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AUGUST 5, 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.



**18th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“For the bread of God is that which comes down from
heaven and gives life to the world.” - Jn 6:33

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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6

“We remember how you loved us to your death, and
still we celebrate, for you are with us here;
And we believe that we will see you when you come,
in your glory, Lord, we remember,
We celebrate, we believe.”

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MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 6 - AUGUST 10



Monday 9:15 AM
DuCharme Family
 Requested by Ron Brumfield

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Dominic and Lena Ponzetti
 Requested by Graziano Canini

Wednesday No Mass

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

Friday 9:15 AM
Beth and Derek McLaughlin
 Requested by Croitori Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: DN 7:9-10, 13-14/PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1A, 9A]/2 PT 1:16-19/MK 9:2-10
TUESDAY: JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/PS 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 AND 22-23 [17]/MT 14:22-36 OR 15:1-2, 10-14
WEDNESDAY: JER 31:1-7/JER 31:10, 11-12AB, 13 [CF. 10D]/MT 15:21-28
THURSDAY: JER 31:31-34/PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12A]/MT 16:13-23
FRIDAY: 2 COR 9:6-10/PS 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/ JN 12:24-26
SATURDAY: HB 1:12--2:4/PS 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11B]/MT 17:14-20
NEXT SUNDAY: 1 KGS 19:4-8/PS 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9A]/EPH 4:30--5:2/JN 6:41-51

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Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of July 22	\$ 9,107.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 22	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory as of July 22	\$ 37,862.00
Budget Offertory as of July 22	\$ 36,384.00



Doug Foley	Sofia Weiland	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	Yolanda Fenech	Genevieve Browne

AUGUST 12, 2018
NINETEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM August 11 Fr. Kris		
For Richard McAskin Requested by Mary & Brent Taylor	Servers	Eli Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A
8:30 AM August 12 Fr. Medina		
For Anthony Camilleri Requested by Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani 8:30B
10:15 AM August 12 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone 10:15A
12:00 PM August 12 Fr. Kris		
For Lavo Cardozo Requested by Blen Cardozo	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Rob Seely 12:00B

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, August 5 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week
August 11 and August 12
 Team B

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!
 When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org.

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.



Tuna Helper
Canned Vegetables
Mac and Cheese Boxes
Tuna Fish
Canned Soup
Jelly/Jam

**THE THIRD ANNUAL MERCY IN ACTION DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018**

Sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM), the event involves parishes throughout the six-county region of the Archdiocese of Detroit organizing service projects to help their local communities. Please join us again this year to answer our universal calling to serve those in need. For more information about getting involved, please contact Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext 204.

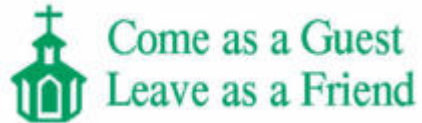
LIBRARY REMINDERS . . .

Please come visit our library located in the southwest vestibule of the church building. You are welcome to take a book home to read, all we ask is that when you borrow a book to be sure to sign it out. Also, make sure to return your book when finished, so others can enjoy it as well.

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.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today, in St. John's Gospel, Jesus ties His instructions on the Eucharist to the Book of Exodus. Christ proclaims to the crowd that their ancestors ate manna in the desert from God the Father, not Moses. Jesus professes in the Gospel that He is the "Bread of Life." Those who accept His invitation and come to Him will never hunger or thirst, as they will be spiritually filled. In Ephesians, St. Paul instructs us that, through Christ, we will gain a fresh, spiritual way of thinking. As faithful stewards, we acknowledge Jesus' true presence in the Eucharist as translated from the Greek meaning "thanksgiving." We believe the Eucharist to be the true Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Christ. We stand in awe and gratitude for this tremendous gift, which opens our hearts to holiness. Plan to attend a Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction service at your parish or a regional "Awaken" service to experience Christ's peace and joy.

CSA UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to CSA. If you have not sent back your card, please do so. As you can see in the chart to the right, we are getting very close to our goal and would appreciate your help. Any amount is appreciated. You can return your card 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. If you are unable to give at this time, please return your card and indicate this on the pledge card. Any amount not collected will become the responsibility of St. Gerald. As always, your generosity and support is very much appreciated!



Events happening in and around our community

SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER AUGUST 19TH – 26TH

PLEASE SIGN UP AT NORTHCONGREGATIONALCHURCH.ORG

Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church, St. Gerald Catholic Church, the Muslim Community Mosque and North Congregational Church will be hosting 30 – 35 homeless people, including families, the week of August 19th at North Congregational Church. We will provide transportation, meals, housing, entertainment and hospitality for our guests for a week from Sunday evening through the following Sunday morning. Guests spend their days at work, S.O.S. – in training and counseling, or elsewhere preparing to transition into housing before returning to North Congregational in time for dinner.

This endeavor takes many hands to make it successful. We will need about 1,000 hours of volunteer time and donations of hundreds of food items to welcome our guests. If every person in our places of worship can sign up for one volunteer shift or one food item, we will be able to give our guests a wonderful week. Please know that every volunteer task will have a coordinator who will direct and guide each process for your shift.

Signing up to volunteer or provide food donations can be done through the website at NorthCongregationalChurch.org. You may also contact Danny Hawkins directly and he will sign up for you. If you have any questions, you may contact him at NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com or 248 217-1750.

