

THIRTY - FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 3, 2019

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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.

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchiteus, come down quickly, for coday I must stay at your kness." And he came down quickly and received han with jos. When they all saw this, they began to granble, saying, "He has gone to stay at the house of a signer."

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



November 4 – November 8

Monday 9:15 AM **Holy Souls in Purgatory** Requested by Barbara Valasek

Tuesday 9:15 AM Donald J. Trump Requested by Barbara Valasek

> Wednesday No Mass

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

> Friday 9:15 AM **Frances Casey** Requested by John Casey

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Wis 11:22—12:2/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14 [cf. 1]/2 Thes 1:11—2:2/Lk 19:1-10

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36 [14c]/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10 Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8, 9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16—3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS: GO TO HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB)

Pray for our Sick:

Nicole Zapinski

Victoria Angelosanto

Yolanda Fenech

Rick Stone

Claire Marie Tuite-Yoder

Bonnie Haun

Jennifer Mondoux

SAVE THE DATE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 6:00 PM



Watch the Voice for more details If you have any questions please call Diane Gerometta at 248-763-3193.



Those who wish to give to All Saints Day through online giving, can do so now through November 10th.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

November 9 Fr. Kris 5:00 PM For Richard McAskin Ellen Stacey Lectors/ Requested by 5:00B Ushers Bob & Diane Blankenship 8:30 AM November 10 Fr. Kris For Rav Pisani Jamie Smith Lector/ Requested by Ushers 8:30A Smith Family 10:15 AM November 10 Fr. Roodbeen

For Suzanne Kroll Requested by Nancy Argenta

Lector/ Ushers

Caron Kott 10:15C

12:00 PM

November 10 Fr. Kris

For All Our **Parishioners** Lector/ Ushers

Rob Seely 12:00A

Church Cleaning Schedule for Next Week November 9 and November 10

Team C

Team #1 is scheduled for Botsford Commons Sunday, November 10 following the 8:30 AM Mass.



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

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of October 20 8,392.00 **Budget Offertory for Weekend of October 20** 9,096.00 Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of October 20 \$144,049.00 Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of Oct. 20 \$145.536.00

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.

All are invited to remember our deceased loved ones, especially those whose funerals were during this past year, at a



Mass of Remembrance

Monday, November 4
7:00 PM
at St. Gerald Church
Reception following

Please come and pray for those who have died.



St. Gerald keeps a Book of Remembrance in our gathering space during the month of November. We invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book at any time during the month of November. The deceased listed in the Book of Remembrance are remembered during the Prayers of the Faithful at each of our weekend Masses in November.

We realize that this time following the death of your loved one has been a difficult time for you and your family and we pray that you might find comfort in our Lord and our Blessed Mother, Mary. Please know that you are remembered in the prayers of our Parish community.

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS . . . Blood Pressure Screening

Screening will usually coincide with Fellowship Sunday on the last Fellowship of each month after the 8:30 and 10:15 AM Masses. Look for us in the social hall.

Health and Wellness Bulletin

Each month we will have different topics available at the Health Ministry table in the social hall. Please let me know if you have any special topic request.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of help with the Parish Health Ministry to help with taking Blood Pressures, Health/Safety program presenter, etc. If you are not sure what you can do, contact me at the below number. The big plus, no meetings, and we have a lot of fun with helping people with health choices. Please call to see how you can do God's work.

Contact Barbara Seabolt 248-477-4752 (home); 248-231-4181 (cell)

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 this weekend.

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
- Gravy
- Stuffing Mix

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





Start your Advent with prayer and reflection. All are invited to our Taize Prayer Service on Sunday, December 1st at 5:00 PM. Rob Buzaitis will be leading us in song through prayerful meditation and reflection. Bring a friend and share this special way to prepare for Jesus in our hearts and lives.

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND November 14 - 17

Who: What:

Men, High School Senior to 55 years old Discernment Weekends are a unique opportunity for anyone feeling a call to the priesthood. You will spend four days living at the seminary which provides you with a first-hand opportunity to see what it is like from the inside. This weekend provides you with many

great tools for proper discernment, including presentation on the foundation of the seminary formation program.

Where: Sacred Heart Major Seminary

For more information or to register visit: http://www.detroitpriest.com/programs/discernment-weekend/.

Please help us keep our parish records up-to-date. If you move, have a change of phone number or any other change, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



Confirm your place NOW at the FRUIT OF THE VINE WINE EVENT & FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 16th beginning at 6:30 PM All are welcome to attend 5:00 PM Mass before the social.

Enjoy music and conversation with old and new friends. Sommelier, wine makers and aficionados are invited to share their expertise during the wine sampling.

Wine Exchange: participants are to bring an appetizer or dessert AND three (3) bottles of the SAME wine; one to open and two to exchange. Upon arrival, you'll be provided with two personalized wine tags to mark your two choices during the sampling. You will go home with two new bottles to share or gift away.

You must be 21 years old to participate.

Minimum donation of \$10 per person. Proceeds will benefit St. Gerald Evangelization - Teen Program

> Call Gerryanna Luscri at 248-476-7677 x208, or email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

You don't want to miss this fun and beneficial evening.

Fall Scripture Study – The Gospel of Matthew

Led by Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin 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.

