

# THE VOICE

APRIL 9, 2017

## ST. GERALD

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
A Servant Church Of  
The Archdiocese of Detroit

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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.



# PALM SUNDAY

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee." —Mt 21:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



**St. Gerald Parish**  
**Communal Penance Service**  
with the opportunity for individual confession  
and absolution, Monday, April 10 at 7:00 PM



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church; No matter what your current family or marital situation:

No matter what your past or present religious affiliation;

No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color;

No matter what your self-image or esteem: You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Gerald Catholic Church.

**WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS**

**APRIL 10 - APRIL 14**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Robert McGrath**

Requested by Parish

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Jerry Kopasz**

Requested by Best Friends Forever

Wednesday

**No Mass**

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Special Intention**

Requested by N.B.

Good Friday

Living Stations of the Cross 12:30 PM

**Liturgy 1:15 PM**

Private Veneration of the Cross 3:00-5:00 PM



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**MONDAY:** IS 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/JN 12:1-11  
**TUESDAY:** IS 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4A, 5AB-6AB, 15, 17/ JN 13:21-33, 36-38  
**WEDNESDAY:** IS 50:4-9A/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/ MT 26:14-25  
**THURSDAY:** CHRISM MASS: IS 61:1-3A, 6A, 8B-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27/RV 1:5-8/LK 4:16-21  
 EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER: EX 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16BC, 17-18/1 COR 11:23-26/JN 13:1-15  
**FRIDAY:** IS 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/ HEB 4:14-16; 5:7-9/JN 18:1--19:42  
**SATURDAY:** VIGIL: GN 1:1--2:2 OR 1:1, 26-31A/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 OR Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/GN 22:1-18 OR 22:1-2, 9A, 10-13, 15-18/ Ps 16:5, 8-11/EX 14:15--15:1/ EX 15:1-6, 17-18/IS 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/ IS 55:1-11/IS 12:2-6/BAR 3:9-15, 32--4:4/ Ps 19:8-11/EZ 36:16-17A, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 OR IS 12:2-6 OR Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/ ROM 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ MT 28:1-10  
**NEXT SUNDAY:** ACTS 10:34A, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/ COL 3:1-4 OR 1 COR 5:6B-8/JN 20:1-9 OR MT 28:1-10 OR LK 24:13-35

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

**APRIL 16, 2017  
 EASTER SUNDAY: THE  
 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

8:30 PM April 15 Fr. Kris

For <b>Ann Wolff</b> Requested by Joe Wolff	Servers	Angela Guerra Fernando Guerra
	Lector/ Ushers	5:00A

8:30 AM April 16 Fr. Kris

For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Servers	Gabe Smith John Smith
	Lector/ Ushers	Thad Radzilowski Paul Borchert 8:30A

10:15 AM April 16 Fr. Reiss

For <b>Granata &amp; Yarrow Families</b> Requested by Norma Bazzett	Servers	Claire Pagnucco Grace Pagnucco
	Lector/ Ushers	Gerryanna Luscri Ray Pisani 10:15A

12:00 PM April 16 Fr. Kris

For <b>Paula Long</b> Requested by Pauline Panyard	Servers	Luke Horsburgh
	Lectors/ Ushers	Paul Radzilowski Mary Power 12:00B

**Sacristan Schedule for Next Week**

April 15 and April 16

Team A

April 22 and April 23

Team D

Team #3 is scheduled for Botsford Commons  
 Sunday, April 16th following the 8:30 AM Mass

**Offertory Snapshot**

Actual Offertory for Weekend of March 26 . . . \$ 10,272.00  
 Budget Offertory for Weekend of March 26 . . . \$ 8,800.00  
 Actual Offertory July 1 - March 26 . . . . . \$366,040.00  
 Budget Offertory July 1 - March 26 . . . . . \$343,200.00

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**LENT/SPRING SCRIPTURE STUDY**

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

THERE IS NO BIBLE STUDY ON APRIL 12TH -  
 BIBLE STUDY WILL RESUME APRIL 19TH

**TIM'S TIDBITS**

The palm branches that you hold now to be blessed will be displayed in your homes for the coming year. As we bless them, let us be mindful of the lives to which they will bear witness in the coming year. Hold your palm branch high today, praising the Lord for the Christian life that you lead.

**Living the Pascal Mystery** (from *Living Liturgy*, 2017)

We cry this day, "Hosanna!" but, unlike the people of the city of Jerusalem long ago; we need not ask "Who is this?" This is the one who models for us the mystery of life: die to self so that we might be exalted, raised to new life. This week we celebrate in pointed liturgies the meaning of our whole Christian living: dying to self so that God can raise us up, too. This dying can be as simple as setting aside the time to participate in all the Triduum (meaning "three days") liturgies or as demanding as entering into the depths of the paschal mystery by our own self-giving.

