

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JUNE 20, 2021 | TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*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.



## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!"  
The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them,  
"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" - Mk 4:39-40

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## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



### JUNE 21 – JUNE 25

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Victoria Croitori**  
Requested by Croitori Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Fr. Maurice Decker**  
Requested by St. Gerald Parish

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Michael Dombe**  
Requested by Barbara Valasek

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

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt 7:1-5  
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 7:15-20  
Thursday: *Vigil:* Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17 [6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17  
*Day:* Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80  
Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-4  
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17  
Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS AND/OR TO HAVE THEM SENT TO YOUR EMAIL: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))



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## Please Pray for:

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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 above, 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.

## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 27, 2021

<b>5:00 PM June 26 Fr. Briffa</b>		
For <b>Betty Murphy</b> Requested by Steve & Lorrie Peck	Lector	Diane Blankenship
<b>8:30 AM June 27 Fr. Briffa</b>		
For <b>Estelle Roznowski</b> Requested by Wojnar Family	Lector	Jim Bergin
<b>10:15 AM June 27 Fr. Kris</b>		
For <b>Tom &amp; Sofia Weiland</b> Requested by Family	Lector	Angela McLoughlin
<b>12:00 PM June 27 Fr. Kris</b>		
For <b>John Lazarski</b> Requested by Family	Lector	Paul Radzilowski

### 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](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.

### 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 for your support of our parish.



### DONATIONS FOR PETER PENCE THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation for the Peter's Pence Collection you can do so now through July 3rd. Thank You!

### Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of June 13	\$ 6,597.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of June 13	\$ 8,407.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of June 13	\$414,401.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of June 13	\$428,757.00

# THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**READING I**

**Jb 38:1, 8-11**

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said:  
Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31**

**READING II**

**2 COR 5:14-17**

Brothers and sisters:  
The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

**ALLELUIA**

**GOSPEL**

**Mk 4:35-41**

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"



## *Fathers in Our Lives*

We give our thanks, Creator God, for the fathers in our lives.

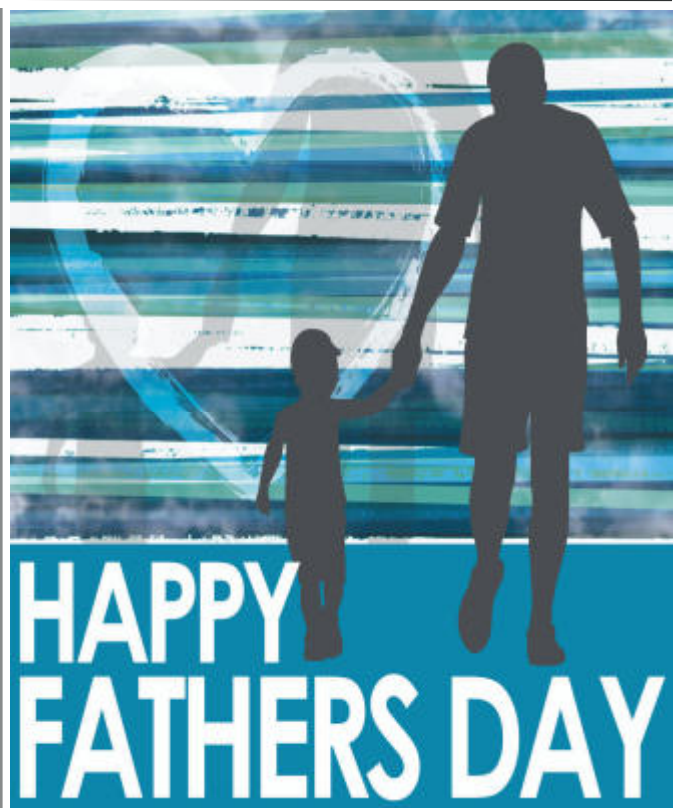
Fatherhood does not come with a manual, and reality teaches us that some fathers excel while others fail. We ask for Your blessings for them all and forgiveness where it is needed.

