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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

#### MASS SCHEDULE

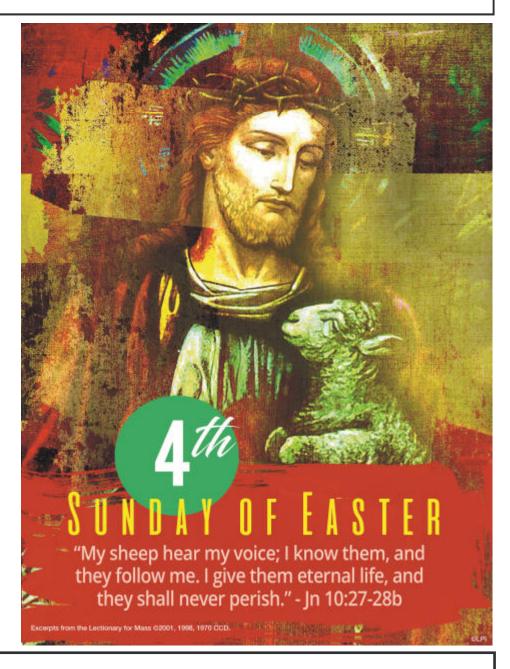
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

#### **WEEKDAYS**

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

#### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.





# **Annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass**

St. Gerald Knights of Columbus will be honoring all the deceased members of Council 13673 at our annual Memorial Mass on Thursday, May 16 at 7 PM at St. Gerald Church. We invite all members of the honored families as well as our parishioners to attend this special Mass.

#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



#### May 13 - May 17

Monday 9:15 AM **Bly Family** Requested by Croitori Family

> Tuesday 9:15 AM **Michael Hoots** Requested by Family

> > Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM **Karen and Dave Hall** Requested by Croitori Family

Friday 9:15 AM Jack Fegan Requested by Dennis Weberlein

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: ACTS 11:1-18/PS 42:2-3, 43:3, 4 [CF. 3A]/ JN 10:1-10

TUESDAY: ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26/PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,

7-8 [8]/JN 15:9-17

WEDNESDAY: ACTS 12:24--13:5A/PS 67:2-3, 5, 6 AND

8 [4]/JN 12:44-50

THURSDAY: ACTS 13:13-25/PS 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 AND

27 [2]/JN 13:16-20

FRIDAY: ACTS 13:26-33/PS 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11AB

[7BC]/JN 14:1-6

SATURDAY: ACTS 13:44-52/PS 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4

[3CD]/JN 14:7-14

NEXT SUNDAY: ACTS 14:21-27/PS 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-

13 [CF. 1]/RV 21:1-5A/JN 13:31-33A, 34-35

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

#### **Offertory Snapshot**

**Actual Offertory for Weekend of April 28** 8,932.00 **Budget Offertory for Weekend of April 28** 9,096.00 Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of April 28 \$426,469.00 Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of April 28 \$400,224.00



#### PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

Heavenly Father,

from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.

May they be blessed by our open-hearted

love and gratitude. Amen.

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 19, 2019

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5:00 PM	May 18	Fr. Kaiser
For Edward Midura Requested by Delphine Midura	Lectors/ Ushers	Ellen Stacey 5:00A
8:30 AM	May 19	Fr. Kaiser
For <b>Helen Winiarski</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30C
10:15 AM	May 19	Fr. Roodbeen
For Angeline Marie Lacharité Requested by Fr. Henry Roodbeen	Lector/ Ushers	Alice Sheehan 10:15B
12:00 PM	May 19	Fr. Roodbeen
For Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Goderman Families Requested by C. Kemp	Lector/ Ushers	Fernando Guerra 12:00B

#### **Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week** May 18 and May 19 Team B

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, May 12 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

#### 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.



**Vicariate Bible Study** at St. Gerald Parish **Beginning September 11 from** 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM With Fr. David Santoro Studying the **Gospel of Matthew** 

#### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Juice Cookies Rice Potato Products Canned tuna, spam, ham Pork and Beans



Pictures of May Crowning on May 2nd



This year our picnic will be held on Sunday, June 9th following the Noon Mass. We need many volunteers. The

signup sheet for the picnic is located at the main entrance of the church. Please sign up in the area of interest to you or call the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Help us make



#### **BACCALAUREATE MASS** AND BREAKFAST

this picnic a success!

It is still not too late! Are you graduating this spring? If so, please come celebrate this special event at St. Gerald on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Baccalaureate Mass and breakfast. The celebration will take place during the 10:15 Mass, with the blessing of graduates. Breakfast will follow the Mass in the social hall. Please call the Christian Service office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 to reserve your spot and let us know the number of people attending.



Donations will continue to be collected for the annual Crop Hunger Walk until June. Proceeds from this walk help the poor in our area and worldwide. Local agencies benefited are CARES of Farmington Hills, Neighborhood House, Farmington Salvation Army, and Yad Ezra Food Pantry. Consider donating to those who have little to eat and no one to teach them how to grow foods. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office or to Gerryanna Luscri (Youth Ministry Office). Thank you!

