

# THE VOICE

October 20, 2019

## ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
A Servant Church Of  
The Archdiocese of Detroit

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Website: [stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org)

### OFFICE HOURS

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

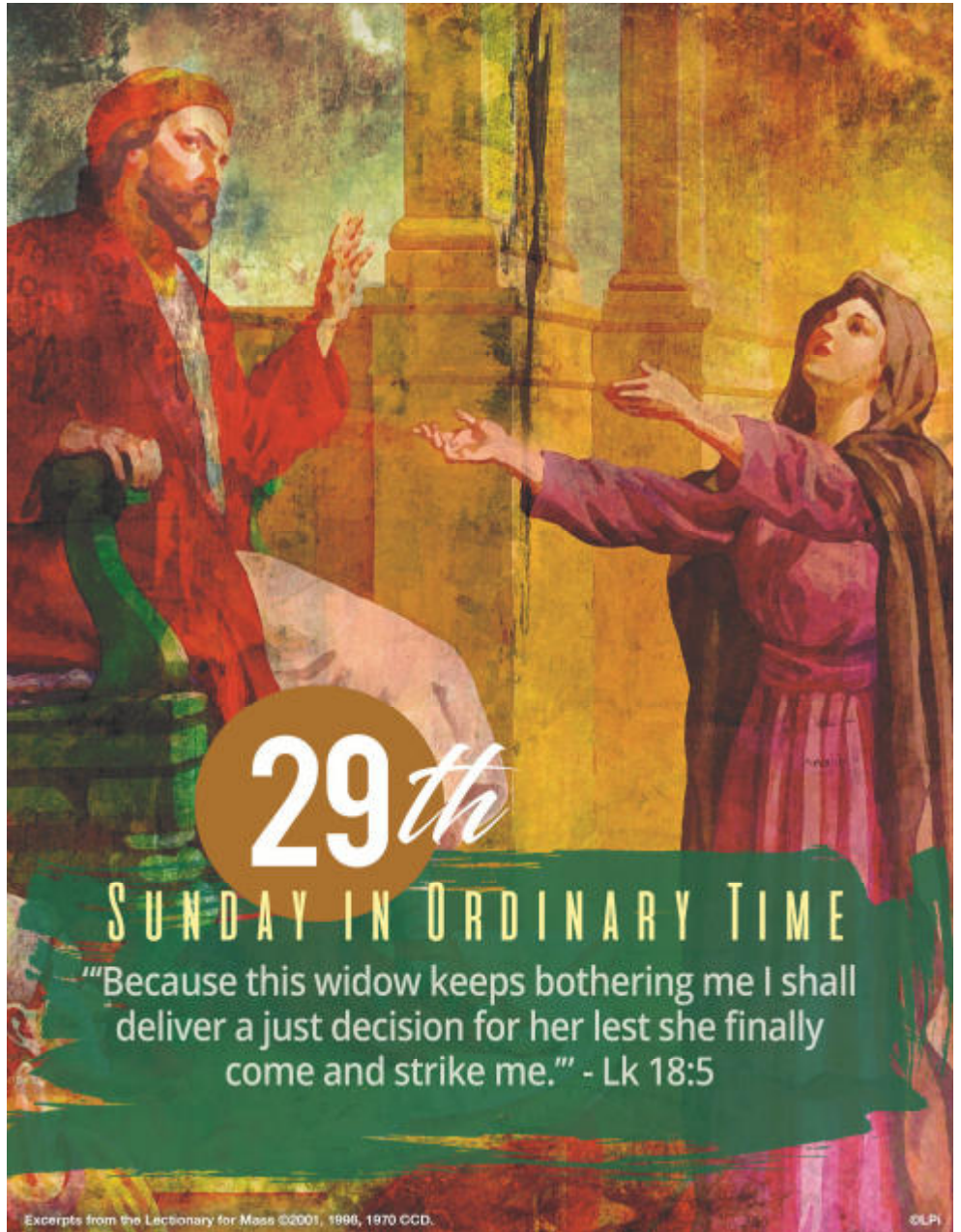
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

### WEEKDAYS

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

### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



Our Mass of Remembrance is coming up on Monday, November 4 at 7:00 PM. We will celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy for all those who were buried from our parish community since last year. There will be a reception with light refreshments afterwards. In a special way, our Book of Remembrance is placed out for the month of November as a way to remember our loved ones as well. You may fill in names of your beloved dead. We pray that they enjoy the Heavenly Banquet Christ has prepared for them.

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**



**OCTOBER 21 – OCTOBER 25**

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Joseph Batalucco**  
Requested by Marilou Knight

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Ann Marie Wiltsie**  
Requested by Greg and Marie Law

Wednesday  
No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Victoria Coville**  
Requested by Family

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8  
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21  
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Lk 12:35-38  
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Lk 12:39-48  
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53  
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59  
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9  
Next Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 [7a]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

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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    Yolanda Fenech  
Rick Stone        Jennifer Mondoux    Bonnie Haun

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



St. Gerald is now equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher to help you with a receiver if needed for Mass.



