

THE VOICE

February 17, 2019

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

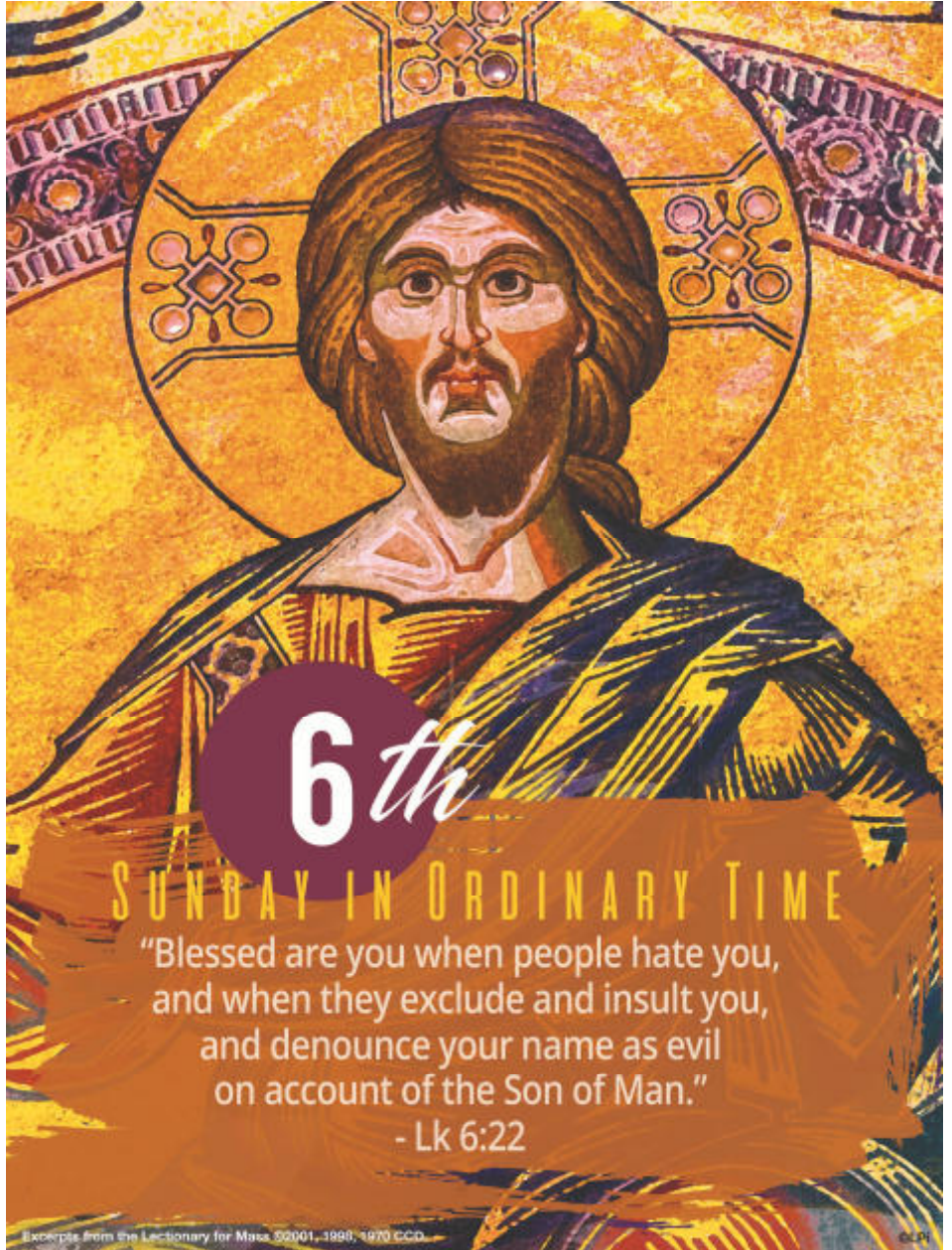
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



St. Gerald Parish

Mardi Gras Celebration

Saturday, March 2nd, from 6:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Music and entertainment for all ages! Provided by Cloud 9 Entertainment
Soda, Snacks, Subs, Sundae Bar

Bring your own beer or wine if desired.

\$5.00 per person or \$15.00 per family. Tickets can be purchased at the door.



