# THE VOICE

**NOVEMBER 18, 2018** 

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

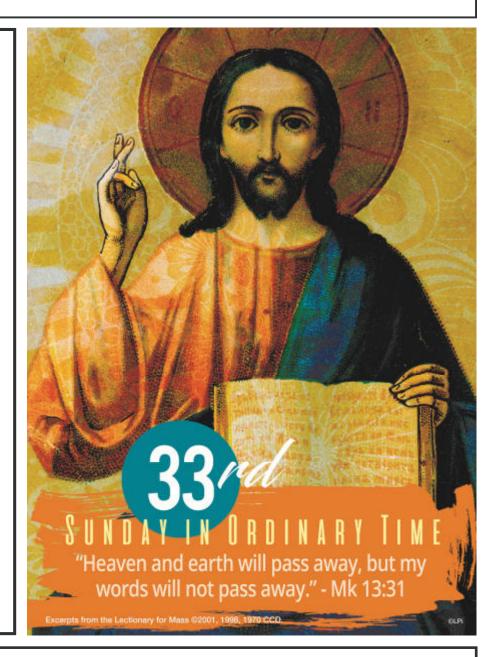
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

#### **WEEKDAYS**

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

#### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.





Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 22nd,
is at 9:15 AM.
There will be no 7:00 PM Mass.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 19 - NOVEMBER 23

Monday 9:15 AM
Battel, Hamway and Whitaker Families
Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Newell Bentley
Requested by Bob and Monica Koenig

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 9:15 AM
For All Our Parishioners

Friday 9:15 AM **Doc and Julie Woodard**Requested by Croitori Family

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: RV 1:1-4; 2:1-5/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 [RV 2:17]/ LK 18:35-43

TUESDAY: RV 3:1-6, 14-22/PS 15:2-3A, 3BC-4AB, 5 [RV 3:21]/LK 19:1-10

WEDNESDAY: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1B]/LK 19:11-28

THURSDAY: RV 5:1-10/PS 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A AND 9B [RV 5:10]/LK 19:41-44

FRIDAY: RV 10:8-11/PS 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103A]/LK 19:45-48

SATURDAY: RV 11:4-12/PS 144:1B, 2, 9-10 [1B]/ LK 20:27-40

NEXT SUNDAY: DN 7:13-14/PS 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1A]/RV 1:5-8/ JN 18:33B-37

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

#### St. Gerald Online Giving Update

Online Giving of Donations through Simplegive is 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. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.



#### Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Soup
- Juice

## LIFESPAN CHRISTMAS CARDS Lifespan Christmas cards will be

available for purchase after all the Masses this weekend.

PARISH
OFFICES WILL
BE CLOSED
THANKSGIVING
DAY ON
THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER
22ND.

# NOVEMBER 25, 2018 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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| For  Jeffrey Racklin  Requested by  Dennis & Sharon Weberlein          | Servers                               | Eli Gerhart<br>Adrianna Gerhart    |
|  | Lector/<br>Ushers                     | Diane Blankenship<br>5:00B         |
| 8:30 AM November 25 Fr. Kris   |                                       |                                    |
| For<br><b>Charles Minear</b><br>Requested by<br>Steve & Rosalie Rudzki | Servers                               | Gabe Smith<br>Nina DeSilva         |
|  | Lector/<br>Ushers                     | Jim Bergin<br>8:30B                |
| 10:15 AM November 25 Fr. Roodbeen                                      |                                       |                                    |
| For Henry & Marie Martin & Francis Doré Requested by Family            | Servers                               | Luke Horsburgh<br>Charlie Ibeziako |
|  | Lector/<br>Ushers                     | Caron Kott<br>10:15A               |
| 12:00 PM November 25 Fr. Kris  |                                       |                                    |
| For<br>All Our<br>Parishioners   | Servers                               | Angela Guerra                      |
|  | Lector/<br>Ushers                     | Paul Radzilowski<br>12:00A         |

## Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week November 24 and November 25 Team A

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, November 25 following the 8:30 AM Mass.







Sofia Weiland Kimberly Thompson
Thomas Jacques Erin Malloy

Doug Foley Jim Sockow Wanda Reiner
Tim O'Brien Rose Hickey Pat Fanilone
Shel Levine Roberta Provenzano Nancy Kolliker

Linda Malloy Genevieve Browne Gerry Maxey

Ralph Wenski Yolanda Fenech Pam Akey

Anna ladipaolo Joan Goniea Joyce LaMarra

## Parish Council Meeting Tuesday, November 20 at 7 PM.

## All are welcome!



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



THANK YOU to our teens who helped with making, and placing the new bookmarks in our Gather song books. Cassie, Edison, Nina, Kaylie, Brissa, Sarah, Lauren, Jesse, Ben, Peter, Steven,

and Carson. Also, adult helpers/moms Julie, Shrianthi, Nadeen, Tami, and Darlene for their help. A special thank you to Paula Lemieux for the idea and the supplies donated to make this possible. We hope they are helpful to use during worship.



