

THE VOICE

March 10, 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

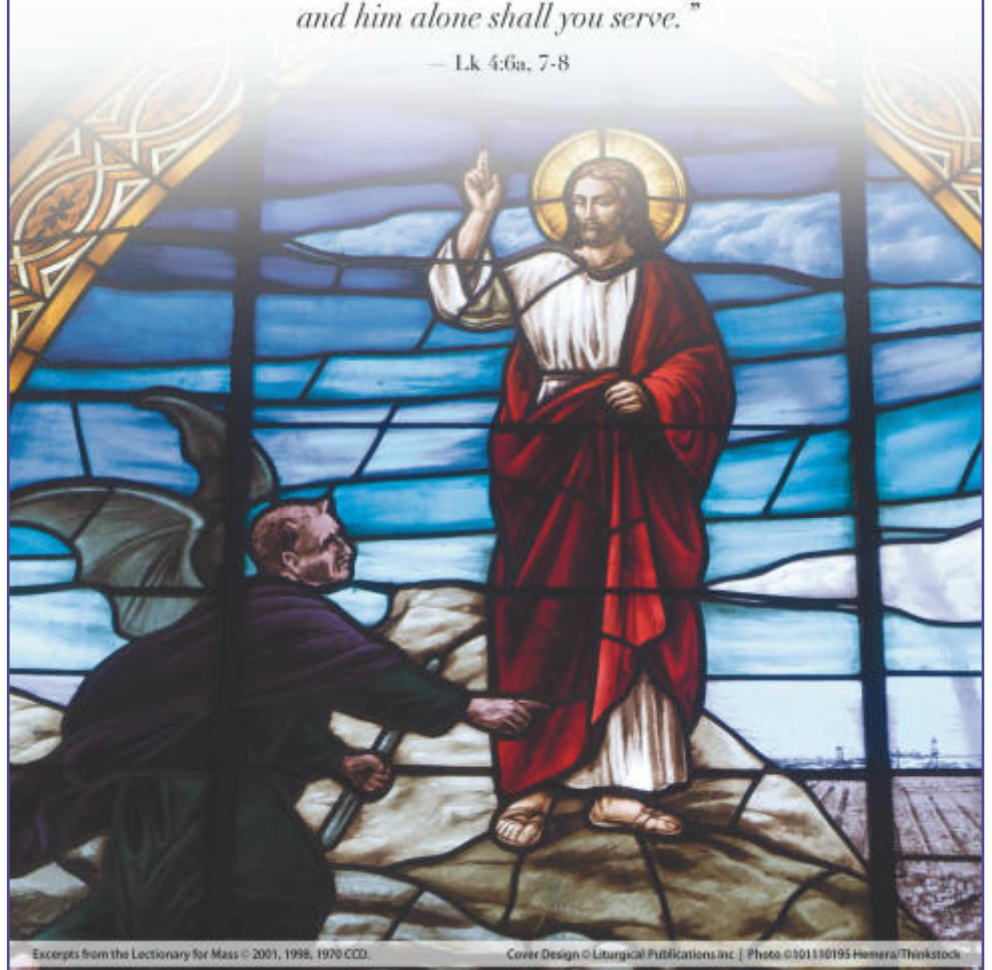
Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

First Sunday of Lent

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:

*You shall worship the Lord, your God,
and him alone shall you serve."*

— Lk 4:6a, 7-8



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STATIONS
of the
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Every Friday during Lent
at 7:00 PM



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

MARCH 11 - MARCH 15



Monday 9:15 AM
Joseph Valasek
Requested by Barbara Valasek

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Bolda Family
Requested by Sally Bolda

