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NOVEMBER 11, 2018

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

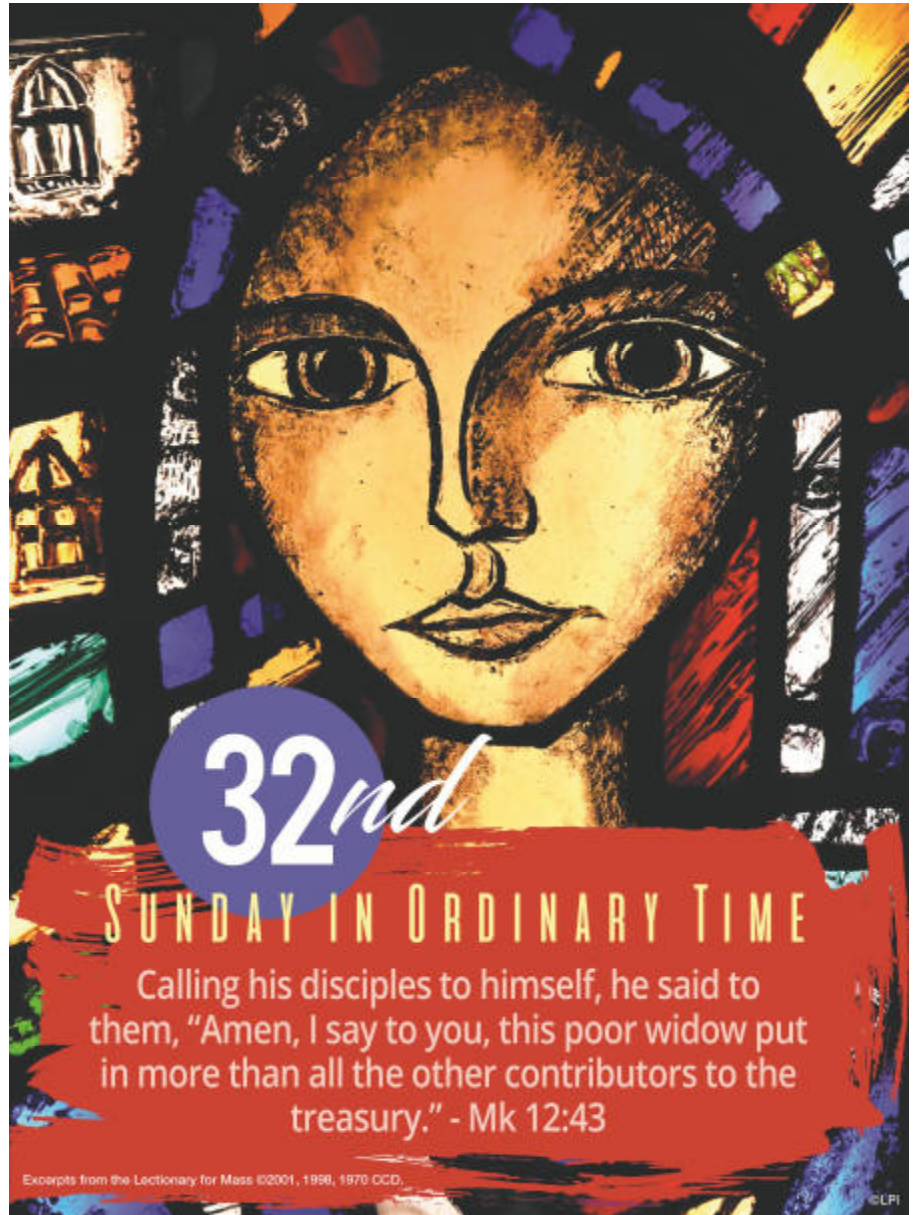
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



**Reminder: Our Parish Council Meeting
is scheduled for Tuesday, November 20
at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!**



MASS INTENTIONS
NOVEMBER 12 - NOVEMBER 16

Monday 9:15 AM
Frank and Gertrude Stralka
 Requested by Bob and Monica Koenig

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Russel and Hazel Ruel
 Requested by Bob and Monica Koenig

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Giovanni Rotondo
 Requested by Lisa Morelli and Family

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: TI 1:1-9/PS 24:1B-2, 3-4AB, 5-6 [CF. 6]/LK 17:1-6
TUESDAY: TI 2:1-8, 11-14/PS 37:3-4, 18 AND 23, 27 AND 29 [39A]/LK 17:7-10
WEDNESDAY: TI 3:1-7/PS 23:1B-3A, 3BC-4, 5, 6 [1]/LK 17:11-19
THURSDAY: PHLM 7-20/PS 146:7, 8-9A, 9BC-10 [5A]/LK 17:20-25
FRIDAY: 2 JN 4-9/PS 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 [1B]/LK 17:26-37
SATURDAY: 3 JN 5-8/PS 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/LK 18:1-8
NEXT SUNDAY: DN 12:1-3/PS 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/HEB 10:11-14, 18/MK 13:24-32

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Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of October 28 . . .	\$ 7,895.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of October 28 . . .	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - October 28	\$161,673.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - October 28	\$163,728.00

ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

Online Giving of Donations through Simplegive is available. Please visit our Parish Website at stgeraldparish.org and click on Online Giving to get started or pick up the instruction sheets on the bookcase in the gathering space of the church. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.



