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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.

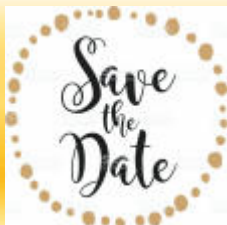
Second Sunday of Lent

While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." – Lk 9:34-35



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Soup Supper
Tuesday, April 2
5:30 to 7:30 PM



WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



MARCH 18 - MARCH 22

Monday 9:15 AM

Salvatore Caruso

Requested by Graziano Canini

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Darlene Trivan

Requested by Wojnar Family

Wednesday

No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Thank you for favors received

Friday 9:15 AM

Salvatore Caruso

Requested by Graziano Canini

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: DN 9:4B-10/PS 79:8, 9, 11 AND 13 [CF. 103:10A]/
LK 6:36-38

TUESDAY: 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16/PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
[37]/ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22/MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A OR LK
2:41-51A

WEDNESDAY: JER 18:18-20/PS 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17B]/MT
20:17-28

THURSDAY: JER 17:5-10/PS 1:1-2, 3, 4 AND 6 [40:5A]/LK
16:19-31

FRIDAY: GN 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A/PS 105:16-17, 18-19,
20-21 [5A]/MT 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY: MI 7:14-15, 18-20/PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
[8A]/LK 15:1-3, 11-32

NEXT SUNDAY: EX 3:1-8A, 13-15/PS 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
[8A]/1 COR 10:1-6, 10-12/LK 13:1-9

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



5:00 PM

March 23

Fr. Roodbeen

For
Wilda McAskin
Requested by
Bob & Diane Blankenship

Lector/
Ushers

Monica Murone
5:00A

8:30 AM

March 24

Fr. Kris

For
**All Our
Parishioners**

Lector/
Ushers

Paul Borchert
8:30A

10:15 AM

March 24

Fr. Kris

For
Richard & Gladys Kryszak
Requested by
Tom & Arlene McPhail

Lector/
Ushers

Caron Kott
10:15C

12:00 PM

March 24

Fr. Kris

For
**Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht & Goderman
Families**
Requested by C. Kemp

Lector/
Ushers

Paul Radzilowski
12:00B

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week

March 23 and March 24

Team B

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

SPECIAL NEEDS COLLECTION UPDATE

Our current collection amount to date for
Special Needs is
\$15,468.00.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.
Because of your generosity we are able
to make continued improvements to our
parish.

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.



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





SAVE THE DATE
Vacation Bible School
June 24th – June 28, 2019

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.

PINOCHLE ANYONE?

Do you enjoy playing pinochle? 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!

**EASTER
EGG HUNT**



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.



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PANCAKE SUPPER THANK YOU!

Our Pancake Supper on March 5th was a great success. We couldn't have done it without our volunteers. The Christian Service Commission would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for cooking and to all the volunteers who helped with set up, serving, clean up and deserts. Everything turned out great because of your help. Those that attended enjoyed a great meal and entertainment provided by Frank Adams and the Harmony Town Chorus.



**Every Friday
during Lent
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!

HEALING SERVICE

at St. Gerald Parish
with Fr. Aniello Salicone
provided by Marian Peace Center
Friday, May 10

7:00 PM Mass followed by talk and Healing Service
Flyers and details will be available soon
in the main entrance of the church.


Contact Margaret Williams at 248-477-0767 for questions.

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.



Welcome



**Let us welcome:
Christopher and Ellen Harrington
and Family
our newest members, who joined
St. Gerald last week.
Welcome to our parish!**

Learn the gate,
Whoever enters through me
will be safe.

Week at a Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 Second Sunday Of Lent Right to Life Michigan and Another Way Pregnancy Baby Shower Fellowship Sunday Blood pressure screening 8:00 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 12:00 PM Family Mass	18 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Elementary Religious Formation	19 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 5:00 PM Elementary Religious Formation 6:30 PM K of C Membership Meeting	20 7:30 PM Choir Practice	21 12:00 PM Pnochla 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	22 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM Living Stations of the Cross 8:00 PM AA Meeting	23 3:00 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

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)

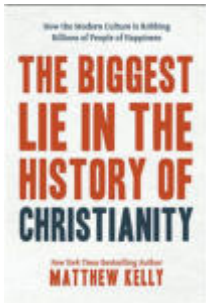
YOUR PHONE NUMBER: () _____

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



Prayer Requests

Tom McPhail		
Pam Akey	Michael Polcyn	Yolanda Fenech
Bonnie Haun	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



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



**FOR WIDOWED WOMEN
Ladies Breakfast at Connor’s
Restaurant
March 18, April 1
and April 15th
9:00 AM**

Widowed women are invited to meet for conversation and coffee at 9:00 AM at Connor’s Restaurant 15356 Haggerty and Five Mile, Northville. Call Carol to RSVP 313-562-3080.

