

# THE VOICE

June 9, 2019

## ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
A Servant Church Of  
The Archdiocese of Detroit

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

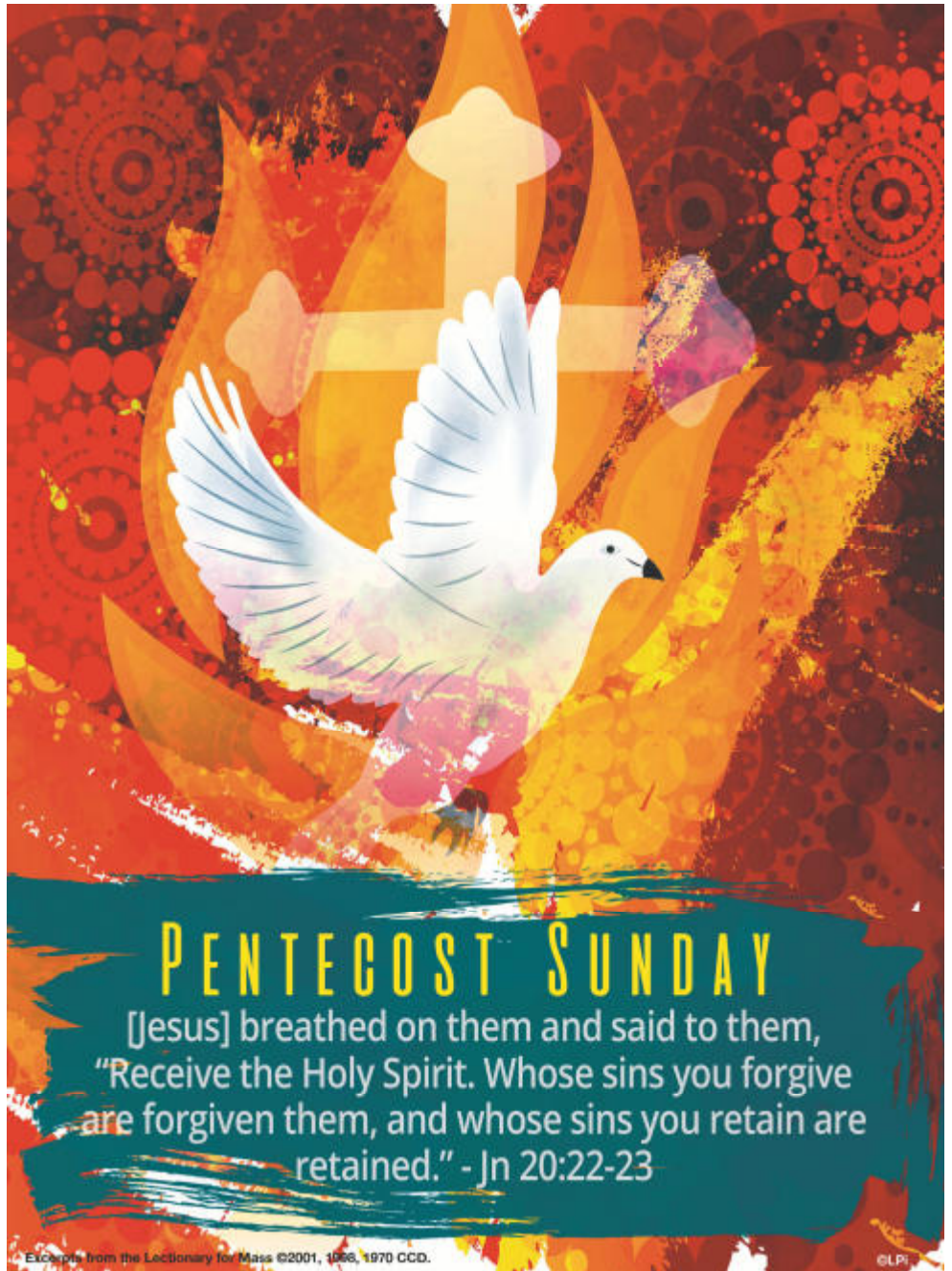
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

