# THE VOICE

September 15, 2019

## ST. GERALD

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

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

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

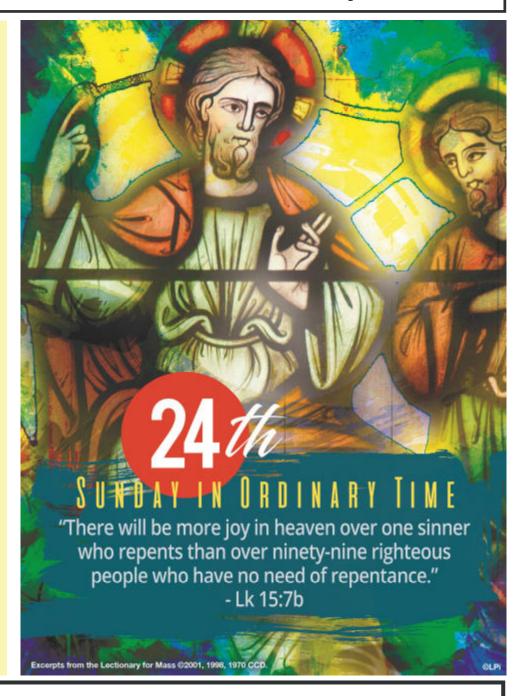
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

#### **WEEKDAYS**

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

#### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.





Mark your calendars!
Knights of Columbus
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, September 22nd.

#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



#### SEPTEMBER 16- SEPTEMBER 20

Monday 9:15 AM Carmel Galea Requested by Stella Galea

> Tuesday 9:15 AM Fr. James Wright

> > Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM Doug and Janice Wishmeyer Requested by Croitori Family

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

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9 [6]/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 [2]/Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 7:31-35 Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3 Saturday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13 Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 [cf. 1a, 7b]/1 Tm 2:1-8/

Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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#### Pray for our Sick:

Nicole Zapinski

Victoria Angelosanto

Bonnie Haun

If you would like a name to added on the prayer list, please email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. Thank you!





Children's Liturgy of the Word

> Beginning Sunday, September 22nd,

During the 10:15 AM Mass

Children in grades Kindergarten through 4th grade are welcome!

### TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2019** 

5:00 PM September 21 Fr. Roodbeen			
For Frederick Strick Requested by Dennis and Sharon Weberlein	Lectors/ Ushers	Sharon McCarthy 5:00A	
8:30 AM September 22 Fr. Roodbeen			
For <b>Jim Meloche</b> Requested by Family	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert 8:30C	
10:15 AM September 22 Fr. Roodbeen			
For <b>Walter &amp; Grace Mazurek</b> Requested by Ray & Claudia Pisani	Lector/ Ushers	Ray Pisani 10:15B	
12:00 PM September 22 Fr. Briffa			
For <b>Rick Girard</b> Requested by Priddy Family	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00B	

**Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week** September 21 and September 22

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday,

September 15 following the 8:30 AM Mass.



October 13 - Flu Clinic October 12 and 13 - Bundle Days



#### 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 September 1	\$ 8,485.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of September 1	\$ 9,096.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of September 1	\$82,630.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Sept. 1	\$81,864.00



FREE TICKETS for any middle schooler interested. This is a Middle School Event Like No Other!

6-8 Grade students are invited for a one-day dynamic event called **Holy Fire Great Lakes** hosted by NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference).

Sunday, October 13, 2019 from 10 AM to 4 PM at The Stroh Center at Bowling Green State University. We will leave St. Gerald parking lot by 8:30 AM and return approximately 5:30 PM.

For more details on music, topics and speakers, go to: www.aod.org/ministries/youth-ministry/holy-fire/

Call Gerryanna 248-476-7677 or email at gerryanna.youthministry to reserve your free tickets and arrange carpool.



Are you interested in being part of our Evangelization Team? We are a group of men and women helping to share our faith and mission with our community. We meet monthly to support the

efforts of evangelization with our St. Gerald family.

Our yearly kick-off dinner will be on Monday, September 16. If you would like to join us, contact Margaret Williams at 248-477-0767 or Gerryanna Luscri at 734-341-1999

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 are some of what we do as team members.

## A COLLECTION TO SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS' RETIREMENT

This weekend, our parish is taking up a special collection for our priests' retirement. The *With Thanks for Their Service in Christ* collection will support the Priests' Pension Plan, which provides a monthly pension as well as health and automobile insurance to priests at age 70.

As you may know, the retirement years can be difficult for our senior priests. No longer supported by their parish communities, they rely on minimal Social Security benefits and their pension from the Priests' Pension Plan for basic needs, such as food, housing, and transportation.

