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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.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But his father ordered his servants, ‘let us celebrate with a feast because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.’” — Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a



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St. Gerald Parish
Communal Penance Service
With the opportunity for individual confession
and absolution
Monday, April 1 at 7:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



APRIL 1 - APRIL 6

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

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Frank Nowak (19th Anniv.)
 Requested by Donna Nowak

Wednesday
 No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Ed Olschansky
 Requested by Mary Lou Olschansky

Friday 9:15 AM
Fr. Albert Kolch

Saturday 9:15 AM
John Jacques
 Requested by Rich and Lynn Smith



5:00 PM		April 6	Fr. Kris
For Eleanor & Ted Steck Requested by Delphine Midura	Lector/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00A	
8:30 AM		April 7	Fr. Kris
For Yvonne Hengesbaugh Requested by Family & Friends	Lector/ Ushers	Rosa Russenberger 8:30C	
10:15 AM		April 7	Fr. Kris
For Yvonne Hengesbaugh Requested by Family & Friends	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15B	
12:00 PM		April 7	Fr. Roodbeen
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: IS 65:17-21/PS 30:2 AND 4, 5-6, 11-12A AND 13B [2A]/JN 4:43-54
 TUESDAY: EZ 47:1-9, 12/PS 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/JN 5:1-16
 WEDNESDAY: IS 49:8-15/PS 145:8-9, 13CD-14, 17-18 [8A]/JN 5:17-30
 THURSDAY: EX 32:7-14/PS 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4A]/JN 5:31-47
 FRIDAY: WIS 2:1A, 12-22/PS 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 AND 23 [19A]/JN 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 SATURDAY: JER 11:18-20/PS 7:2-3, 9BC-10, 11-12 [2A]/JN 7:40-53
 NEXT SUNDAY: IS 43:16-21/PS 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/PHIL 3:8-14/JN 8:1-11

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Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week

April 6 and April 7
 Team D

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, March 31 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of March 17	\$ 10,124.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of March 17	\$ 9,096.00
Actual Offertory July 1 - March 17	\$360,341.00
Budget Offertory July 1 - March 17	\$345,648.00

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.



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 during Lent
 at 7:00 PM**

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 HOMELESS.**



First Friday, April 5

**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.**





**Tuesday, April 2nd
5:30-7:30PM**

Enjoy a bowl of soup from Big Boy's, and delicious baked bread from the Sunflour Bakehaus. Soup choices: *Split Pea, Cream of Broccoli, Vegetable Beef Barley, and Chicken Tortilla.*

TICKET PRICES:

ADULTS \$6.00
CHILDREN \$3.00
SOUP TO GO \$4.00

FEATURING Speaker Fr. Pat Brennan C.P. from St. Paul of the Cross. Speaking on the Topic of *Finding Joy at the Foot of the Cross.*



Fr. Pat Brennan C.P. has been a vowed Passionist religious for over fifty years and a priest for forty-five years. During this time he has served as a seminary formation director, master of novices, and retreat director at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit and over nineteen years at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, California. In addition, Fr. Brennan has completed graduate studies in Clinical Psychology, as well as D. Min. studies at the Catholic Theological Union of Chicago, specializing in preaching in a multi-cultural setting.

Volunteers and donations of baked goodies are still needed. If you can help in any way, please call the Christian Service office at 248-476-7677, Ext 204.



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



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.

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.

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PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HIM.



Do you need help with food for your Easter dinner? St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul conference can assist with pantry items or the cost of meat and perishables. Please call 248-476-7677, ext. 220, by April 10, 2019 and leave a message. We will return your call to determine how we can help you.



COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you take communion to anyone whether a family member, a parishioner or someone else, please let us know by either emailing www.stgeraldworship@gmail.com or calling 248-476-7677 ext. 202.

ALSO

If you have a PYX that belongs to the parish, will you please let us know by either emailing www.stgeraldworship@gmail.com or calling 248-476-7677 ext. 202. Thank you!



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)



Don't give up Chocolate this Lent!



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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. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!

