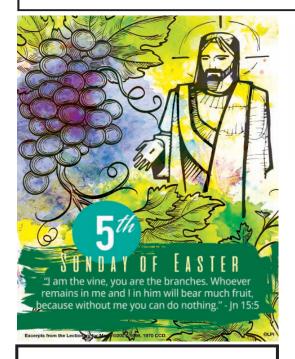
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OFFICE HOURS

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.

First Communion

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

On Sunday, April 29th, the below named children received the Sacrament of First Communion at the Noon Mass. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey.

Paige Alexander Dane Hansen Blake Bocan Lucas Henley

Colton Bocan Katherine Machowicz

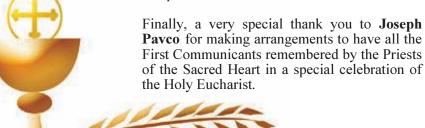
Lucas Buckley Brayden Mott Elijah Butcher Sawyer Reavis

Charles DuLong Julianna Rometty

Each child designed their own pew banner, which hung at the end of each family's pew during the Mass. These banners will be on display beginning next weekend, but will soon go home with the children as a reminder of their special day. Many children also served as Prayer of the Faithful readers, gift bearers, greeters and cross bearers.

Thank you to the First Communion catechists who gave so much of their time in helping to prepare these children. They are: Joyce Kopp and Susan Hill. Thank you also to the many parishioners who served as ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, servers and lector. Finally, a very special thank you to Mary Melonio and the St. Gerald Parish Choir for the lovely music as well as Matthew Yokom, the Christian Service Commission and

First Grade families for the gracious reception hosted for our communicants.





MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 30 - MAY 5

Monday 9:15 AM
Dorothy Woolley
Requested by Blen Cardozo

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Monica Koenig (Birthday)
Requested by Bob Koenig

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Agnes and Joseph Midura Requested by Delphine Midura

Friday 9:15 AM
Dolores Shamie
Requested by Lisa Shamie

Saturday 9:15 AM Frances Casey Requested by John Casey

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ACTS 14:5-18/PS 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 [1AB]/ JN 14:21-26

TUESDAY: ACTS 14:19-28/PS 145:10-11, 12-13AB, 21 [CF. 12]/JN 14:27-31A

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26--2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/ Mt 13:54-58

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 15:1-6/PS 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5 CF. 1]/JN 15:1-8

THURSDAY: 1 COR 15:1-8/PS 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/JN 14:6-14 FRIDAY: ACTS 15:22-31/PS 57:8-9, 10 AND 12 [10A]/JN 15:12-17

SATURDAY: ACTS 16:1-10/PS 100:1B-2, 3, 5/JN 15:18-21 NEXT SUNDAY: ACTS 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/PS 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [CF. 2B]/1 JN 4:7-10/JN 15:9-17

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Next weekend is CSA weekend! Our parish will join with other parishes in the Archdiocese of Detroit

to fund valuable ministries, programs, and services supported by the CSA throughout the Archdiocese. Before CSA Weekend, we ask that you prayerfully consider making the most generous gift possible. Your pledge cards will be available next week for you to pick up after Mass. Thank you as always for your continued support!

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

MAY 6, 2018 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00 PM	May	5 F	r. Kaiser
For Julia Pavco and Bernice Kaye		Servers	Eli Gerhart Isabelle Gerhart
Requested by Joe Pavco		Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00B
8:30 AM	May	' 6 F	r. Roodbeen
For Gravilla Family	7	Servers	Gabe Smith Jack Truant
Requested by Croitori Family		Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30C
10:15 AM	May	6 F	r. Roodbeen
For John N. Perenic		Servers	Luke Horsburgh
Requested by Gail Merlihan		Lector/ Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri 10:15A
12:00 PM May 6		6 Fr. Kaiser	
For		Servers	Fernando Guerra
All Our Parishioners		Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 12:00B

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

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week

May 5 and May 6

Team D

Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot	
Actual Offertory for Weekend of April 15	\$ 11,208.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of April 15	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - April 15	\$408,608.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - April 15	\$379,008.00



First Friday, May 4th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from
10 AM - 5:00 PM Friday.
Scheduled Adorers Needed.
Sign-up sheets in gathering space.

