

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

AUGUST 15, 2021 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*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.

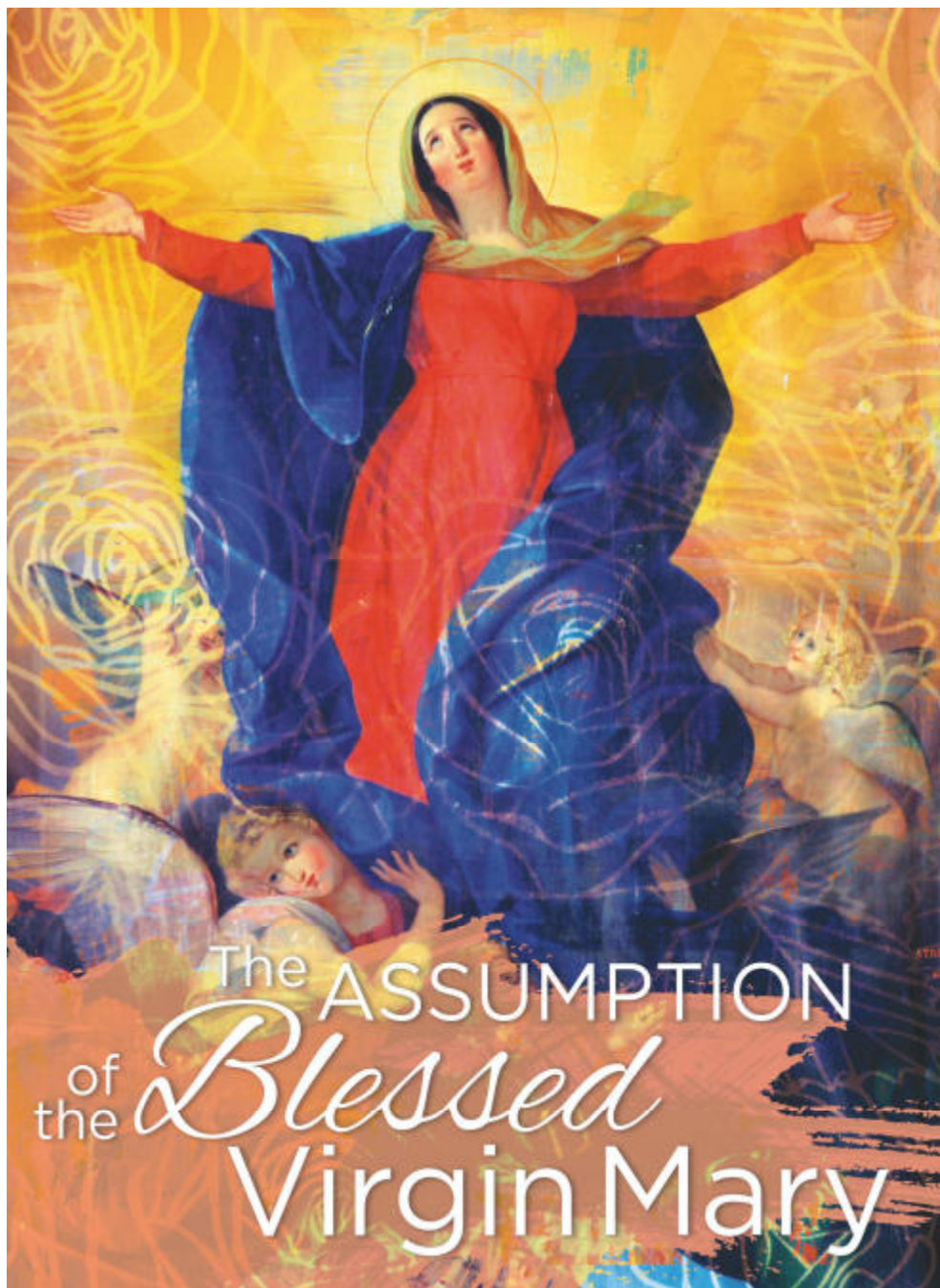
## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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



**AUGUST 16 – AUGUST 20**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Brian Boisvenu**

Requested by  
Driskell and McMann Families

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Jeanette Gentry**

Requested by Friend

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,**

**Robrecht and Goderman Families**

Requested by C. Kemp

Friday 9:15 AM

**Chloe Roberts**

Requested by Family

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



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

## Pray for our Sick:

Joan Goniea

Kimberly Plonka Art Mikkola

Karen Bayer

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email the office at:

[stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com)

and their name will be added to our prayers.

### DONATIONS FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you can do so now through August 22nd. Thank you!

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 22, 2021

5:00 PM		August 21 Fr. Kris	
For <b>Joann Pavco</b> Requested by Joseph Pavco	Lector	Alice Sheehan	
8:30 AM		August 22 Fr. Kris	
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Lector	Jim Bergin	
10:15 AM		August 22 Fr. Kris	
For <b>Angie Ferracciolo</b> Requested by Horsburgh Family	Lector	Scott Horsburgh	
12:00 PM		August 22 Fr. Briffa	
For <b>Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht &amp; Goderman Families</b> Requested by C. Kemp	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](http://stgeraldparish.org) and click on [Online Giving](#) to get started or call the Parish Office for instructions.



If you prefer to give by check or cash, collection baskets are located in the back of the church for your weekly donation or you may drop your donation in the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

### Offertory Snapshot

Actual Offertory for Weekend of August 1	\$ 7,668.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of August 1	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of August 1	\$ 40,548.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of August 1	\$ 40,525.00



The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be at St. Gerald the weekend of September 25 and 26 for your donations!



# The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

## READING I

Rv 11:19A; 12:1-6A, 10AB

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple.

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth.

Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have salvation and power come,  
and the Kingdom of our God  
and the authority of his Anointed One.”

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

45:10, 11, 12, 16

## READING II

1 COR 15:20-27

Brothers and sisters:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the first fruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for “he subjected everything under his feet.”

## ALLELUIA

## Gospel

Lk 1:39-56

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

And Mary said:

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
the promise he made to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his children forever.”

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.



### CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**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 currently half way to our goal. Please consider making a donation. 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 may be able to contribute less. That is why we say it is not an equal gift, it is an equal sacrifice. *Any amount you can donate would help us.*

**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.**

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 Pledges To Date



**We welcome to the Body of Christ**

*Dylan Willow Skinn*

*baptized Saturday,*

*August 7, 2021*

*by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak*

### REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES

If you are new to the parish or did not have a child in the religious program last year and would like to register a child for the 2021-2022 class schedule, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or via email at [marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com) and a registration form will be mailed to you. Registration forms are also available on the parish website at [www.stgeraldparish.org](http://www.stgeraldparish.org).



Please return these forms as soon as possible. Confirmation preparation classes, Grades 7 and 8, will gather on alternate Monday evenings from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. Students in Grades 1 - 6 will attend classes on Mondays evenings from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM. Registration forms are due by **August 16th. Classes will begin on Monday, September 20th.** If you had children in the program last year and *have not* received a registration form, or have any questions, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or [marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com)

**REMINDER: Following the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit, children of the parish are to receive two full years of religious formation before the reception of a sacrament.**



### ST. GERALD PARISH EUCHRE TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

(IN THE PARISH SOCIAL HALL)  
6:15 PM - Midnight

**Sign-in:** 6:15 PM; **Tournament begins:** 7:00 PM

12 Tables with 4 players per table = 48 tickets  
\$10 entry fee, \$.25 per Euchre

**Bring an appetizer. Dessert will be provided BYOB. Water will be provided**

7 rounds (each player deals twice each round)  
Prizes (based on 48 tickets sold)

1<sup>st</sup> - \$150

2<sup>nd</sup> - \$100

3<sup>rd</sup> - \$75

4<sup>th</sup> - \$60

5<sup>th</sup> - \$50

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> - Split the Euchre pot

Loner Shark with \$10 attached kept by the last person to possess it



**Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekend of August 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. After August 22<sup>nd</sup>, tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office until September 9<sup>th</sup> while tickets last.**

**(Only 48 tickets will be sold!)**

**Rules are posted on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the church.**



### 4TH ANNUAL YOUTH UNITED INTERFAITH COMMUNITY SERVICE CAMP

We are so happy to have had close to 100 people participate in our service program; it was our 4th Annual Youth United Interfaith Community Service Camp.

We had various houses of worship join together, creating meal kits, activity kits, facility wall art, painted flower pots & trash cans, working together on gardening, greeting cards, mask making, T-shirt totes, building a library and stocking food pantry supplies, among other work on the grounds of CARES. It was a busy and BLESSED week working with positive, loving and kind people. Our mission of kindness, help and resource is growing!

Thank you for all the donations. We couldn't have done it without you, your support and donations are always appreciated. Please follow us on Facebook & Instagram at Youth United (Farmington Hills)







**FAMILY, FAITH AND COMMUNITY**

If you are interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Please consider joining us. For more information call or text Rich Smith at 313-421-0204.

**BEING CATHOLIC ... WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**

If you can answer **YES** to any of the following questions, stopping and making a phone call may be the best thing you have done in a long time!

- Are you in search of a deeper relationship with God?
- Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Faith?
- Have you been attending the Catholic Church for years but just never “gotten around” to joining?
- Is your son or daughter, or grandson or granddaughter being Confirmed this year? You can also be confirmed.
- Do you have a young family member who will be receiving Communion for the First Time? You will be able to do so too.
- Would you like to be Baptized and become a full member of the Catholic Church?

St. Gerald Church offers an opportunity to help you answer these questions and more. We call it the **RCIA**, or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

If you think you might be interested or know someone whom you think would be interested, please contact Fr. Kris Nowak or the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

**RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE TO POLAND AND POLONIA**


The Church in Poland asks its friends in the United States for spiritual assistance through their prayers and financial help through their offerings. The annual collection is next weekend. If you would like to donate, please take an envelope located on the long table in the entrance of the church and drop it in the collection basket in the back of the church next weekend. Your donation will assist the education of Polish priests, Polish American students and the missionary work of Polish religious across the world. It will provide charitable aid to parishes and catholic institutions in Poland and fund formation programs for lay leaders serving Polonia in the USA. Thank you!

**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Sponsored by St. Gerald Parish

**Location:** Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall  
19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI

**Date:** Monday, September 27

**Time:** 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM



St. Gerald, in collaboration with the Monaghan Knights of Columbus, will be sponsoring a blood drive at the Knights of Columbus Hall on September 27th. This blood drive will replace the semi-annual drive we typically have in our social hall. You can give blood at the Knights of Columbus hall on behalf of St. Gerald.

**To Donate:** Simply call 866-MIBLOOD or visit [versiti.org/mi](http://versiti.org/mi) to schedule your appointment to donate. Walk-ins are welcome. Masks are required. If you have any additional questions please call the Christian Service at 248-76-7677, ext. 204.

**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**

- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor ..... x 203
- Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant ..... x 212  
Email: [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com)

**All other offices dial (248) 476-7677**

- Christian Services**
- Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinator ..... x 204  
Cell: 313-205-8633  
Email: [myokom.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:myokom.sgp@gmail.com)

- St. Vincent de Paul ..... x 220

- Education**
- Mary Taylor: Director Religious Education ..... x 201  
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- Music Ministry**
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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 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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