This Father's Day we remember the many sacrifices fathers make for their children and families, and the ways--both big and small--they lift children to achieve dreams thought beyond reach.

So too, we remember all those who have helped fill the void when fathers pass early or are absent; grandfathers and uncles, brothers and cousins, teachers, pastors and coaches and the women of our families.

For those who are fathers, we ask for wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting. Give them the strength to do well by their children and by You. In Your Holy name, O God, we pray. Amen.

- Rev. Chuck Currie



## CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN

If you have not received your CSA pledge card for 2021, 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. Any amount you can donate would help us get closer to our goal.

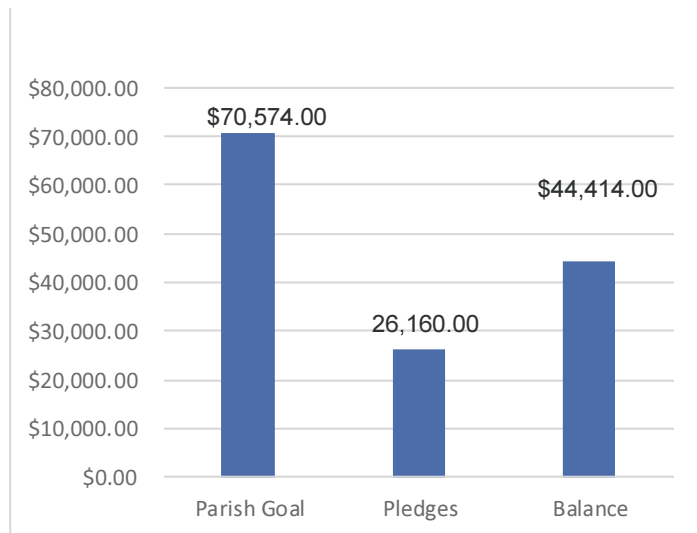
It is also important to remind you that any shortfall to the goal of \$70,574.00 has to be made up from our savings account. However, any extra we collect over this goal, we get to keep. Your generous support of past CSA efforts at St. Gerald have been most appreciated.

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.

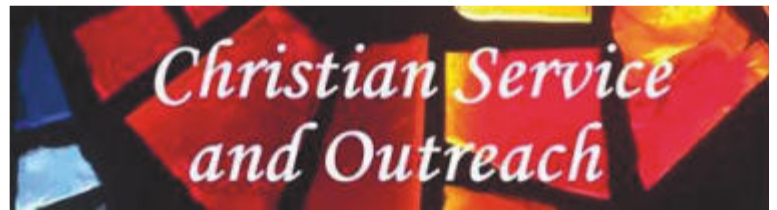
### 2021 CSA Pledge Update



### 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.



We are collecting socks for St. Aloysius Neighborhood Services to be distributed to the homeless throughout the downtown area. If you would like to make a donation, you will find a bin placed in the front entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!



Confirmation candidate interviews need to be scheduled. Please call 248-476-7677, ext. 208 or email Gerryanna at: [gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com) to schedule a date that is fitting for you. All interviews must be done by the end of **July**.

### BABY BOTTLE DRIVE A SUCCESS!

Thank you, thank you to all who donated to our recent Baby Bottle Drive for Another Way Pregnancy Center. Your generosity is overwhelming, and in total you donated \$3,000.14! AWPC is most grateful for your efforts. You are saving many babies, and helping out their mothers.

Many parishioners also donated time to pass out and collect the bottles. This was greatly appreciated!



### FORGOTTEN HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

In need of fresh food or know someone who is? The Forgotten Harvest Mobile Food Pantry will be at Ward Church, located at 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, every Monday beginning at 10:00 AM until the food runs out.

### PETER PENCE COLLECTION

Next week we will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which is a way to support the Universal Church and the work of the Holy See, including helping Pope Francis with the funds to carry out his charitable works. These works benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. If you would like to make a donation, please return the envelope located in the bulletin next weekend and place it in the collection basket in the back of the church.