Sponsored by Widowed Friends, a “peer” support group in the Archdiocese of Detroit. For further information about Widowed Friends, come visit our website at www.widowedfriends.org

PERMANENT DIACONATE

Men discerning a call to the permanent diaconate ministry are invited to attend an information night — with their wives, if married — from 6:30-7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 20, at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit.

The evening will explore the threefold ministry of deacons: the ministry of the Word, ministry of the liturgy, and ministry of charity and justice. Attendees will also learn about the application process and requirements for entering formation for the permanent diaconate.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal fund the work of the archdiocesan Office for Clergy and Consecrated Life and the Permanent Deacon Formation Team, which coordinate diaconal ministry and formation. In addition, the CSA supports men studying for the permanent diaconate at Sacred Heart Major Seminary.

For information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, go to aod.org.



2019 NORTHWEST CATHOLIC SAINTS FOOTBALL

Registration is now OPEN! The Northwest Catholic Saints football program is a Christian based youth football program competing in the CYO this fall.

- Registration is open for all players going into grades 3-8, in the fall of 2019.
- We will field 3 teams (Freshman-grades 3-4, JV-grades 5-6 and Varsity-grades 7-8).
- Early registration closes on March 31. Discounted registration fee of \$200.
- Interested players and coaching candidates can register/apply at www.nwcatholicfootball.com to learn more about our program.



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!



Knights Corner

Eleven Items You Need to be a Successful St. Gerald Knight of Columbus

Not all of these items have to be in your pockets. Some should be kept on a handy shelf so you can get them easily.

1. A 2019 Membership Card. It must be shown at every Membership Meeting. It also allows you access to any K of C Council anywhere. Take it with you on vacation.
2. By-Laws booklet, the rules of the road for our Council. If you don't have one, ask for one at the next Membership Meeting.
3. A rosary. You were given one when you were initiated into the order. If you've misplaced yours, visit a Catholic supply store.
4. K of C lapel pin. In fact, get a couple so you won't have to move them from sport coat to suit coat to jacket. Only \$1. See Membership Direct PGK Rich Smith.
5. Red Council shirt. An option, but it identifies you as a Knight. PGK Bruce Roberts is in charge of our wearables program.
6. An up-to-date Council Action calendar that lists when things happen. See Program Director Tom McPhail for the latest version.
7. A copy of the "Give Us Four More" handout, which lists our programs and who is in charge of them. If you have misplaced your copy, see Program Director McPhail.
8. Contact information for Greg Bennett, our Council's insurance agent is (248-884-4095 or gregory.bennett@kofc.org). This is especially important if you have a K of C insurance policy or savings account.
9. A bookmark on your computer/phone for the Supreme K of C website so you can readily get updates on national programs and news - www.kofc.org also gives you access to an array of webinars that will broaden your understanding of our order. The site also lists scholarship and insurance information.
10. A bookmark on your computer for the Michigan K of C Council – www.mikofc.org. It lists lots of news plus a listing when the next Second and Third Degree ceremonies will take place.
11. A bookmark for the parish website – www.stgeraldparish.org – so you can read the weekly Knights Corner column when you are away from home or don't get a copy of bulletin, *The Voice*.

MEMBERS MEET TUESDAY

Stir Fry is on the menu at 6:30 PM before Tuesday's membership meeting. Come early and help set up or help Hospitality Chair Ken May with the cleanup. The meeting will open as close to the usual 7 PM start time as practical. Also we are cooking at the Parish Lenten Soup Supper on April 2 at 5:30 PM. Sign up at the meeting to help.

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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All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

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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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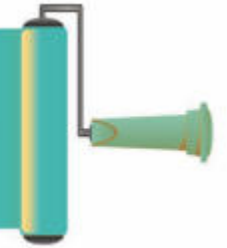
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