Perhaps this week we need to stop thinking of ourselves and our own needs first, ahead of others. Perhaps we must make Jesus the center of our lives instead of making ourselves the center of attention. Perhaps we need to calm down the frenetic pace of our own lives and cut some things out so we can concentrate on our loved ones more, or help out those in need more. In these three examples what we give up leads to a new lease on life. Most importantly, it leads to new and deeper relationships and richer experiences. This is all new Life for us. This is what this week and the three days of Triduum are all about. Have a prayerful Holy Week.



**Come help decorate the Church for Easter!**  
Starting around 5 PM on Friday, April 14.



Please remember to turn in your Rice Bowls by April 16th. You can return them to your Religious Education class or return to the Parish Office. Thank You!



**Holy Week Schedule**

**April 8 and 9 – Palm/Passion Sunday**

Masses: Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon

**April 13 – Holy Thursday**

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM  
Night Watch at the Garden of Repose from 8:30 PM until Night Prayer at 10:30 PM

**April 14 – Good Friday**

Living Stations of the Cross at 12:30 PM  
Good Friday Liturgy at 1:15 PM  
Private Veneration of the Cross from 3:00–5:00 PM

**April 15 – Holy Saturday**

Blessing of Easter Baskets and Easter foods at 12:00 PM

**Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 PM with simple reception following**

\*NO 3:30 PM CONFESSIONS OR 5 PM MASS\*

**April 16 - Easter Sunday**

The Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ  
Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon

**Good Friday ~ Living Stations of the Cross ~ Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM**

Reflection and prayer of Christ's powerful journey and crucifixion presented by our parish teens.  
Good Friday Liturgy begins at 1:15 PM



**EASTER VIGIL MASS**  
*Ring in the Gloria and the Alleluia!!!!*  
**BRING BELLS TO RING**



**EASTER VIGIL GOODIES**

As you know, next Saturday night we celebrate the Easter Vigil, if you have not turned in a form that was inserted in the bulletin last weekend to bring in a food donation for the reception following the Vigil, please drop it off at the Parish Office. A Blessed Holy Week to all! - Matthew

### THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

On behalf of the Christian Service Commission, I would like to thank everyone who came out to the soup supper and made it a wonderful success. In a special way I'd like to thank Karen Goheen who put all of the planning together for this event, also to the Knights of Columbus for serving the soup and to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for helping bus the tables. It all turned out wonderfully and we look forward to next year when we can do it all over again. Here are a few pictures taken that evening!



Thank you to all the volunteers! Couldn't do it without your help!



### THANK YOU TO ALL OUR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CATECHISTS AND AIDES

With formation classes coming to an end this week we want to extend many thanks to the following people who have answered the call to service as catechists and aides in our Religious Formation program. Sunday School, Elementary, Middle School and Confirmation Catechists:



**Michelle Plichota, Tracey Connolly, Joyce Kopp, Marisa Ferrari, Susan Hill, Carol Fergerson, Carolyn Arlen, Mary Power, Gail Bierschbach, Shirley Murray, Michele Ficyk, Gerryanna Luscri, Crystal Flood, Shatomi Kerbawy, Bob Kuhr, Sherry Kuhr as well as our support volunteers extraordinaire Laurel Hoetger and Sharon Weberlein.**

We have been very blessed to have these wonderful volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents every week in our religious formation program.

### THE EASTER TRIDUUM

#### What we do from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday?

Holy Thursday brings the end to Lent. That night we begin the Three Days that are the center of the Church's year. Why are these Three Days so important? What do they mean for you? You are invited to make these Three Days different from all the days of the year.

Adults in the community are invited to plan ahead so that the whole time from Thursday night until the Easter Vigil is free of social engagements, free even of work, free of entertainment, free of meals except for the simplest nourishment. We are asked to fast during Good Friday and to continue fasting, if possible, all through Holy Saturday as strictly as we can. We make Good Friday and Holy Saturday free for prayer and reflection and preparation and silence. The church is getting ready.

Whether you are young or old, currently active in the parish or not, please set these days aside. All of us should know that our presence for the liturgies is not just by invitation. We are all needed here. All of us need this whole community together on its greatest days. Please look closely at the parish schedule and make plans to take part in the various liturgies and other gatherings of Holy Thursday night, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Above all, come on Saturday night for the Easter Vigil.

#### We Begin as Holy Thursday Ends

Thursday evening we enter into the Triduum together. After listening to the scriptures, we do something strange: We wash feet. Jesus gave us this image of what the church is supposed to look like, feel like, act like. This is rehearsal for Christian life.

Later, we celebrate the Eucharist. The evening liturgy has no ending: Whether we stay to pray awhile or leave, we are now in the quiet and peace and glory of the Triduum.

#### And We Continue through Good Friday and Holy Saturday

We gather quietly on Friday and listen to scripture. We pray at length for all the world's needs. Then there is another once-a-year event: The holy cross is held up in our midst and we come forward one by one to do reverence with kiss or a bow or a genuflection. We also receive communion. It was consecrated last night at the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

We continue in fasting and prayer and vigil, in rest and quiet through Saturday. This Saturday for us is like God's rest at the end of creation. It is Christ's repose in the tomb.

