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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

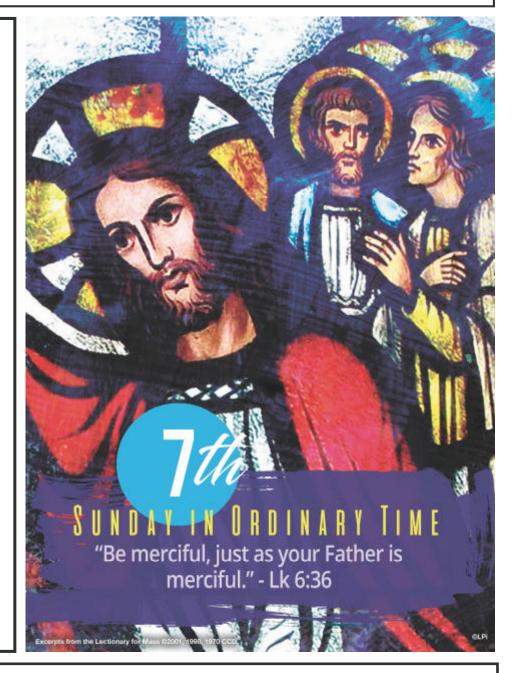
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.





Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
Tuesday, March 5th
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 2

Monday 9:15 AM
Monica Koenig
Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Enrico and Giuseppina Zanotti
Requested by Peter and Armanda Zanotti

Wednesday
No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and Goderman Families
Requested by C. Kemp

Friday 9:15 AM

Jerry Kopasz

Requested by Barbara Kopasz

Saturday 9:15 AM Special Intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: SIR 1:1-10/PS 93:1AB, 1CD-2, 5 [1A]/MK 9:14-29 TUESDAY: SIR 2:1-11/PS 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [CF. 5]/MK 9:30-37

WEDNESDAY: SIR 4:11-19/PS 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 [165A]/MK 9:38-40

THURSDAY: SIR 5:1-8/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 [40:5A]/MK 9:41

FRIDAY: SIR 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 [35A]/MK 10:1-12

SATURDAY: SIR 17:1-15/PS 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 [CF. 17]/MK 10:13-16

NEXT SUNDAY: SIR 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [CF. 2A]/1 COR 15:54-58/LK 6:39-45

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



First Friday, March 1st
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
following the 9:15 AM Friday morning Mass
ending with Benediction at
5:00 PM. Scheduled adorers needed. Please
see sign-up sheet in the narthex for times.

MARCH 3, 2019 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00 PM	March 2	Fr. Kris		
For Sophie Weiland Requested by Tom Weiland	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 5:00B		
8:30 AM	March 3	Fr. Kris		
For Francis & Medalena Camilleri & Carmen Agius Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Rosa Russenberger 8:30A		
10:15 AM March 3 Fr. Kris				
For Steve Mazurek Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Sofia Mansoor 10:15C		
12:00 PM	March 3	Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Rob Seely 12:00A		

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week March 2 and March 3 Team C

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, March 3 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of February 10 \$ 9,246.00

Budget Offertory for Weekend of February 10 \$ 9,096.00

Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of Feb. 10 \$312,616.00

Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Feb. 10 \$300,168.00



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 Bring your family and friends!

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.

Lenten Little Black Books

will be available in the Gathering Space of the church the week of February 25th. A small donation would be appreciated!





GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE A LIFE!!

Our <u>Blood Drive</u> is this weekend on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>February 24 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM</u>. If you haven't signed up that is okay, walk-ins are welcome!

Thank you for your support on saving many lives by giving blood and your time.



ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES COMING UP:

- Mardi Gras Saturday, March 2nd
- Stations of the Cross all Fridays from March 8th through April 19th

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I sometimes spend more money than I should. I make decisions based upon my wants and not my needs. Those actions can create a financial difficulty or circumstance where more sacrifice is needed. Instant gratification or selfish impulses can create havoc in one's bank account, marriage, or family. All these issues to deal with simply because I wanted what I wanted and I got it. Yes, it sounds like the actions of a child.

However, I know I am not alone. We all can easily find ourselves acting in this manner. This is why it struck me to listen once again to the words of Jesus when he says, "Do to others as you would have them do to you." The words are reminiscent of another of Jesus' phrases, "Love your neighbor as yourself." The problem is that too often I would like for others to fulfill my wants instead of needs, and I can seemingly love myself by doing what I already mentioned above.

A stewardship way of life means that I wisely steward what I have, and I cannot give what I do not have. Have you ever given someone a present you couldn't afford and think that was love? It wasn't. We don't show love by giving what we do not possess. We show love by meeting another's needs and by sharing our very self with them. At our core, what we long for from others more than anything else is love. Would I have others give me lavish gifts and shower me with empty compliments or would I have them give to me something much more valuable: the love in their hearts? In turn, I need to love myself more by realizing that no purchase will offer fulfillment more than the love of God shown to me in Christ Jesus.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



A Memorial Mass will be held for Deborah Ponds on March 2nd, at 10:00 AM at St. Aloysius Catholic Church located at 1234 Washington Boulevard, between State St. and Grand River Ave.



SHROVE TUESDAY 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. Please refer to the notices posted on the bulletin board for prices. We still need volunteers. If you would like to help at 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
Baby Shower
March 16th And 17th
After All The Masses



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Another Way Pregnancy

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

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!