Food Pantry Needs . . .

- Brown grocery bags
- Canned Soup
- Juice

NOVEMBER 18, 2018
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM November 17 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Edward Midura Requested by Delphine Midura	Servers	Isabelle Gerhart Adrianna Gerhart
	Lector/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00A
8:30 AM November 18 Fr. Roodbeen		
For Wilfred Jacques Requested by Lynn & Rich Smith	Servers	Nina DeSilva
	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30A
10:15 AM November 18 Fr. Kris		
For Giovanni Rotondo Requested by Josephine Rotondo	Servers	Luke Horsburgh Charlie Ibeziako
	Lector/ Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri 10:15C
12:00 PM November 18 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Servers	Angela Guerra
	Lector/ Ushers	Teddi Williams 12:00B

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week

November 17 and November 18
 Team D

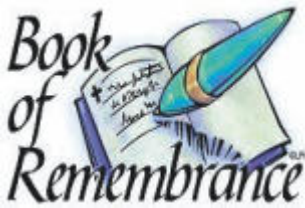
Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, November 11 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Please pray for:

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

LIFESPAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

Lifespan Christmas cards will be available for purchase after all the Masses this weekend and November 17 and 18.



In a special way, our Book of Remembrance is placed out for the month of November as a way to remember our loved ones. You may fill in names of your beloved dead. We pray that they enjoy the Heavenly Banquet Christ has prepared for them.



ADVENT TEA
Wednesday, December 5
at 6:00 PM
in the Parish Social Hall
Cost is \$12.00 Per Person

Watch the Voice, more information to come!



Faith and Health Newsletter

Be still and know that I am God

Being still is truly the theme of this Advent season; watching, waiting, listening and preparing ourselves for the Christ child.

At Christmas, we celebrate the mystery of incarnation; God became human and entered our world. As people of faith we honor the spirit of Christ, while living in the human body.

In being still, don't get caught up in the Christmas frenzy. Each of us has 1,440 minutes per day. Nobody has any more or any less than anyone else. We ask that you challenge yourself to take just 5 of those 1,440 minutes to be still each day.

Take time to unplug, and plug into your spirituality. Find a few minutes each day to replenish your own well; perhaps praying by lighting your advent candle, listening to Christian music or reading an inspirational book. Or maybe just take five minutes to be still.

November Health observances

American Diabetes Month
health.gov/new/announcements/2017/11/toolkit-american-diabetes-month-2

Great American Smokeout, November 19
cancer.org/healthy/stay-away-from-tobacco/great-american-smokeout

December Health observances

International Survivors of Suicide Day
afsp.org/find-support/ive-lost-someone/survivor-day

World AIDS Day
hiv.gov/events/awareness-days/world-aids-day

Handouts/Living Right Bulletin found at the Health Ministry table

November Cold and Flu Prevention
 December Stress Relief

Children of the parish, preschool-5th grade, are invited to participate in the *St. Gerald Gospel Enactment* of the Christmas Story at the 6:00 Christmas Eve Mass.



There will be one rehearsal on Saturday, December 15th at 11:00 AM in the church. Please contact Mary Taylor by December 5th to sign up, 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS GIFT TAG WEEKEND

Christmas tags will be available next weekend. Everyone is welcome to take one or more tags to help the needy in our community. Please note the gifts are due back the weekend of December 8th and 9th. This year the tags will be on a decorated board in the back corners of the church; on one side you will find a board with all of our St. Vincent De Paul families and on the other side of the church you will find families from various organizations that we are helping along with other needs we have at the parish. As in prior years, if you take a tag from the board with the St. Vincent De Paul families on it, please sign your name on the sheet indicated so we may know who has the gift should we need to call you. I would like to thank you for your generosity and continued support for the needy of our community. God Bless Matt Yokom!!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Next week, we will have a collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Over 43 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face as they work to bring permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection. Envelopes are at the end of the pews this weekend. Please take one home and return next weekend. Thank you!

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.**

HALLOWEEN THANK YOU FROM SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY

Dear St. Gerald Parish,

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners at your parish, our annual Halloween celebration was a huge success again this year! Our neighbors turned out faithfully to celebrate with us, with roughly 2,500 attending again this year! From the very young to the “young at heart,” all had a great time playing games, high-fiving, praying with each other and sharing laughs.

