

THE VOICE

September 22, 2019

ST. GERALD

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

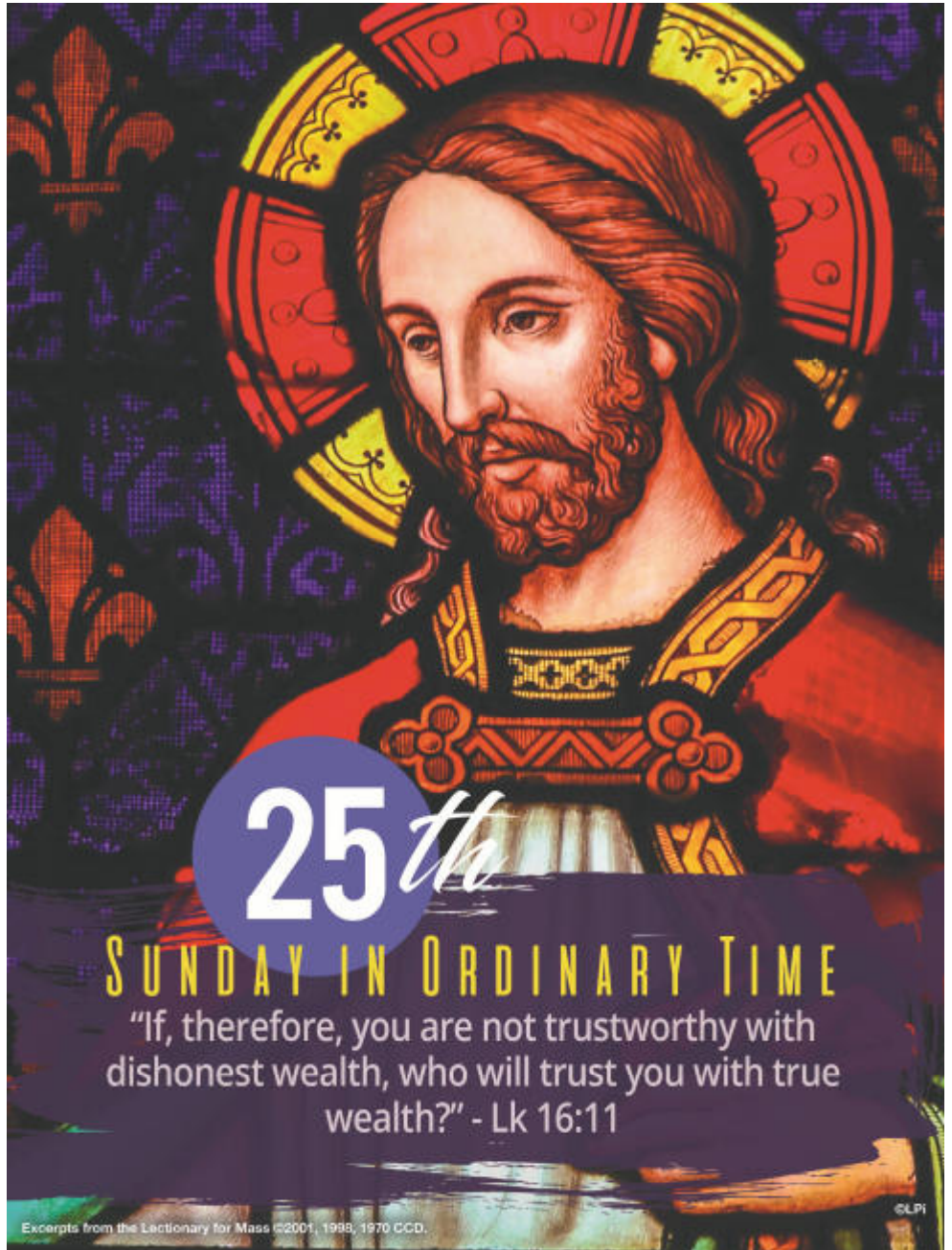
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.
and 12:00 Noon

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Begins Sunday, September 22nd,
during the 10:15 AM Mass.

Children in grades
Kindergarten through 4th grade are welcome!

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

SEPTEMBER 23 – SEPTEMBER 27



Monday 9:15 AM
Jerry and Mark Mellondorf
 Requested by Croitori Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Michael Stec
 Requested by Milkiewicz Family

Wednesday
 No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Alan Knight
 Requested by Rita Knight

Friday 9:15 AM
David Weberlein
 Requested by Dennis Weberlein

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12a, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45
 Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/1 Tm 6:11-16/
 Lk 16:19-31

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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

Pray for our Sick:

Nicole Zapinski Victoria Angelosanto
 Rick Stone 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!



Crackers
 Rice
 Package Potatoes
 Canned Meat
 Mac and Cheese



Mark your calendars!

**October 12 and 13
 Bundle Days**

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME
 SEPTEMBER 29, 2019**

5:00 PM		September 28	Fr. Medina
For Bernice, Louis & Dennis Kaye Requested by Joseph Pavco	Lectors/ Ushers	Diane Blankenship 5:00B	
8:30 AM		September 29	Fr. Puzio
For Walter Winiarski Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector/ Ushers	Jim Bergin 8:30A	
10:15 AM		September 29	Fr. Puzio
For Jaclyn Ann Pouget-Bedy Requested by St. Vincent & Sara Fisher	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15C	
12:00 PM		September 29	Fr. Roodbeen
For All Our Parishioners	Lector/ Ushers	Rob Seely 12:00A	

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week
September 28 and September 29
 Team A

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, September 29 following the 8:30 AM Mass.