ST.GERALD PARISH
ADVENT TEA - SAVE THE DATE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5,
2018 6:00PM
PARISH SOCIAL HALL
\$12 PER PERSON

Entire tables can be reserved. Round tables seat 8 or rectangles seat 10. You may also join us as a single individual and we will find you a seat. All are welcome!

White tablecloths, coffee, tea, sugar, cream, water and a dinner are provided by St. Gerald.

Hostesses provide place settings, cups, silverware, water glass, centerpiece and a dessert to be shared with your table. How you set your table is entirely up to you.

There will be a short Advent Reflection.

Please call Diane Gerometta for additional information and to hold your table or make your individual reservation at 248-763-3193.

Please make your reservations soon as space is limited and room capacity fills quickly.





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.

#### THANKSGIVING AND GIVING THANKS

As we look forward to our Thanksgiving weekend, I would like to "Give Thanks" to the many excellent volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents every week here in our Religious Formation Program.

I am very fortunate to work closely with many adults, and young adults, who plan, teach, pray and work with the Preschool, Elementary, Middle School and Confirmation Religious Formation Programs. I know how impossible my job would be without their dedicated commitment to these programs, and I cannot thank them enough. If you know some of these wonderful individuals, please share with them your thankfulness for their work and service to the youth of our parish.

## Elementary, Middle School, Confirmation and Sunday School Catechists and Aides:

Barbie Reavis, Rosa Russenberger, Lynne Gulick, Marisa Ferrari, Susan Hill, Joyce Kopp, Mary Melonio, Carolyn Arlen, Shirley Murray, Mary Power, Amy Gerhart, Gerryanna Luscri, Angela Luscri, Laurel Hoetger, and Sharon Weberlein.

#### **Children's Liturgy of the Word Facilitators:**

Nancy Gilbert, Katy Baracco, Jennifer Weber, Chris Wiatr, and Allison Mineau.

#### **Education and Worship Ministries:**

Education Commission members and all those who assist at the various Religious Formation Masses and events. Thank you! Mary Taylor



Let us welcome our newest members.
They are:

Matthew and Linda Kurpinski and Family

We are glad you are here at St. Gerald!

#### EVANGELIZATION

We are thankful for all our members here at St. Gerald and look forward to seeing you at some of our functions coming up, and through the holidays. Contact Gerryanna at gerryanna.youthmiinistry@gmail.com if you' would like to be involved in any of the following activities.

- Family Feud Night on Friday, November 30th (off-site at the Italian Club of Livonia). RSVP required, call 734-953-1137 (press 2).
- Farmington Holly Days on Saturday, December 1st (downtown Farmington).
- Taize Prayer Evening of Reflection on Sunday, December 2nd.
- Christmas Caroling (11 AM -12 PM on Saturday, December 15th)

#### Other Upcoming Events:

- Advent Tea on Wednesday, December 5th Contact Diane Gerometta at 248-763-3193.
- Gift Giving Distribution Day, Saturday, December 15th (9-11 AM) Contact Matthew Yokom at 248-476-7677, ext. 204.

If you are a NEW member, be sure to introduce yourself and join in on our mission of service.

Mark your calendar for our Evening of Welcome for all new members on Thursday, April 11th. Details will be coming in a letter in 2019.

As we have learned in Day 1 of our 6-Day Challenge, ..."there can be no bystanders; each of us has a part to play." BE part of the movement!



#### ANNUAL SWEATSHIRT DRIVE FOR THE CHILDREN AT BOYSVILLE

The Knights of Columbus here at St. Gerald need your help by gifting a hooded sweatshirt to the children at Boysville (Holy Cross Children's Services). This may be the only Christmas gift these children will receive. Hooded sweatshirts





(men's sizes large and extra large) are needed with sports, high school or college names printed on sweatshirts. Please drop them off no later than Sunday, December 9th on the Knight's table in the Thank you for your generosity, Richard Smith, chairperson 313-421-0204 for additional information.



#### Monday, November 19

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

#### Tuesday, November 20

8:40 AM Rosary 9:00 AM Thanksgiving Basket Distribution 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help/Divine Mercy 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting

#### Wednesday, November 21

7:30 PM Choir Practice No Mass

#### Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving Day Parish Offices Closed 9:15 AM Mass 12:00 PM No Pinochle No 7:00 PM Mass

#### Friday, November 23

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

#### Saturday, November 24

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

#### Sunday, November 25 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Christmas Gift Tag Weekend **Botsford Commons Visit** 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Classes

#### CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

Our collection today for Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan is to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. There are over 43 million people in the United States living in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower local communities to address the challenges they face. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Thank you for your donation.

