

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

MAY 2, 2021 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A Servant Church
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Mass

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

Weekday Mass

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

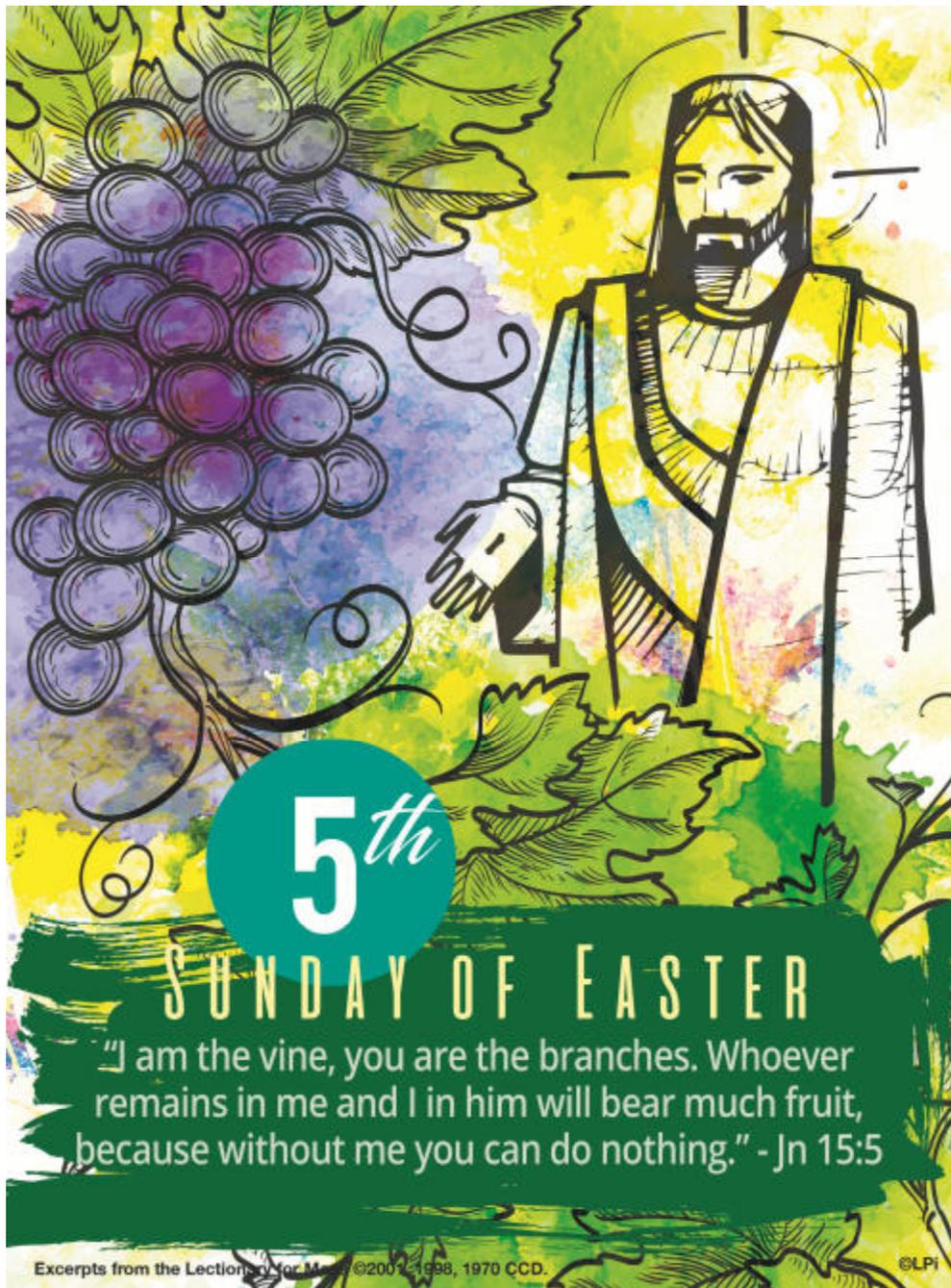
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



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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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



MAY 3 – MAY 7

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

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Loretta Geddes
 Requested by Meloche Family

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Monica Koenig
 Requested by Robert Koenig

Friday 9:15 AM
Claude Centers
 Requested by Gerry Meloche

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



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Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea	Sally Battishill	Bill O'Donohue
Deloris Macknosky	Chloe Lynn Roberts	Frank Adams
Robert Retelle	Raymond Rudzki	Leianna Dutton
Marlene Bergin	Mary Duemler	Cathy Blaszczyk
Gerald Grusendorf	Kimberly Plonka	



Let us welcome our newest members:

Brandon and Maria Kaput

Welcome Brandon and Maria to St. Gerald. We are happy you are here!

FEELING ILL?