Tuna  
Crackers  
Rice  
Package Potatoes  
Canned Spam  
Deluxe Mac and Cheese  
(no butter or milk required)  
Juice

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 27, 2019**

5:00 PM                      October 26    Fr. Kris		
For <b>Margaret Weberlein</b> Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lector/ Ushers	Monica Murone 5:00B
8:30 AM                      October 27    Fr. Roodbeen		
For <b>Ken Hartsig</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Borchert/ Hannah Smith 8:30B
10:15 AM                     October 27    Fr. Kris		
For <b>Virginia &amp; Edward Gulick</b> Requested by Brian, Lynn & Rob	Lector/ Ushers	Caron Kott 10:15A
12:00 PM                     October 27    Fr. Kris		
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Lector/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski 12:00A

**Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week  
October 26 and October 27  
Team A**

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, October 27 following the 8:30 AM Mass.



**Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of October 6	\$ 10,650.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of October 6	\$ 9,096.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of October 6	\$127,636.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Oct. 6	\$127,344.00

**ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING**

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available. Please visit our Parish Website at [stgeraldparish.org](http://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.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMANDI**

This Sunday, October 20th, thirteen young people will be received as full members of the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Bishop Donald Hanchon. We congratulate them

as they continue their journey. They are: **Abigail Brooke, Cameron Chojnacki, Andrew Corkery, Colin Gregory, Brissa Jaime, James Keeney, Joshua Keeney, Ava Martin, Amanda Millar, Zachary Morden, Lillian Penner, Adam Sypitkowski and Brody Width.** Please continue to keep them, their sponsors and their families in your prayers

**MERCY IN ACTION 2019**

This year for our Mercy In Action, St. Fabian, Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Gerald will be having 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 are \$20.00 and are available in the Parish Office. If you have any questions regarding this event or would like to purchase tickets, please call 248-477-7470. Checks should be made payable to "St. Christine Christian Services".



WE PRAY FOR THE  
REPOSE OF THE SOUL  
OF  
MARILYN SYVERSON

+  
JANUARY 29, 1937  
OCTOBER 13, 2019

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

If you would like to request a mass intention for a loved one deceased or living, please come to the Parish Office or call 248-477-7470.



**ST. GERALD ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS DONATIONS!**

St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Conference has had a busy summer helping our neighbors in need with food, rent, utilities and prescription co-pays, especially the last three months.

As a result, the funds available to help are becoming depleted. If you are able to help, our neighbors in need would be most grateful. If you haven't completed your planned annual charitable contributions, please consider St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul. Cash or checks to St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul can be deposited in the Poor Boxes in the gathering space. Envelopes are also available on the credenza in the gathering space. You may use these envelopes to deposit your contribution into the weekend collection or the Poor Box.

Thank you for all you do to help our neighbors in need, often families with children. We would also ask for your prayers for those we help and the Vincentians who serve.

**FOOD DRIVE**

HELP US FEED FAMILIES FOR  
THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS IN 2019!!!

As we have in past years, we will be providing food to families in our community.

**Printed lists will be available on November 2 and 3.**

**Items Requested this year:**

**\$10 or \$20** Grocery Gift Cards for meats and perishables from Kroger, Meijer, Busch's or Aldi's

- ◆ Oatmeal/Cocoa
- ◆ Cranberry Sauce
- ◆ Tuna/Tuna Helper
- ◆ Deluxe Macaroni and Cheese (no added milk and butter needed)
- ◆ Crackers
- ◆ Pancake Mix/Syrup
- ◆ Canned Yams
- ◆ Jelly
- ◆ Spaghetti Sauce
- ◆ Canned Vegetables and Canned Fruit
- ◆ Cream of Mushroom Soup
- ◆ Cans of French Fried Onions
- ◆ Cornbread Mix
- ◆ Brownie Mix/Frosting



QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL  
Christian Service at  
248-476-7677, ext. 204

**GARDENS AND GROUNDS FALL CLEAN UP**

Mark your calendars. On Saturday, November 2 (with November 9 back-up for inclement weather) from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM is St. Gerald Fall Clean-up Day.

The temperatures are dropping and the leaves are a palette of color, the tv is full of football....yep, fall has arrived!

Time to tidy up the church grounds...remove trash and foliage, cut dying branches and clear yard waste. A dumpster on the property will remove the waste, but any volunteer with a truck will be useful to transport bags and branches from the perimeter to the dumpster.