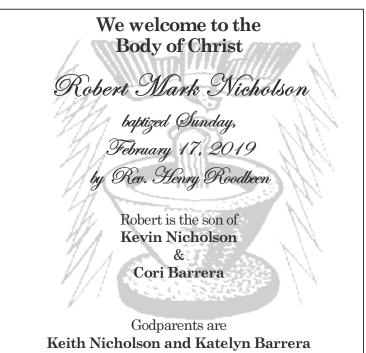
Please pray for:



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 bookshelf 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.



A LOOK AHEAD:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Red Cross Blood Drive 5 30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Mass 7 00 PM Continuation Diago	25 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation	26 8:40 AM Resery 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Percetual Help 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation	27 7:30 PM Choir Practice	28 12:00 PM Pirochle 6:20 PM Rosany 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	First Friday Adoration following the 9:15 AM Mass ending with Benediction at 5:00 PM 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 0:00 PM AA Mooting	2 First Saturday 9:15 AM Mass 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass 6:30 PM Mardi Gras Colebration
3 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday Fellowship 8.90 AM Mass 10.15 AV Chidler's Lurgy of the Word 10:15 AM Mass 10:0179 Mass 10:0179 Baptisms	4 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation	5 8.40 AM Rosary 9.15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 2.00 PM Norsing Home Mass 9:00 pm Hismentary Religious Tomation 5:00 PM Pencake Suppor	9:15 AM Mess 7:00 PM Mess	7 12:00 PM Pinnohle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting	9 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass



A program to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? · Are you constantly fighting? · Or, do you simply shut down? · Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it make it worse?

Retrouvaille can help!

What is Retrouvaille?

The word Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offer tools needed to rediscover a long marriage relationship. Tens of thousands of couples headed for cold, unloving relationships or divorce have successfully overcome their marriage problems by attending the program.

The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of twelve follow up sessions over the course of three months. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

Retrouvaille Programs for 2018

Over 5,500 hurting couples have experienced hope through the Retrouvaille program in the Detroit area. Struggling couples are looking for help and want a lifeline, but do not know where to turn. Retrouvaille can help.

Retrouvaille is a Christian Peer Ministry focused on reaching out to hurting married couples longing for renewal and hope. Metro Detroit has multiple English and Spanish programs scheduled this year, each beginning with a weekend on the following dates:

Upcoming Program March 15-17

This could be the best gift you ever give yourself, your children, your family, and your friends!! There is an alternative to divorce.

Please pass this information on to anyone who you suspect might be a hurting couple

For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230 OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HelpOurMarriage.org

KNIGHTS TOOTSIE ROLL CASH BENEFITS TWO LOCAL GROUPS, SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Thanks to our parishioners who supported the St. Gerald Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll drive last October. Two Farmington based organizations received cash gifts last week. (Pictured at the right) Grand Knight Dave Bednarski presenting a \$360 check to Community Living Centers Executive Director Lisa Murrell. In the background is a photo of former Knight and parishioner Tony Wagner. His mother and father pictured in the other background photo founded the organization. Another \$360



check was sent to the Farmington Special Olympics and another \$220 was given earlier to the Michigan Special Olympics.

COMEDY NIGHT WITH SHAWN REYNOLDS AND MARLO RUTZ

We had a great night; good turnout and good company! Our Comedy Night with Shawn Reynolds and Marlo Rutz provided relief from worry and woe of a wintery night. There certainly were good vibes and endorphins circulating.



"There was a lot of laughter that caused cheek cramps!"



Knights Corner

Noon Sunday Mass, Tuesday Pancake Dinner and Officers' Meeting mark busy week ahead for Knights.

Next Sunday, March 3, begins a busy week for our Council. That Sunday is a first Sunday of the month which will have the Knights providing the support services – ushers and Eucharistic Ministers -- for the Noon Mass. On Tuesday, we will be cooking for the parish traditional Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, which will begin at 5 PM. All other tasks associated with supper will be provided by volunteers recruited by the Christian Service Commission.

Following the dinner, Council Officers will hold their monthly meeting at 7 PM. One of the items on the agenda will be a report from Financial Secretary Bob Kuhr on the number of members who are overdue with their 2019 dues. He also is expected to remind the Officers of the long-standing policy of providing help with dues for members having financial difficulty.





Bob Purol

Maintenance

Tom Kruger

Dennis Weberlein

Congratulations to **Bob Purol** who is celebrated as February's Knight of the Month. Bob transferred into our Council midway through 2018 and immediately took an active role. He was a busy coffee server and table busser at the September and January pancake breakfasts. He also has volunteered for usher duty at numerous masses.

And congratulations to **Dennis and Sharon Weberlein**, who are celebrated as February's Family of the Month. Dennis is a fixture as Treasurer Rich Rosowski's right-hand man whenever tickets for an event are being sold. Wife Sharon also is very active, serving as a regular counter of Sunday collections and as the go-to-person for the parish electronic giving program. Sharon also directs the Parish CSA drives.

A reminder that the *Faith in Action* kiosk in the main entrance of the Church has plenty of interesting reading for Council members. Of special interest is

the booklet, *Into the Breech*, which discusses a Catholic man's role. There are 14 other booklets that may interest you or a friend. The booklets are free; once you are finished with one, pass it along to a friend or family member.

Keep in Touch with Council News When Vacationing via 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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Music Ministry Mary Melonio: Director of Music
Worship Ministry
Youth Ministry Gerryanna Luscri x 208 Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

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

Accountant

Kim Shepard

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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