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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.



THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel."* - Mt. 2:6b

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Reminder:
Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 8
7:00 PM



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

JANUARY 7 - JANUARY 11

Monday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht & Goderman Families
 Requested by C. Kemp

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Frank and Cathy Hesse
 Requested by Koenig Family

Wednesday
No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
For All Our Parishioners

Friday 9:15 AM
Newell Bentley
 Requested by Bob and Monica

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 JN 3:22—4:6/PS 2:7BC-8, 10-12A [8AB]/MT 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY: 1 JN 4:7-10/PS 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [CF. 11]/MK 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY: 1 JN 4:11-18/PS 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [CF. 11]/MK 6:45-52

THURSDAY: 1 JN 4:19—5:4/PS 72:1-2, 14 AND 15BC, 17 [CF. 11]/LK 4:14-22A

FRIDAY: 1 JN 5:5-13/PS 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12A]/LK 5:12-16

SATURDAY: 1 JN 5:14-21/PS 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 AND 6A AND 9B [CF. 4A]/JN 3:22-30

NEXT SUNDAY: IS 40:1-5, 9-11/PS 104:1B-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/TI 2:11-14; 3:4-7/LK 3:15-16, 21-22

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JANUARY 13, 2019 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5:00 PM			January 12	Fr. Puzio
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A		
8:30 AM			January 13	Fr. Kris
For Luigina Nardelli Requested by Julee Berger	Lector/Ushers	Rosa Russenberger 8:30C		
10:15 AM			January 13	Fr. Kris
For Katherine Wheeler Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Lector/Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri 10:15B		
12:00 PM			January 13	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B		

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week January 12 and January 13 Team D

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, January 6 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

DONATIONS TO ST. GERALD FOR CHRISTMAS THROUGH SIMPLEGIVE

If you are making your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation to the parish for Christmas, you can do so until January 6th. Thank you!



Come as a Guest
 Leave as a Friend

COME 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

Upcoming Pilgrimage to Poland

September 8 through September 17

Fr. Kris Nowak will be the tour guide.

Further information will be available in upcoming bulletins.

Please speak to Fr. Kris if you have any questions.

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.**



2018 St. Gerald Contribution Statement

If you need a copy of your 2018 Contribution Statement, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. With a prior request, statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!



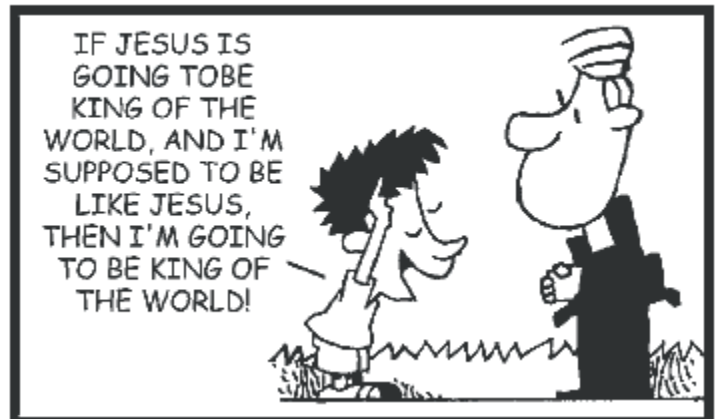
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!
UPCOMING EVENTS 2019**

- TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH: PANCAKE SUPPER
- SUNDAY, JUNE 2ND: BACCALURAETE MASS
- SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH: PARISH PICNIC



**Reminder:
All Religious
Formation
Classes will
resume on the
week of
January 7th**

EPHANY



MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

Thursday, February 7th for the REBOOT Event at Shrine of the Little Flower. All St. Gerald teens will attend free of charge. All are invited! \$25 per person, 12 and up. Internationally renowned speaker and author Chris Stefanick, along with top performing live music artists will help you REDISCOVER God, and REDISCOVER the life you were made for.

REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience for all (ages 12 and up), of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more!

It's time to start living the Life you were made for. Go to RealLifeCatholic.com/reboot for more info and registration.

The Church was beautifully decorated for Christmas!



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
 The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.



A Look Ahead Into January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6 The Epiphany of the Lord Sunday Fellowship 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:15 AM Mass 12:00 PM Mass	7 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Divine Mercy 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation	8 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation 7:00 PM Parish Council Meeting	9 7:00 PM Youth Group Night 7:30 PM Choir Practice	10 12:00 PM Pinochle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	11 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting	12 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
13 Baptism of the Lord 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Mass	14 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation	15 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation	16 7:30 PM Choir Practice	17 12:00 PM Pinochle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	18 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting	19 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Remembered with a Poinsettia



Remembering: Remembered by:

Dolores Lypka Michael Lypka

The above memorial was not included in the December 30 bulletin.



The Epiphany of the Lord

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Mt 2:10-11)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

"The Story of the Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke was first published in 1895. It tells the fictional story of Artaban, a fourth wise man who began a journey to visit Jesus, the newborn King. Unlike his fellow Magi, he failed to make it there for the birth of Jesus because he kept pausing to help various people in need. In fact, it took him about 33 years of searching before his quest comes to an abrupt end when he is hit in the head with a falling roof shingle. His final breath takes place in Jerusalem near the place where Jesus is being crucified. As he lies dying, he hears the voice of Jesus telling him that the gifts he has given all along the way to "the least of these" he has actually given to Jesus himself.

If you have never read this story or seen the made-for-television movie based on the tale, you really should seek it out. It is a story that reminds us of a profound truth: Jesus himself rests in the lives of all those around us in need. In the story, it was the wise man's constant response to a stewardship call that prevented him from getting where he wanted to go. In the end, where he needed to go was more significant than where he thought he should go.

If we live lives of generosity and graciousness, we may find ourselves on constant detours from the road on which we are traveling. It is in the detours and the unexpected circumstances of our journey that often times we find our true purpose in life. We think God is somewhere we must travel to, when in reality, God is closer than we think in the least likely of places.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING

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. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

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Knights Corner - Knights of Columbus Insurance Program Stands Strong On Ethical Ground

This week's article is by Greg Bennett, the K of C insurance agent assigned to our Council. A charter member of our Council, he can be contacted at 248-884-4095 or gregory.bennett@kofc.org

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies. At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn't true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are. As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards.

More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don't make it. In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come.

But don't just take our word for it. In 2018 the Knights of Columbus was named a "World's Most Ethical Company" by the Ethisphere Institute.

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Disability income insurance helps replace lost income when you are unable to work due to a disability resulting from an illness or accident. Issues ages 18-61.

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.
(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

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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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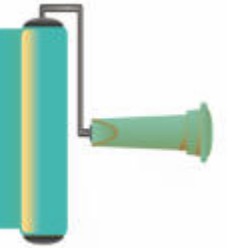
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