#### St. Gerald Vacation Bible School 2019 For students entering kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade



June 24th-28th

10:15 AM - 1:00 PM

Name:	_Age:
Last grade completed: Date of birth: _	
Placement request (siblings or friends)*  *Allergies/concerns	
Parent's name(s):	
Street address:	
City:	
Zip: Phone:	
E-mail address: please print clearly	
In case of emergency, contact:	
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Alternate pick-up person, if different from above:	
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Students who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade and beyond are encouraged to volunteer as assistants and crew leaders - please indicate volunteer status on registration form.

Questions? Contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, extension 201 or marytaylor.sgp@mail.com or Gerryanna Luscri at 248-476-7677, extension 208 or gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

#### Pray for our Sick: Pam Akey Monica Koenig George Walch Bonnie Haun Yolanda Fenech Christine Godbey Phyllis Marek Kimberly Thompson Doug Foley Ralph Wenski Erin Malloy Tim O'Brien Jim Sockow Wanda Reiner Shel Levine Rose Hickey Joyce LaMarra Joan Goniea Roberta Provenzano John MacDougall Nancy Kolliker



**Upcoming Events...** 

Picnic game volunteers for our annual parish picnic on June 9th from 1-4 PM, can sign up on the teen bulletin board at the main church entrance.

Our Vacation Bible School will run from June 24 - 28 (Monday -Friday) 10:15 AM-12:45 PM. Volunteers should plan to arrive by 10:00 AM, and stay until 1:00 PM. Crew Leaders, Kitchen Helpers, Game Crew, Craft and Drama Helpers are needed. Planning and decoration help needed the week before. Contact Gerryana if you are available.

C.A.R.E.S. of Farmington Hills has Food Pantry and Youth United (interfaith teen group) volunteer opportunities - Summer youth work camp volunteers will help create a reflection garden, vegetable garden, and other jobs of painting and building repairs during the week of July 29th through August 2nd, 2019. Go to <a href="http://caresfh.org/">http://caresfh.org/</a> or contact Gerryanna for details. Or, email Karen Linnell at klinnell@sbcglobal.net

Holy Fire Great Lakes - Catholic Teen Event will be on Sunday, October 13th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM (doors open at 9 AM) at The Stroh Center, Bowling Green State University, Ohio. This is a middle school event that will include music concert, speakers and end with Mass celebration. \$35 per person. (We will leave St. Gerald at 8 AM - return at 6 PM). Go to <a href="http://nfcym.org/holyfiregreatlakes">http://nfcym.org/holyfiregreatlakes</a> for more information.

#### GARDENING PRESENTATION

Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 PM St. Gerald Social Hall

Our guest speaker David Sharpe is a retired science teacher, a Master Gardener, and the Landscape Coordinator at the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills, Michigan. He began a garden club at the Finnish Center in 2003 and garden development of the six acres of property began. Finlandia Gardens, an evolving landscape, is certified by the National Wildlife Federation as an urban wildlife habitat. Finlandia Gardens is also a Monarch Butterfly Way Station, and a location for Boy Scouts seeking Eagle Scout certification through project development. Over 60 gardens and areas of interest can found on the property. Websites are finlandiagardens.org and finnishcenter.org. David has a number of presentations which are available including: The evolution of Finlandia Gardens, Poetry With Outstanding Music of the Seasons, Strolling Finlandia Gardens Through the Year, and Floral Displays to Take Your Winter Blues Away. programs are available as well. David can be contacted at dcs37mgsc@earthlink.net or (248) 977-1337.

Anyone who is interested in gardening is welcome to attend. Please RSVP to Susan Horsburgh at <a href="mailto:thehorsburghs@netscape.net">thehorsburghs@netscape.net</a> or call the Parish Office and let them know if you are planning to attend.

#### STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

When I was little, I would always cling to the same routine each night before going to bed. I would say to my parents, "Good night." They would respond, "Good night." I then would say, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I would await their response, and if they did not respond, I would say it again louder, "See you tomorrow, okay?" I somehow felt that if they did not assure me that I would see them tomorrow, it would possibly not happen. What would happen to me if I awoke and no one was there? It seems silly now, but to a small boy, it was very serious.