### WEEKDAYS

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

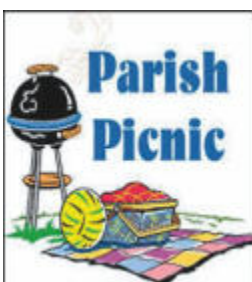
### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



## PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive  
are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are  
retained." - Jn 20:22-23



Please join us at the parish picnic this weekend  
on Sunday, June 9th from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



**JUNE 10- JUNE 14**

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Judy Williams**  
 Requested by Barbara Valasek

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**George Kirchner**  
 Requested by Pat Kirchner

Wednesday  
 No Mass

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

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Lazar and Pauline Croitori**  
 Requested by Croitori Family

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY:** GEN 3:9-15 OR ACTS 1:12-14/PS 87:1-2,  
 3 AND 5, 6-7/JN 19:25-34  
**TUESDAY:** ACTS 11:21B-26; 13:1-3/PS 98:1, 2-3AB,  
 3CD-4, 5-6 [CF. 2B]/MT 5:13-16  
**WEDNESDAY:** 2 COR 3:4-11/PS 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [CF.  
 9C]/MT 5:17-19  
**THURSDAY:** 2 COR 3:15--4:1, 3-6/PS 85:9AB AND  
 10, 11-12, 13-14 [CF. 10B]/MT 5:20-26  
**FRIDAY:** 2 COR 4:7-15/PS 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18  
 [17A]/MT 5:27-32  
**SATURDAY:** 2 COR 5:14-21/PS 103:1-2, 3-4,  
 9-10, 11-12 [8A]/MT 5:33-37  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** PRV 8:22-31/PS 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2A]/  
 ROM 5:1-5/JN 16:12-15  
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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

### Mark your calendars St. Gerald Fall Parish Mission and more

October 7, 8 and 9  
 7:00-8:30 PM  
 Fr. Jack Baker  
 Pastor of

St. Perpetua Parish  
 Waterford, Michigan  
*Bring friend.*

*Come to one session  
 or come to all!*

*Fr. Jack will preach at all  
 the Masses the weekend  
 of October 5th and 6th.*

*More information to come.*



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

**JUNE 16, 2019**

5:00 PM		June 15 Fr. Kris	
For <b>Agnes &amp; Joseph Midura</b> Requested by Delphine Midura	Lectors/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00A	
8:30 AM		June 16 Fr. Kris	
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Lector/ Ushers	Matthew Yokom 8:30A	
10:15 AM		June 16 Fr. Roodbeen	
For <b>Slavka &amp; Menka Megdanoff</b> Requested by Josephine Meyers	Lector/ Ushers	Angela McLoughlin 10:15C	
12:00 PM		June 16 Fr. Kris	
For <b>Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht &amp; Goderman Families</b> Requested by C. Kemp	Lector/ Ushers	Rob Seely 12:00B	

### Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week

June 15 and June 16  
 Team B

Team #2 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday,  
 June 9 following the 8:30 AM Mass.

### Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of May 19	\$ 9,293.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of May 19	\$ 9,096.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of May 19	\$455,856.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of May 19	\$427,512.00

### Fall Scripture Study – The Gospel of Matthew

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide. The study will focus on the Gospel of Matthew.

Location: **St. Gerald's Church social hall**  
 Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00 to 8:30 PM  
 Dates: **September 11 – November 13, 2019**

**All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study.**  
 Bring your Bible and/or Ignatius Study guides.  
 No need to register.

Contact Mary Taylor ([marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com)) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.

**REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES**

If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the religious program last year and would like to register your child for the 2019-2020 class schedule, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or via email at [marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com) and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Please return these forms as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation classes Grade 7 will gather on alternate Sundays; Grade 8 will gather alternate Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Students in Grades 1-6 may choose to attend classes either on Mondays from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM or Tuesdays from 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM. **Registration forms are due by July 15th.** If you had children in the program last year and *did not* receive a registration form, or have any questions, please contact Mary Taylor as noted above.