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



FEBRUARY 18 - FEBRUARY 22

Monday 9:15 AM
Sylvia Soares
 Requested by Blen Cardozo

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Sharon Weberlein
 Requested by Barbara Valasek

Wednesday
No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Salvatore Caruso
 Requested by Graziano Canini

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: GN 4:1-15, 25/PS 50:1 AND 8, 16BC-17, 20-21 [14A]/MK 8:11-13
 TUESDAY: GN 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/PS 29:1A AND 2, 3AC-4, 3B AND 9C-10 [11B]/MK 8:14-21
 WEDNESDAY: GN 8:6-13, 20-22/PS 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [17A]/MK 8:22-26
 THURSDAY: GN 9:1-13/PS 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 AND 22-23 [20B]/MK 8:27-33
 FRIDAY: 1 PT 5:1-4/PS 23:1-3A, 4, 5, 6 [1]/MT 16:13-19
 SATURDAY: HEB 11:1-7/PS 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [CF. 1]/MK 9:2-13
 NEXT SUNDAY: 1 SM 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8A]/1 COR 15:45-49/LK 6:27-38

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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))



Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald. They are:

Tony Mendez

and

John and Beth Stiglich and Family

We are glad you are here!



Many of us have some very fond memories of Deborah Ponds during her years here as organist for St. Gerald. Please keep her family in your prayers during this difficult time. If you would like to send a card, you can send it to Deborah's family address at:

Annie Ponds
 3984 Ames St. NE
 Washington, DC 20019

FEBRUARY 24, 2019 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM		February 23	Fr. Kris
For Robert E. Blankenship Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A	
8:30 AM		February 24	Fr. Roodbeen
For Ken Hartsig Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30C	
10:15 AM		February 24	Fr. Kris
For Anna Iadipaolo Requested by Diane Petter	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15B	
12:00 PM		February 24	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Teddi Williams 12:00B	

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week

February 23 and February 24

Team B

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, February 17 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of February 3	\$ 12,364.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of February 3	\$ 9,096.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of Feb. 3	\$303,370.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Feb. 3	\$291,072.00

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.

DONATIONS TO ST. GERALD SPECIAL NEEDS COLLECTION THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation to our **Special Needs Collection**, you can do so through February 17. Thank you!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
St. Gerald Blood Drive is on **Sunday, February 24th** from **8:00 AM - 2:00 PM** in the social hall.

To donate blood simply sign up on the sheet in the gathering space of the church or go online to the Red Cross website at redcrossblood.org and there you may pick the time that you would like to donate. Thank

you! **WALK-INS ARE WELCOME.**

Volunteers are also needed to help with duties throughout the day. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer your time, please call the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Thank you in advance for your continued support of this drive here at St. Gerald.



ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP:

- ◆ Mardi Gras Saturday, March 2nd
- ◆ Parish Movie dates: April 10th and 16th (tentative)
- ◆ Stations of the Cross - all Fridays from March 8th through April 19th

See you at Church!



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!



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REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
DICK BAILEY

+
MARCH 20, 1927
FEBRUARY 8, 2019

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DICK O LORD, AND MAY PERPETUAL
LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER
Believe it or not it is time to start thinking about the upcoming Lenten season. As you know, every year on the night before Ash Wednesday we have our pancake supper. **The pancake supper this year will be held from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 5th.** Pancakes, sausage, eggs, as

well as some wonderful deserts will be the meal for the evening. Tickets for this event will be sold at the door. As always, in order to make this night a success, we need volunteers. If you would like to volunteer for this event, please call Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Thank you for your service to the parish! Matt



**St. Gerald Is Hosting An
Another Way
Pregnancy Center
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After All The Masses**



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Donations of items such as:
baby clothes (new and
slightly used sizes Preemie
to 2T), baby care items,
diapers, wipes, etc. are
appreciated.



Another Way Pregnancy



ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS OF ST. GERALD...

Invitation letters will be mailed to our newest parish members very soon. If you have joined St. Gerald within the past year, save the date for our Evening of Welcome on Thursday, April 11th following the 7:00 PM Mass.

If you are considering becoming a member of our parish, feel free to join us and learn more about our parish life and community.

Sincerely, The Evangelization Team of St. Gerald

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!

Please pray for:



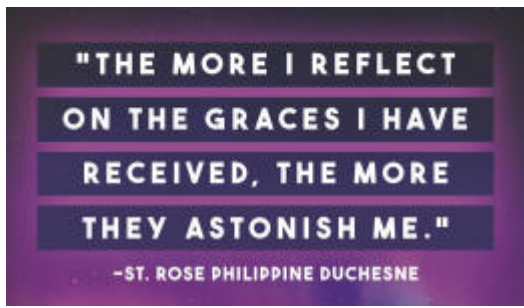
In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Genevieve Browne	Joan Goniea
Stase Nemanis	Kimberly Thompson
Ralph Wenski	Erin Malloy
Jim Sockow	Wanda Reiner
Rose Hickey	Pat Fanilone
Roberta Provenzano	Nancy Kolliker
Doug Foley	Pam Akey
Tim O'Brien	Michael Polcyn
Shel Levine	Yolanda Fenech
Joyce LaMarra	Monica Koenig


EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

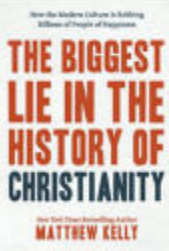
When I was a child, I often thought of the Church as something mystical and supernatural. I wasn't wrong in my understanding of the Body of Christ, for surely the Church has these characteristics. However, even though we speak about the foundation of all we are as Church being the "mystery of Christ," Jesus became a man so that supernatural element could break into the natural world in a profound way. What we once could not see, we now see. What we saw as a God in a distant place now dwelt among us. It is one of the aspects of Catholicism that I have grown to appreciate the most as I have matured: for a Catholic, the supernatural is natural. The communion of saints is heavenly and earthly at the same time.