If you have a fever or cough or are not feeling well, please stay home until you feel better. Remember it is not a sin to miss Mass because you are ill. **We are asking that you wear a mask when you come to church.**



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2021

5:00 PM			May 8	Fr. Kris
For Julia Pavco & Bernice Kaye Requested by Joseph Pavco	Lector	Isabelle Gerhardt		
8:30 AM			May 9	Fr. Kris
For Beth Croitori McLaughlin Requested by Diane Petter	Lector	Candy Rosowski		
10:15 AM			May 9	Fr. Kris
For Onesta, Antonio, Maria Civita, Giuseppe & Neil Morelli Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Lector	Jim Bergin		
12:00 PM			May 9	Fr. Briffa
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Sharon McCarthy		

ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available and simple to use. Please visit our Parish Website at stgeraldparish.org and click on Online Giving to get started or call the Parish Office for instructions. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of April 25	\$ 6,648.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of April 25	\$ 8,407.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of April 25	\$357,520.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of April 25	\$369,908.00



First Friday, May 7th, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9:15 AM Friday morning Mass ending with Benediction at 5:00 PM.

Scheduled adorers needed. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex for times.

Fifth Sunday of Easter Readings

READING I

ACTS 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

READING II

1 JN 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.

Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

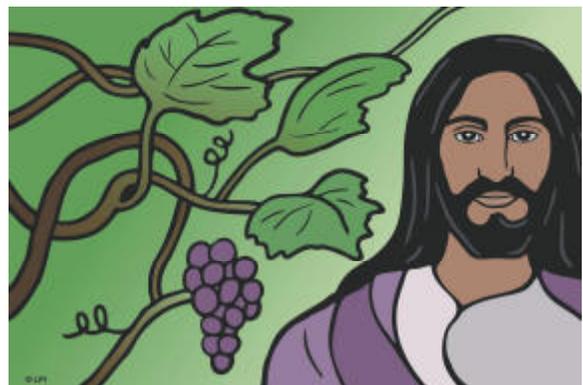
ALLELUIA

JN 15:4A, 5B

GOSPEL

JN 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Understanding

"To understand is to forgive even oneself."
Alexander Chase

"The brain is like a muscle. When we think well, we feel good. Understanding is a kind of ecstasy."
Carl Sagan

"If you would judge, understand."
Seneca

Taken from the Book Abounding Grace, by
M. Scott Peck, M.D.

RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

For many years, our Knights of Columbus have coordinated the donation of red geraniums for St. Gerald in recognition of Pentecost. Unfortunately, with current issues, we will change the process of the donations this year. Please consider purchasing a small potted red geranium(s) and leave at the main entrance of the church by **Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd**. The plants will be collected and planted in the garden areas around the church by our gardening volunteers.



We recommend small red geraniums to keep a more uniform look on the church grounds. Thank you in advance for the recognition of Pentecost in our parish community.

God bless you.

Teen News . . .

Our students continue their preparation for Confirmation and have participated in Zoom class meetings throughout the year. Many will participate in a tour and Reconciliation service at The Solanus Casey Center in Detroit. Others had the option of a Zoom Confirmation Retreat with Fr. Alex Steinmiller, a Passionist from St. Paul of the Cross.

Our program needed to adjust to pandemic restrictions and our collaboration with Youth United through CARES of Farmington/Farmington Hills has allowed us the opportunity to stay on mission and help those in need. Working with other area teens, St. Gerald students have answered the call of charity, service and love to others.

Our students need your prayers and encouragement during their preparation as Catholics in our community. Please pray for their dedication, devotion, discipline and destiny as good Christians.

CALLING ALL STUDENTS AND PARENT HELPERS!



Pentecost is coming soon, Sunday, May 23rd. Help is needed to plant the donated red geraniums on the church grounds. We will be meeting after the 10:15 AM Mass and after the 12:00 PM Mass on that day.

Bring gloves, a small hand shovel and dress for the weather. Please respect distancing and mask protocols. Water and snack will be provided for our volunteers. We look forward to seeing you!

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- Men2Men peer counseling for new dads

Please take a baby bottle home with you as you leave Mass this weekend and return it on the weekend of May 15 and 16.

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CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN

We want to thank everyone who was able to make a contribution to last year's CSA campaign. With your help we were able to get close to our goal. Believe it or not our campaign for the 2021 CSA is beginning. If you made a donation to the CSA campaign in the last three years, you will be receiving a mailing from the Archdiocese of Detroit with your new pledge card for the 2021 campaign. Due to the pandemic, the CSA collection from 2020 is ending in May and the collection for 2021 will begin immediately following.

Our CSA goal for 2021 is **\$70,574.00**. We are asking each family to contribute **\$285.00** this year to meet our goal. Having said that, we know there are some families who can afford more; and some families who cannot afford anything. That is why we say it is not an equal gift, it is an equal sacrifice.

It is also important to remind you that any shortfall to the goal of \$70,574.00 has to be made up from our savings account. However, any extra we collect over this goal, we get to keep. Your generous support of past CSA efforts at St. Gerald have been most appreciated.

Gifts to the CSA make possible more than 100 ministries, programs, and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese everyday. No one parish could provide all of these blessings, which benefit so many. Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2021 Catholic Services Appeal.