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 (or Post) 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 AUGUST 10-12 AT THE SHERATON IN ROMULUS

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

St. Regis Divorced Catholics Group

Walk with us!

Walk from Holy Name (1 mile) to Dick O'Dows.

When: Wednesday, August 15 at 7:00 PM

Where: Meet at the parking lot at Holy Name
(630 Harmon Street, Birmingham)

RSVP: divorcedcatholic@gmail.com
or Terry Lindner (586)917-3216



FOR WIDOWED MEN AND WOMEN

Breakfast at Jonny Cakes Café in Canton
August 29 at 9:30 AM.

Widowed men and women are invited to meet for breakfast on August 29th at 9:30 AM at Jonny Cakes Café, 5846 N. Sheldon Rd. in Canton. Must RSVP to Gloria @ 734-459-7995.

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



CSA - YOUTH MINISTRY

New or newer youth ministers interested in receiving more information about youth ministry resources and programming will gather for a Youth Ministry Orientation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Saturday, August 18. The Youth Ministry Office will provide an overview of its suggested materials for evangelizing and accompanying teens, tips for starting youth ministry programming, and a summary of essential youth ministry documents.

Your CSA gifts help fund the work of the Youth Ministry Office, allowing it to offer events like these at a very low cost to parishes. The Youth Ministry Orientation is \$20 and includes breakfast and lunch for attendees. Registration is required by August 9. For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to www.aod.org.

BOWLING FOR LIFE

Put your bowling skills to work and come out to Woodland Lanes, located at 33776 Plymouth Road, Livonia, on Friday, August 17th at 7:00 PM to enjoy two games of bowling, which includes: bowling shoes, 2 slices of pizza and pop.

Pick up pledge forms at the Right to Life-Lifespan Livonia office or at www.miLIFESPAN.org. If you would like to register a group as a team, make sure to turn in all individual registrations together and indicate that you would like to be on the same team! A minimum of \$15 in pledges is needed for registration per individual bowler.

This is an easy way for people of all ages to get involved and actively demonstrate support for the Sanctity of Human Life and across the lifespan and a desire to make a difference in the lives of women and their babies, those who are sick, those who have a disability and the elderly.

If you have questions, please call 734-422-6230 or email wcd@rtl-lifespan.org.

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!



**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.**

What's Happening

- Monday, August 6**
The Transfiguration of the Lord
8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
- Tuesday, August 7**
8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help
- Wednesday, August 8**
K of C Casino Bus Trip
No Mass
- Thursday, August 9**
6:20 PM Rosary
7:00 PM Mass
7:45 PM Holy Hour
- Friday, August 10**
8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
8:00 PM AA Meeting
- Saturday, August 11**
3:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass
- Sunday, August 12**
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 AM Mass
10:15 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass

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. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.

What is the Catholic Church and what do we believe?
Do you want to learn more about your faith? ...our Catholic rituals, beliefs, gestures, members?
The answers are in a small flip book called **"Welcome to Our Church/Your Guide For The Mass"**.
Thanks to our Evangelization Committee this book is available at the table in the gathering space of our church. Pick one up and learn more about why and how we practice our faith. Feel free to take it home, pass on the information, or return it to the table for another person.





Knights Corner

Officers to Meet Tuesday to Decide on Installation Ceremony; Pot Luck Dinner Less than Two Weeks Away

Dates will be main focus when your Officers meet Tuesday, August 7. The first date will involve selecting a time for the formal installation of the new lineup of Officers. Included in that discussion will be whether to have a reception after the installation ceremony. The other date to be examined involves the November Membership Meeting, originally slated for November 20, the third Tuesday of the month. However, the Parish Council meeting is scheduled for that date due to a conflict with Fr. Kris' schedule. Make a note now to check in this space next Sunday for the new date.

Regardless of the date, Hospitality Chair Ken May reports it will be a Meeting Chow night. The original plan calls for a spaghetti dinner, which will require a few more helpers. If you can help, contact May at 248-763-4589. By the way, congratulations to May, an engineer, upon his second retirement. He first retired from Ford Motor Company as an employee and then again last week as a contractor.

Reservations for an all Knights religious retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center for December 7-9 are now being accepted along with a \$30 deposit. The weekend is sponsored by the Michigan State K of C Council. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$215 and covers two nights lodging and five meals, starting with dinner at 6:30 PM Friday. To reserve a spot, call Cathy at 313-535-9563.



Barb Seabolt, wife of Brother Thom Seabolt, is coordinating the dishes to bring to our annual Pot Luck Dinner, which is less than two weeks away. Ask your spouse to give her a call at 248-477-4152 or 248-231-4184. The event again will be at the home of PGK Fred and Diane Gerometta on Saturday, August 18. The Council is providing the main dish – grilled chicken. Knights are asked to bring appetizers, sides, salads or desserts for eight. It is BYOB, code for if you don't want to drink water or coffee, bring your own bottle. Cocktail hour begins at 6 PM; food will be served around 7 PM.

PGK Rich Smith reports that eight seats are available on the August 8 bus to the Fire Keepers Casino near Battle Creek. The bus leaves the church parking lot at 9 AM and returns around 6 PM. For your ticket call Smith at 313-421-0204.

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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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 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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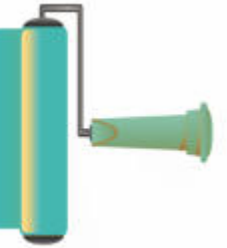
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