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: LV 19:1-2, 11-18/PS 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [JN 6:63B]/
MT 25:31-46
TUESDAY: IS 55:10-11/PS 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18B]/
MT 6:7-15
WEDNESDAY: JON 3:1-10/PS 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19B]/LK
11:29-32
THURSDAY: EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25/PS 138:1-2AB, 2CDE-3,
7C-8 [3A]/MT 7:7-12
FRIDAY: EZ 18:21-28/PS 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7A, 7BC-8 [3]/MT
5:20-26
SATURDAY: DT 26:16-19/PS 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1B]/MT 5:43
-48
NEXT SUNDAY: GN 15:5-12, 17-18/PS 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14
[1A]/PHIL 3:17—4:1 OR 3:20—4:1/LK 9:28B-36

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Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of February 25	\$ 7,444.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of February 25	\$ 9,096.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of Feb. 25	\$328,297.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Feb. 25	\$318,360.00



ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give 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.



5:00 PM March 16 Fr. Kris

For
Victoria Coville
Requested by
Family

Lector/
Ushers

Alice Sheehan
5:00B

8:30 AM March 17 Fr. Kris

For
Helen Winiarski
Requested by
Victor Winiarski

Lector/
Ushers

Ray Pisani
8:30C

10:15 AM March 17 Fr. Kris

For
Kyle Kehus
Requested by
Worship Commission

Lector/
Ushers

Angela McLoughlin
10:15B

12:00 PM March 17 Fr. Roodbeen

For
**All Our
Parishioners**

Lector/
Ushers

Rob Seely
12:00A

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week

March 16 and March 17

Team A

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday,
March 17 following the 8:30 AM Mass.



Lenten Little Black Books

are available in the Gathering Space of the church. A small donation would be appreciated!





**FAMILY MASS MARCH 17TH
ST. GERALD**

The Monday and Tuesday Religious Formation classes are sponsoring a Family Mass next Sunday at the 12:00 PM Mass. Children have written the Prayers of the Faithful, which will be read by various students. Children have also been selected to serve in the ministry of greeter, gift bearer and ushers. All parishioners are invited to come and bring their families.

Due to the generosity of the parishioners of St. Gerald Parish, in place of food for our Food Pantry, as it is well stocked, we are asking families to donate to our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Donations of wrapped candy to be stuffed into Easter eggs or already filled Easter eggs.

There will be no Sunday School classes or Children's Liturgy during the 10:15 Mass on March 17th.

MAKE THIS THE BEST LENT EVER

Don't give up chocolate for Lent, do something life-changing this Lent! Starting Ash Wednesday you will receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your life, and personal stories from the Dynamic Catholic Team. Sign up for Dynamic Catholic's Best Ever Lent. All you have to do is sign up at: DynamicCatholic.com/Lent.



Saturday, April 20th,
starting with blessing of
bread, butter and food
baskets in church
at 11:00 AM.

Donations of wrapped candy
and plastic Easter Eggs
filled with wrapped candy are
needed

in order to make this a
successful event.

Please place your donation of
Easter Eggs in the plastic bins
located in the vestibule of the
Church.

All donations are necessary by
April 7, 2019.

OPERATION RICE BOWL



We are again participating in Catholic Relief Services Lenten Program, Operation Rice Bowl. This program has inspired Catholics in the U.S. to pray, fast, learn and give as we increase our understanding of our global community throughout our Lenten journey. We encourage you to participate in Operation Rice Bowl at home with your family and loved ones. All Religious Education children received Rice Bowls from their classes. Additional Rice Bowls and information are available in the entrance of the Church. Please consider making a donation to this very worthy cause.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION PROGRAM CLASSES FOR THE YEAR 2019-2020

We are looking for volunteers to help with our 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Program for this fall. We have a large number of students and need more adult leadership. We especially would like to have an adult male as small group discussion leader for our boys in the program.

If you are willing to share your faith and lead a class for either grade, please call Gerryanna regarding requirements, schedule and review of the program at gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com or call 248-476-7677, ext. 208.

8TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

8th Grade Parent Meeting for Confirmation requirements will be on **Sunday, March 10th**. Pizza and pop will be available. Meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM with class to follow at 7:00 PM.

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!



THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

This week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. You can learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

DONATIONS TO CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation to **The Church In Central and Eastern Europe**, you can do so from March 3 through March 17. Thank you!