#### CHRISTMAS GIFT TAG WEEKEND



Christmas tags will be available this weekend and 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!!

#### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Today's Scripture readings from the Prophet Daniel and St. Mark's Gospel refer to the end times — Christ's glorious second coming. The Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus's sacrifice once for sins and His seating at the right hand of God, waiting for judgment. At that time, we will be asked to render a final account of our stewardship of God's gifts to us. Those who embraced evangelization of their brothers and sisters, expressed through their Christian stewardship by bringing souls to our Lord, will experience great joy and peace. They will enjoy a great celebration of eternal life with God in the "new heaven and new earth." Consider joining a

local chapter of St. Paul Street Evangelization to learn how to bring back those who have left the Church, or invite those who do not know Christ to the Church.



My Church is composed of people like me.

I help make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its' pews will be filled, if I help fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes,

if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship,

if I invite and bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love,

of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit, if
I, who make it what it is, am filled with

I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all of the things that I want my church to be.

Amen.



#### SPECIAL NOTICE....

As our seasons change, helpers are needed to be part of 'Team Solanus' to help with umbrella escorts on rainy or snowy days. If you use an umbrella from the basket near the entrance of the church, please return it to the basket.

Teens will lend their help in clearing car windows on snowy days after Masses.

Be sure to thank them for their acts of service.

## ST. GERALD 2018 CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL ANGEL TREE

This year St. Gerald will have a special live CHRISTmas Tree with colored glass angels. These angels will be a memorial gift to the families who would like to contribute towards our CHRISTmas decorations. After CHRISTmas, the families who have contributed will be able to take an angel home as a remembrance of their loved one(s).

If you would like to contribute, the suggested donation is \$10.00 per name. Just fill out this form. Place your form and donation in an envelope marked "Angels" and drop it in the collection basket at weekend Masses or bring it to the Parish Office.

Please, clearly print your name, phone number and each memorial name. A list of the donors and memorial names will appear in the New Year's edition of the Voice.

(Deadline for donations is Monday, December 10, 2018)

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Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church.



**Knights Corner** 

## State Council Bus to March for Life in Washington D.C. January 17-20 Features a Pick Up Stop In

The State Council recently announced plans for its annual bus to the 46<sup>th</sup> annual March for Life rally in Washington D.C. January 17-20. New this year is a pick-up stop at the Monaghan Council at 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. In past years, the bus would start in Lansing and make a stop in Chelsea. Pilgrims will arrive in Washington on Friday, January 18, in time for Mass at the Basilica before heading to the rally's staging area. Following the march, they will be transported to Silver Springs, Maryland for a two-night stay at the Hilton Double Tree Hotel. On Saturday, the pilgrims will tour the St. John Paul II Shrine and attend Mass there. Sunday morning they will head home, arriving in Livonia about 6:30 PM. Cost of the bus is \$150 per person and is payable to the State Council. Hotel reservations should be made by the pilgrim. For more information, contact Tim and Cindy Donovan at 517-214-5120 or mail them at 4074 Cemetery Road, Fowlerville, Michigan 48836. Deadline for reservations is December 18.

Congratulations to our brother Knights at St. Lawrence Council 2950 for their drive to put Michigan's 50<sup>th</sup> ultrasound machine in operation last month. The machine was blessed in ceremonies at the Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center in Madison Heights.

By now you should have received a book of tickets for the 2019 State Council Charity Raffle. This time the top prize is a three night trip for two to the 54<sup>th</sup> Super Bowl in Miami, plus \$8,500 in cash. Included is airfare from Detroit Metro airport, two tickets to the game, admission to a VIP tailgate party on game day with food, an open bar and appearances by 25 or more active NFL players. Also included are all taxes, service charges and transfers. The remaining 30 prizes are all cash with the second place prize \$1,500, third place worth \$1,000 and fourth place worth \$500. The raffle is a good fundraiser for our Council, since the State returns \$1 of the ticket charge – a return of 20%. When return sold ticket stubs and money to the State Council be sure to write your name and our Council number – 13673 – on the stub. If you need more than one book of tickets, see PGK Bruce Roberts.

Ushers, Lectors and Altar Servers are still needed for the first Sunday Noon Mass. We have been asked by our chaplain and pastor, Fr. Kris, to provide support for that Mass. The goal is to build a big enough pool of supporters so no one has to serve more than once every three months. If you are interested, contact Program Director Tom McPhail at 248-875-1185.

## 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**

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor ..... x 203

#### Parish Office (248) 477-7470

| Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant x 212<br>Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com                    |
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| Music Ministry Mary Melonio: Director of Music  |

#### Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com

**Norma Battel** 

Cell: 734-578-4179 or Email: mmelonio@aol.com

MaintenanceAccountantTom KrugerKim Shepard

#### **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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