

THE VOICE

August 4, 2019

ST. GERALD

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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.



St. Gerald Parish

Friday, August 9th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM and
Saturday, August 10th from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Items such as tables, chairs, office furniture, etc., will be available for purchase.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



AUGUST 5– AUGUST 9

Monday 9:15 AM
Margaret Henderson
 Requested by Barbara Valasek

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

Wednesday
 No Mass

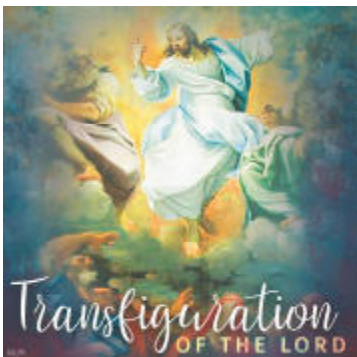
Thursday 7:00 PM
Bruce Harris
 Requested by Ray and Claudia Pisani

Friday 9:15 AM
Special Intention

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: NM 11:4B-15/PS 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [2A]/
 MT 14:13-21
TUESDAY: DN 7:9-10, 13-14/PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1A AND
 9A]/2 PT 1:16-19/LK 9:28B-36
WEDNESDAY: NM 13:1-2, 25--14:1, 26A-29A, 34-35/
 PS 106:6-7AB, 13-14, 21-22, 23 [4A]/MT 15:21-28
THURSDAY: NM 20:1-13/PS 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/MT 16:13-
 23
FRIDAY: DT 4:32-40/PS 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 AND 21 [12A]/
 MT 16:24-28
SATURDAY: 2 COR 9:6-10/PS 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/
 JN 12:24-26
NEXT SUNDAY: WIS 18:6-9/PS 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22
 [12B]/HEB 11:1-2, 8-19 OR 11:1-2, 8-12/LK 12:32-48 OR
 12:35-40

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DONATIONS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you can do so from August 8th through August 22nd.

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME
 AUGUST 11, 2019**

5:00 PM		August 10 Fr. Kris	
For Alzada Dolencic Requested by Dennis and Sharon Weberlein	Lectors/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00A	
8:30 AM		August 11 Fr. Roodbeen	
For Vivian Lasczynski Requested by Maria Hans & Heidi Lapham	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30C	
10:15 AM		August 11 Fr. Kris	
For Patrick Hespen Requested by Gina Hespen	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15B	
12:00 PM		August 11 Fr. Kris	
For Clara Batalucco Requested by Marilou Knight	Lector/ Ushers	Teddi Williams 12:00B	

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week
August 10 and August 11
 Team B

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, August 4 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.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of July 28	\$ 7,864.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 28	\$ 9,096.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of July 28	\$ 35,629.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of July 28	\$ 36,384.00

Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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.



How did you become interested in the Catholic faith? Were you born into the faith? Were you invited in?

We are looking for others who have the gift of evangelization and sharing God's love with others. Is that you? Come join us as part of the Evangelization Team of St. Gerald. Helping with programs of outreach and church activities to inspire fellowship and growth. .

Come join the purpose of the new evangelization of faith in our community.

Contact Gerryanna Luscri at 248-476-7677 x208 or email gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

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 book shelf 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.



BLANKETS FOR THE HOMELESS

This weekend we will begin a new project here at the parish entitled 'blankets for the homeless'. This is a simple project in which you take home the supplies provided and simply follow the directions that come along with them. What do you need to make the blankets? Simple, all you need is a sewing machine. You may return the blankets to the parish throughout the month of August. The final weekend to return them will be September 7th and 8th. If you have any questions, please call the Christian Service office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. God Bless! Matt



AN INVITATION TO JOURNEY!

The **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into:

- Believing with the Church community
- Living with the Church community
- Praying with the Church community
- Serving with the Church community

The RCIA is intended to serve:

- The unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those baptized Catholics who have not completed the Initiation Sacraments.

The RCIA Process is much more than a program:

- It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Christ in a powerful manner.
- It is an answer to the Gospel invitation "Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your soul will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Please consider joining us. Have Questions...need more information? Please contact Fr. Kris Nowak or the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



WE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL
OF
RITA FUNCHER

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JANUARY 2, 1924
JULY 28, 2019

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
RITA O LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON
HER.