Please show your gratitude to those priests who have cared for and ministered to our community by prayerfully reflecting on how you can best help support our priests' retirement with a gift to the *With Thanks for Their Service in Christ* collection. You may return your completed special collection envelope during the Sunday collection or drop it off at the Parish Office. Thank you!

#### **Online Giving For Priest Retirement Fund**

Those who wish to give to the Priest Retirement Fund through the online giving can do so **through September 22.** Thank you!



Do you know someone who would like to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Have you been baptized and need to be confirmed or receive First Eucharist? What is the

#### RCIA process?

Is God calling you to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Please come to the RCIA. Are you getting the feeling that you should be learning more about your relationship with God and how He works in your life by becoming a full member of the Catholic Church? Please come to the RCIA. Do you have questions? Come to the RCIA. To join, speak to Fr. Kris after Mass or call the Parish Office at (248) 477-7470.

#### **MERCY IN ACTION 2019**

This year for our Mercy In Action, St. Fabian, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Gerald will have an Oktoberfest benefit dinner for St. Christine. The event will be hosted by Our Lady of Sorrows and take place on **Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-11:00 PM.** There will be beer, wine and other drinks available along with many German food dishes. Tickets for this event will be \$25.00 and NOT available at the door. If you have any questions regarding this event or would like to purchase tickets, please call Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or email myokom.sgp@gmail.com. Matt

#### Religious Formation Classes Starting September 24th And 25th

If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the program last year, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677 ext. 201 or via email at <a href="marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com">marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com</a> and a registration form will be mailed to you.

Elementary classes, grades 1-6, will begin September 23rd and 24th, Monday sessions meeting from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM and Tuesday sessions meet from 5:00 PM to 6:15 PM. Please contact Mary Taylor if you have any questions.

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.

#### CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN

Please note that on Saturday, September 21st, 7th and 8th grade students and their parents are invited to attend the 5:00 PM Mass followed by a mandatory meeting with dinner. If you have any questions, please contact Gerryanna Luscri at 248-476-7677, ext. 208.

## ATTENTION: ALL SINGERS

The time has come to sing to the Lord a New Song! Adult choir practice begins on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 7 PM in the Church. All interested in singing and leading the congregation in song at the 10:15 AM Mass on Sundays, please join us. All are welcome. Mary Melonio





#### **Bottle and Can Drive**

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September 28th and 29th

Please donate your recyclable bottles and cans, before any of the Masses, during the last weekend of September. All proceeds will be used to purchase DVD's for the Religious Formation Program, since all the classrooms now have TV's with DVD players!

Drop off locations will be in front of the garage and at the end of the Farminaton Road entrance sidewalk.

# WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF

NANCY MELIA

November 23, 1942 August 27, 2019

Marilyn Stankovich

T APRIL 9, 1954 SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

#### EGLANDINA VALENTE

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November 19, 1930 September 9, 2019

Patricia Ratajski



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THESE WOMEN
O LORD,
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT
SHINE UPON THEM

# Week at a Glance

Monday, September 16 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass

Tuesday, September 17
8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help
6:30 K of C Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 18
No Mass
7:00 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, September 19 12:00 PM Pinochle 6:20 PM Rosary 7:00 PM Mass 7:45 PM Holy Hour

Friday, September 20 8:40 AM Rosary 9:15 AM Mass 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal 8:00 PM AA Meeting

Saturday, September 21 2:00 PM Wedding 3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, September 22 K of C Pancake Breakfast 8:30 AM Mass 10:15 AM Mass 10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word 12:00 PM Mass

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### **Patience in All Things**

St. Francis De Sales said, "Have patience with all things, but, first of all with yourself." Life has a way of knocking us down or off the path we are traveling. If it is a path that God has called us to, then it will be easier to get back to the journey, but nevertheless, it is difficult. The hardest thing to bear is that too often what we blame on life is really about our own choices or shortcomings. The refrain of many a blues singer sounds something like, "Nobody to blame but me!"

What is the Good News? God's patience is far superior to our own. We do need to follow the words above and cultivate in ourselves a greater sense of patience in all things. However, we should take great comfort in knowing that God's patience will always be there as we struggle to grow and advance in our life as a disciple.