Again, thank you so much for your generosity in making the day, week or even year of so many of our young neighbors, and for helping their parents and grandparents experience the joy of seeing them so excited! None of this could be possible without you and your kind support. Thank you for sharing your missionary spirit, as Pope Francis so often encourages! Please keep us in prayer as we do you.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Sacred Heart Major Seminary, via email, oshea.riley@shms.edu.

God bless you,
Riley O'Shea
Seminararian, Diocese of Lansing



Upcoming Events

Monday, November 12

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

Tuesday, November 13

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help/Divine Mercy
5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation
6:30 PM K of C Membership Meeting

Wednesday, November 14

7:30 PM Choir Practice
No Mass

Thursday, November 15

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

Friday, November 16

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

Saturday, November 17

Lifespan Christmas Card Sale
Christmas Gift Tag Weekend
3:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, November 18

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lifespan Christmas Card Sale
Christmas Gift Tag Weekend
Sunday Fellowship
Blood Pressure Screening
8:30 AM Mass
10:15 AM Mass
10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:00 PM Mass

Picture of the church from Friday, November 2nd, Mass of Remembrance.

Many came to celebrate and remember the lives of their loved ones who have passed away this past year and before.



A PRAYER FOR VETERANS

Heavenly Father, King and Lord,
You instill in all of Your creation an order and value.

You call Your children "very good."

We surrender to You the conflicts that tear your family apart.

We pray for an end to blindness that places pride, greed, power, and selfishness above human dignity and brotherly love.

We pray in gratitude for all of those who have defended peace, virtue, and justice with honor.

We pray especially for those who have suffered in mind and body from the ravages of war.

Let Your Kingdom come!

May Your peace that surpasses all understanding reign in our hearts and in our world.

Amen.



We welcome to the Body of Christ

Leah Gwen Bellows

baptized Sunday,

November 4, 2018

by Rev. Thomas Puzio

Leah is the daughter of
Michael Bellows
&
Suzanne Doornbos

TRUNK OR TREAT



Thank you to all the families who participated in this year's Trunk or Treat. A big thank you to our Knights of Columbus for making such tasty chilis and hotdogs for us to enjoy. We had indoor treating because of the rain, but everyone had good fun with all the games and dancing at the party.

We had loads of fun, lots of candy, great chili, hot dogs and no tears... except this guy.





Knights Corner

Membership Meeting Rescheduled to This Tuesday; Spaghetti Dinner at 6:30

Our November Membership Meeting – featuring a Spaghetti dinner at 6:30 PM -- is Tuesday, November 13, a week earlier than normal. The schedule shift was necessary because the Parish Council meeting was moved to our regular third Tuesday spot due to a scheduling conflict on the part of our Pastor, Fr. Kris.

Hospitality Chair Ken May will be serving spaghetti at 6:30 as part of our Meeting Chow program. Doors to the Social Hall will open at 6:15 PM. If a couple of guys can spare a few minutes, Ken could use a hand with the hall setup before the meal and with the cleanup after. Give him a call at 248-763-4589.

The recent Church recruiting drive resulted in two prospects who are scheduled to take their First and Initiating Degree at Holy Family Council November 12. If all goes well, we will meet them at Tuesday’s meeting. A third new member, Gregory Pochmara who is rejoining the Knights, also will be welcomed Tuesday. He dropped his membership in the nearby Fr. O’Kelly Council in 1995. He has been a parish member for some years and ushers at the Noon Mass most Sundays.

One of the items up for consideration at Tuesday’s meeting will be adoption of a new Action Calendar for 2019. This is a document that lists our Council activities for the year. It usually is amended during the course of the year, so keeping aware of Council news is important. One real good source is this report, found on Page 6 of *The Voice* every Sunday. Once approved, the Action Calendar will be emailed to every member.

The Supreme Council reports that since it started a program of the K of C supplying ultrasound machines to pro-life pregnancy centers in 2009, Councils have supplied more than 970 machines. When several councils join in raising half the cost of an ultrasound machine’s \$20,000 cost, the Supreme Council matches that amount through the Order’s Culture of Life Fund.

Space still is available for the all Knights Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center December 7-9. Sponsored by the State K of C, the weekend event is an opportunity for you to recharge your spiritual battery. A suggested donation of \$215 covers two nights lodging and five meals. The retreat opens Friday evening with dinner and closes Sunday morning after Mass and breakfast. For a reservation, call Cathy at 313-286-2801. A \$30 deposit will hold your place.

On Vacation? Keep in Touch at www.stgeraldparish.org

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

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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.

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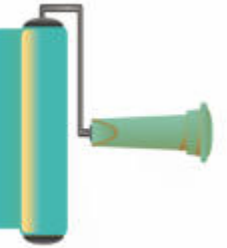
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