FORMATION



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CATECHISTS AND AIDES

With formation classes ending, we want to extend many thanks to the following people who have answered the call to service as catechists and aides in our Religious Formation Program.

We are very grateful for: Emily Long, Christie Cannon, Barbie Reavis, Rosa Russenberger, Lynne Gulick, Marisa Ferrari, Susan Hill, Carol Ferguson, Joyce Kopp, Carolyn Arlen, Shirley Murray, Mary Power, Michelle Ficyk, Gerryanna Luscri, Crystal Flood, Laurel Hoetger and Sharon Weberlein.

We have been very blessed to have these wonderful volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents every week in our Religious Formation Program.

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.

Annual

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

GRADUATE MASS AND BREAKFAST

On Sunday, June 3rd at the 10:15 Mass, St. Gerald will be celebrating those graduating from high school this year. During this Mass we will recognize our graduates and bestow a special blessing upon them. If you are graduating this year and are able to attend this Mass, please come dressed in your cap and gown. If you did not receive a letter from me or know of someone who is graduating this year and would like to be a part of this Mass, please call Matt at 248-476-7677 Ext 204. Be sure to include the number of people who are attending. Thank you!

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During the month of April, every reusable Fresh Thyme Giving



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

We welcome to the Body of Christ Luke Blake Jones, Edith Quinn Kowalski, Hndrew Charles Long and Joseph Matthew Long baptized Sunday, Horil 22, 2018

ST. GERALD GROUNDS CLEAN UP NEWS . . . 60's? We'll take it!

With only two weeks until our Spring Clean-Up on May 5th collect your rakes, trowels, weeders, shears to prune/cut branches, and brown lawn bags for waste...

Dare I say sunglasses and sunscreen!

With a good turnout of volunteers, only two to three hours will transform our grounds from this LONG winter brown to spring and green. 10 AM until around 12:30-1:00 PM.

Meet fellow workers, have fun and earn graces as well as pizza!





A program to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages.

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? · Are you constantly fighting? · Or, do you simply shut down? · Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it make it worse? **RETROUVAILLE CAN HELP!!**

The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of twelve follow up sessions over the course of six weeks. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. **OUR NEXT PROGRAM IS MAY 4-6**

Please pass this information on to anyone who you suspect might be a hurting couple

For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HelpOurMarriage.com

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER



What's Happening

Monday, April 30

8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, May 1

8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM K of C Officers' Meeting

Wednesday, May 2

7:00 PM Vicariate Bible Study (last evening of this study) 7:00 PM SVDP Meeting 7:30 Adult Choir Practice

Thursday, May 3

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

Friday, May 4

First Friday Adoration following morning Mass, ending at 5:00 PM 8:40 AM Rosary

9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, May 5

First Saturday 9:15 AM Mass

10:00 AM Parish Clean Up Day

3:30 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Mass with May Crowning

Sunday, May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday Fellowship

8:30 AM Mass

10:15 AM Mass

10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

12:00 PM Mass

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today, in the Gospel from St. John the Evangelist, Jesus professes, *I am the vine, you are the branches*. In this beautiful imagery, Jesus represents the vine that produces the gift of life and salvation for His beloved disciples, the branches. In his First Letter, St. John urges us to follow Christ's directives and live in Him by loving one another. We can accomplish unity with Christ and one another by participating regularly with our parish communion in His gift of the Eucharist. In the Acts of the Apostles, St. Paul shows us that faithful disciples are not afraid to witness *in the name of the Lord*. Jesus invites us into a personal relationship with Him. If we open our hearts to this invitation, our joy cannot be contained. In turn, we will spread this joy by proclaiming Jesus to those we encounter, planting seeds to bear "good fruit" for the Kingdom. Please remember to share your love of the Lord with those you meet.

Events happening in and around our communit

SEND LABORERS INTO THE HARVEST

Please join us on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Beverly Hills for a symposium on ideas and tools parishes can use to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The symposium is sponsored by the Office of Priestly Vocations and the Detroit-Oakland Serra Club. The symposium begins with Mass at 8:30 AM, followed by the program in the Social Hall from 9:30 to 11:00 AM.