In our lives, many of us have somehow bought into the notion that there is so much in the world that can take us away from God. We believe that worldly values, immorality, or evil itself can take us away from God's love and protection. But there are few greater lies than this. The reality is that if we find ourselves far away from God, the only force that carried us away was our own choices. In John's Gospel, Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me... No one can take them out of my hand." Yes, we are tempted at every side, but no temptation can take us away from him. Unfortunately, sometimes after initial choices, we find ourselves in addiction or dependency, making our reconciliation with God impossible without the help of friends and loved ones. But make no mistake, no one or nothing can take those who are His sheep away from God. When you think about this, you realize the importance of your actions. The power of your stewardship is great, because by utilizing your gifts, you determine if you will draw closer to or wander away from God. The world can't do that. The devil can't do that, nor can the wishful words of a little boy night. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Fourth Sunday of Easter  Mother's Day HOXLAM Mass 10/10 AM Mass 10/10 AM Chloren a Lungy of the Word 10/10 PM Mass 10/10 PM Beposit	8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass	14  8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mess 9:45 AM Mether of Perpedual Help 7:00 PM Gardening Presentation	15	16  12:00 PM Pinnohle 5:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM K of C Memorial Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour	5:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 8:00 PM AA Meeting	9:30 AM Funcral Mass 3:30 PM Confession 5:00 PM Mass

# Instructions for CSA On-line Giving

#### CREATING A DONOR ACCOUNT

An Online Giving Account should be created to have the ability to set-up recurring donations, pledges and be able to view and print history. Setting up an account will also allow you to set-up payment methods that can be used for future donations. An email address can only be used once per Online Giving URL.

- Step 1 Go to http://stgerald.aodcsa.org
- Step 2 Click on the **Create New Account link** or sign in with last year's information.
- Step 3 Fill out information for New User Account First Name, Last Name, etc.
- Step 4 When finished filling information out Click **Enter Credentials**
- Step 5 Create User ID and Password. (If you gave on-line last year, you can use last year's ID and Password)
- Step 6 Click the Create Account button. You will receive email confirmation that your account has been created.

Complete Online Giving Users Guide can be found under http://stgerald.aodcsa.org

We appreciate your support of the CSA Program here at St. Gerald. Every donation, no matter how big or how small, helps us to reach our goal. If you are unable to donate at this time, please return your pledge card indicating you are unable to make a donation to CSA this year. Above are instructions on how to give electronically, if this is your method of contribution that you choose. If you are paying by check or are pledging to make scheduled payments, please return your CSA card by mail in the envelope provided, or drop it off in the Sunday collection basket or in the Parish Office. Thank You!

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ABOVE IS A SAMPLE OF THE CSA CARD. WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO DONATE ON-LINE OR MAKE OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR PAYMENT, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ENTIRE CARD MUST BE RETURNED TO THE PARISH OFFICE IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

PLEASE *DISREGARD* THE COMMENT ON CSA CARD INDICATING YOU DO NOT NEED TO RETURN CARD WITH ON-LINE GIFTS.

#### **Knights Corner**

#### Come Early with Spouse and Family to Council's Annual Memorial Mass and Reception

Thursday evening our Council will celebrate one of the most significant events of the year - our annual Memorial Mass, whereby we remember our deceased members. A squad of honor guards will help us mark the occasion. Fr. Henry Roodbeen, a Knight himself, will be the Mass celebrant. He is subbing for our Chaplain and Pastor, Fr. Kris, who is on

vacation. You are encouraged to come a few minutes prior to the 7 PM start of the Mass so we can form up into a procession. Your red Council shirt or business attire with your Council name badge is the dress of the day. Following the Mass, there will be a

reception in the Social Hall. You are encouraged to bring your spouse and family to the event.

Membership Director PGK Rich Smith (at left) is showing off the State Chaplain award which he and the Council won for achieving our 2018-19 membership quota in the first half of the year. Only seven other Councils in the state qualified for it. The award will soon be displayed in the Knights' corner of the Social Hall.

A big "Atta Boy" to the Pancake Boss Frank Gariepy and the Knights who produced Sunday's Pancake Breakfast. They are Rich Rosowski, Dennis Weberlein, PGK Dave Bednarski, PGK Fred Gerometta, PGK Rich Smith, Patrick McDonald, Ken May, Bill Croitori, PGK Patrick Rogers, Jerry Weigold, Bob Beiting, Scott Horsburgh, Matthew Hunsinger, Brian Gulick, Arnie Lemieux, Peter Becks, Bob Purol, Jerry Panyard, Len Lemanski and Tom McPhail. Net proceeds from the breakfast were pledged to the national K of C's effort to assist persecuted Christians in the Middle East. That figure hadn't been calculated at our press time. Nor had results been compiled of a survey which asked diners to rate the menu and to suggest improvements to the event.

A reminder that nominations for our annual election of officers remain open until the early minutes of the May 21 Membership Meeting when the voting will take place. Prior to the meeting, Hospitality Chair Ken May will serve a light dinner of sausage, red beans and rice at 6:30 PM. The meeting will open as close to the usual 7 PM start as practical.

#### 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

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Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com	x 212

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Youth Ministry Gerryanna Luscri

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#### SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM Sacrament of the Sick: Please call the office.

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. ©2004 LPi

#### 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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