**REMINDER:** *Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit, children of the parish are to receive two full years of religious formation before the reception of a sacrament.*

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS**

My youngest son has occasional bouts with asthma. When it hits him, he feels like he is almost drowning, gasping for air. It is a terrible thing to think about, suffocating with no option for air. Luckily, an inhaler opens up that which was closed and air comes rushing back inside his lungs.

The Latin words "spiritus" and "spirare" mean "breath" and "to breathe." It is how we get the word "spirit" and the name, "Holy Spirit," for it is the Spirit in us that gives us breath. Some describe the Spirit as that which provides life and animation to all living things, a life force of sorts. In essence, we live and breathe the Spirit all around us.

I have to admit, that is not as concrete an explanation of the Holy Spirit as I would like. But what I do know is that when the Spirit came upon them at Pentecost, they were undeniably changed and a force came through them that they recorded like a "strong driving wind." This enabled them to proclaim the good news in a way that was previously impossible.

When I see my son trying so hard to breathe, it is like someone or something has robbed him of his spirit, or the Spirit, and he has to struggle. When his ability to breathe is returned to him, he is well again and able to accomplish anything he sets his mind to do. If we were more mindful of our breathing as the Holy Spirit moving through us, I think we would act much differently than we do sometimes. We would be better stewards and just better people. On this Pentecost, may the Spirit that you breathe in each and every day fill your heart and soul with the desire to do great things and do them well! *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications, Inc.*

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



**June 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**\$15.00 per participant** - checks made payable to **St. Gerald Church**, 21300 Farmington Rd., Farmington, MI 48336

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](mailto:marytaylor.sgp@mail.com) or Gerryanna Luscri at 248-476-7677, extension 208 or [gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com)

**Pray for our Sick:**

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



## SUMMER TEEN PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES . . .

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 Gerryanna 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 <http://caresfh.org/> or contact Gerryanna for details. Or, email Karen Linnell at [klinnell@sbcglobal.net](mailto:klinnell@sbcglobal.net).

## SERVITE FRIARS' MISSION APPEAL JUNE 8 AND 9

I'm Fr. Tim Kremen, a member of the Order of Servants of Mary (Servites). Our order was commissioned in 1948 to begin a mission in the Country of South Africa. Since the missionaries are easily available to travel to seek support for their ministry, we - their brothers in the Order - visit various parishes to ask for help for the success of the missions.

Our presence in South Africa has borne much fruit over the 70 years we have been there. From only a handful of Christians the Church has grown to dozens of communities, several priests and members of our Order - (there are 8 students now in the seminary preparing for ordination) - and several thousands of faithful parishioners. We are responsible for founding schools - there weren't any when we arrived - and are proud of our well-reputed high school, all of which the students were well prepared for college.

The people to whom we minister are generally very poor. Besides the support of your prayers and good Christian example, the missions need financial help to provide for the construction and maintenance of the churches and schools they build, as well as support of the missionaries and for medical help of the people in an area where there aren't many hospitals or medical personnel, and to be able to have transportation to get around the large territory through which they must travel.

So we are most grateful to you for the opportunity to visit with you, and we thank you for any help you can provide to spread the word of salvation to people who had never heard the good news. We ask God's blessing on you for your hospitality and kind consideration.

Fr. Tim Kremen, OSM

## WIDOWED FRIENDS

Join the Widowed Friends, a peer support group, hosting a co-ed breakfast on June 20 at 9 AM at Annie's, located at 33427 Plymouth Road. Come for coffee, food and conversation. RSVP to Tom at 586-216-1454.



Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald Parish. They are:

**Al and Patty Plecha**

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## THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY

book reflection, Chapter 4 "I've Been Lying to Myself"

What are you lying to yourself about right now? This is the question Matthew Kelly poses to the reader.