**Volunteers, we need you! Gather your tools, gloves, boots and join us for a couple hours of work, friendship and serving Our Lord's house. Pizza at one!**



### TODAY IS MISSION SUNDAY

This year on World Mission Sunday we listened to the account of St. Paul writing to St. Timothy with the charge, *“I charge you in the presence of God and of Jesus Christ to proclaim the word, be persistent and encourage the gospel through patience and teaching.”*

That is what the Lord is asking us today as we reach out to those courageous servant-missionaries who are giving their lives for the spread of the gospel and the support of the “Young Churches” they have established.

Pope Francis has declared this month of October, “Extraordinary Missionary Month” to remind us of **our obligation to share the Gospel through personal witness and welcome**. He wrote: *“The Church needs men and women who by virtue of their baptism, respond generously to the call to leave home, family and country, and to be sent forth to the nations, to a world not yet transformed by the Sacrament of Jesus Christ and his Holy Church.”*

We observe the annual day of prayer and sacrifice for the missions today. We unite ourselves also with our fellow Christians all over the world who with us attempt to share our faith with others, especially those who have not yet heard the name of Jesus and his Holy Church. Today offers us the opportunity to join our missionaries in the “holiest and greatest work of the Church.”

Those who wish to give to the World Mission Sunday collection through the [online giving program](#), can do so now through October 27. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.

### 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](http://www.BethanyofSoutheasternMichigan.org).

### Fall Scripture Study – The Gospel of Matthew

Led by Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills using the Ignatius Bible Study Guide.

The study focuses 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.

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

*“Render a just decision for me against my adversary.”* Today’s Gospel features a persistent widow who ekes out justice from a notoriously cold-hearted judge. Why does she win the day? *“Because the widow keeps bothering me.”* Jesus’ recommendation to the disciples is to be persistent in prayer, because surely God the Father is far more attuned to their needs than this judge. If only it were that easy, right? We’ve all experienced the unanswered prayer, the silence after our cries. When this continues, sometimes it can be difficult to have faith in God or believe He answers prayers. It can be easy to lapse into a sense of His distance. We want Him to do something “fair,” which — in our limited view — typically means that something works out in our favor.

There are, of course, many legitimate cries for justice. We live in a fallen world filled with flawed human beings. We hurt each other, sometimes grievously, and our efforts to remake the world in *our* image can result in unjust, inhumane systems. Faced with the problem of evil, we may wonder how God will *“secure the rights of his chosen ones.”* Sometimes, He may well seem *“slow to answer them.”*

In the face of these very real questions, it’s important to recall the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God’s thoughts *“are not [our] thoughts.”* His ways are not our ways. God respects the freedom He has given us. When we see what free will has wrought, perhaps we question God’s better judgment! Yet somehow, we hear that He mysteriously works all things for our good. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, we are always free to love. We are invited to be persistent in our prayer, to continue bringing our concerns before God in trusting surrender. We are invited to love well in the circumstances we find ourselves in, to be a light in the darkness. No matter when — or if — our prayers are answered the way we would like, we are nonetheless invited to witness to *“faith on earth.”* ©LPi

## Week at a Glance

### Monday, October 21

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

### Tuesday, October 22

8:40 AM Rosary  
9:15 AM Mass  
9:45 AM Mother of Perpetual Help  
5:00 PM Religious Formation  
5:30 PM Worship Meeting

### Wednesday, October 23

No Mass  
5:00 PM 8th Grade Confirmation Class  
7:00 PM Bible Study  
7:00 PM RCIA  
7:30 PM Choir Practice

### Thursday, October 24

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

### Friday, October 25

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



### Saturday, October 26

3:30 PM Confessions  
5:00 PM Mass  
6:30 PM Trunk or Treat

### Sunday, October 27

8:30 AM Mass  
10:15 AM Mass  
10:15 AM Children’s Liturgy of the Word  
12:00 PM Mass





Trunk  
or Treat

## Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26th,

6:30 PM

South parking lot of St. Gerald Parish

Fill your trunks with candy and treats to share

Costumes optional Rain or shine!

A parish celebration of Hallow-ewe!

Followed by a Knights of Columbus chili and  
hot dogs cookout in the Social Hall.

Free will offering appreciated.

**Kids of All Ages Welcome**

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with number attending by October 21st, if possible**

### CAREGIVER DAY RETREAT

Tuesday, October 29

10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat Center  
23333 Schoolcraft Road, Detroit, MI

Cost is \$30.00 per person



Reflective talks  
Conversation  
Sacramental Anointing  
Hot Lunch

Questions: Contact Lynnette Marshall at  
[lmarshall@stpaulretreat.org](mailto:lmarshall@stpaulretreat.org)

### SECOND ANNUAL PARISH DAY OF RENEWAL

On Saturday, November 16, we are inviting all parish volunteers, parishioners, and lay ecclesial ministers to be part of the movement of Unleash the Gospel. The day will include keynote addresses from Sister Miriam James, SOLT and 4 tracks of breakout sessions. These sessions will equip parishioners to live out Unleash the Gospel in their family and in their parish. Each breakout track includes three sessions led by an expert in the field. Attendees will leave with not only knowledge in this area but ready-to-use tools to incorporate UTG into their parish or family. Each participant must register for one track, which includes three sessions. Visit [pdr2019.eventbrite.com](http://pdr2019.eventbrite.com) for more information and to register.