### FULL TIME LIVE-IN CAREGIVER NEEDED

Live-In Caregiver needed in the Nine Mile and Farmington Road area for a senior man. Must be non-smoking. Please call Donald at 248-478-2448 for information regarding compensation and any other questions you may have.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?



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## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Waking God

A show of hands, ladies and gentlemen. Have any of you been given the silent treatment and had absolutely no idea why?

On the flipside, have any of you have sworn you're not going to demean yourself by explaining, for the thousandth time, that you need extra help with the kids before soccer practice, or that you feel ignored when your spouse doesn't ask how your day went?

But sadly, love doesn't give you the ability to read minds. And in the end, we learn the lesson again and again, we have to verbalize our feelings, our needs, our wants. Expecting your partner to anticipate your needs is guaranteed to end badly.

It's the same with God, even though, oddly enough, He *does* have the ability to read minds. But He still desires us to explain ourselves to Him, doesn't He? "I'm feeling scared of this." "I'm really worried about that." "God, I think I need x, y and z. Help me. Please."

Jesus slept on that boat, as it was tossed and turned by the waves, until his disciples woke him. "Why were you sleeping?" they ask. Well, geniuses, he was sleeping because they hadn't woken him up yet. They had wasted time cowering in fear, waiting for him to act. They gave him the silent treatment and they didn't even know it.

God doesn't desire us to verbalize our needs as a way of keeping us submissive. He's not that petty. What He desires is the communication — that's what really counts. That act of opening yourself up, of becoming vulnerable, of relying on Him, trusting Him. If it feels like God is asleep in your life, ask yourself this, have you tried waking Him up?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

## VESTMENT COLORS

### Question:

What do the colors of the priest's and deacon's vestments mean?

### Answer:

In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the colors of the vestments evolved over the course of several centuries and there was wide variation both in the colors used, and in the feasts and seasons associated with particular colors. It was Pope Innocent III (d. 1216) who gave us the basic outline that was later prescribed by Pope Saint Pius V in 1570. The various colors remind us of the dominant themes of a particular season or celebration.

**White:** Used for the seasons of Christmas and Easter and in celebrations of the Lord, of Mary, the angels, and saints who were not martyrs. This color is also used in Masses for the dead, at baptisms, weddings and other festive celebrations.

**Red:** As the color of both blood and fire, red is used on Palm Sunday and Good Friday, as well as Pentecost and special celebrations of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, red is used on the feasts and memorials of the Apostles and those saints who died as martyrs.

**Violet:** The color for Advent and Lent. Violet may also be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day (November 2).

**Green:** A color of life and hope, green is used throughout Ordinary Time.

**Other colors:** Rose may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent and the Fourth Sunday of Lent, black may be used in Masses for the dead and on All Souls Day, gold or silver may be used on solemn occasions in place of white, red, or green.

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**AN INVITATION TO JOURNEY!**

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** is the process by which people become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into:

- Believing with the Church community
- Living with the Church community
- Praying with the Church community
- Serving with the Church community

The RCIA is intended to serve:

- The unbaptized who would like to learn more about the Catholic religion.
- Those baptized in another religion who think they might like to become Catholic.
- Those baptized Catholics who have not completed the Initiation Sacraments.

The RCIA Process is much more than a program:

- It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Christ in a powerful manner.
- It is an answer to the Gospel invitation “Come to me all you who are weary and find life burdensome, and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon your shoulders and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart. Your soul will find rest, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

If you are interested, have Questions... or need more information, please contact Fr. Kris Nowak at 248-477-7470 x 203 or call the Parish Office.

**NORTHWEST CATHOLIC SAINTS FOOTBALL TEAM**

Registration is now open for boys entering grades 3 through 8 in the Fall, 2021.

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Look on the Parish board for information on a Summer Conditioning Camp taking place now at Our Lady of Sorrows.

(Parishes invited to this team are:  
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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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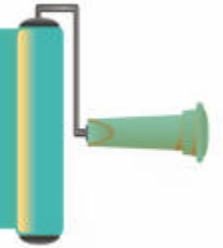
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