THE VOICE

AUGUST 12, 2018

ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH A Servant Church Of The Archdiocese of Detroit

21300 Farmington Road Farmington, Michigan 48336

Phone: 248-477-7470 Fax: 248-477-3878 Website: stgeraldparish.org

> **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.



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - In 6:48-50

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

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION <u>MASS TIMES:</u> 9:15 AM AND 7:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

AUGUST 13 - AUGUST 17

<u>Monday 9:15 AM</u> Clara Batalucco Requested by Marylou Knight

<u>Tuesday</u> 9:15 AM Mr. Gilbert Pompa Requested by Lee Pompa

<u>Wednesday</u> <u>9:15 AM</u> **Gary Ratkowski** Requested by Delphine Midura

7:00 PM Fr. John Menner, C.S.B. Requestd by Family

<u>Thursday 7:00 PM</u> **Dominic and Lena Ponzetti** Requested by Graziano Canini

Friday 9:15 AM Lynn and Robert Retelle Requested by Mary Beth Retelle

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MONDAY: EZ 1:2-5, 24-28C/PS 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ MT 17:22-27
- TUESDAY: EZ 2:8--3:4/PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103A]/MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- WEDNESDAY: VIGIL: 1 CHR 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/PS 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 COR 15:54B-57/LK 11:27-28 DAY: RV 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB/PS 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10BC]/1 COR 15:20-27/LK 1:39-56
- THURSDAY: EZ 12:1-12/PS 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [CF. 7B]/MT 18:21--19:1
- FRIDAY: EZ 16:1-15, 60, 63 OR 16:59-63/IS 12:2-3, 4BCD, 5-6 [1C]/MT 19:3-12
- SATURDAY: EZ 18:1-10, 13B, 30-32/PS 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [12A]/MT 19:13-15
- NEXT SUNDAY: PRV 9:1-6/PS 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9A]/ EPH 5:15-20/JN 6:51-58
- LITURGICAL PUBLICATIONS, INC

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

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of July 29	\$	5.902.00	
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Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 29	\$	9,096.00	
Actual Offertory as of July 29	\$	43,764.00	
Budget Offertory as of July 29	\$	45,480.00	

Please pray for:

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 Joan Goniea	Yolanda Fenech	Genevieve Browne Tim O'Brien

AUGUST 19, 2018 Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 PM	August 18	Fr. Kris
For Bernice, Louis & Donnis Koyo	Servers	Eli Gerhart Isabelle Gerhart
Dennis Kaye Requested by Joe Pavco	Lector/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00B
8:30 AM	August 19	9 Fr. Kris
For Jean Hoots	Servers	Servers Needed
Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30C
10:15 AM	August 19	9 Fr. Roodbeen
For	Servers	Servers Needed
All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15B
12:00 PM	August 19	9 Fr. Kris
For	Servers	Servers Needed
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht & Goderman Families Requested by C. Kemp	Lector/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 12:00A
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Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, August 19 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week
<u>August 18 and August 19</u>
Team C

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.

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.**



Tuna Helper Canned Vegetables Mac and Cheese Boxes Canned Soup Jelly/Jam Cereal Canned Fruit Crackers/Saltines



Youth United, a newly formed inter-faith team through Farmington C.A.R.E.S., invites you to be part of a 5 day FREE community service program August 13-17 from 9 AM to 2 PM daily.

Register online at http://bit.ly/YU2018 Service hour certificates available

Come join forces with other like-minded caring teens to give back to our community in a positive light.

Farmington C.A.R.E.S. (Community Action Resources Empowerment Services)



GARDEN NEEDS

A few volunteers are needed with hedge trimmers. Our yews, especially on the west side of the church, are in need of a trim before fall arrives! If we can get three or four together on an evening or weekend, it can be finished rather quickly!

Please call: Johanna Ward at 248-478–2849 or Gerryanna Luscri at 734-341-1999 with a convenient day and time for your schedules! Thank you.

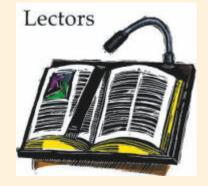


REMINDER: All Altar Servers Eucharistic Ministers Lectors

Please arrive at Church 15 minutes before the start of Mass.







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 19^{th} 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.

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 wcdr@rtl-lifespan.org.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In today's passage from the First Book of Kings, God sustains His tired and distressed prophet Elijah with food and drink to fortify him for his journey to God's mountain, Mt. Horeb. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus professes He is the spiritual "Bread of Life" and those who partake of this Bread will live forever. When we consume the Lord's consecrated Body and Blood in Holy Communion, we unify as one spirit in discipleship with Christ. St. Paul instructs the Ephesian Christian community, and us, to follow the way of love through Christ. Through our Lord's love and our participation in the Eucharist, Jesus directs us to proclaim His Word to all in a spirit of evangelization, and to welcome our brothers and sisters to a personal relationship with Him. Be open to attending Alpha or another evangelization process in your parish that brings Christ personally into your life.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West. Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.

