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JUNE 17, 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.




**11th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed ... once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30a, 31a, 32

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Happy Father's Day



MASS INTENTIONS
JUNE 18 - JUNE 22

Monday 9:15 AM
Frank and Edna Cannizzaro
 Requested by Yolanda Fenech

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Victoria Croitori
 Requested by Croitori Family

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
**Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
 Robrecht, and Goderman Families**
 Requested by C. Kemp

Friday 9:15 AM
Virginia Gray
 Requested by Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY: 1 KGS 21:1-16/PS 5:2-3AB, 4B-6A, 6B-7 [2B]/
 MT 5:38-42**

**TUESDAY: 1 KGS 21:17-29/PS 51:3-4, 5-6AB, 11 AND 16
 [3A]/MT 5:43-48**

**WEDNESDAY: 2 KGS 2:1, 6-14/PS 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/
 MT 6:1-6, 16-18**

**THURSDAY: SIR 48:1-14/PS 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12A]/
 MT 6:7-15**

**FRIDAY: 2 KGS 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/PS 132:11, 12, 13-14,
 17-18 [13]/MT 6:19-23**

**SATURDAY: 2 CHR 24:17-25/PS 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32,
 33-34 [29A]/MT 6:24-34**

**NEXT SUNDAY: VIGIL: JER 1:4-10/PS 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15,
 17 [6B]/1 PT 1:8-12/LK 1:5-17**

**DAY: IS 49:1-6/PS 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14A]/ACTS
 13:22-26/LK 1:57-66, 80**

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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

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	Pat Fanilone
Ralph Wenski	Roberta Provenzano	

Religious item donations are being collected to distribute at the Farmington Founders Festival on July, 20, 21 and 22. St. Gerald Church, along with St. Fabian and Our Lady of Sorrows Churches will be hosting a booth at the festival to promote our work and charity in our area community. Sign up to help at the booth, or drop off your donation items outside the staff offices. Rosaries, medals, prayer cards and small booklets make a perfect give away item.

Consider joining our Evangelization Team. We are open to good ideas and many helpers are needed to spread God's Word and Love across our land and to the lonely hearts among us.

JUNE 24, 2018 THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST		
5:00 PM	June 23	Fr. Kris
For Fr. Maurice Decker Requested by St. Gerald Parish	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00A
8:30 AM	June 24	Fr. Kris
For Walter Winiarski Requested by Victor Winiarski	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30A
10:15 AM	June 24	Fr. Kaiser
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Grace Pagnucco Claire Pagnucco
	Lector/ Ushers	Rick Stone 10:15C
12:00 PM	June 24	Fr. Kris
For Dariusz Polek Requested by Family	Servers	Angela Guerra
	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 12:00A

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, June 24 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week
June 23 and June 24
 Team C

Parish Support

Offertory Snapshot	
Actual Offertory for Weekend of June 10	\$ 10,420.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of June 10	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - June 10	\$485,738.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - June 10	\$454,800.00

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.

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES

If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the religious program last year and would like to register a child for the 2018-2019 class schedule, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or via email at marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com and a registration form will be mailed to you. Registration forms are also available on the parish website.

Return these forms as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation classes, grades 7 and 8, will gather on alternate Sunday evenings from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM. Students in grades 1 - 6 may choose to attend classes either on Mondays from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM or Tuesdays from 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM. The Preschool and Kindergarten (4 and 5 year olds) class will be held during the 10:15 AM Mass. **Registration forms are due by July 15th.** If you had children in the program last year and *did not* received a registration form, or have any questions, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com

REMINDER: *Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit, children of the parish are to receive two full years of religious formation before the reception of a sacrament.*



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference provides aid to families living within our parish boundaries. This aid may be for food, rent, utilities, or other basic needs. We cannot do this without the generous support of our parish community. For this we are deeply grateful, especially to those who are regular donors.

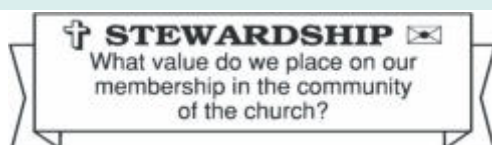
Since our last special collection in August 2017 until the end of May 2018, your contributions enabled us to:

- Pay \$19,223 rental assistance.
- Pay \$1,946 utilities assistance.
- Provide \$921 in other assistance, such as furniture and medical needs.
- Provide 160 bags of food.
- Provide \$970 in food and gas cards.