Week at a Glance Monday, November 4

8:40 AM Rosary

9:15 AM Mass 5:30 PM Religious Formation 7:00 PM Mass of Remembrance

Tuesday, November 5

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 Officers' Meeting

Wednesday, November 6

K of C Casino Bus Trip No Mass 7:00 PM Bible Study 7:00 PM RCIA 7:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday, November 7

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

Friday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 9

3:30 PM Confessions 5:00 PM Mass

Sunday, November 10

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 The Enthusiastic Steward

Have you ever been at a concert and rushed the stage to get closer to your favorite act? Has your favorite sports team won a championship, and you just wanted to celebrate for hours? For those of us who are parents, have you ever gone to great lengths to get the perfect photo at a first Communion, graduation, or some other ceremony in which your child was involved?

When moments in our life are filled with enthusiasm, we can find ourselves overwhelmed and doing things we might not normally do. I bet Zacchaeus didn't have a regular habit of climbing trees. However, he climbed one so he could see Jesus more clearly. His enthusiasm led him up a tree, an action he probably would not normally do.

Following Jesus Christ is not easy in this world of ours. Trying to do it without feeling any enthusiasm makes it doubly difficult. Enthusiasm is something that can be grown, but we must be the ones who foster it. When we see the fruits of our stewardship, enthusiasm grows. When we spend time in prayer and in God's Word getting to know Jesus better, enthusiasm grows. When we work to make Jesus the most important person in our life, enthusiasm grows. If we find ourselves too often with our feet on the ground and growing in apathy, perhaps it is time to do what it takes to bring on that desire to climb a tree. — Tracy Earl Welliver@LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION

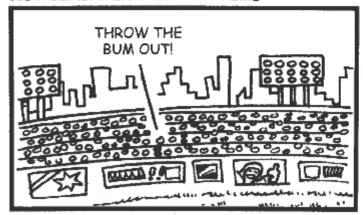
ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! "Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was." We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man?

"Come down quickly," Jesus says, "for today I must stay at your house." If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments. Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today. ©LPi

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





THE MARIAN PEACE CENTER OF DETROIT

Presents Father Michael Dwyer

Diocesan priest from the London Diocese in Canada Saturday, November 16, 2019 at St. Gerald Catholic Church. Begins with registration at 8:30 and ends at 1:30 PM Registration: \$12.00

After numerous requests, we invited Fr. Dwyer to return to the Detroit area again for a talk and healing service. Born with multiple handicaps, it was considered a miracle that he was even ordained a priest. Back in 1987, Father was returning to church for Benediction when his small car exploded after being hit by a van. Father had an experience of God and Our Lady that he will never forget. For 27 years, he hadn't been close to Our Lady, but during a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, she led him to a closer relationship with Jesus. Father is always ready to share his near-death experience and the impact it had on him as a priest. He was given a choice back then, but when Mary said to him, "Father Michael, I love you," he said yes to "coming back" to share God's love with everyone.

To register or for more information, please see flyer on the table in the entrance of the church.

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 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. If you have any questions, please contact Grace Henning at ghenning@saintcatherineacademy.org.

KNIGHTS CORNER

Officers to Review Action Calendar for 2020 Also Will Look to Recruit More KP Helpers

Your Officers will be thinking ahead when they gather Tuesday for their regular monthly meeting. They will be reviewing a draft of a proposed Action Calendar for the year 2020. Drafted by Program Director Tom McPhail, the Calendar lists most of the events in which the Council will be involved in the coming year. However, additions and deletions are the rule. Depending on the extent of changes made by the Officers, approval by the membership will be sought in November or December.

Also, to be considered Tuesday is how we can convince a few of our younger members to help with more of the kitchen duties, namely the setup and cleanup of first the meeting chow program and a few other events. One scheme would be draw names out of a hat to determine who would get KP duty each month. In a group that emphasizes participation, one can't be a guest all the time.

Many thanks to the Knights and spouses who served chili and hot dogs to a soggy Trunk 'n' Treat crowd last Saturday evening. A steady downpour reduced the number of trunkers who moved inside. The rain also meant fewer youngsters. Supplying chili were PGK Jim Malloy, PGK Fred Gerometta, Pat McDonald, Bill Croitori, Len Lemanski, Armin Rossenberger, Jerry Weigold, Rich Rosowski and Tom McPhail. Norma Battel, who leads the parish Worship Ministry, also provided a crockpot of chili. Also a big thank you for their assistance to spouses Diane Gerometta, Joanne Wojnar, Candy Rosowski, Rosa Rossenberger and Arlene McPhail.

A new supply of Council dress shirts plus some polo style are in. If you are thinking of freshening your Council attire, see PGK Bruce Roberts at the Nov. 19 meeting. The Council does not mark up our wearables; they are sold at cost.

Change a Phone Number or E-mail Address Lately? Update Fin. Sec. Bob Kuhr So You Can Keep in Touch!



Serving chili were PGK Rich Smith, PGK Jim Malloy, PGK Fred Gerometta, Patrick McDonald, Bill Croitori, Rich Rosowski and Tom McPhail (left to right).

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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Worship Ministry
Youth Ministry Gerryanna Luscri

Maintenance

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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

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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