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SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

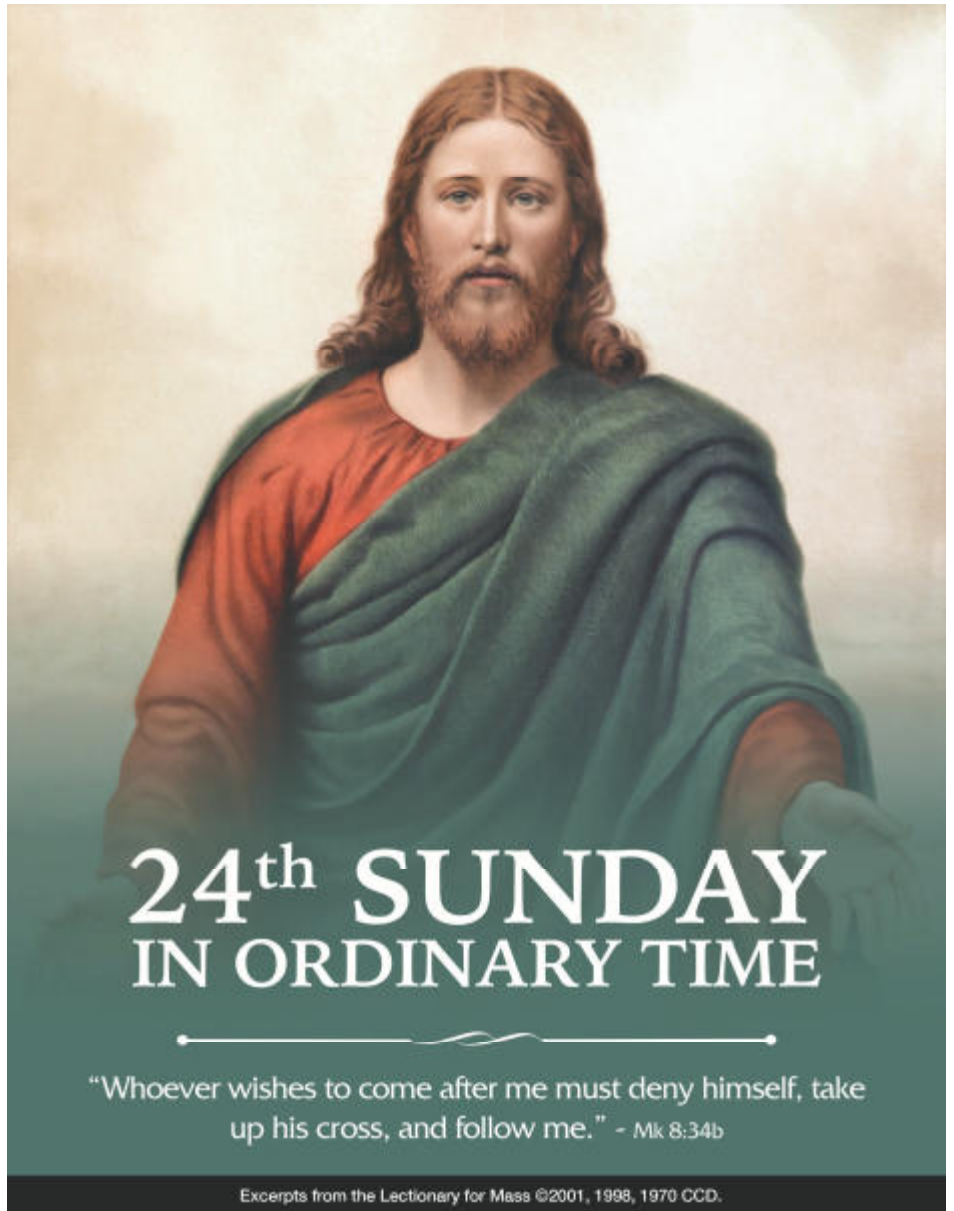
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



**24th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” - Mk 8:34b

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If you need help with setting up your online giving or have any questions, please visit the social hall after Mass today as someone is available to assist you and answer your questions about our new online giving program with Simplegive.

MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 17 - SEPTEMBER 21



Monday 9:15 AM
Fr. James Wright

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Rita and Bob Garbacik
Requested by Sophie Koss

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
For All Our Parishioners

Friday 9:15 AM
For All Our Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 COR 11:17-26, 33/PS 40:7-8A, 8B-9, 10, 17 [1 COR 11:26B]/LK 7:1-10
TUESDAY: 1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A/PS 100:1B-2, 3, 4, 5 [3]/LK 7:11-17
WEDNESDAY: 1 COR 12:31--13:13/PS 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 AND 22 [12]/LK 7:31-35
THURSDAY: 1 COR 15:1-11/PS 118:1B-2, 16AB-17, 28 [1]/LK 7:36-50
FRIDAY: EPH 4:1-7, 11-13/PS 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/ MT 9:9-13
SATURDAY: 1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49/PS 56:10C-12, 13-14 [14]/LK 8:4-15
NEXT SUNDAY: WIS 2:12, 17-20/PS 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6B]/JAS 3:16--4:3/MK 9:30-37

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

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of August 26. \$ 7,467.00
 Budget Offertory for Weekend of August 26. \$ 9,096.00
 Actual Offertory July 1 - August 26 \$ 78,936.00
 Budget Offertory July 1 - August 26 \$ 81,864.00

Please pray for:

	Sofia Weiland	
Doug Foley	Karen Hall	Kimberly Thompson
Tim O'Brien	Jim Sockow	Erin Malloy
Beth Croitori	Rose Hickey	Wanda Reiner
Linda Malloy	Roberta Provenzano	Pat Fanilone
Ralph Wenski	Yolanda Fenech	Nancy Kolliker
Anna Iadipaolo	Thomas Jacques	Genevieve Browne
Joan Goniea	Shel Levine	Gerry Maxey

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2018
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00 PM September 22 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Frederick Strick Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Servers	Eli Gerhart Isabella Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A
8:30 AM September 23 Fr. Kris		
For Peter & George Magina Requested by Croitori Family	Servers	Nina DeSilva
	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30B
10:15 AM September 23 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Mary McNish Requested by Rosemary Busch	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone 10:15A
12:00 PM September 23 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Angela Guerra
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week
September 22 and September 23
 Team D

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday,
 September 16 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Upcoming Events

**October 13 and 14 -
St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Days**



Do you know someone who would like to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized and need to be confirmed or receive First Eucharist? What is the RCIA process?

Is God calling you to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please come to the RCIA. Are you getting the feeling that you should be learning more about your relationship with God and how He works in your life by becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Please come to the RCIA. Do you have questions? Come to the RCIA. To join, speak to Fr. Kris after Mass or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

SYATP (SEE YOU AT THE POLE)

A Day of Student Prayer across the Nation! Get your bracelet in the gathering space of the church and meet other students at YOUR SCHOOL to pray for your school, families, churches and communities.

For over 25 years, *See You at the Pole* has been about one simple act—prayer. SYATP is still about students uniting themselves in prayer before God interceding for their generation.

There are two opportunities to unite in prayer with your friends:

DAY: SEE YOU AT THE POLE day is on Wednesday, September 26 at 7:00 AM. All around the globe, in every time zone, students will be gathering at their flagpoles, praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. SEE YOU AT THE POLE is a day committed to global unity in Christ and prayer for your generation.

WEEK: The GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER (Sunday, September 23 through Saturday, September 29) encourages students to find new and unique ways, places, and times to pray throughout the week. Whether you attend **PUBLIC SCHOOL, PRIVATE SCHOOL or HOME SCHOOL**, gather your friends wherever and whenever and pray! The GLOBAL WEEK OF STUDENT PRAYER is dedicated to prayer and launching your on-campus Bible clubs, prayer strategies, and student ministries.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE 2018
7:00 AM Wednesday, September 26

BROKEN

Global Week of Student Prayer
Sunday, September 23 through Saturday, September 29, 2018

I fall on my knees before the Father. Ephesians 3:14

The Apostle Paul, a murderer of Christians turned missionary for Christ, wrote to the church at Ephesus that he falls on his knees before his heavenly Father in a spirit of humility and brokenness, pleading for Him to move. Paul was never going to tell the church to be humbled before making sure he was humbled first! That is the key!

Today, we know there is cultural chaos, political unrest, division, and a downward spiral of morality. But darkness is just the absence of light. Our generation needs the spirit of Christ to fall down on us and shine bright. We are ripe for revival!

The psalmist wrote, “The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God” (Psalm 51:17). God desires an open heart ready to receive all He has. We can’t please Him by our outward actions, no matter how good we are, if our heart is not right with Him through Christ.