**October 13 - Flu Clinic at St. Gerald
 (more information to come)**

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.

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!



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.

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



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY HELP NEEDED!

Many Sundays throughout the year we offer donuts and coffee after each of the Masses. There are a couple Sunday's where we still could use a few extra hands. If you would like to help, it is easy. After the Mass you usually attend, you help in serving the donuts and coffee and set up for the next Mass. This is a great opportunity to meet other parishioners as you work. The dates where we still need help are January 5th and April 5th. If you (and/or your family) would like to help out at any of these two fellowships, please call Christian Service at 248-476-7677, ext. 204.



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 26th 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 marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com 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.*



WELCOME

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

Dan and Colleen Irvin and Family

We are glad you are here!

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Bottle and Can Drive

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Eli Gerhart
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 Farmington Road entrance sidewalk.

Week at a Glance

Monday, September 23

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
5:30 PM Religious Formation

Tuesday, September 24

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help
5:00 PM Religious Formation

Wednesday, September 25

No Mass
7:00 PM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

8:40 AM Rosary
9:15 AM Mass
8:00 PM AA Meeting

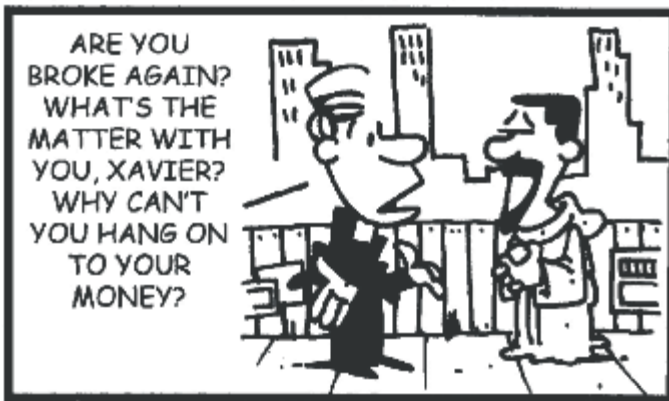
Saturday, September 28

3:30 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, September 29

8:30 AM Mass
10:15 AM K of C Family Communion Mass
10:15 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
12:00 PM Mass

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's Most Important?

I hold to the belief that you cannot have allegiances to both Duke and UNC, the Packers and the Bears, or the Yankees and the Red Sox. In Matthew 6:24, it says, "He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other." That verse isn't talking about sports! It's talking about God and money. Most of us love both of those and that can be a problem. If you were to love any of the sets of teams mentioned above, you have a huge problem as well.

Simply put, you can only have one thing that is the most important in your life. When I ask my children what is the most important thing in their lives, they know to respond, "God." But just because you know that is the right answer doesn't make it the truthful answer. Total allegiance to a sports team seems easier. You won't find a Packers fans secretly wearing a Bear's jersey. However, we can find Christians secretly hoarding their money or doing things based solely on the love of money.

Maybe the problem lies in the fact that, at times, we are merely lukewarm fans of Jesus and not disciples. If we truly have matured in our faith and strengthened our relationship with him, then real commitment comes easier. There will always be a temptation for money to take the place of Jesus, but the more committed we are, the harder it is to allow anything to come between us and our God. The question we all must continually ask ourselves is, "Is God truly the most important thing in my life?"

—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 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.

ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THEIR 2019 FUNDRAISING DINNER BANQUET ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

AWPC seeks to provide life-affirming 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.

BULLETIN REMINDER

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 12 noon on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.



KNIGHTS CORNER

Knights of Columbus Insurance Program Stands Strong On Ethical Ground

This week’s article is by **Greg Bennett**, the K of C insurance agent assigned to our Council. A charter member of our Council, he can be contacted at 248-884-4095 or gregory.bennett@kofc.org.

Some people believe that ethics in business is a contradiction in terms. They think that in order to be profitable, a company and its leaders must abandon morality and embrace the dark, greedy side that they see so often in the news and in movies. At the Knights of Columbus, we know this isn’t true. A business can be both ethical and successful. We are.

As a Catholic organization, we understand the value and importance of our core beliefs and the original mission of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney. In fact, much of the strength and financial security we provide to members and their families can be attributed to our ethical, moral standards. More than 96 percent of Knights who buy our life insurance keep it, year in and year out. The Order takes this commitment to our members very seriously. This means carefully planning when it comes time to invest. Our professional staff researches all transactions to insure that they fall in line with Catholic values. If a transaction makes them uncomfortable, they don’t make it. In the end, the Knights of Columbus investment strategy is motivated by morality, not money. Yet, each year we remain profitable, increase our assets and stay dedicated to this vision that will keep the Order financially sound for generations to come. But don’t just take our word for it. In 2018 the Knights of Columbus was named a “World’s Most Ethical Company” by the Ethisphere Institute.

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Term life insurance provides affordable protection to your loved ones for temporary needs. It’s simple, affordable and straightforward. Issue ages 18-70.

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Annuity is a retirement savings product, can be non-qualified, IRA, Roth, SEP, or more. Issue ages 0-85.

Disability income insurance helps replace lost income when you are unable to work due to a disability resulting from an illness or accident. Issues ages 18-61.

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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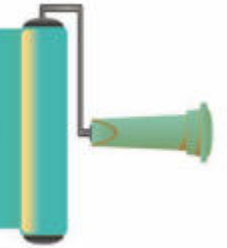
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