

# THE VOICE

JULY 8, 2018

## ST. GERALD

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
A Servant Church Of  
The Archdiocese of Detroit

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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.



## 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Sunday, July 15th**  
**From 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Social Hall.**  
**Walk-ins are welcome!**



## MASS INTENTIONS

**JULY 9 - JULY 13**

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Daniel Sartorius**  
 Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Iolanda Tambornini**  
 Requested by Peter Tambornini

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Dominic and Lena Ponzetti**  
 Requested by Graziano Canini

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Lillian Malley**  
 Requested by Diane Petter

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: HOS 2:16, 17B-18, 21-22/PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8A]/MT 9:18-26

TUESDAY: HOS 8:4-7, 11-13/PS 115:3-4, 5-6, 7AB-8, 9-10 [9A]/MT 9:32-38

WEDNESDAY: HOS 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/PS 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4B]/MT 10:1-7

THURSDAY: HOS 11:1-4, 8E-9/PS 80:2AC AND 3B, 15-16 [4B]/MT 10:7-15

FRIDAY: HOS 14:2-10/PS 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 AND 17 [17B]/MT 10:16-23

SATURDAY: IS 6:1-8/PS 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5 [1A]/MT 10:24-33

NEXT SUNDAY: AM 7:12-15/PS 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/EPH 1:3-14 OR 1:3-10/MK 6:7-13

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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	Nancy Kolliker
	Anna Iadipaolo	

## JULY 15, 2018 FIFTHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM July 14 Fr. Kris		
For <b>Frederick Strick</b> Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00A
8:30 AM July 15 Fr. Roodbeen		
For <b>Florence Murray</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30A
10:15 AM July 15 Fr. Kris		
For <b>Paul Wolf</b> Requested by Shirley Wolf	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15C
12:00 PM July 15 Fr. Kris		
For <b>John Nolan</b> Requested by Geraldine Nolan & Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, July 8 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

### Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week

July 14 and July 15  
 Team B



Tuna/Hamburger Helper  
 Canned Vegetables  
 Mac and Cheese Boxes

Tuna Fish  
 Canned Soup  
 Jelly/Jam



Let us welcome our newest members  
**Richard and Diane Martinec**  
 to our parish!  
 We are glad you are here!

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.*

**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!

**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](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) and their name will be added to our prayers.

**A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR .....**

I would like to thank all who prayed for a successful surgery on my knees. My knees are doing fabulous! This is truly a GREAT parish, filled with FANTASTIC people!!! I would also like to thank the ADULT CHOIR at this time for their loyalty and patience with me. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated group!

If you have any suggestions, comments, or talents you'd like to share, please don't hesitate to see me after Mass. Choir will begin in September, so keep that in mind. They are a great group, come and join us.

Wishing everyone a relaxing, peaceful and safe summer!  
Mary Melonio



**THANK YOU FROM YOUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE**



Your generous donations during our June special collection amounted to \$8,803.00. This will certainly help us continue the work of aiding the needy in our community. We are surely blessed with a generous parish!

Just to show you how giving our parishioners are, the following was a note that came with one of the donations.

**"I am paying it forward with this donation. I received kindness and much help last Sunday when I came out of Mass and found I had a flat tire and no phone with me. I received help with phones, plus a young man who took the time to change my tire. I was able to get home safely. May God bless all my helpers."**

I don't know about you, but all this makes me feel proud to be a member of the St. Gerald parish family.

**PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!!**



The Health Ministry has scheduled a **Blood Drive** for **Sunday July 15, 2018 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.** The Blood Drive appointment sheet is in the Social Hall at the Health Ministry table. Please sign up, or call Barbara Seabolt at 248-477-4752 (H) 248-231-4184 (Cell), [blseabolt@att.net](mailto:blseabolt@att.net), or go online to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) using the sponsor code [stgeraldch](http://stgeraldch)

**Next blood drive will be February 24, 2019**

Thank you for your support on saving many lives by giving blood and your time.



# Events happening in and around our community

## FARMINGTON FOUNDERS FESTIVAL

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.

## SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER

**AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup>**

South Oakland Shelter (SOS) provides homeless prevention, sustainable housing and career development strategies and programs for homeless and at-risk people seeking stabilization and self-sufficiency.

North Congregational Church is hosting S.O.S. in partnership with St. Gerald Catholic Church, the Muslim Community Mosque and Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church.

**Sign ups for food donations and volunteers will be online** through SignUpGenius. Beginning Wednesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> you may go to [NorthCongregationalChurch.org](http://NorthCongregationalChurch.org) and sign up through the links there. You may also email Danny Hawkins at [NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com](mailto:NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com) and have him enter your information on SignUpGenius.

### Opportunities to help will include:

- \* Donations of food and supplies - monetary donations for food expenses can also be done at [NorthCongregationalChurch.org](http://NorthCongregationalChurch.org).
- \* Building set up on the first Sunday afternoon.
- \* Transportation from S.O.S. in Lathrup Village to North Congregational Sunday through Saturday afternoons.
- \* Evening transportation to the Farmington YMCA for showers at 8:00 PM.
- \* Overnight supervision and box lunch preparation.
- \* Breakfast preparation, Monday through Sunday – all guests are out of the church by 8:00 AM.
- \* Transportation from North Congregational to S.O.S.'s Lathrup Village office or to our guests' places of work. Most leave at 8:00 AM, a few may be earlier.
- \* Laundering of bed linens – a few towels and hand towels each day during the week.
- \* Tear down and reconfiguring of church rooms on the second Sunday morning.

A couple of Committee Chair people to assist Danny Hawkins are still needed. Please check the North Congregational Church website or contact him at [NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com](mailto:NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com) for more information on these roles.

## FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

Breakfast at Annie's Restaurant in Livonia  
July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM

Widowed men and women are invited to meet at 9 AM on July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup> for coffee, breakfast and conversation in a friendly setting at Annie's Restaurant, 33427 Plymouth Road in Livonia. RSVP to Tom at 734-927-0610.

*Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a "peer" support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at [www.widowedfriends.org](http://www.widowedfriends.org)*

## CSA - CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

The 2018 Catholic Services Appeal is underway. Gifts to the CSA make possible more than 100 ministries, programs, and services that bless the lives of thousands throughout our Archdiocese each day.

This year's CSA theme is *Opening Doors to Grow with Christ*. As we unleash the Gospel throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit, we grow in our love of Jesus as his missionary disciples.

If you have already pledged your gift to the 2018 CSA, thank you! We are in the process of mailing out the CSA cards to those that were not able to pick up their card after the Masses during the month of May. When you receive your card, please return it to church by dropping it in the Sunday collection basket, mailing it back in with the envelope provided or dropping it off in the Parish Office. Please help us reach our goal of \$70,550.00. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated!

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [aod.org](http://aod.org).

## BULLETIN REMINDER

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 12 noon on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com). All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

Today's Scripture readings from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel and the Gospel of St. Mark depict Jesus and Ezekiel as prophets not accepted by their own people. St. Paul tells the Corinthian community, and us, that when he is weak, the Lord responds: *My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.* Paul concludes, *... for when I am weak, then I am strong.* Today, the Catholic Church has prophetic voices proclaiming Her teachings on the sanctity of life, the sanctity and dignity of marriage, and other important moral issues like assisted suicide or euthanasia. Through Revelation and Tradition, Jesus Himself inspires these Church teachings. As Christ's faithful disciples, let us open our hearts to listen to these modern day prophets, and learn what the Church's moral teachings are, so we may counteract secular society's belief in moral relativism — "my morals are as good as your morals." *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* is a wealth of information on Catholic moral teaching.

**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.

**DRIVERS NEEDED FOR WEEKEND MASSES . . .**

If you live in the area of Nine Mile and Drake Road and are able to drive someone to a weekend Mass here at St. Gerald, please contact the Parish Office. We have received calls from two parishioners who are not able to drive and are looking for transportation to a weekend Mass. Thank you for any support you are able to give!





**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.**



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!

## What's Happening

**Monday, July 9**  
8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass

**Tuesday, July 10**  
8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass  
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help

**Wednesday, July 11**  
No Mass

**Thursday, July 12**  
6:20 PM Rosary  
7:00 PM Mass  
7:45 PM Holy Hour

**Friday, July 13**  
8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass  
8:00 PM AA Meeting

**Saturday, July 14**  
**Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services**  
3:30 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Mass

**Sunday, July 15**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services**  
**8:00 AM Red Cross Blood Drive**  
8:30 AM Mass  
10:15 AM Mass  
12:00 PM Mass





**Knights Corner**

***Knights in 2017 Set Records for World Wide Giving of Time and Money***

2017 was a record-setting year for Knights of Columbus charitable work with an unprecedented \$185.6 million in donations and 75.6 million hours of service provided worldwide. The monetary value of K of C’s service hours is valued at \$1.9 billion based on an estimate by Independent Sector, a network for nonprofit foundations that values a 2017 volunteer hour at \$24.69. The K of C’s 2017 survey of charitable giving also showed that monetary donations increased \$8 million from 2016 (+4.5 percent) and service hours grew by 527,550 (+0.7 percent). Year-over-year annual growth in both categories has been consistent over the past two decades.

“Once again, the Knights of Columbus showed the enormous difference we can make in the lives of others by putting our faith in action,” said Supreme Knight Carl Anderson. “The needs of many of our communities were particularly great in 2017, especially in the wake of historic hurricanes in Houston, South Florida, Puerto Rico and much of the Caribbean. The Knights did not hesitate to provide assistance after these humanitarian crises and in Mexico where two cities were badly damaged by earthquakes.”

In addition to disaster relief, K of C also continued to support local communities through programs like: Disaster Relief \$7.5M, Christian Refugee Relief \$6.3M, Coats for Kids \$2.5M, Food Drives \$7.6M, Special Olympics \$14.7M, Habitat for Humanity \$0.6M and Global Wheelchair Mission \$1.6M. Since 2014, the Knights’ Christian Refugee Relief Fund has donated more than \$17 million for humanitarian assistance to Christians and other religious minorities primarily in Iraq, Syria and the surrounding region. “Along with what we do in our own communities, the reach of the Knights is global,” Supreme Knight Anderson said. “We were able to pledge \$2 million to save Karamles, a predominantly Christian town on Iraq’s Nineveh Plain liberated from ISIS in 2017. Christian churches and graves were desecrated, and many homes were looted, damaged or destroyed.”

Speaking of K of C giving, our Council again made a \$300 grant to help underwrite the Vacation Bible School that concluded Friday. The Council made a similar grant last year.

Meeting chow returns to the July 17 Membership Meeting, so mark your calendars. Hospitality Chairman Ken May will be serving pizza starting at 6:30 PM. The business portion of the meeting will follow the chow as close to the regular 7 PM starting time as practical.

*Men! Check out the Website of the Month --- [www.fathersforgood.org](http://www.fathersforgood.org)*

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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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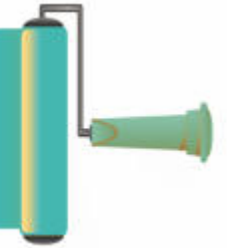
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