THE VOICE

OCTOBER 7, 2018

ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH A Servant Church Of The Archdiocese of Detroit

21300 Farmington Road Farmington, Michigan 48336

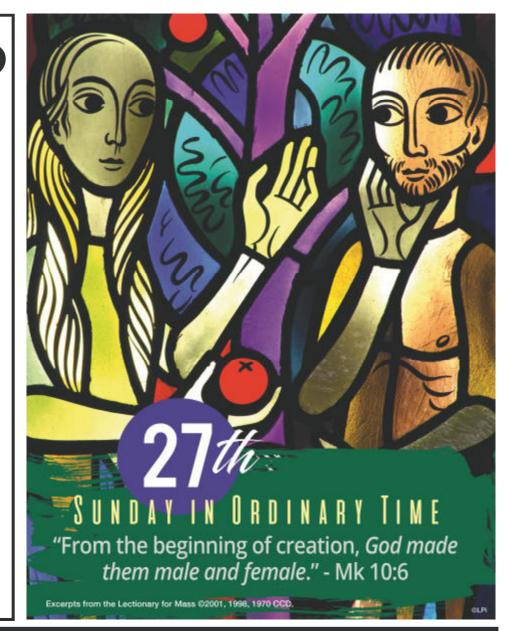
Phone: 248-477-7470 Fax: 248-477-3878 Website: stgeraldparish.org

> **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.



New Date for Bundle Days!

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION TRUCK

will be here for your donations on on the weekend of October 27 and 28.



MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 8 - OCTOBER 12

Monday 9:15 AM Ann Valasek Requested by Brenda Hayes

<u>Tuesday 9:15 AM</u> Kate and Gene Hackett Requested by Croitori Family

Wednesday - No Mass

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

<u>Friday</u> 9:15 AM Audrey and John Jacques Requested by Lynn and Rich Smith

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: GAL 1:6-12/Ps 111:1B-2, 7-8, 9 AND 10C [5]/ LK 10:25-37

- TUESDAY: GAL 1:13-24/PS 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15 [24B]/LK 10:38-42
- WEDNESDAY: GAL 2:1-2, 7-14/PS 117:1BC, 2/LK 11:1-4
- THURSDAY: GAL 3:1-5/LK 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [69]/ LK 11:5-13
- FRIDAY: GAL 3:7-14/PS 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/LK 11:15-26 SATURDAY: GAL 3:22-29/PS 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8A]/
- LK 11:27-28
- NEXT SUNDAY: WIS 7:7-11/PS 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/ HEB 4:12-13/MK 10:17-30 OR 10:17-27

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

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of $Teptember$ 16	\$ 11,850.00
Cudget Offertory for Weekend of Teptember 16	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - Teptember 16	\$ 99,538.00
Cudget Offertory July 1 - Teptember 16	\$100,056.00

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 ladipaolo	Thomas Jacques	Genevieve Browne
Joan Goniea	Shel Levine	Gerry Maxey

OCTOBER 14, 2018 Twenty-Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

5:00 PM	October 13	Fr. Roodbeen
For Fr. Joseph Ryder Requested by St. Gerald	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Ellen Stacey 5:00B
8:30 AM	October 14	Fr. Roodbeen
For Enrico Soave Requested by Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Rosa Russenberger 8:30B
10:15 AM	October 14	Fr. Kris
For Onesta, Antonio, Maria Civita, Giuseppe & Neil Morelli Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Nancy Stone 10:15A
12:00 PM	October 14	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Servers Needed
	Lector/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00A

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week October 13 and October 14 Team C

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, October 14 following the 8:30 AM Mass.



St. Gerald is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher to help you with a receiver if needed for Mass.

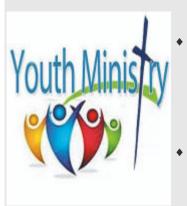
PARISH MEMBERSHIP

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.

MERCY DAY IN ACTION UPDATE

We are still in need of volunteers for Mercy Day in Action on October 20th, particularly in the outdoor activities at C.A.R.E.S. of Farmington Hills (formally St. Alexander) and the Salvation Army. If you have not yet filled out a sheet but have taken one home, please fill one out and return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the Sunday collection and label the envelope Mercy Day In Action. If you have any questions please call Matt in the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. God Bless! Matt



A number of events with service opportunities are coming up:

- Mercy Day in Action throughout our Archdiocese is happening on Saturday, October 20th. Our area host is St. Fabian. Contact Matthew Yokom, Christian Service Coordinator to participate and get a t-shirt.
- Confirmation reception help is needed on Sunday, October 21st. Contact Mary Taylor for needs and details.

Come Encounter Christ for Youth & Families is being hosted by St. Lawrence Church in Utica on Sunday, October 21st from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This is an evening filled with uplifting praise & worship. Come with your family and feel what all the joy is about!