The Beatitudes instruct us about this reality. Pope Francis reminds us that holiness is "not about swooning in mystic rapture." Holiness is about living in the real world and doing extraordinary things with our ordinary lives. Our stewardship way of life consists of actions in the natural world that have extraordinary repercussions. Do not ever take your simple actions of generosity and love for granted. As disciples called to a life of stewardship, we participate in something more profound than what we can see. We are blessed to be called to follow Jesus, and we bring blessing to all those with whom we choose to share ourselves. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



A LOOK AHEAD:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Fellowship Blood Pressure Screening 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 11:00 AM Mass 12:00 PM Mass 1:00 PM Baptism	18 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass	19 8:30 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 4:30 PM Baptismal Prep Class 6:30 PM K of C Membership Mtg.	20 7:30 PM Choir Practice	21 12:00 PM Pinochle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	22 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting	23 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass
24 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Red Cross Blood Drive 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	25 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation	26 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation	27 7:30 PM Choir Practice	28 12:00 PM Pinochle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	1 First Friday Adoration following the 9:15 AM Mass ending with Benediction at 5:00 PM 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting	2 First Saturday 9:15 AM Mass 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass 6:30 PM Mardi Gras Celebration 



We will be publishing a reflection from each chapter of *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* book by Matthew Kelly.

Here is Chapter 2 "Your Happiness Project".

"In some ways life is a happiness project. The project is full of paradoxes. For example, it may seem like its about you, but it's actually more about what you can do for

other people.

It turns out that bringing happiness to other people increases your chance of being happy, while seeking happiness yourself decreases those chances."

What a powerful paragraph! In our world today, where most people live selfishly, there seems to be more unhappiness generated.

On Page 7, Matthew Kelly shares a list of truths in his quest for happiness. These facts can be helpful to everyone.

- Happiness and pleasure are not the same thing.
- Getting what I want doesn't make me happy.
- Focusing on myself almost never leads to happiness.
- I am never happy when I pretend to be someone I am not.
- Too much of the happiness I experience is dependent on unsustainable circumstances or situations.
- The more I help others in their quest for lasting happiness, the happier I seem to be.
- Lying never makes me happy.
- Happiness is always found by embracing the present moment.
- It is impossible to be grateful and unhappy at the same time.
- Anything that helps me become a-better-version-of-myself makes me happy, even if it is difficult or painful.
- Happiness is contagious.

The question is asked, "Do you believe it is possible to be happier than you have ever been at any other time in your life?"

One must think about that and reflect. God wants you to experience happiness in your life. We must stay open to His plan. We must fight against the criticism, lies, manipulation, greed, and competition of the world around us. We must identify with Jesus and live in truth and love; even when its hard to do so.

Note:

We encourage everyone to read, then share the book with others. We will be highlighting reflections from each chapter in the *Voice*. If you are interested in submitting your reflection, contact Gerryanna Luscri at 248-476-7677 ext. 208 or email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

Quote: A mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimension again.

Verse: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. (*Prov. 3:5-6*)

Inspiring and encouraging.

Reboot with Chris Stefanick was a great opportunity to refocus ourselves for our mission and purpose; To Live the Life We Were Made For. Our God has given us such blessings. "There is no better news." Jesus said, "I came so that they might have life and have it to the full." *John 10:10*

If we change our habits, we can change our lives.

Habit 1: Love yourself!

Habit 2: Pray

Habit 3: Share the faith

Habit 4: Friendship

Habit 5: REBOOT!

The only person with the power to hold the past over your head is you. God is inviting you to start over. Every day. And what's more, he offers the power to do it!

"Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We only have today. Let us begin." Mother Teresa of Calcutta

For more reflections and information about the Reboot principles go to REALLIFECATHOLIC.COM



Pictured above are a few members from our parish that attended Reboot.

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If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email the office at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and their name will be added to our prayers.

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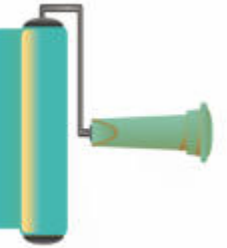
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