You're trying to live a stewardship way of life but keep falling onto the side of the road? God wants you to reach Him on the road but will wait for you. You want to be holier and more committed to your faith? God will take what you give Him. The danger is when you lose your patience and stop moving toward Him. You decide that it doesn't really matter and that what you can offer God doesn't amount to anything of worth. We must never cease our journey. You and I may get fed up, but our God never will. —*Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* 

# 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Another Way Pregnancy Center Invites You To Attend Their 2019 Fundraising Dinner Banquet On Thursday, October 3

AWPC seeks to provide lifeaffirming choices by offering faith-based hope, support, and compassion to those experiencing unplanned or untimely pregnancies.



Where: Laurel Manor Banquet & Conference Center in

Livonia

When: Doors open at 6 PM - program begins at 6:45 PM

Speaker: President & CEO of Care Net, Roland Warren

Cost: \$50 per ticket

Call (248) 939-5900 or visit *AWPCfriends.org/new-events* for complete event details!

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10).

## 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: Now - 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.

#### PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS AWARENESS MONTH

## October is National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month

The Most Reverend Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, October 6 at 11 AM in honor of Pregnancy and Infant Loss awareness Month. Join us to remember those who have been lost, and to pray for couples hoping to conceive a child.

#### At the service:

- a blessing will be given to married couples who desire a baby
- a prayer will be offered for families who have lost a pregnancy, infant, baby or child.

#### Please RSVP and tell us:

- if you would like a blessing for desiring a pregnancy
- the name of the baby, infant or child who died.

RSVP to pregnancymass@aod.org or (313) 237-4679.

#### Mass For Commerce

Please join His Excellency Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron and the Catholic business and professional community for a morning of inspiration at the 26th Annual Mass for Commerce on Wednesday, October 23, at 8 AM in the Chapel of Sacred Heart Major Seminary, 2701 W. Chicago Blvd., Detroit 48206.

This celebration of the Eucharist reminds Catholic men and women that they are not merely business and professional people who happen to be Catholic, but people who recognize they are stewards of God's gifts and their need for the Holy Spirit to be with them, guiding them every day.

A breakfast will follow Mass. At the end of breakfast, a panel of local business leaders will discuss how their Catholic faith has impacted their business life. For more information, call 313-596-7430 or visit the web at www.massforcommerce.org.

#### **BETHANY**

Bethany is a Catholic organization that provides spiritual, social, and educational assistance to Christians who are divorced or separated. For more information, visit the Bethany website at:

www.BethanyofSoutheasternMichigan.org.

#### KNIGHTS CORNER

#### Members Meet Tuesday with Early Chow Then Cook Pancakes for Parishioners Sunday

Hamburgers and corn on the cob will be featured for meeting chow prior to Tuesday's Membership Meeting. Hospitality Chair Ken May will serve dinner chow at 6:30 PM. The business meeting will start as close to the regular 7 PM opening as practical.

The major agenda item will be the call by Pancake Boss Frank Gariepy for workers to sign up for the September 22 Pancake Breakfast. Members voted to donate the net proceeds from the event to the Mother and Unborn Baby Care Pregnancy Center, a facility with close ties to the Council and for whom we have provided help in the past. If you are unable to attend the meeting to volunteer, give Frank a call at 248-982-7782 or leave him a note at fgariepy73@hotmail.com.

Program Director Tom McPhail will discuss the all-Knights spiritual retreat scheduled for December 13-15 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. The weekend is open exclusively to Knights from the Detroit and Lansing Dioceses and is sponsored by the State Council. If you need more details or wish to the join the St. Gerald group, contact McPhail at 248-875-1185.

Members and their spouses are invited to the Council's Officer Installation and Dinner beginning with the 5 PM Mass Saturday, October 19. The Installation by District Deputy Don Garon will be immediately after the Mass. The dinner in the Social Hall will follow. Watch for more details in the immediate future.

We again will be joining other Knights Councils in sponsoring 10 billboards during December with the message "KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS" sponsored by The Knights of Columbus. According to Grand Knight Kenneth Evans of the Fr. Patrick O'Kelley Council, which is coordinating the project, "This program will not only help to promote Christianity and the true meaning of Christmas, but also is spreading the image of the Knights of Columbus." Our Council officers approved an expense of \$55 for the project.

The parish is resuming the donut fellowship sessions on selected Sundays starting this weekend with our Council named to handle the season premiere. Brothers Frank Gariepy and Rich Rosowski have agreed to take charge following the 8:30 AM Mass. Bob Kuhr and Tom McPhail have agreed to handle the shift after the l0:15 Mass and PGK Patrick Rogers and Jerry Weigold will wind up the day. Thanks, guys. Just remember that although they are served in church, donuts are loaded with calories.

St. Gerald Knights of Columbus – Good Men Doing Good Works! Ask a Knight How You Can 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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Tom Kruger

#### **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

Accountant

Kim Shepard

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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