

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

OCTOBER 17, 2021 TWENTY-NINTH 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.



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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



OCTOBER 18 – OCTOBER 22

Monday 9:15 AM
Monica Koenig
Requested by Robert Koenig

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Jerry Kasinec
Requested by Diane Petter

Wednesday NO MASS

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

Friday 9:15 AM
Rosemary Kay
Requested by Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52



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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 or call 248-477-7470. Thank you!

Pray for our Sick:

Sharmella Kerbawy Kimberly Plonka Art Mikkola

Joan Goniea Karen Bayer Pat Centers Robert Bliss

Joe Pierozynski Dan Eastwood Joe Camilleri



Please join us
Sunday after mass
for some fresh
coffee and donuts!

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Sunday during the 10:15 AM Mass.
Children in grades Kindergarten
through 4th Grade are welcome!

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 24, 2021

5:00 PM			October 23 Fr. Briffa		
For Jim McAskin Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector	Alice Sheehan			
8:30 AM			October 24 Fr. Kris		
For Wesley Papacharalambous Requested by Karen Papacharalambous	Lector	Jim Bergin			
10:15 AM			October 24 Fr. Kris		
For Ed Meade & Tom Hawkins Requested by Meade Family	Lector	Caron Kott			
12:00 PM			October 24 Fr. Briffa		
For Joseph Batalucco Requested by Marilou Knight	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.



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 October 3	\$ 13,296.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of October 3	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of October 3	\$113,229.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of October 3	\$113,470.00

DONATIONS FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation for World Mission Sunday you can do so now through October 31st. Thank You!

Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time

READING I

Is 53:10-11

The LORD was pleased to crush him in infirmity.

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life, and the will of the LORD shall be accomplished through him.

Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22**

READING II

HEB 4:14-16

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin. So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.

ALLELUIA

Gospel

Mk 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." He replied, "What do you wish me to do for you?" They answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" They said to him, "We can." Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John. Jesus summoned them and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege. ©LPi

CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

If you have not donated to CSA for 2021 and need a pledge card, please call the Parish Office as we have blank cards available.

Our CSA goal for 2021 is \$70,574.00. We are still hopeful that we will reach our goal. Please consider making a donation. We are asking each family to contribute \$285.00 this year to meet our goal, but whatever you are able to donate would be very much appreciated.

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



ANNUAL SWEATSHIRT DRIVE FOR THE CHILDREN AT BOYSVILLE

The Knights of Columbus here at St. Gerald need your help by gifting a hooded sweatshirt to the boys and girls at Boysville (Holy Cross Children's Services). This may be the only Christmas gift these children will receive. Hooded sweatshirts (men's sizes large and extra large) are needed with sports, high school or college names printed on sweatshirts. Please drop them off no later than **Sunday, November 14th** in the box on the Knight's table in the social hall. Thank you for your generosity. For additional information, contact Richard Smith, Chairperson at 313-421-0204.



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.

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Screening will begin on October 17, and will usually coincide with Fellowship Sunday each month **after the 8:30 and 10:15 AM Masses**. Look for us in the social hall. The dates are as follows: October 17, November 21, December 19, January 16, February 20, March 20, and May 15. I will need volunteers to help take Blood Pressures. Please call the number below if you can help, or would like to be trained.

HEALTH & WELLNESS BULLETIN

Each month we will have different topics available at the Health Ministry table. Please let me know if you have any special topic request.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I am looking for help with the Parish Health Ministry, to help with taking Blood Pressures, Flu Clinic, Health/Safety program presenter, etc. If you are not sure what you can do, I can train you. The big plus, no meetings, and we have a lot of fun with helping people with health choices. Please, call to see how you can do God's work.

Barbara Sebolt, Parish Health Ministry
248-477-4752 (home) 248-231-4184 (cell)



CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR

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Please join us at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek on Wednesday, November 10th. The bus leaves St. Gerald Parish parking lot at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM. For more information regarding cost, etc., and to sign up, please call Richard Smith at 313-421-0204, Bruce Roberts at 248-756-9257 or Richard Rosowski at 248-477-2511.



ST. GERALD ST. VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

Thought we would update you on what we have been doing with your generous donations to St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul.

June through September was a busy time for St. Gerald Vincentians. Thirty-six families, totaling 48 people, requested our help. With the lifting of the eviction moratorium and the cessation of federal unemployment benefits, many families can no longer afford their housing. We helped with requests for rent and water bills. Despite multiple food pantries and federal and state dollars pouring into social service agencies, some families were still without food. Others needed help with car repairs and gas. So far this year we have helped 75 families in need. As you might guess, our funds are dwindling, and any additional support you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Because of the generosity of this parish, St. Gerald St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to help all of these families, our neighbors in need. We could not do any of this without our St. Gerald community. We greatly appreciate your prayers and financial support of this ministry.

We also want to thank Frank and Kathy Gariepy for their participation in the St. Vincent de Paul Walk for our Friends in Need on Belle Isle this September. They survived the rain and raised over \$1200 for our conference.

Always remember, "Whatever you do for one of these least brothers of mine, you do for me." (Mt 25:40)



**Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 23rd, 2021
6:30 PM**

A parish celebration of Hallow-eve!



*In the South parking lot of St. Gerald Parish.
This is an outdoor event only. Costumes optional. Rain or Shine!
Fill your trunks with candy and treats to share.
The K of C will be providing some grilled hotdogs for you to enjoy.*

RSVP to Parish Office 248-477-7477.

Kids of all ages welcome!



Questions, please email Gerryanna at gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com or
Mary Taylor at marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com.



HALLOWEEN CANDY FOR SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY

It's that time of the year again! Halloween is just around the corner, and Sacred Heart Major Seminary needs your help. Each year the seminary community opens their doors and their hearts to over 2000 children from the surrounding Detroit neighborhood so that the kids can have a fun and safe place to play games and trick-or-treat. But they need your help to make this year a success! They are asking for donations of Halloween candy that will then be passed out to the many kids. If you are willing to participate in this important ministry by donating bags of candy, please drop your donation off in the container located at the main entrance of the church no later than October 20th. Thank you!

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

Volunteers are needed to help with our Sunday Fellowships.



If you are able to give an hour or two of your time to help, please call the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or email myokom.sgp@gmail.com.



**CALLING ALL "AT WILL" VOLUNTEERS . . .
IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER FALL CLEAN UP**

In this season of safety, we hope volunteers can help with this Fall's Annual Clean Up. Volunteers can come when they can and how they are able. On October 25th through 29th we will have a dumpster on the property for disposal of refuse from our parish grounds.

Lawn bags are available for your use and can be found inside the building in the Religious Education hallway or outside the door of the Parish Office entrance in a plastic bin. We ask that you bring your own rake or make arrangements to use one of St. Gerald's (text Gerryanna at 734-341-1999 or ask in the Parish Office).

Areas in need:

- Garden beds need to be cleaned up of the spent flowering plants and annual plantings.
- Trash pick up along the perimeter fence line
- Raking leaves from under bushes
- General pick up of branches and twigs



Thank you for keeping St. Gerald a beautiful place to visit and worship.
The St. Gerald Gardening Team

**We welcome to the
Body of Christ**

Gavin Easton Welch

baptized Saturday,

October 9, 2021

by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Dylan is the son of
James and Julie



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers. If you would like to make a donation, please place the envelope attached to the bulletin this weekend with your donation in the collection basket located in the back of the church the weekend of October 23rd and 24th.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives. Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi*

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

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- 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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