Do you feel the brokenness all around you? Do you want to experience the spirit of God falling on your campus? For that to happen, we must start with praying just like Paul to say, “God, start here in my life.” Break me, oh God. Let revival begin with me! When God has answered your prayer, the revival has begun!

At a youth prayer meeting, a little over a century ago, a young teenage girl named Florrie Evans rose to her feet and said, “I love Jesus with all my heart!” Immediately the Spirit of God fell in that place. That brokenness began to rapidly spread to students and out into the community like wildfire. Florrie’s simple, short confession of a humble, broken heart sparked a revival that eventually spread to five continents around the world! Yes, just one girl impacted her entire generation.

Cultural statistics are reporting we are either on the brink of a dark age in Christianity, or on the brink of a great revival. Repentance in this century can happen today! Revival in your generation can start with you!

Are you willing to be broken before God? Then draw your circle. Fall on your knees. Announce that you love Jesus. Let revival begin with your heart.

Commit to pray for students around the globe as they gather for See You at the Pole on September 26, 2018!

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

CLASSES STARTING

SEPTEMBER 24TH AND 25TH

If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the program last year, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677 ext. 201 or via email at marvtaylor.sgp@gmail.com and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Elementary classes, grades 1-6, will begin September 24th and 25th, Monday sessions meeting from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM and Tuesday sessions meet from 5:00 PM to 6:15 PM. Students in the Confirmation program, grades 7 and 8, will attend their first session on Sunday, September 30th from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The Sunday School program, for 4 and 5 year olds, also begins on Sunday, September 30th during the 10:15 AM Mass. Please contact Mary Taylor if you have any questions.

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.*



Children’s Liturgy of the Word

begins on September 23rd during the 10:15 AM Mass.



Children in grades Kindergarten through 4th Grade are welcome!

If you would like more information on volunteering for this important ministry for the children of our parish, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677 ext. 201 or email marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com.



WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF GENEVIEVE F. OTT

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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO JEANNE O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER.

A COLLECTION TO SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS' RETIREMENT

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection for our priests' retirement. The *With Thanks for Their Service in Christ* collection will support the Priests' Pension Plan, which provides a monthly pension as well as health and automobile insurance to priests at age 70.

As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our senior priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pension from the Priests' Pension Plan for basic needs, such as food, housing, and transportation.

Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to our community by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the *With Thanks for Their Service in Christ* collection. You may return your completed special collection envelope during the Sunday collection or drop it off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING FOR PRIEST RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION

Those who wish to give to the Priest Retirement Fund through the online giving can do so **now through September 23**. Envelopes are also available at the end of pews if you choose to make your donation by cash or check. The parish collection will be done this weekend, September 15 and 16. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



FRIENDS OF THE POOR WALK

How can I get some well needed exercise, visit a Detroit jewel, and help a worthy cause? The answer is to participate in the annual St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor Walk on Belle Isle.

You can do this by registering online at www.FOPWALK.org and joining me on **Saturday, September 29th** at Belle Isle. When registering on-line, just choose St. Gerald as your beneficiary. Walkers can then solicit online donations or cash/check donations made to St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference. All donations will then go 100% to our parish conference.

Registration at Belle Isle is at 9:00 AM, and the walk begins at 10:00 AM. There is an \$11 State Park Recreation Pass required per vehicle entry.

If you can't join me for the walk, you can make a pledge on-line by going to www.FOPWALK.org and searching for my name. For more information, call Bob Kuhr at 248-888-9335.

WHAT IS MERCY DAY IN ACTION?

Mercy Day began in 2016 during Pope Francis's year of mercy. Catholic Charities of Michigan and the Archdiocese of Detroit began a day of service focusing on the different works of mercy both corporal and spiritual. This year on October 20th, we will once again participate in Mercy Day in Action by doing both corporal and spiritual works. St. Fabian will be the host parish this year and there will be five projects in which we will take part in. Three of them will be out in the community and two of them will be on site right at St. Fabian. Our projects will consist of assembling birthing kits for Global Health Charities, assembling Halloween bags for St. Christine's, and our third project will be writing cards for Veterans and members of Children's Hospital. We will also be traveling to some offsite projects. These will consist of cleaning the grounds at both C.A.R.E.S. of Farmington Hills and the Salvation Army. We begin the day with breakfast at 8:30 AM and a short prayer service and then proceed to begin our projects. If you have any questions or would like to be a part of this wonderful community service opportunity, please call Matt in the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677 ext. 204.



