

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

MAY 30, 2021 | THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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## 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.

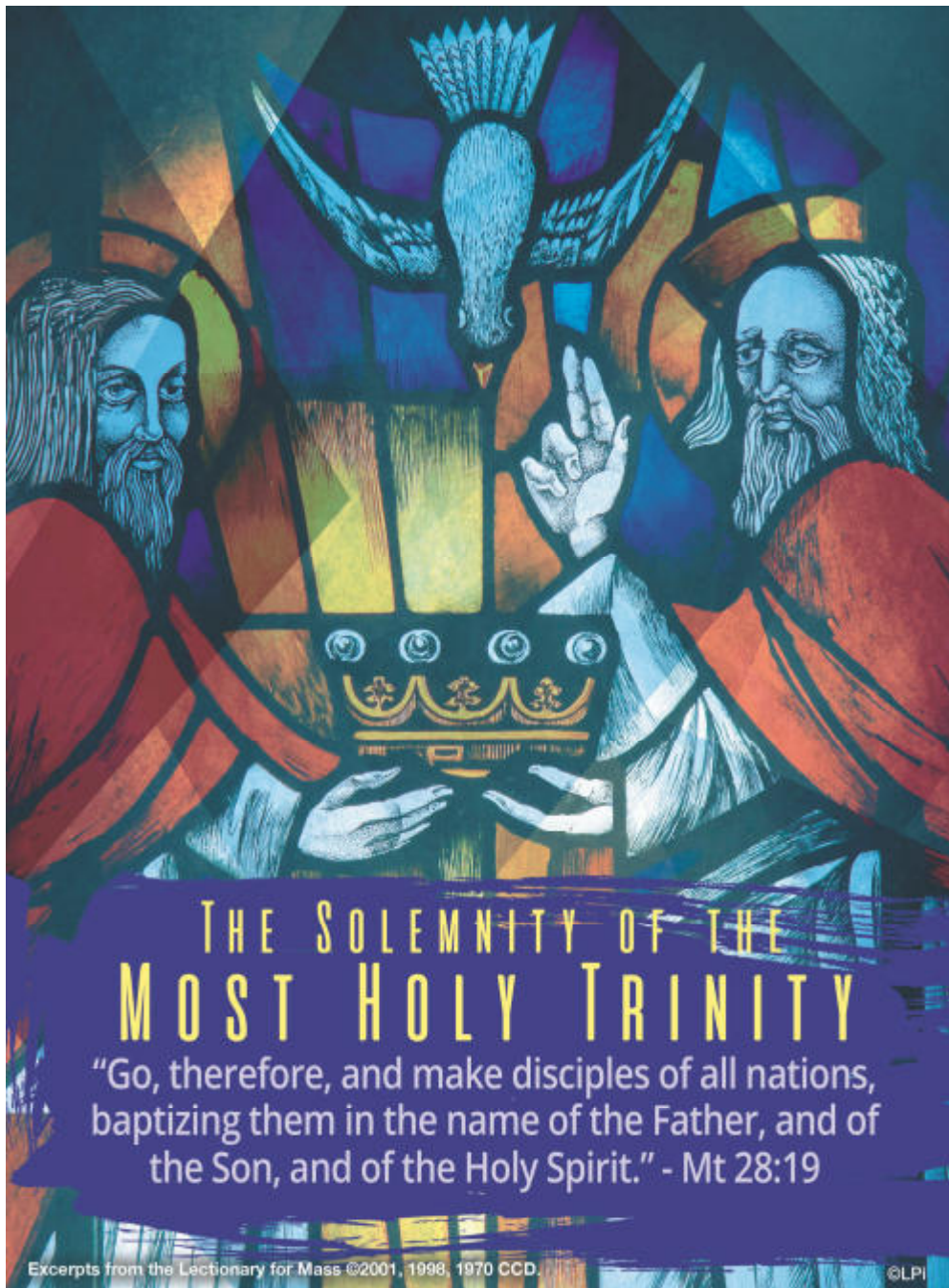
## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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 31 – JUNE 4**

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Special Intention**  
Requested by N. Battel

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Diane Nomm**  
Requested by Doug and Arlene Foley

Wednesday NO MASS

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

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Michael Southerland**  
Requested by Croitori Family

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56  
Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17  
Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27  
Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34  
Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37  
Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44  
Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



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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    |                 |

If you would like a name to be added to the Prayer Request List, please email [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) or call 248-477-7470. Thank you!