Please note the new address on the return envelope is directed to Minnesota. Also, all checks should be payable to *The Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA*.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Instructions for on-line giving:

- You can donate on-line by going to give.aod.org.
- Click on "Make a Gift to CSA 2021".
- Log in or click on "quick give".
- Fill out your information.
- Make sure to indicate the fund is for **CSA 2021** and select **St. Gerald - Farmington** for the parish.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

O Lord, my God, you renew the Church in every age by raising up holy priests, living witnesses of Your unchanging Love.

In Your plan for our salvation, You provide shepherds for Your people. Fill the hearts of young men with the spirit of courage and love that they may answer your call generously.

Give parents the grace to encourage vocations in their family by prayer and good example.

Raise up worthy priest for Your Altars, ardent servants of the Gospel and worthy shepherds of your people.

Give the Church more priests and keep them faithful in their love and service.

May many young men choose to server You by devoting themselves to the service of Your people. Amen

DETROIT PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Are you called to the priesthood?

The Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Priestly Vocations offers resources for any young men discerning the priesthood. Our new website has information on applying to seminary, frequently asked questions, and how to get in touch with the vocation director. Learn more at www.detroitpriestlyvocations.com

St. Catherine of Siena Academy – ATT: CURRENT 7TH GRADE AND UNDECIDED 8TH GRADE STUDENTS - JOIN US for our OPEN HOUSE on Thursday, May 20, 4-6 PM! – St. Catherine of Siena Academy is an all-girls Catholic high school located in Wixom, MI. Our mission is to educate young women to know their feminine genius – their dignity, identity, and gifts as women created in the image of God! Rooted in their identity as daughters of God and formed by our rigorous academic program, our graduates are empowered with the courage to live boldly and bring their unique gifts to the world. Learn more about the athletic, extracurricular, academic, and faith opportunities that await your daughter in the SCA sisterhood by visiting <https://saintcatherineacademy.org/calendar/open-house/> and **registering to attend** our upcoming Open House! Prepare to enroll for four years that will prepare your daughter to set the world ablaze!

UPCOMING ‘ZOOM AND SEE’ HELPS SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMEN DISCERN CALL TO RELIGIOUS LIFE

Are you a single Catholic woman, age 19-35, trying to discern your call in life? Are you feeling called to give your life to God? The Adrian Dominican Sisters invite you to spend the weekend with them and with other young Catholic women discerning their future.

The virtual Zoom and See for Yourself weekend is Friday and Saturday, May 7-8, 2021. It will include time for prayer, silence, faith-sharing, and fun, as well as the opportunity to learn about the life of a Sister and the Dominican life.

Please register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ADSDiscern>. For information, contact Sister Tarianne DeYonker, OP, or Sister Katherine Frazier, OP, Vocation Co-directors, at vocations@adriandominicans.org.



MARRIAGE COACHING – HELP FOR YOUR MARRIAGE

Are you struggling in your marriage or in need of a marriage refresher and not sure where to turn for help? The Marriage Support Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit is pleased to offer the Marriage Coaching program – a couple-to-couple mentoring opportunity designed to assist couples live out God's plan for their marriage.

When differences begin dividing, hurt is hardening the heart, “growing pains” are becoming “regular pains”, and the passion and affection is lacking, then your marriage needs help. Like our vehicles that need preventative care, tune-ups or repairs to prevent major damage, so do our marriages.

Trained Coaching Couples will give the support and practical tools needed to help couples restore and realize the fullness they desire for their Catholic marriage. The Marriage Coaching program consists of seven main coaching sessions that are strictly confidential and provided at no cost.

To learn more and get started with the help you need for your marriage contact: 313-237-4680|www.aod.org/marriagecoaching | familyministry@aod.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Whether you are wanting a marriage tune-up, feeling stalled, or experiencing a downward spiral, you need not settle for anything less than the fullness that God intends for your marriage relationship.

No need to delay, there is help for your marriage ...contact us today!

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For more information or to RSVP - contact ajschonaj@gmail.com or brocces.christine@aod.org



**KNIGHTS
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The St. Gerald's Council 13673 supports clergy, seminarians as well as other charities. Members attend monthly meetings and volunteer for fundraisers. General membership meetings are the third Tuesday of every month and Officers meet on the first Tuesday of every month. Activities include Parish pancake breakfasts, *Keep Christ in Christmas* sales, Tootsie Roll Drive and other Parish events. If you are 18 years old or older and would like to help support St. Gerald Parish and the Knights of Columbus, please contact Rich Smith at pollygirl219@aol.com. or 313-421-0204.



DONATIONS OF COMPOST BAGS NEEDED

Our compost bag supply is running low. These bags are used to help clean up the church property. If you are able to make a donation, please place the bags in the food donation box located at the main entrance of the church. Thank you as always for your generosity!



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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.

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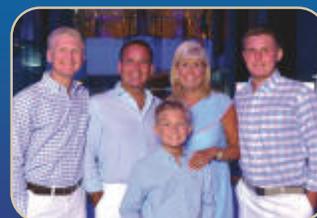
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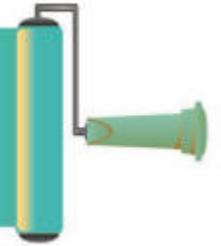
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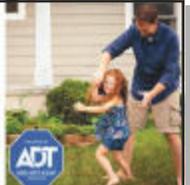
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