THE VOICE

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH A Servant Church Of The Archdiocese of Detroit

21300 Farmington Road Farmington, Michigan 48336

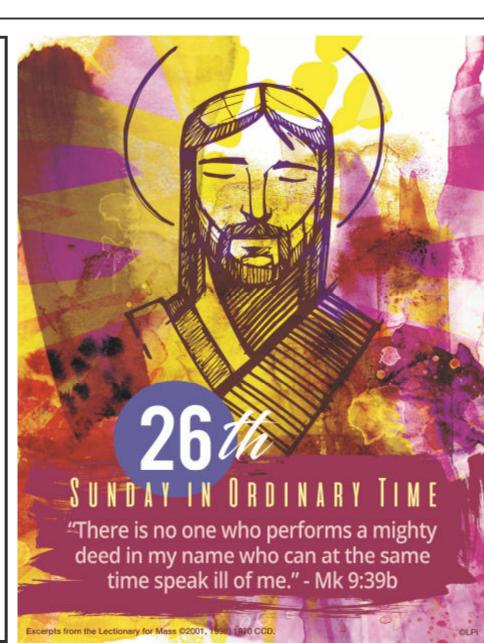
Phone: 248-477-7470 Fax: 248-477-3878 Website: stgeraldparish.org

> **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.





Saint Francis says: et us bless the pets!

> We will have Pet Blessing on Thursday, October 4th at 6:30 PM in the parish parking lot.



OCTOBER 1 - OCTOBER 6

Monday 9:15 AM For All Our Parishioners

Tuesday 9:15 AM For All Our Parishioners

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM For All Our Parishioners

> Friday 9:15 AM Special Intention Requested by Friend

Saturday 9:15 AM Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Goderman Families Requested by C. Kemp

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: JB 1:6-22/PS 17:1BCD, 2-3, 6-7 [6]/LK 9:46-50 TUESDAY: JB 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/PS 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8 [3]/MT 18:1-5, 10

- WEDNESDAY: JB 9:1-12, 14-16/PS 88:10BC-11, 12-13, 14-15 [3]/LK 9:57-62
- THURSDAY: JB 19:21-27/PS 27:7-8A, 8B-9ABC, 13-14 [13]/ LK 10:1-12
- FRIDAY: JB 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14AB [24B]/LK 10:13-16
- SATURDAY: JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/PS 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 [135]/LK 10:17-24
- NEXT SUNDAY: GN 2:18-24/PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [CF. 5]/ HEB 2:9-11/MK 10:2-16 OR 10:2-12

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

Upcoming Events

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



	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 ladipaolo	Thomas Jacques	Genevieve Browne
Joan Goniea	Shel Levine	Gerry Maxey

OCTOBER 7, 2018 Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 PM	October 6	Fr. Kris	
For Bernice, Louis &	Servers	Servers Needed	
Dennis Kaye Requested by	Lector/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00A	
8:30 AM	October 7	Fr. Kris	
For Ann Valasek Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Servers	Servers Needed	
	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani 8:30A	
10:15 AM	October 7	Fr. Roodbeen	
For William Shea Requested by Family	Servers	Servers Needed	
	Lector/ Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri 10:15C	
12:00 PM	October 7	Fr. Kris	
For	Servers	Knights of Columbus	
All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Rob Seely 12:00B	

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week October 6 and October 7 Team B

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

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of September 10	\$ 8,752.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of September 10	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - September 10	\$ 87,688.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - September 10	\$ 90,960.00

FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE.

Francis of Assisi



First Friday, October 5 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9:15 AM Friday morning Mass ending with Benediction at 5:00 PM. Scheduled adorers needed. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex for times.



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.

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 are interested in volunteering, please pick up a form on the table in the gathering space of the church and return it to the Parish Office. If you have any questions, please call Matt in the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677 ext. 204.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

As many of you know, twice a year in winter and summer St. Gerald hosts a Red Cross Blood Drive. For the last few years, we have had the privilege of having Barb Seabolt as the coordinator of these drives. Barb has been volunteering her time for the last 20 years both at St. Alexander and here at St. Gerald. I was informed by Barb that it has now come time for her to step aside as coordinator of the blood drives as she would like to focus more on new things she can bring to the health ministry. I would like to thank Barb for her years of service to both the community of St. Alexander and St. Gerald. Without her, these blood drives would not have been possible. Because of this, we need volunteers to continue this important ministry. Your time commitment



would be minimal. There will be one meeting closer to the next drive date of February 17 to coordinate the responsibilities involved

to make sure that the drive goes smoothly.