He pleads to us to stop pretending to be someone we are not. Pretending to be perfect through photo filters or social media platforms that don't truly reflect who we are. We need to focus on 'Being' rather than 'Seeming to Be'. As a culture engrossed in watching others' through posts on social media, we actually turn away from our own 'living'. Be careful to not focus on your phone when the 'real life' in front of you is getting ignored.

Don't get lost in someone else's moment while your's are happening. Otherwise, your moments will be lost forever and that comes at a great cost.

**CSA Update . . .** 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. Our suggested giving amount per family is **\$215.00**, which would allow us to reach our goal of **\$69,539.00**. We know some families cannot afford the \$215.00 and others can afford more. Please prayerfully consider your donation amount. It is not an equal gift we ask for, it is an equal sacrifice. If you are unable to donate at this time, just return your pledge card indicating you are unable to make a donation to CSA this year.

Below 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!

## 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.

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**SAMPLE CSA CARD-PLEASE RETURN ENTIRE CARD**

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<p><b>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT - CSA</b></p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">2019</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Your gift helps Unleash the Gospel and serve our community! * or give by Credit Card or Bank EFT by calling 1-888-331-8695 between 10am - 5pm M-F</p>		<p><b>PARISH AUDIT USE</b></p> <p>INITIAL PAYMENT _____</p> <p>____ CHECK    ____ CASH</p> <p>DATE _____ AUDITOR _____</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;">Have you considered the church in your will? Contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.</p>

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**Knights Corner**

**All Parish Men Invited to Join Knights in Prayerful Reflection on Being a Real Catholic Man**

All men of the parish are invited to an Hour of Reflection on *Being a Real Catholic Man* at 7 PM, Tuesday, June 11. Past Grand Knight Patrick Rogers will be the program facilitator. The program is based on an Apostolic Exhortation by the Rev. Thomas J. Olmstead, Bishop of Phoenix. He warned that “One of the key reasons the Church is faltering under the attacks of Satan is that many Catholic men have not been willing to ‘step in the breach’ – to fill the gap that lies open and vulnerable to further attack. A large number have left the faith and many who remain ‘Catholic’ practice the faith timidly and are only minimally committed to passing the faith on to their children.” Among the topics covered will be the modern day attack on fatherhood, a brief exploration of the three masculine loves of a man, the important role of grandfathers and the impact of pornography. Also offered, will be some suggested steps men can take to strengthen their faith and their role as fathers.

Today, June 9, is the day of the annual parish picnic. If you can, please return wearing your Council shirt and help out in some capacity. Help is usually needed on the food line, at the beverage outlet, the grill and especially with the end of the day take down of the tables and tents. Report to Picnic Boss Matt Yokum or one of the Council Officers.

Later this month, we will be holding our final Membership Meeting of the fraternal year on June 18. Brother Matthew Hunsinger will be pitching in for Hospitality Chair Ken May as cook of our pre-meeting meal. Matthew reports that he will be using an old family recipe for sloppy Joes. The meal will be served at 6:30 PM with the meeting starting as close to the usual 7 PM opening as practical. The major items on the agenda are the election of Knight and Family of the Year and a look at the start of the new 2019-20 fraternal year. Nominees for each award are the Knights and families chosen for monthly honors by the Council officers during their monthly meetings.

A big “Atta Boy” to PGK Fred Gerometta and Brother Peter Becks for their help at the Christian Service Commission breakfast for the graduates last Sunday. Fred did his usual fine job as the chief cook while Peter and parishioner John Esper handled the dish and pot washing chores. Another example of Knights in service to the parish!

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**STAFF**

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**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.

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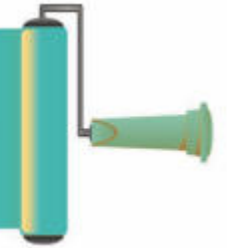
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