Week at a Glance

		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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Fourth Sunday of Lent St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Days 10:00 AM Mass 10:15 AM K of C Family Communion Mass 10:45 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 12:00 PM Mass Class	1 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM Parish Reconciliation Service	2 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help 2:00 PM Nursing Home Mass 5:30 PM Soup Supper 7:00 PM K of C Officers' Meeting	3 7:30 PM Choir Practice	4 12:00 PM P nochie 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	5 First Friday with Eucharistic Adoration following morning Mass until 5:00 PM Benediction 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross	6 First Saturday 9:15 AM Mass with Sacrament of Anointing 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

September 8 – 18, 2019

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

So you never have been that serious about a stewardship way of life? It's not that you have been greedy or unloving toward others. You give of yourself when you determine there is a real need. However, you haven't intentionally worked toward surrendering all you are, all you have, and all you do to your God. It's hard because when you compare yourself to others, you seem pretty good.

You aren't some prodigal child who needs to return to God because you have lived a life full of sin and selfishness. Yet, there lies the problem. We can easily feel we aren't so bad, so why change anything? We can lull ourselves into a belief that we will probably get to heaven, therefore why do more? Assurance of salvation is another topic, but basically we can look at our life as a series of transactions with God.

However, we shouldn't determine our actions based upon what we get. The actions of a loved one are due to the love for one's beloved. Jesus gave his life out of love for us. He has shown us what complete surrender looks like. He does not need our surrender but wants it because that is what those in love do. This Lent, perhaps our prayer should not be to simply be better stewards, but to love Him more. Then our motivation will not be based upon what we should do but on what we are moved to do out of love. *-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS*



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This weekend, 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. Please give generously to the collection, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

DONATIONS TO CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation to **Catholic Relief Services**, you can do so now through April 7. Thank you!



Knights Corner

Reminder of Upcoming Events; Supporting our Seminarians; Meeting Chow Remains a Hit

On Tuesday, April 2nd, the Knights will be cooking for the parish Lenten Soup Supper, which will begin at 5:30 PM. Following the dinner, Council Officers will hold their monthly meeting at 7:00 PM.

Next Sunday, April 7th, is a first Sunday of the month which will have the Knights providing the support services – ushers and Eucharistic Ministers -- for the Noon Mass.

The parish will be holding a Welcoming Reception for new parish members on April 11th. The Thursday evening event will open with a rosary at 6:20 PM, Mass at 7:00 PM, followed by light refreshments. Grand Knight Dave Bednarski issued an invitation to members to attend the reception and get acquainted with the newcomers. K of C literature will be included in the informational packet given to the new parish members.

Frank Gariepy, our Deputy Grand Knight and Pancake Boss, promises he will be signing up workers for the May 5th Pancake Breakfast at the April 16th Membership Meeting.



GK Bednarski appointed Program Director Tom McPhail as the Election Chair, a job he has held for several years. He will seek out a couple of helpers and develop a list of candidates. Several posts are expected to be opening; if interested in joining the leadership ranks, contact Dave at 734-368-8373. The yearly election of Officers begins at the April Membership Meeting.

As part of our mission to support future priests, our Council is providing \$500 of financial support to Timothy DuBois (pictured to the left), a seminarian at Sacred Heart Major Seminary. At our last Membership Meeting, we were introduced to Timothy and are looking forward to learning more about him and his journey when he visits with us at an upcoming meeting.

Meeting Chow continues to be a big hit! Many thanks to Hospitality Chair Ken May, the members quite enjoyed his stir-fry at the March 19th Membership Meeting. Additional thanks to the members that assist Ken in the meal prep & clean-up, particularly regular volunteers Pat McDonald and Bill Croitori.

Send Someone to Super Bowl LIV or Deliver a Pile of Cash; Sell Them a Michigan Charity Raffle Ticket!

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

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- Norma Battel
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- 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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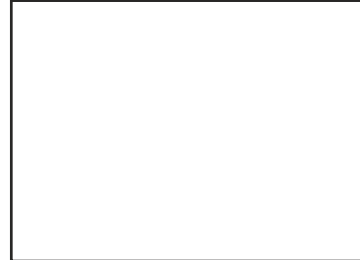


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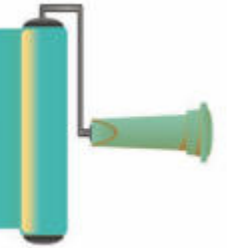
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