If this is something that you may be interested in, please call Matt in the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext 204. God Bless! Matt

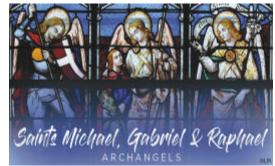
- **Teen Top Pick Night** various topics of interest discussed over pizza and pop. Bring a friend. Wednesday, October 3rd from 7:00-9:00 PM. Save the date and mark Wednesday, November 7th for our next scheduled date.
 - Volunteer families are needed for hosting Sunday Fellowship on October 7th at the 8:30, 10:15 and Noon Masses. See sign up sheet at church entrance.
- Team Solanus needs YOU! See the sign up sheets at the church entrance for more information.

Our goals to Gather, Grow and Give continue. Come join us and be involved!

EVANGELIZATION UPDATES...

Team Solanus is coming to St. Gerald...this is a ministry of welcoming and helpfulness to show love and care for our parish members and visitors. If you are interested in learning more, leave your name on the information sheet at the church entrance or call Gerryanna Luscri.

<u>Rest in Peace</u>. In an effort to keep informed and pray for our recently deceased parish members, we will begin to post death notices on the bulletin board at the church entrance. Please keep these souls and their families in your prayers.



LEARNING MORE TO BE CLOSER TO CHRIST

There are a number of Catholic guide books in the pews of our church. These are helpful books of explanation about our faith and the Mass. Feel free to use them for reference, but please do not take these from the pews.



FLU SHOTS

Flu shots will be administered on Sunday, October 14, 2018, 9:30AM - 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

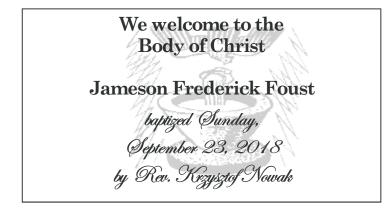
Screening will coincide with Fellowship Sunday on the last weekend of each month after the 8:30 and 10:15 Masses. Look for us in the social hall. The dates are as follows: November 18, December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, May 19. I will need volunteers to help take Blood Pressures, please Barbara Seabolt at 248-477-4752 or email blseabolt@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)





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.**

WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 1 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation

Tuesday, October 2

8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 2:00 PM Nursing Home Mass 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation 7:00 PM K of C Officers' Meeting

> Wednesday, October 3 7:00 PM Youth Group Night No Mass

Thursday, October 4 12:00 PM Pinochle 6:20 PM Rosary 6:30 PM Blessing of Pets 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour



Friday, October 5 First Friday - Eucharistic Adoration following 9:15 AM Mass until 5:00 PM with Benediction 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting

> Saturday, October 6 First Saturday 9:15 AM Mass with Sacrament Of Anointing 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

> Sunday, October 7 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Fellowship Sunday 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 12:00 PM K of C Communion Mass 1:00 PM Baptism

ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

On September 30th, Electronic Giving to St. Gerald Parish through Catholic Vantage Financial will end. If you were enrolled in electronic giving through Catholic Vantage, your electronic donations to the church will stop on <u>September 30th</u>. Our new program of Online Giving of Donations through Simplegive is now available. Please visit our Parish Website at stgeraldparish.org and click on <u>Online Giving</u> to get started or pick up the instruction sheets on the bookcase in the gathering space of the church. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

Events happening in and around our community



HALLOWEEN At Sacred Heart Major Seminary

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make

this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many children who visit the seminary. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of Halloween candy, please bring your candy to the bins located in the vestibule of the church or the



Religious Formation Office. Thank you for your continued generosity in placing a smile on God's children.

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://voungmarrieds_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.

Young Marrieds = First 10 years of marriage Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit, Marriage and Family Office

PINOCHLE ANYONE?



September is here and that means our afternoon pinochle card games have started 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!

UNLEASH THE CULTURE OF LIFE

Dignity for every Life Youth Event

Building Bridges to a Culture of Life's 12th annual Culture of Life Youth Conference co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Detroit's Prolife Ministry "Unleash the Culture of Life" will be held at Divine Child High School in Dearborn on October 27th. Learn how a consistent life ethic truly builds a Culture of Life where every life is valued. Dynamic Keynote Speaker, Dr. Pat Castle, of Liferunners, will call us to "Protect Life in Vulnerable Times". A Panel of young people share how to "Unleash Compassion and Dignity for Every Life" through personal testimonies of ministering to the homeless, forgotten, handicapped, immigrants, DACA students and students on campus. Participant's personal worth and unique purpose as a child of God will be affirmed in Girl /Guy breakouts addressing Sexual Integrity by the popular young adult missionaries returning from the Culture Project. Registration is at 12:30 PM. \$20 includes speakers, original Tshirt, valuable take home resources, Adoration, Praise & Worship and Sunday Vigil Mass at 4:30 with Father Stephen Pullis. Closing Dinner and fellowship end at 7:00 PM. Come for an incredible day of networking with other youth, 8th grade through college. Be equipped and inspired to unleash a Culture of Life through your compassion and dignity for every life. information More and pre-registration available at www.prolifeyouth.com.