#### Until the Night between Saturday and Sunday

Excited, the church gathers in the darkness and lights a new fire and a great candle that will make this night bright for us. We listen to some of the most powerful scriptures in the Bible, then we bless the waters. These are the moments when death and life meet, when we reject evil and give our promises to God. Together we go to the table and celebrate the Easter Eucharist. Easter Sunday begins and we are ready for Fifty Days of rejoicing.

**At the Easter Vigil Liturgy, please bring bells to ring during the singing of the GLORIA.**

(Portions of the above article are taken from *Three Days to Save*, a pamphlet from Liturgical Training Publications, Inc., 1800 North Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622-1101. Used with permission.)

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FRUIT OF THE VINE: WINE TASTING & EXCHANGE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

Proceeds to benefit our Religious Education Program

Suggested donation of \$10 per person  
RSVP to Gerryanna Luscri for details at  
luscrifamily@hotmail.com



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PANDAMANIA

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June 19th to 23rd.

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Please contact Mary Taylor.



## PRAY FOR . . .

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Loretta Zahn  
Dick Campbell  
Charles Minear  
Rita Knight  
John MacDougall  
Josephine Meyers  
Megan Schroeder  
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Bob Johnston  
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Emily Choike  
Corinne Wedge  
Linda Malloy  
Stephen Cleary  
Nancy Kolliker  
Margaret Joyal  
Joan Preston  
Gerry Makowski  
Sue Kowzan  
Rick Stone  
Betty Hunter  
James Cooper  
Renée Skoczylas

## GARDEN NEWS

Your Church Home Needs YOU!

Winter is waning . . . The crocus, tulips and daffodils have broken ground, welcoming Spring. Last year the St. Gerald Garden committee was developed, initiating Spring and Fall grounds clean-up. With the help of all our volunteers, the grounds were beautified! The committee divided the grounds into regions and volunteer region managers tackled the maintenance, planting and weeding over the summer and fall. Congregation comments and compliments acknowledged their efforts!



## SPRING CLEAN-UP SET FOR

Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

We need MANY volunteers! Renew friendships, meet new members and work off those winter pounds! The box for brown yard waste bag donations will again be in the social hall . . . we use many!

In addition, a few new region managers are needed! Watch the VOICE for further information. To volunteer or for questions, call: John McLoughlin (248-477-2477); Nancy Lacey (248-943-6272); Gerryanna Luscri (734-341-1999); or Johanna Ward (248-478-2849).

## St. Gerald Mom's Corner



Last Sunday during the Prayer Box event, we had fun meeting wonderful new families who had great ideas for the group. The Prayer Boxes turned out great and we have many things to pray for this Lenten season.

The next gathering will be "Lunch with Father Kris" On April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00-4:00 PM. We will meet at The Lacey Home at 21227 Birchwood in Farmington. This will give moms and dads an opportunity to get to know Father and each other on a more personal level. Please rsvp to nancylacey80@gmail.com. Hope to see all our members there.

Our next meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup>! Keep checking the Voice for all upcoming events, charitable outreach acts and planning dates. All are welcome!

*The purpose of St. Gerald Mom's Corner is to provide mothers with fellowship, support and opportunities to grow their Christian faith to nurture their children with confidence and Christian values. Through activities such as service projects, parties, speakers, outings and discussion – moms are given the opportunity to connect with other moms in support and friendship. The meetings will take place the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month after 12:00 Mass in one of the classrooms.*





**KNIGHTS CORNER**

**Knights Help Make Soup Supper a Delicious Hit; K of C Insurance Offers IRAs**

Hats off and a big “Atta Boy” to the brothers who worked at the March 28 parish Soup Supper. Manning the kitchen were Grand Knight Fred Gerometta, Pat McDonald, Bill Hudy, Terry Grabinski, Armin Russenberger, Bill Croitori and Tom McPhail. (Pictured to the right). Fred’s ham and pea soup was a big hit, selling out in the first hour. Hats off to Karen Goheen who organized the event, a big hit with parishioners.



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April is a busy month for our Council. In addition to the opening of nominations for the May officer elections at the April 18 membership meeting, we are hosting today’s fellowship donuts, will cook a pancake breakfast for the parish April 23 and join in a Family Communion Mass on April 30.

*Be a Recruiter! Ask a fellow parishioner if he would like to hear about the K of C’s Benefits!*

**FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY:**

- Crackers
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Juice
- Unrefrigerated microwaveable dinners

Please drop your donations in the bins located in the entrance of the church. Thank you!

**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**

**Parish Office (248) 477-7470**

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- Mary Melonio ..... x 222  
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- Maintenance** Accountant
- Tom Kruger 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 office. Registration forms are located on the shelf in the classroom hallway 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 Tim Westfall (248) 476-7677 x202 or 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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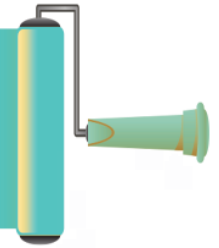
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