### 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.**



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 6, 2021

| 5:00 PM June 5 Fr. Morris                                       |        |                   |
|---|--------|-------------------|
| For<br><b>Frances Hoetger</b><br>Requested by<br>Laurel Hoetger | Lector | Diane Blankenship |
| 8:30 AM June 6 Fr. Briffa                                       |        |                   |
| For<br><b>Rosanna Agius</b><br>Requested by<br>Bonacchi Family  | Lector | Rosa Russenberger |
| 10:15 AM June 6 Fr. Kirkconnell                                 |        |                   |
| For<br><b>Eglantina Valente</b><br>Requested by Family          | Lector | Scott Horsburgh   |
| 12:00 PM June 6 Fr. Morris                                      |        |                   |
| For<br><b>All Our Parishioners</b>                              | Lector | Sharon McCarthy   |

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

|  |              |
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| Actual Offertory for Weekend of May 23     | \$ 6,128.00  |
| Budget Offertory for Weekend of May 23     | \$ 8,407.00  |
| Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of May 23 | \$391,118.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of May 23 | \$403,536.00 |

### Just a Note . . .

During this unprecedented time, please note that there are collection baskets located in the back of the church for your weekly donation. Thank you.



Our Lost and Found drawer has become very full with items that have been left here at the church over the past year. Please take a look on the table in the entrance of the church after Mass this weekend to see if one of these items could be yours. Unclaimed items, will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul.

# The Most Holy Trinity

## READING I

DT 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people:  
"Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoy on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22



## READING II

ROM 8:14-17

Brothers and sisters:  
For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

ALLELUIA

Rv 1:8

## GOSPEL

MT 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."



### PLEASE NOTE . . .

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, June 4th, or First Saturday 9:15 AM Mass on June 5th.

Adoration will resume in July on the 2nd with the First Saturday Mass at 9:15 AM on July 3rd.

**The Parish Offices will be closed  
on Monday, May 31st  
in observance of Memorial Day.**

## CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN

If you made a donation to the CSA campaign in the last three years, you should have received a mailing from the Archdiocese of Detroit with your new pledge card for the 2021 campaign. If you did not, please call the Parish Office, as we have blank cards available.

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.

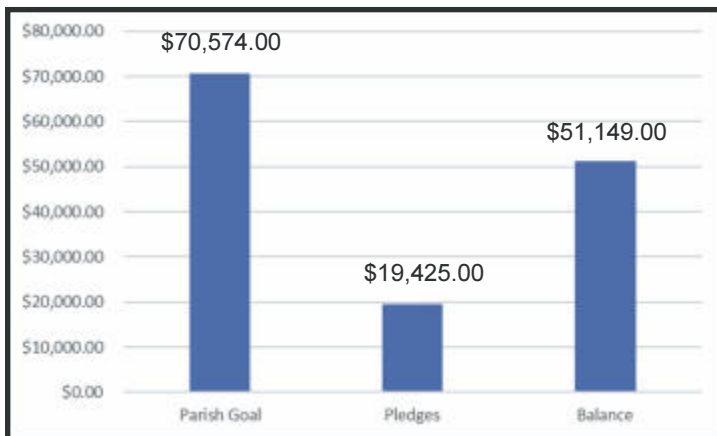
It is also important to remind you that any shortfall to the goal of \$70,574.00 has to be made up from our savings account. However, any extra we collect over this goal, we get to keep. Your generous support of past CSA efforts at St. Gerald have been most appreciated.

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 choose to give on-line, go to <http://stgerald.aodcsa.org>

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

### CSA Pledge Update



### GROUNDS COMMITTEE DONATION REQUEST



Donations of earth toned (not painted) slate stones 1 1/2 feet in diameter or larger would be greatly appreciated to help fill in our garden area in the front of the church. You may place your donations on the side of the garage by the small door.

### Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Piety

*“Set your affections on things above, not on things on Earth.”*  
Colossians

*“The strength of a man consists in finding out the way in which God is going, and going in that way too.”*  
Henry Ward Beecher

*“It is rash to intrude upon the piety of others; both the depth and the grace of it elude the stranger.”*  
George Santayana

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



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE  
3RD BANN**

Let us pray for Monica Rose Melonio and Daniel Joseph Sprys as they prepare to be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Gerald Parish on June 5, 2021.