MASS FOR COMMERCE

Everyone is invited to a morning of inspiration by joining His Excellency Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron and the Catholic business and professional community at the 25th Annual Mass for Commerce on Wednesday, October 18, at 8 AM in the Chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit 48206.

This celebration of the Eucharist reminds Catholic men and women that they are not just business and professional people who happen to be Catholic, but people who recognize they are stewards of God's gifts and their need for the Holy Spirit to be with them, guiding them every day. A breakfast will follow Mass. Fr. Tim Hipskind, S.J., author of *What's Your Decision? How to Make Choices with Confidence and Clarity: An Ignatian Approach to Decision Making*, will sign free copies of his book and answer questions at the breakfast. For more information, call 313-596-7430 or visit the web at www.massforcommerce.org

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS...

In today's Second Reading, St. James reprimands the rich for unjustly withholding earnings from their workers, selfishly storing up treasures, and living in excessive luxury on earth. Wealth in itself is not bad. But as faith-filled stewards who profess Christ, we must always be mindful that all gifts come from the Lord, and we are to nourish and use them in a spirit of gratitude to build His Kingdom. In St. Mark's Gospel, the evangelist expresses how providing someone a drink of water is an illustration of discipleship in Christ. In that spirit of stewardship, we are inspired to return a generous portion of our God-given resources back to the Lord through service to our parish and those in need. We can give back our monetary gifts to the Lord through our generosity to the weekly parish offertory, the Catholic Services Appeal, and other worthy causes. If you struggle with family finances, read Phil Lenahan's 7 *Steps to Becoming Financially Free* for guidance on reducing debt and increasing giving.

Knights Corner

Officers to Meet Tuesday; Knights Donate \$1,000 to Foster Closet of Michigan

Your Officers meet Tuesday, October 2 with the major agenda item being how we will implement the Faith in Action program being advanced by the Supreme Council. The major thrust of the program is to develop more spirituality among parish men and families. As usual, the meeting will start at 7 PM. Check out the Faith in Action Program and the accompanying Building the Domestic Church at www.kofc.org and www.mikofc.org.



Brother Len Lemanski presented a \$1,000 check to Foster Closet of Michigan-Oakland **Director Michelle Austin** at Sunday's Pancake Breakfast.

Maintenance

Tom Kruger

Hats off to the brothers who produced the September 23 Pancake Breakfast. Although the turnout of diners was down from recent breakfasts, the morning went smoothly and there were plenty of satisfied diners. Michelle Austin, the Director of the Foster Closet of Michigan, gave a brief presentation at both food settings explaining the work her all-volunteer, nonprofit organization does. Brother Len Lemanski, representing GK Dave Bednarski, presented Austin with a \$1,000 check from the Council. The check represented the net proceeds from the breakfast plus a donation from the Council.

There still are spots available for the All Knights Retreat sponsored by the Michigan K of C Council at St. Paul of the Cross retreat house December 7-9. The weekend begins with dinner on Friday and ends with a Sunday morning mass. The suggested donation for the weekend is \$215 and covers two nights lodging and five meals. To register, visit www.stpaulretreat.org or call Cathy at 313-535-9563. A \$30 deposit will hold your spot.

A big "Atta Boy" to our newest member, Jerry Weigold, for attaining the Second and Third Degrees of our Order in ceremonies September 20. Those of you who have not yet reached this level in our Order can

do so in the near future. Ceremonies are scheduled on October 25 in Beverly Hills, on October 27 in South Lyon and on November 3 in Sterling Heights. There is no cost to you for this ceremony, which will enrich your understanding of your Knight. If interested, speak with Membership Director PGK Rich Smith (313-421-0204.

PGK Bruce Roberts could use a little help after the October 13-14 weekend masses with our annual Tootsie Roll sale to help the developmentally challenged. If you can spare 10 minutes after mass give him a call at 248-756-9257.

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ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH Office Hours	SACRAMENTS			
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday. (secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)	Rite of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM	Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the office.		
<u>STAFF</u>	-			
Parish Office (248) 477-7470	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:			
Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203				
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant				
All other offices dial (248) 476-7677	St. Gerald Parish is pleased to marry registered parishioners and their			
Christian Services Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinatorx 204 Email: myokom.sgp@gmail.com	children. Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.			
St. Vincent de Paul x 220	Registration of new members: Please see Fr. Kris after Mass or c	all the Parish Office. Registration		
Education Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201 Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com	forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway and gathering space of the church for your convenience. After you fill i just give it to Fr. Kris or drop it off in the Parish Office. Thank you!			
Music Ministry Mary Melonio x 222 Cell: 734-578-4179 or Email: mmelonio@aol.com	RCIA: Would you or someone you kno the Catholic Church? Please call information.			
Worship Ministry x 202 Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com	WE WELCOME YOU TO ST. G			
Youth Ministry	you have not been active in the			
Gerryanna Luscri	encourage you to return. If a prev receiving the Sacraments, we invite	you to call the rectory at 248-477-		
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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.