St. Catherine of Siena Academy, located in Wixom, is hosting their 8th Annual Benefit Gala, A Night In Siena, on Saturday, November 9th, 2019! This is an amazing event, with a silent and live auction, delicious dinner, and live entertainment. Proceeds from the event go towards supporting their tuition assistance fund. Tickets can be purchased at [sca.cbo.io](http://sca.cbo.io). If you have any questions, please contact Grace Henning at [ghenning@saintcatherineacademy.org](mailto:ghenning@saintcatherineacademy.org).

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

##### Where Is the Evidence?

The US Bishops' pastoral letter, "Stewardship: A Disciple's Response," sees a life of stewardship as the fruit that comes from an authentic life with Jesus. Faith in Jesus is the minimum requirement that begins this journey from discipleship to stewardship living. There are those who believe in Jesus but do not know him. It becomes very hard to contemplate responding to the call of someone you do not know.

The last sentence of Luke 18:8 should give a reason to pause and reflect. Jesus says to his disciples, "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on Earth?" We can easily respond affirmatively to the question, but if we want to look at the Earth ourselves without being able to see into people's hearts, where is the evidence of the faith that Jesus seeks? When we look at our world, do we see evidence of large amounts of faithful people living in a way that faith would lead them to live?

Our stewardship way of life is evidence of our faith. It is hard to argue that one truly has faith if they do not seek to live as Jesus calls us. An unfortunate cycle is then created when those who do not believe do not see any reason to have faith. Our stewardship is not only evidence, but it is our testimony and witness to faith. If Jesus returned today, what would he see? Where is your evidence? Has your witness brought others to him?

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



**KNIGHTS CORNER**

**Deluxe Eight Day Viking Rhine River Cruise is Top Prize in Michigan State K of C Charity Raffle**

It is that time of the year that Knights all over Michigan will look in their mailboxes and find 10 books of tickets for the 2020 Michigan State Raffle, an important fundraiser for the State Council. Tickets carry a suggest price of \$5 with 20% or \$1 returned to the seller's Council. The State Council uses the funds to assist more 50 Michigan charities.

The raffle's grand prize is an 8-day Viking Cruise Line Rhine River cruise for two plus \$5,500 cash in a verandah stateroom aboard the Viking Elina, a new ship. Also included, are air fare, round-trip transfers and port fees. Second and third prizes are one week stays for two plus \$750 cash at two Caribbean resorts, the Jewell Dunns River Resort and Spa in Jamaica and the Dreams Puerto Aventuras Resort and Spa in Riviera Maya. Air fare, hotel taxes and transfers are covered. The fourth prize is a two day stay at the Hyatt Regency in Boston plus \$500 cash, a historic city tour, air fare and transfers. The drawing will be April 16 at 8 PM at the DeCarlo Banquet Center in Warren.

Reservations are being accepted for a prayer weekend with brother Knights December 13-15 at the St. Paul Retreat Center. This is the second annual all Knights retreat sponsored by the Michigan State Council. The weekend begins at 4:30 PM Friday and has time for daily Mass, opportunities for reconciliation, spiritual guidance, rest and solitude, five meals and a private room. The suggested donation is \$215 but is not required. Brother Claude Centers is leading our Council's delegation. Register on line at st.paulretreat.org or by calling Cathy at 313-286-2801. For more details, contact Program Director Tom McPhail at 248-875-1185.

Preliminary reports are that we had a very good response to last weekend's Tootsie Roll sale to help the mentally impaired. Final figures will be reported next week. The first 20% of the net proceeds go to the State Council's efforts on behalf of Michigan Special Olympics. The remainder will be split among Community Living Centers, which operate group homes in the area, and Farmington Special Olympics which includes among its volunteers the families of Brother Peter Becks and Chancellor Terry Grabinski.

The parish is in need of ushers especially at the 10:15 and Noon Sunday Masses. Although it adds about 15 minutes to your Sunday Mass time it is a way to enhance your prayer and praise. You are serving God and your fellow parishioners. See PD McPhail for more details or to enlist.

Ask a Man Who Regularly Shares Your Pew at Mass to Become a Knight!

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

**STAFF**

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Tom Kruger

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Kim Shepard

**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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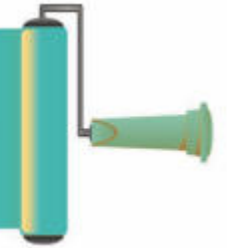
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