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### God Doesn't Take a Break

An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or waterskiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



Congratulations to  
John Kelly and  
Isaac Butcher  
who made their  
First Communion on  
Thursday, May 20th,  
at St. Gerald.

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

Let God be who God is. This is often one of the hardest things to do. Rather than allowing the mystery of being created in the image and likeness of God unfold and take root in our lives, we change the dynamic. We want to be the creators who want to make God into the image and likeness we need God to be. We have a hard-enough time letting the people in our lives be who they are. We struggle even more so with God. It is almost as if we want God to be our imaginary friend who is not only with us whenever we need but becomes the Being we need God to be. Who is it that we want God to be today? A protector, disciplinarian, champion for justice, healer, advocate for our cause, grantor of prayers, guardian of my life, or the avenger? Our prayers tell an interesting story. When you pray, what does God look like?

Recently, a young woman who was feeling invisible, overlooked, ignored, and misunderstood by her husband struggled to make her feelings known and get his attention. Finally, she screamed, "Listen to me!" Thus, birth was given to a renewed and healthier relationship. We spend so much time storming heaven with our agenda and trying to make God into a "god" of our desires that we do not hear God saying, "Listen to me!" God is desperately trying to get our attention. God is saying, I am here among you as not one but three, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Many people seldom notice God's presence because they are so caught up with other spiritual cares and concerns. And, when the "god" they fashion and create doesn't produce as they desire, they shake the dust from their feet and move on. "I tried," they exclaim, "but God didn't listen."

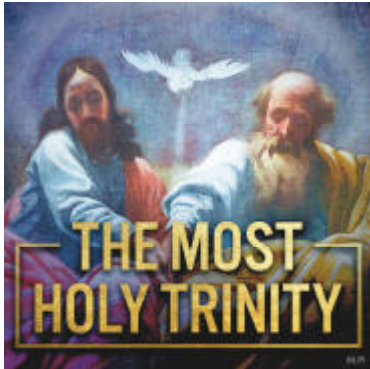
Healthy relationships aren't built on making someone be who we need them to be. Healthy relationships are built on encounters of persons and the development of an appreciation of someone solely for who they are. Deeper relationships can even be found with two people marveling at each other and almost experiencing a childlike joy and giddiness when they see the other coming. Do you ever have these feelings about God? Believe it or not, God does for you! There is a joyful laughter that gives rise to and connects all three members of the Holy Trinity. It is this laughter, flowing from the very depths of the Godhead that not only keeps the Trinity in joyful unity but spills over into the creation of all beings and things. It is an expression of Divine Delight! Have you ever taken time away from your agenda to experience the Divine Joyfulness of God?

We can reach a connection of Presence wherein even the smallest of creatures suddenly radiate the fullness of God: the wonderful creation of their being, the innocence and playfulness of their movements, and the sustaining life breath that flows through their veins. The same God who created the heavens and the earth is the same God who wants you to call him 'Dad' and the same God who preserves your life and has all things in His care. ©LPI



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**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

**Question:**

If it isn't only for people who are dying, when should someone receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick?

**Answer:**

One of the unfortunate realities in the Church today is that so few people understand the meaning and value of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, largely because so many people still mistakenly think of this sacrament as "Last Rites" or "Extreme Unction." In his life and ministry, Jesus healed the sick. In this sacrament, the Church continues the healing mission of Jesus and, in hope, prays that God will grant healing to the person who is suffering. But even if there is no physical healing, the sacrament offers spiritual healing through the Holy Spirit's gifts of peace and courage. And so, anyone who is living with serious illness (including emotional or psychological illness) and the elderly are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament when it is needed. The ritual for Anointing of the Sick does also include special prayers and blessings for those who are facing death, including viaticum (communion given to the dying, trusting that the Lord Jesus will be their companion along the way, as they make their final journey). ©LPi

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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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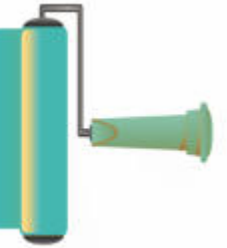
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