In addition, we obtained \$7,139 in utilities assistance for our neighbors through the Michigan Energy Assistance Program. We also support the Thanksgiving and Christmas programs here at the parish.

We are asking you to help our efforts by participating in a special collection scheduled for this weekend.

We also invite anyone interested in volunteering to assist in this ministry to call 248-476-7677 x-220 and leave a message. In addition to serving the needy, members of St. Vincent de Paul benefit from prayer and fellowship.



CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Last Sunday, many came and enjoyed some food, conversation, music and games at our annual parish picnic. We could not have asked for better weather. In a special way, a huge thank you goes out to the Knights of Columbus, who helped with the set up of the tents and the cooking of the hotdogs and hamburgers. I would also like to thank Sunflower Bakehaus, Sport and Fun, The Wine Palace, Sweets and Treats by Jennifer and to the members of the Worship Commission for their donations to the raffle. Also, to Meadows Liquor store for donating the beer and to Justin Dulong and the Farmington Public Safety for letting us use the firetruck and police car for the day. Finally, I would like to thank you the parishioners for helping out and making this picnic a big success. Next year the Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, June 9th. I hope to see you all there. As always, if you have a new idea to add to the picnic for next year, please let me know by calling 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Matt

LIFE'S MOST DIFFICULT MOMENTS

Life is so full of joy—none of us like to think much about death. It's an uncomfortable topic, but an important topic for your family.

Please join the Community Outreach Team from Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Detroit, for an informative 20 minute presentation and Question and Answer session.

When: Immediately following 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday, July 14, 2018 and after all the Sunday Masses on July 15.

Where: In the parish social hall

We will be discussing:

- the importance of a Catholic funeral and burial
- the Church's position on cremation
- information on our Catholic Archdiocesan cemeteries
- benefits of advanced planning of end-of-life needs

Light refreshments will be served. We look forward to seeing you!

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!

Bunco night is Tuesday, June 26th

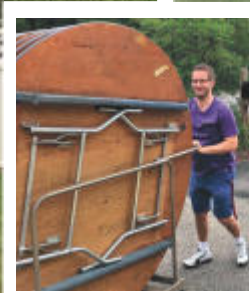
in the St. Gerald Parish Social Hall beginning at 6:30 PM.

Please call or text Joanne Tapin at 810-858-7121 or Kim Weigold at 248-921-7195 if you would like to attend or for more information.

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a beverage of your choice. To participate in prizes, please bring \$6.50.

If you have a Bunco game, bring it along. See you there!

Last weekend's picnic was a blast!



These are just a few pictures of those who helped to set up and smiling raffle winners!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the picnic so wonderful!



CYO FALL FOOTBALL



Final registrations are being accepted for boys who will be in grades 3- 8 in the fall for Our Lady of Sorrows, St Gerald and surrounding parishes.

CYO Football is the only faith based football program that teaches teamwork, discipline and hard work.

Please register at : www.olsorrowsathletics.com.

If you have any questions contact Mark Diederich at mdiederich@tdanow.com or 248-207-3216.

Week at a glance

Monday, June 18

Vacation Bible School
8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, June 19

Vacation Bible School
8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
7:00 PM K of C Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 20

Vacation Bible School

Thursday, June 21

Vacation Bible School
10:30 AM SVDP Meeting
12:00 PM Pinochle
6:20 PM Rosary
7:00 PM Mass
7:45 PM Holy Hour

Friday, June 22

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

Saturday, June 23

1:00 PM Baptism
3:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Botsford Commons Visit
8:30 AM Mass
10:15 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass
1:00 PM Baptism

Blessing of Fathers

God and Father of all creation,
we come before you today with humble hearts.

You are our model of a loving father.

When we fail and fall short of your expectations,

you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up.

We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others.

Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children.