Pray for our Sick:

Norma Bazzett	Monica Koenig	Betty Murphy
Bonnie Haun	Christine Godbey	Yolanda Fenech
Phyllis Marek	Doug Foley	Cindy Porter
Ralph Wenski	Joseph Brown	Erin Malloy
Theresa Rich	Agnes Bongero	Wanda Reiner
Rose Hickey	Joyce LaMarra	Joan Goniea
Roberta Provenzano	John MacDougall	Nancy Kolliker

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

God Gives Us What We Need

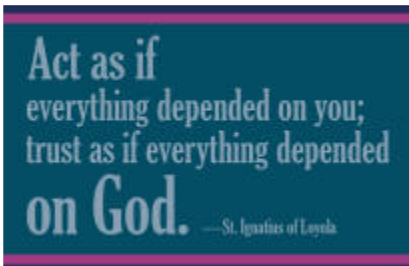
A few months back, my wife and I helped move my oldest son into his first real apartment. He was moving to start his first real job and was excited and cautious at the same time. Moving him in reminded me of when his mother and I were first starting out. We received an old couch from her aunt, some kitchen supplies from my mom, and many other things from friends and relatives so we could begin this new journey in our lives. We didn't have much. But we had one another, and we had love. Looking back, those were great times.

Sometimes, we think material possessions give evidence of a life lived well. Artifacts from our travels, collections that take time to amass and provide clues to our interests, and various pictures and prints that adorn our walls. However, those who have lived lives of hardship and pain have many of the same items. Not only doesn't all our stuff amount to real evidence of what our life has really been like, but it doesn't make our lives better either.

What makes a life well lived will be the love and compassion that we have experienced, primarily with God who loves us so deeply. Due to that love, God gives to us what we need, not always what we want. More stuff will never amount to anything in comparison to what God provides to us. If we reflected on that truth more, perhaps we would spend less time accumulating things and more time simply loving.

On that moving day, I wanted to give my son more material things than was possible. However, what he really needs then, now, and always is my love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Week at a Glance

Monday, August 5

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, August 6

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help
2:00 PM Nursing Home Mass
7:00 PM K of C Officer's Meeting

Wednesday, August 7

K of C Casino Bus Trip
No Mass

Thursday, August 8

12:00 PM Pinochle
6:20 PM Rosary
7:00 PM Mass
7:45 PM Holy Hour

Friday, August 9

Garage Sale 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
8:00 PM AA Meeting

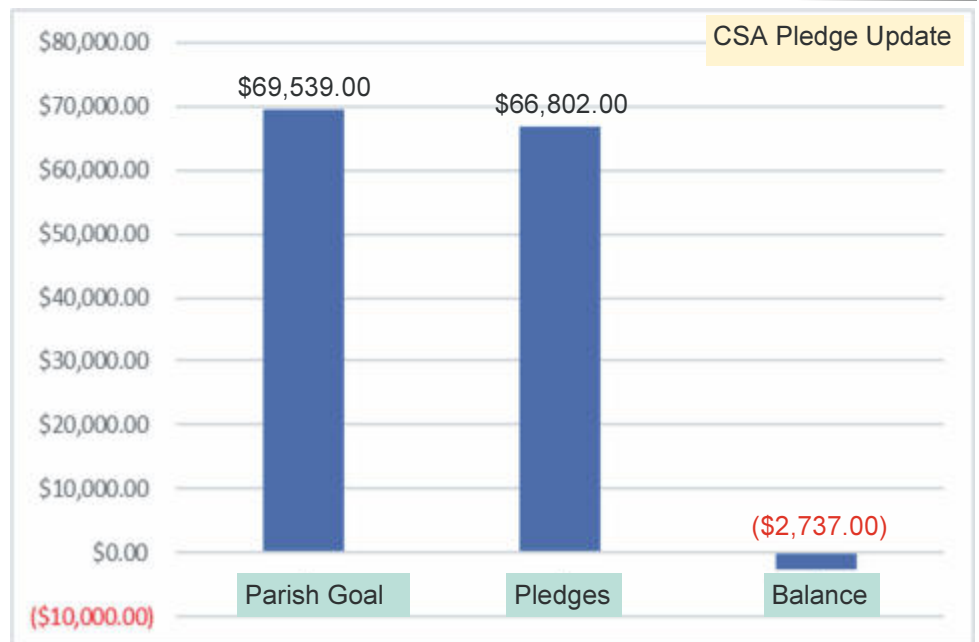
Saturday, August 10

Garage Sale 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
3:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, August 11

8:30 AM Mass
10:15 AM Mass
12:00 PM Mass
1:00 PM Baptisms

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.



Activities Within our Community



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FRIENDS WALK

How can I get some well needed exercise, visit a Detroit jewel, and help a worthy cause? The answer is to participate in the annual St. Vincent de Paul Friends Walk on Belle Isle.

You can do this by registering online at www.friendswalk.org and joining me on Saturday, September 28th at Belle Isle. Click on the "Register" icon and follow the prompts. Be sure to register with the St. Gerald Team.