FLU SHOTS

Flu shots will be administered on Sunday, October 14, 2018, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM. We need to know approximate numbers, there is a sign up sheet at the Health Ministry information table in the social hall.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Screening will begin on September 16 and will coincide with Fellowship Sunday on the last weekend of each month after the 8:30 and 10:15 Masses. Look for us in the social hall. The dates are as follows: September 16, November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, May 19. I will need volunteers to help take Blood Pressures, please Barbara Sebolt at 248-477-4752 or email blsebolt@att.net if you can help, or would like to be trained.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS BULLETIN

Each month we will have different topics available at the Health Ministry table. Please let me know at the above number if you have any special topic request.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVES (contact Christian Service)

February 17, 2019 (8:00 AM to 2:00 PM) and
July 14, 2019 (8:00 AM to 2:00 PM)



PANCAKES ARE COMING SEPTEMBER 23

St Gerald's Knights of Columbus will be cooking up a hardy breakfast September 23rd with the net proceeds going to a nearby charity. The pancake profits will benefit the Oakland Chapter of the Foster Closet of Michigan, a state-wide all-volunteer nonprofit that provides free clothing and sometimes furniture to foster children. The charity is located at 20853 Farmington Road, just north of Eight Mile.



The Knights will be serving from 9 AM to Noon with pancakes, ham, pork links and eggs on the menu. This is the sixth consecutive year that the Knights have donated the net proceeds from their breakfasts to a charity.

PARKING LOT REPAVEMENT



Thank you for your patience during the repavement work on the church parking lot. You will notice that during our parking lot repair the St. Vincent de Paul bins have been removed. Once the work is complete, these bins will be returned. Any donations that you may have to give during this period can be placed on the St. Vincent de Paul truck that will be here on the weekend of October 13 and 14. Thank you as always for your generosity to our St. Vincent de Paul Conference here at St. Gerald.

PINOCHLE ANYONE?

September is here and that means our afternoon pinochle card games will be starting up again. 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!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In today's reading from the Book of Wisdom, the wicked plot the death of the "just one" to see if God will take care of Him. This passage prefigures Christ's suffering, mocking, and death, as Jesus tells His disciples in the Gospel from the evangelist St. Mark. The Scripture readings from St. James and St. Mark warn against false ambition and seeking rank instead of looking to serve the Lord. These attitudes cause division among Christ's followers. With humility, Jesus explains that true discipleship requires the first to be last and servants of all. As Christian stewards, how is the Lord asking us to serve Him? To answer this question, spend some quiet time daily to clear your mind and open your heart and to listen to what the Lord asks of you.

THE
**WEEK
AHEAD**

Monday, September 17

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, September 18

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help
6:30 PM K of C Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 19

No Mass

Thursday, September 20

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

Friday, September 21

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

Saturday, September 22

3:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, September 23

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
K of C Pancake Breakfast
8:30 AM Mass
10:15 AM Mass
10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:00 PM Mass
1:00 PM Baptism

"The invitation to lift up our hearts at the most important part of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is an invitation by Jesus through the voice of the priest to give our hearts to the Father, as He gave His life for us. We prepare to make our hearts and lives a total self-gift to the Father as Jesus made Himself a total gift to the Father for us on the Cross." Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila

YOUNG MARRIEDS SWEETEST DAY DINNER DATE NIGHT

"THE NOT SO NEWLYWED GAME"

Saturday, October 20, 2018

6:00 PM – 9:30 PM, \$50/couple

St. Fabian Parish, Farmington Hills, MI

https://youngmarrieds_oct20.eventbrite.com

Come and treat each other to a fun-filled and relaxing dinner date night out with your fellow young married peers. You will have a hilarious time playing "The Not So Newlywed Game" and may even learn something new about your spouse. The date night will include a gourmet dinner, open bar, live entertainment, and dancing to cap off the evening. Don't miss out ...reserve your spot today! Babysitting is available at no cost. Additional information call 313-237-5894.

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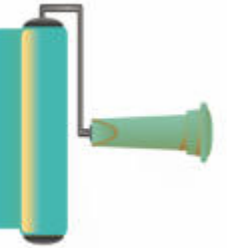
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