THE VOICE

OCTOBER 14, 2018

ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH A Servant Church Of The Archdiocese of Detroit

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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. A CONTRACT OF CONTRACT.

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CC



RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Next Sunday we will be having the Celebration of the Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on

October 21st at the 12:00 PM Mass. The Most Reverend Bishop Donald Hanchon celebrant.

All parishioners are invited to join us for this celebration. Please keep our Confirmation candidates, families and sponsors in your prayers.



MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 15 - OCTOBER 19

Monday 9:15 AM Morris Hampton Requested by Brenda Hayes

> Tuesday 9:15 AM Fr. James P. O'Hagan

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM Verna Kawecki Requested by Delphine Midura

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MONDAY: GAL 4:22-24, 26-27, 31--5:1/PS 113:1B-2, 3-4, 5A AND 6-7 [CF. 2]/LK 11:29-32
- TUESDAY: GAL 5:1-6/PS 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41A]/ LK 11:37-41
- WEDNESDAY: GAL 5:18-25/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 [CF. JN 8:12]/LK 11:42-46
- THURSDAY: 2 TM 4:10-17B/PS 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/LK 10:1-9
- FRIDAY: EPH 1:11-14/PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/LK 12:1-7 SATURDAY: EPH 1:15-23/PS 8:2-3AB, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/
- LK 12:8-12
- NEXT SUNDAY: IS 53:10-11/PS 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/ HEB 4:14-16/MK 10:35-45 OR 10:42-45

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

Please pray

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

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. There are envelopes at the end of the MISSION pews this weekend for this mission collection. Please take an envelope home and return it next weekend in the SUNDAY collection basket. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Those who wish to give to the World Mission Sunday collection through the online giving program, can do so starting October 14, 2018 thru October 28, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

OCTOBER 21, 2018 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM	October 20	Fr. Kris
For Margaret Weberlein	Servers	Servers Needed
Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00A
8:30 AM	October 21	Fr. Kris
For All Our	Servers	Servers Needed
Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 8:30C
10:15 AM	October 21	Fr. Roodbeen
For Virginia & Edward Gulick	Servers	Servers Needed
Requested by Brian Gulick	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15B
12:00 PM	October 21	Bp. Hanchon
For Our Confirmandi	Servers	John Smith Gabe Smith Adrianna Gerhardt Isabelle Gerhardt Laura Ihm Sara Weber
	Lector/ Ushers	Teddi Williams 12:00B

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week October 20 and October 21 Team D

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

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of September 30	\$	7,612.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of September 30	\$	9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - September 30	\$12	26,443.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - September 30	\$12	27,344.00

MERCY DAY IN ACTION UPDATE

It is still not too late! We are 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, please fill one out and return it to the Parish Office and label the envelope Mercy Day In Action. Volunteer sheets are located on the table at the main entrance of the church. If you have any questions please call Matt in the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. God Bless! Matt



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!

At Sacred Heart Major Seminary of the year again!

HALLOWEEN

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.

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL DONATION TRUCK will be here for your donations on on the weekend of October 27 and 28.

> 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!



A NOTE FROM THE MOST REVEREND ALLEN H. VIGNERON ARCHBISHOP OF DETROIT

In response to Pope Francis' call to build a culture of mercy, Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services has begun an initiative called "Gather Them Home." This program offers those who have the cremated remains of loved ones in their homes the opportunity to reverently place these cremains in a Catholic cemetery. Gather Them Home will begin on November 2, All Souls' Day, when we fervently pray for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed, and will continue on the third Friday of each month. In order to properly prepare for these interments, staff from Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services will work ahead of time with those who wish to participate. For more information on *Gather Them Home* and to register, please visit www.gatherthemhome.org.

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 are available 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

NOTE... The SVDP Conference here at St. Gerald would like our parishioners to know that if any of you are in need of any assistance for Thanksgiving or Christmas, please reach out to us at 248-476-7677, ext. 220 or Christian Service and request help. Your information is kept completely confidential.

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Body of Ch	irist
Olivia Ann Jo	ohnso
baptized Sund	day,
October 7, 2	2018
y Rev. Krzysztoj	0CM

WEEK AHEAD

Monday, October 15

8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Divine Mercy 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation 7:00 PM Confirmation Rehearsal

Tuesday, October 16

8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help/Divine Mercy 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation 7:00 PM K of C Membership Meeting

> Wednesday, October 17 No Mass

Thursday, October 18

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

Friday, October 19

8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Divine Mercy 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, October 20

Mercy Day in Action 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, October 21 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time K of C Tootsie Roll Sale

8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 12:00 PM Confirmation Mass





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.



A Pet Blessing

Dearest God, Heavenly Father maker of all living creatures, we ask you to bless (name of pet), who brings so much joy into our lives. By the power of Your love, enable him (her) to live according to your plan. May we always praise You for all Your beauty in creation. Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Blessed are You, God, in all Your creatures!