Walkers can then solicit online donations or cash/check donations made to St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference. **All donations will then go 100% to our parish conference.**



Registration at Belle Isle is at 9:00 AM, and the walk begins at 10:00 AM. There is an \$11 State Park Recreation Pass required per vehicle.

If you can't join me for the walk, you can make a pledge online by going to www.friendswalk.org. Click on the "Donate" icon. Select St. Gerald Conference as your team. Select a team member like Robert Kuhr or anyone else registered with our team.

For more information, call Bob Kuhr at 248-888-9335.

SOUTH OAKLAND SHELTER

AUGUST 18TH – 25TH

PLEASE SIGN UP AT

NorthCongregationalChurch.org

Trinity in the Woods Episcopal Church, St. Gerald Catholic Church, the Muslim Community Mosque and North Congregational Church will be hosting 30 – 35 homeless people, including families, the week of August 18th at North Congregational Church. We will provide transportation, meals, housing, entertainment and hospitality for our guests for a week from Sunday evening through the following Sunday morning. Guests spend their days at work, S.O.S. – in training and counseling, or elsewhere preparing to transition into housing before returning to North Congregational in time for dinner.

This endeavor takes many hands to make it successful. We will need about 1,000 hours of volunteer time and donations of hundreds of food items to welcome our guests. If every person in our places of worship can sign up for one volunteer shift or one food item, we will be able to give our guests a wonderful week. Please know that every volunteer task will have a coordinator who will direct and guide each process for your shift.

Signing up to volunteer or provide food donations can be done through the website at NorthCongregationalChurch.org. You may also contact Danny Hawkins directly and he will sign up for you. If you have any questions, you may contact him at NCC.BusinessManager@gmail.com or 248 217-1750.



A Program to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it make it worse?

RETROUVAILLE CAN HELP!!

The Retrouvaille Program consists of a weekend experience combined with a series of twelve follow up (or Post) sessions over the course of six weeks. It provides the tools to help put your marriage in order again. The main emphasis of the program is on communication in marriage between husband and wife. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way.

There is an alternative to divorce!

This quite possibly could be the best gift you ever give yourself, your spouse, your children, your family and your friends!!

Please pass this information on to anyone who you suspect might be a hurting couple

The next Retrouvaille program begins Friday, August 23rd, in Romulus, Michigan.

For confidential information or to register call 800-470-2230
OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE: HelpOurMarriage.org



Fall Scripture Study – The Gospel of Matthew

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplain 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) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.



Knights Corner

Officers Meet Tuesday; Call a Pot Luck Dinner Coordinator to Report the Dish You Will Pass

Your Officers will be meeting Tuesday with the major agenda item a report by GK Dave Bednarski on the District 12 Summer meeting which our Council hosted this past Monday. Also, to be discussed will be how additional elements of the *Faith in Action* program promulgated by the Supreme Council can be folded into this year's Council Annual Action Calendar.

Our Pot Luck Dinner dish coordinators – Diane Roberts (248-477-4172) and Arlene McPhail (248-880-8156) -- are standing by waiting to hear from Knights (their spouses) to report what dish for 10 they will be bringing to the August 24 dinner. Four types of dishes are sought to go with this year's main dish: grilled pork tenderloins will replace the chicken of the past. The dish you bring should be one of the following: appetizer; salad (green or other); main sides (potatoes, baked beans, vegetable), and desserts. Keep in mind that oven capacity is limited as are electrical warming outlets.



Four neighboring Councils sent delegates to last Monday's District 12 Summer meeting which our Council hosted. Most of the delegates lined up for this team photo.

The dinner is a "bring your own bottle event" (BYOB), meaning that you should bring the beverages of your choice that you and your family will enjoy the whole evening. The Council will provide coffee, tea and water. Appetizers will be served starting at 6 PM and dinner will be served at 7 or so, allowing the 5 PM mass goes time to settle in.

PGK Fred and Diane Gerometta again have agreed to host the Pot Luck which is a family event – children are welcome. If you need directions to the Geromettas, contact Program Director Tom McPhail at 248-875-1185.



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)

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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.

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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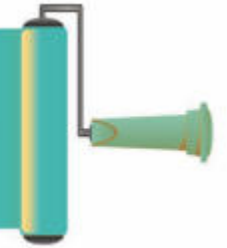


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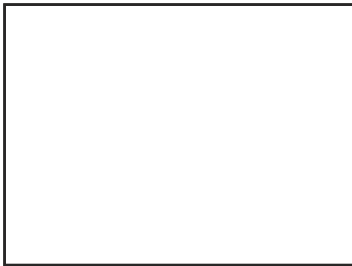
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