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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In the framework of the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews: ... for whom and through whom all things exist through God, today's Scripture readings from the Book of Genesis and St. Mark's Gospel promote the common theme of sacred marriage. In the Jesus, referencing Gospel, Genesis, proclaims, God made them male and female. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. It is clear from these Scripture readings that God's blessing of marriage is the union between one man and one woman. This is God's teaching on Christian marriage. It is this Scriptural Truth, this Church teaching, that faithful stewards must embrace to counter secular society's law, which professes a false image of marriage. In this Truth, the sacrament of Matrimony accomplishes its full Christian meaning and potential by strengthening husbands and wives to love and serve the Lord and one another. To enhance your marriage, consider attending a Marriage Enrichment Series or a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend.

FOOD DRIVE

HELP US FEED FAMILIES FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS IN 2018!!!

As we have in past years, we will be providing food to those in our community who can use assistance. Please note that grocery bags will be placed out for your

use with the below lists attached. It is our hope that you can fill a grocery bag.

Items Requested this year:

- <u>\$10 or \$20</u> Grocery Gift Cards for Turkey/meat from Kroger, Meijer, Busch's or Aldi's
- Cereal/Oatmeal/Cocoa
- Cranberry Sauce
- Tuna/Tuna Helper
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Crackers
- Pancake Mix/Syrup
- Canned Yams
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce and Pasta
- Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Cornbread Mix

QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204

> We welcome to the Body of Christ

Teresa Wioletta Wrukowska

baptized Qunday, September 30, 2018 by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

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

Tuesday, October 9

8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 4:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation

> Wednesday, October 10 No Mass

Thursday, October 11 12:00 PM Pinochle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour

Friday, October 12 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, October 13 K of C Tootsie Roll Sale 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, October 14 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time K of C Tootsie Roll Sale Botsford Commons Visit 8:30 AM Mass 9:30 AM - 12 PM Flu Shot Clinic 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:15 AM Sunday School

12:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Classes



ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING UPDATE



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.



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!



Italian Day at the Farmers Market



Thank you to all the members who donated rosaries and other religious articles for Italian Day at the Farmers Market on September 29th. Our tri-parish evangelization efforts were apparent to the thousands of people who attended the event. Prayer offerings and information was provided to many who visited the faith booth. Tanti grazie for your outreach efforts!

Can You Volunteer!

St. Gerald has many different ways you can get involved. Help is needed in various ministry areas in our church. Below are a few of the main areas that could use some immediate help. **Please prayerfully consider a commitment of your time and talent to the parish by volunteering to a ministry of your choice.** If any training is needed, it will be provided. (Just put an "X" on the area(s) that you could offer some help and drop this sheet in the Sunday collection basket or in the Parish Office.)

- _____ Altar Servers (weekend Masses)
- Communion to Homebound
- _____ Facilitator for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:15 AM Sunday Mass
- _____ Substitute Teacher for Religious Formation
- _____ St. Vincent de Paul Member

Name: _

CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Phone Number:

If you have any questions or need information on any of the above ministries, please call 248-477-7470.



Knights Corner Supreme Council Awarded \$712,000 in Scholarships Last Year; Apps Being Taken for 2019-2020 Academic Year

Some 450 college students received a helping hand from the Knights of Columbus during the 2017-2018 academic year, splitting \$712,000 in scholarships. Most recipients were children of Knights or Knights themselves attending Catholic Universities or Catholic Colleges in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico or the Philippines. Those figures include \$278,750 in awards given to 113 seminarians in the United States and Canada. Applications for scholarships for the 2019-2020 academic year are now being accepted. To obtain an application or request more information, visit www.kofc.org/scholarships or call Supreme Headquarters at 203-752-4332. Or write Dept. of Scholarships, Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, P.O. Box 1670, New Haven, CT 06507. In some cases, grandchildren of Knights are eligible for awards.

Program Director Tom McPhail (248-875-1185) is looking for eight or nine members (or spouses) who will supply a 3 or 4 quart crockpot full of chili for the October 27 Trunk 'n' Treat. Cooks can apply for a \$15 reimbursement. He also is seeking a Knight to replace him as the Coordinator of the Council's involvement in this event, which is being led by Gerryanna Luscri, the parish Youth Minister. The Knights role has been to supply the chili and fixings plus cook hot dogs. A sign up sheet will be circulated at the October 16 Membership Meeting.

An opportunity to provide service to others is available October 20 by participating in the Mercy Day in Action sponsored by Catholic Charities of Michigan and the Archdiocese of Detroit. A sign up sheet is on the table in the main entryway to the Church. Details of the program, which begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 11:30 AM, are in an article elsewhere in this issue. If you participate, send an email listing your hours worked to GK Dave Bednarski at dbednarski 99@yahoo.com so your efforts can be recorded in our annual report of member service activities.

A Few Added Notes . . . A big shout out to Financial Secretary Bob Kuhr and DGK Frank Gariepy and his wife Kathy for participating in Friends of the Poor Walk on Belle Isle September 29. We should know the amount raised next week. A few seats are still available for the November 7 bus trip to the Fire Keepers Casino. Still time to reserve a flu shot which will be available in the Social Hall after the 8:30 and 10:15 Masses next Sunday. Medicare and most insurances will cover your cost. Sign up sheet on the Health Ministry table in the Social Hall.

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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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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.