Basilica and Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation.



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS...

Today's First Reading from the Book of Wisdom shows us that the *spirit of Wisdom* is far more valuable than gold and silver. This topic is echoed in St. Mark's Gospel: Jesus tells the rich man that in addition to following God's commandments, if he desires to be His disciple, he must sell all that he has and give to the poor. The rich man is unable to do this, and sadly walks away. This Gospel passage is radically counter-cultural to today's worldly quest for wealth. The Letter to the Hebrews also reminds us that we must give an accounting to God of how we steward His abundant gifts bestowed upon us. Did we use them to build up His Kingdom? If we were in the rich man's place, what would be our response to the Lord's challenge? Are we willing to make a generous, sacrificial gift to our parish's weekly offertory, the Catholic Services Appeal, to those in need, and other worthy causes? Those who do, discover that God's generosity is never outdone. Begin the Biblical practice of tithing by giving a sacrificial percentage of your income back to the Lord. Try to increase that percentage each year until you reach the 10 percent tithe. And then, do more if you are able.

Please Volunteer! We need your help. Any amount of time would be appreciated!

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:

Phone Number:

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



ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH



Knights Corner

Tuesday's Membership Meeting Seeks Chili Cooks for October 27 Trunk 'n' Treat Party

Members meet Tuesday to decide on what to do with the money raised from our annual Tootsie Roll sale this weekend. They also will have an opportunity to enlist as chili cooks for the October 27 Trunk 'n' Treat party for the parish kids. All the proceeds from the Tootsie Roll sale go to benefit the developmentally challenged. Twenty percent goes to the State K of C, which collects a like percent from Councils throughout Michigan and gives the total to Special Olympics. Our Council donates the remainder of our collection to local groups. For the past several years, we have aided Community Living Centers, a local group founded by the mother of former parishioner and Knight Tony Wagner.

Program Director Tom McPhail will be circulating a signup sheet at the meeting seeking at least eight Knights to supply a 3 to 4 quart pot of chili plus six Knights to cook and serve the chili and hot dogs for the annual parish Trunk 'n' Treat. The event this year is sponsored by the Youth Ministry headed by Gerryanna Luscri. The Knights' role is to cook and serve the hot dogs and chili. More information on the event is in article elsewhere in this issue.

Membership Director PGK Rich Smith reports that another major Degree Ceremony will be held October 25 in Beverly Hills. He is inviting members who have not attained the Second and Third Degrees of our order to that weekday evening ceremony. Just give him a call at 313-421-0204.

Success is a trait that marks our Council's activities. We do good work! We win! Yet, we are looking at failure in totally staffing the first Noon Mass of the month. For months we have been unable to consistently supply a lector, four Eucharistic Ministers, six ushers and an altar server for that Mass. This is an opportunity for a Knight and spouse to enhance their Sunday prayer by serving as a Eucharistic team or an usher team. What little training is necessary, will be provided. If interested, call PD Tom McPhail at 248-875-1185.

Parish St. Vincent de Paul Officers extend a big Thank You to anyone who made a dollar pledge to brothers Bob Kuhr, Frank Gariepy and wife Kathy Gariepy. The trio raised over \$1,300 at the Walk for the Poor on Belle Isle September 29 for the parish SVDP.

Office Hours		SACRAMENTS		
9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday (secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12 STAFF		Rite of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM	Sacrament of the Sick : Please call the office.	
Parish Office (248) 477-7470 Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203		Baptism: Please be aware that first time parents must attend a short baptism pre class prior to the baptism of their child. Arrangements for baptism ma be made by calling the Parish Office.		
Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.con All other offices dial (248)	n	Matrimony : St. Gerald Parish is pleased to m	arry registered parishioners and the	
Christian Services Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinator Email: myokom.sgp@gmail.com	·x 204	children. Arrangements must be i the wedding date. Please call the f Registration of new members:	made at least six months in advance o Parish Office.	
St. Vincent de Paul Education Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com		Please see Fr. Kris after Mass o forms are located on the shelf	r call the Parish Office. Registration in the classroom hallway and the your convenience. After you fill it out in the Parish Office. Thank you!	
Music Ministry Mary Melonio Cell: 734-578-4179 or Email: mmelon			know want to become a full member o all Fr. Kris (248) 477-7470 for mor	
Worship Ministry Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com	x 202		GERALD CATHOLIC PARISH!	
Youth Ministry Gerryanna Luscri Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gm		encourage you to return. If a p receiving the Sacraments, we inv	e practice of the Catholic faith, w previous marriage has kept you from ite you to call the rectory at 248-47	
	countant 1 Shepard	7470. In many cases, Fr. Kr favorable solution.	is can work with you to find	

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.