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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ST. GERALD EASTER MEMORIALS

Easter Season is fast approaching and as we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, parishioners will have the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away.

Simply fill out the form below! Place your form in an envelope marked "Easter Memorial" and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office no later than Monday, April 8.

The names of those remembered will be listed in our bulletin on Easter Sunday weekend.

IN MEMORY OF:

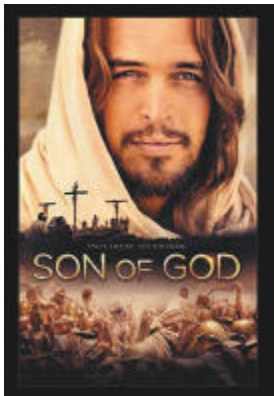
(Please legibly print name of deceased)

REMEMBERED BY:

(Your name)

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: () _____

(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)



MEET US FOR A MOVIE AT ST. GERALD CHURCH

Join us for a showing of **SON OF GOD**

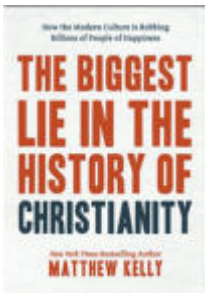
- 6:30 PM Saturday, March 10th or
- 1:30 PM on Sunday, March 16th.

Upcoming Events



Pam Akey	Michael Polcyn	Yolanda Fenech
Genevieve Browne	Doug Foley	Kimberly Thompson
Phyllis Marek	Tim O'Brien	Erin Malloy
Ralph Wenski	Shel Levine	Wanda Reiner
Jim Sockow	Joyce LaMarra	Joan Goniea
Rose Hickey	Laurel Hoetger	Nancy Kolliker
Roberta Provenzano	Christine Godbey	Monica Koenig

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10 First Sunday of Lent 6:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 10:15 AM Sunday School 12:00 PM Mass 7:00 PM Confirmation Class	11 6:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation	12 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	13 7:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice	14 12:00 PM Pirotchle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	15 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross 8:00 PM AA Meeting	16 Right to Life Michigan and Another Way Pregnancy Baby Shower 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass



BOOK REFLECTION:

**Chapter 3
The False Promises and Lies of this World**

It is true that modern culture is constantly feeding us lies and false promises. We are bombarded with ‘buy this-buy that’, ridiculous weight loss remedies, quick-fix hacks and ideas that ‘anything different from what you're doing will make you happier’. All lies.

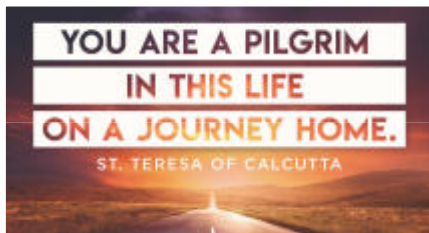
Everywhere we turn, someone is trying to impress their idea of happiness upon us. So, where is the truth?

God wants you to be happy. God created you for happiness. "Getting what you want doesn't make you happy. ...you simply never can get enough of what you don't really need." Stepping away from the lies of the world, is a step toward happiness. We must recognize our lax attempts to be purposeful and happy. Not identifying what stands in our way of happiness is as bad as building obstacles in the path of happiness.

To really be happy one must get motivated. Change your attitude. Be positive. Smile at others. Be helpful to others. Be bold; go out of your way to serve others. That is where happiness lies. In the spirit of love, kindness and care. Happiness is in action.

To submit your reflection of a chapter from the book, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*, email:

gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com



AN INVITATION TO CATHOLIC MEN

If you are a practicing Catholic gentleman age 18 or older and want to strengthen your faith and make a difference in your community, please consider becoming a member of the St. Gerald Knights of Columbus Council #13673. Over the past decade, Catholic men like you have enabled the charitable donations of the Knights of Columbus to reach more than \$1.5 billion, and individual Knights have donated more than 700 million volunteer hours to charity. For more information, please visit our membership table after any Sunday Mass next weekend or contact our Membership Director, Rich Smith at pollygirl21@aol.com or (313) 421-0204.