THE THIRD ANNUAL MERCY IN ACTION DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2018

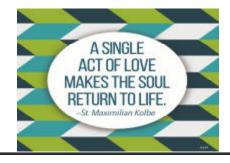
Sponsored by Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM), the event involves parishes throughout the six-county region of the Archdiocese of Detroit organizing service projects to help their local communities. Please join us again this year to answer our universal calling to serve those in need.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

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. <u>Must RSVP to Gloria @</u>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





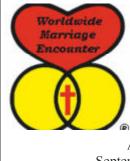
RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE TO POLAND AND POLONIA

The Church in Poland asks its friends in the United States for spiritual help through their prayers and financial help through their offerings. The annual collection will be taken in the Sunday collection basket next weekend. Your donation will assist the education of Polish priests, Polish American students and the missionary work of Polish religious across the world. It will provide charitable aid to parishes and catholic institutions in Poland and fund formation programs for lay leaders serving Polonia in the USA. If you would like to make a donation, please pick up an envelope on the table in the gathering space of the church. Thank you!

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!



Create a beautiful tomorrow today together with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend Experience! Renew the commitment, intimacy and passion in your marriage and make a good marriage even better!

2018 Weekend Dates: Register @encounterdetroit.org or Call 888-322-9963

August 17-19, 2018 Holy Family, Novi September 28-30, 2018 Holiday Inn Express, Troy November 2-4, 2018 St. Mary, Wayne

THE HISPANIC AND NEWCOMER OUTREACH TUTORING PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

The Hispanic and Newcomer Outreach Tutoring Program of Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan NEEDS VOLUNTEERS to work with children from Hispanic families in first-fifth grades at five elementary schools in Pontiac, two days a week from 3:00-5:00 PM. You don't need a background in Spanish to help! The students speak English and need help with their homework and other academic activities to improve their performance in multiple subject areas. This volunteer tutoring program is a good fit for high school and college students, as well as retirees or others who have afternoons free. CCSEM staff coordinate the program and offer support to volunteer tutors. For more information, call Aidee Benavides at 248-338 -4250 ext. 3235 or benavidesm@ccsem.org.

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.



Monday, August 13 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, August 14 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) 9:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM Mass

> **Thursday, August 16** 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour

Friday, August 17 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, August 18 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, August 19 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Botsford Commons Visit 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 via and send them e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.



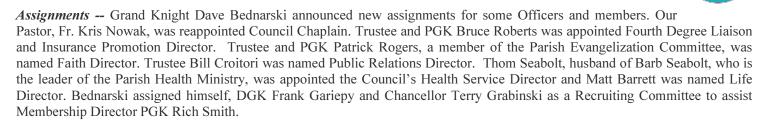
Knights Corner Pot Luck Dinner Just Six Days Away, Check Dish to Bring with Barb Seabolt



The Council's Pot Luck Dinner is just six days away! All Knights, their spouses or significant others and kids are welcome. It is a time to renew acquaintances or make new ones. The Council is providing the main dish – grilled chicken. Knights are expected to bring a dish for eight and their own drinks. Coffee, tea and water will we be provided. Barbara Seabolt is coordinating the dishes – appetizers, sides, salads and desserts. Give her a call at 248-477-4752 or 248-231-4184. By the way, these are her correct phone numbers, previous listings were in error. As in past years, PGK Fred and Diane Gerometta will be our hosts at their home at 37186 Forest Court, **N E R** Farmington Hills. Cocktail hour and appetizers start at 6 PM; we will eat at approximately 7 PM.

It is a very informal night. The only piece of business will be the presentation of commemorative plaques to Knight of the Year, Rich Smith and to Family of the Year, Fred and Diane Gerometta.

Help Needed - Four Knights or two Knights and spouses are desperately needed to put on a dinner August 22 at the Become A South Oakland Shelter. Two Knight teams were originally scheduled to help Tom and Arlene McPhail but have Volunteer pulled out due to scheduling conflicts. Minimal cooking skills needed. To help, give Tom a call at 248-875-1185.



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

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant

All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

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St. Vincent de Paul x 220
Education Mary Taylor: Director Religious Educationx 201 Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com
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Worship Ministry x 202 Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com
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MaintenanceAccountantTom KrugerKim 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.