At the symposium you will learn how to –

- Stimulate daily parish prayer programs for vocations
- Establish special devotions for vocations such as the Travelling Chalice or Crucifix
- Arrange Holy Hours and Adoration for vocations
- Strengthen the Catholic faith among college students
- Organize a parish vocations committee
- And much more ...

Who Should Attend? Anyone interested in promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but especially Pastors, Parish Youth and Faith Formation Ministers, Parish Pastoral Council and Commissions members, School Principals and Teachers.

> For Further Information: 313.596.7400 or Cruz.Patricia@aod.org

To register: https://vocationssymposium.eventbrite.com (No cost! CSA gifts at work.)

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!

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 stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.



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

2018 NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING SUPPORT AND **EDUCATION SERIES: DEEPER REFLECTIONS**

May 22nd at Sacred Heart Major Seminary – Martha, Mary, and NFP

Jesus visited the home of Martha and her sister, Mary. In her busyness Martha felt overwhelmed and alone as she tended to the needs of those she invited into her home. When she asked Jesus to make Mary help, Jesus responded to more than just her request. What can this interaction reveal to us as NFP users? We'll reflect on this story and on Jesus' words to the Martha & the Mary in each of us.

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

Next Bunco night is Tuesday, May 29th 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 vou there!



THE LIVONIA CIVIC CHORUS PRESENTS STAY TUNED! CHANNEL 53



Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 3:00 PM Clarenceville High School 20155 Middlebelt Rd, Livonia **Pre-Sale Tickets**

Adults: \$12.00; Seniors and Students: \$10.00 At the door tickets: \$15.00 Everyone Tickets available from chorus members, at the Kirksey Recreation Center, at the door, or call 734-542-9071.

KNIGHTS CORNER

Answer the Call, Sign Up to Serve at the Noon Mass Next Sunday

Fr. Kris, our Pastor and Council Chaplain, is calling upon St. Gerald Knights for service at next Sunday's Noon Mass. He asked that the Knights provide ushers, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers and a reader for one Mass a month at Noon. In recent months, many of those positions have been unfilled at that Mass.

GK Fred Gerometta promised Fr. Kris the Knights would pick up the challenge. Actually, the job is not as daunting as it looks. Two Knights, PGK Bruce Roberts and Jerry Panyard have been regular ushers at Noon for years. PGK Patrick Rogers and Rick Stone are experienced lectors. And at least a half-dozen Knights are ushers and several more are Eucharistic Ministers. So the problem is reduced to one of scheduling and training members. If you can help May 6, give Fred a call at 248-763-3196.

If any of you have prowled around the Supreme Council website —www.kofc.org — or the Michigan Council website —www.mikofc.org — you probably have discovered a pamphlet called *Into The Breach*. It is an apostolic exhortation to Catholic men by the Most Rev. Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix. For those of you who haven't visited those websites, we will provide excerpts from that tract. The Bishop reports that "The world is under attack by Satan as our Lord said it would be (1 Peter 5:8-14). The battle is occurring in the Church herself, and the devastation is all too evident. Since AD 2000, 14 million Catholics have left the faith, parish religious education of children has dropped by 24%, Catholic school attendance has dropped by 19%, infant baptism has dropped by 28%, adult baptism has dropped by 31%, and sacramental Catholic marriages have dropped by 41%. One of the key reasons that the Church is faltering, the Bishop writes, is that many Catholic men "have left the faith and many who remain Catholic, practice the faith timidly and are only minimally committed to pass the faith on to their children." He notes that "large numbers of Catholic men are failing to keep the promises they made at their children's Baptisms – promises to bring them to Christ and raise them in the faith of the Church."

"This crisis is evident in the discouragement and disengagement of Catholic men like you and me", he noted. "So I call upon you to open your minds and hearts to Him, the Savior who strengthens you to step into the breach!"

Thanks to the Parishioners and Knights who made last Sunday's Pancake Breakfast a Success!

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

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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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