Thank you to all who helped with Mardi Gras decorating, setting up, serving and those who came to celebrate with us and make it a great night. We thank you and look forward to a prayerful Lent. May your journey of self-improvement make way for a wonderful Easter .

**St. Gerald Is Hosting An
Another Way
Pregnancy Center
Baby Shower
March 16th And 17th
After All The Masses**



Another Way Pregnancy Center

Sponsored by Right to Life –LIFESPAN

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



Who Doesn't Need A Good Laugh?

Come support AWPC's mission to save lives at their 4th annual Laugh4Hope Comedy Night!

This will be a *family-friendly* evening to simply laugh together and have a good time.

Friday, March 15th

Doors open at 6:45 PM, program begins at 7:30 PM
Ward Church - 40000 Six Mile Rd, Northville, MI 48168

For tickets please visit awpcFriends.org/events or call Another Way Pregnancy Center at (248) 939-5900.

**We welcome to the
Body of Christ**

Audrey Gloria DeKett

and

Hannah Josephine Vierck

baptized Sunday,

March 3, 2019

by Fr. Krzysztof Nowak



Knights Corner

Pregnancy Center Celebrates 35 Years and Founders Mike and Peggy O’Dea, Parishioners and a Knights Family

Members at the February Membership Meeting approved an expenditure of \$375 for a half-page in a dinner program book associated with a dinner benefiting the Mother and Unborn Baby Care Pregnancy Center (MUBC). The dinner will be held April 25 at the St. Mary Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, Livonia. In addition to celebrating the center’s 35 years of operation, the dinner also will celebrate the roles of the MUBC founders, Michael and Peggy O’Dea. A charter member of our Council, Michael and Peggy are parish members.

Tickets for the dinner are available from Michael, or from Lynn Smith, a MUBC board member and wife of PGK Rich Smith, at a cost of \$75 each. A table for 10 is available at a discounted price of \$675 until March 30. For more information or tickets, call 244-559-7576.

April is just around the corner and that means the Council will be starting the annual election process. Nominations will open at the April 16 Membership Meeting and remain open until the May 21 meeting, when the election will take place. Only members holding the Third Degree who are in good standing are eligible for office. Any member can make a nomination or a qualified member can nominate himself. Terms of Office are for one year starting July 1, except that of the one Trustee term that is expiring. Trustees serve for three years. with one position coming open each year.

Several years ago, Council Members approved a succession policy covering the top three positions – Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight and Chancellor. That practice calls for a member to serve two years as Chancellor, then two years as Deputy Grand Knight and then two years as Grand Knight. The purpose is to ensure that we had leaders who were familiar with Council Members and procedures. However, the policy does not preclude any member from seeking one of the positions at any time.

Many of the Officers now serving have been at their jobs for several years and would welcome a replacement. If there is a position that fits your skill set, you should approach Grand Knight Bednarski or Program Director Tom McPhail and discuss your possible nomination. Except for the Financial Secretary, who is appointed by the Supreme Knight, all Officers are unpaid. An earlier Financial Secretary calculated his pay at about 12 cents an hour.

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

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203
- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant x 212
- Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

Christian Services

- Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinator x 204
- Email: myokom.sgp@gmail.com

- St. Vincent de Paul x 220

Education

- Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education x 201
- Email: marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com

Music Ministry

- Mary Melonio: Director of Music x 222
- Cell: 734-578-4179 or Email: mmelonio@aol.com

Worship Ministry x 202

- Norma Battel
- Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

- Gerryanna Luscri x 208
- Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

- Maintenance
- Tom Kruger

- Accountant
- Kim 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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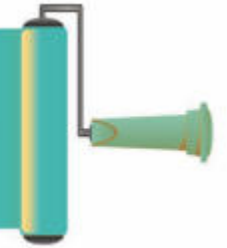
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