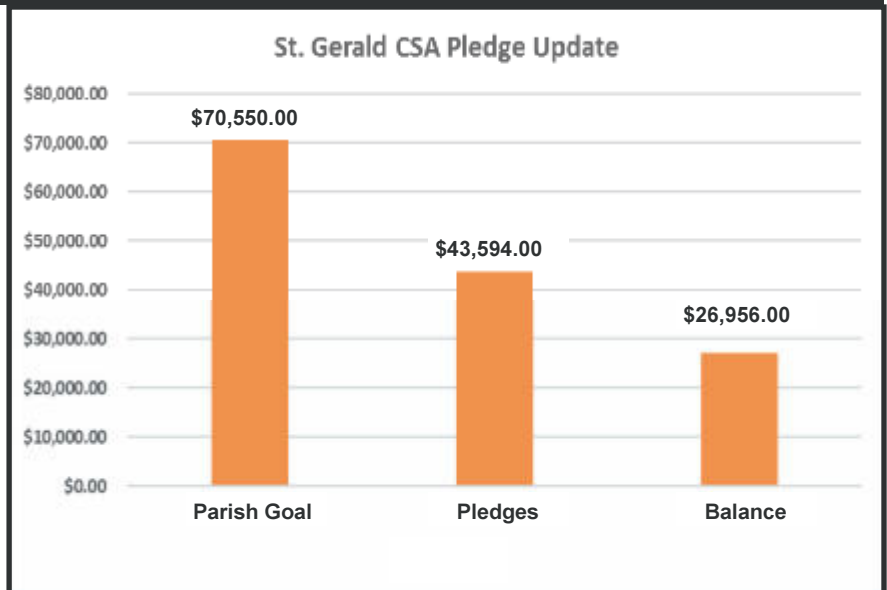
Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures.

Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

CSA UPDATE

Our CSA goal for 2018 is **\$70,550.00**, while it sounds like a lot, it works out to a yearly donation of **\$210** per family. CSA is a pledge program, which allows you to spread your gift over nine months, which is less than \$25.00 a month for nine months. We know some families cannot afford \$210.00 and others can afford more. It is not an equal gift we ask for, it is an equal sacrifice. \$210.00 is a suggested amount for which only you can decide what you can afford. Please prayerfully consider making a donation. Any amount large or small helps us to get closer to our parish goal. However, if we do not meet this target, the shortfall will be taken from the St. Gerald Parish account. Thank you as always for your donation.



WANTED
St. Gerald Parish



Boys and Girls (Grade 3 or higher) and Men and Women

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If interested, please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket at Church. Thank you!

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Knights Corner
Members Meet Tuesday and Will Discuss Preparations for Pot Luck and South Oakland Shelter Dinner

Pot Luck, Preparation, Prizes and Parish Picnic are the prominent points of this week's Knights Corner. Our annual **Pot Luck** Dinner will be among the topics discussed at Tuesday's Membership Meeting. The meeting also will be the last at which Grand Knight Fred Gerometta chairs. When his term ends June 30, he will hand over the leadership of our Council to Dave Bednarski. Also discussed will be **preparations** for the August 22 dinner. A team of Knights and spouses will cook for 45 or so clients and volunteers during the South Oakland Shelter week at North Congregational Church. A Knight to coordinate the dinner will be sought during the meeting.

The top **prizes** for our second annual Corn Toss tournament during the Parish Picnic went to Mark and Paul Koss. They each took home the title plus a \$40 dinner certificate from Peterlin's restaurant. Mark Koss retired several years ago as the Parish maintenance man and Paul is his nephew. They defeated Andy Williams and his nephew Mathew Kelly. The runners up each received a Peterlin's \$20 dinner certificate and two passes to the Civic Theater. Third place was taken by the husband wife team of Ray and Chris Sobocinski who received 4 passes to the Civic. A big "Atta Boy" is due Chancellor Frank Gariepy who again ran the tournament aided by Brother Doug Foley.

A crew of Knights spent Saturday morning setting up the food tents and canopies, plus they hauled tables and chairs from the garage to the tents. That crew consisted of Ron Bywalec, Peter Becks, Dave Bednarski, Fred Gerometta, Roger Stacey and Tom McPhail. Lynn Smith, wife of Warden Rich Smith, and Jon Esper also helped. Manning the two grills and the beer station plus helping with the food line and the take down were an even larger crew of Knights. On the grill were Bill Croitori, Fred Gerometta, Terry Grabinski, Mike O'Dea and Tom McPhail. Staffing the beer station were Bob Koenig, Dave Bednarski, Steve Conatser and Bruce Roberts. Assisting with the food line were Bill Hudy, Rich Rosowski and Thom Seabolt. Helping in other areas and with the take down were Justin Dulong, Ron Bywalec, Brian Gulick, Jerome Williams, Louay Mansoor, Rich Biggers, Armin Russenberger, Peter Becks, Rich Smith, Frank Gariepy and Andy Williams.



Champs Mark and Paul Koss (from left) and runners up Andy Williams and Matthew Kelly.

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 Parish Office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway and the gathering space of the church 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 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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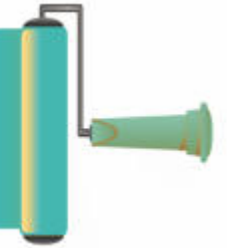
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