

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

OCTOBER 31, 2021 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Servant Church Of
The Archdiocese of Detroit

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OFFICE HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

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

WEEKDAYS

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

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



Norma Bazzett

Robert Brown

Delia Celini

Michael Dombe

Ralph LaFave

Mary Lou Olschansky

Mason Pawlak

Amedeo Picano

Alice Poledink

Olivia Pompa

Rosemary Quentin



Mass of
Remembrance

Our Mass of Remembrance is on Tuesday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM. We will celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy for all those who were buried from our parish community since last year (listed above). In a special way, our Book of Remembrance is placed out for the month of November as a way to remember our loved ones as well. You may fill in names of your beloved dead. We pray that they enjoy the Heavenly Banquet Christ has prepared for them.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



NOVEMBER 1 – NOVEMBER 6

ALL SAINTS' DAY

Monday 9:15 AM

Amedeo Picano

Requested by Lisa, Tony and Laura Morelli

Monday 5:30 PM

For All Our Parishioners

ALL SOULS' DAY

Tuesday 9:15 AM

For All Our Parishioners

Tuesday 5:30 PM

For All The Souls of the Faithful Departed

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Victor Azzopardi

Requested by Anthony Camilleri

Friday 9:15 AM

Jim Brandi

Requested by Mullen Family

Saturday 9:15 AM

**Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht, and Goderman Families**

Requested by C. Kemp

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 7, 2021

5:00 PM			November 6	Fr. Kris
For Bernice, Louis & Dennis Kaye Requested by Joseph Pavco	Lector	Sharon McCarthy		
8:30 AM			November 7	Fr. Briffa
For Michael Kantor Requested by Debbie Kantor	Lector	Candy Rosowski		
10:15 AM			November 7	Fr. Kris
For Eglandina Valente Requested by Family	Lector	Renetta Jacob		
12:00 PM			November 7	Fr. Kris
For Alexander Lesiak Requested by Mullen Family	Lector	Paulette Mullen		

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9 [5a]/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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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))



Pray for our Sick:

Sharmella Kerbawy Kimberly Plonka Art Mikkola

Joan Goniea Karen Bayer Pat Centers Robert Bliss

Joe Pierozynski Dan Eastwood Joe Camilleri

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 17	\$ 6,192.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of October 17	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of October 17	\$124,970.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of October 17	\$129,680.00

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!



The Mass Schedule for All Saints' Day, Monday, November 1st

(Not a holy day of obligation this year)

9:15 AM and 5:30 PM Masses

(Please note the 5:30 PM Mass is for the Religious Education Students and their Families)

All are Welcome!

Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Reading I

Dt 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying:
"Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today."

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II

Heb 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters:
The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever.

Alleluia

Gospel

Mk 12:28b-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: *Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.* The second is this: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself.* There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.



**First Friday, November 5th,
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.**

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

We will provide Holiday food baskets for our Neighbors in Need again this year. If you can help fill these baskets, please bring any of the items listed below to the Social Hall by November 14, 2021. Thank you all for the overwhelming support you continue to give St. Vincent de Paul in serving our neighbors.



If any parishioners can use some help with holiday food, please call the St. Vincent de Paul line at 248-476-7677, ext. 220. Leave your name and number and we will return your call.

Grocery Gift Cards (in the amounts of \$10 \$20 or \$25) from Kroger or Meijer

Canned Vegetables and Fruit

Stuffing Mix

Gravy

Crackers

Mac N Cheese

(Deluxe, no milk or butter needed)

Cocoa

Brownie Mix/Frosting

Cold Cereal

Cornbread Mix

Pancake Mix/Syrup

Peanut Butter

Oatmeal

Canned Yams

Pasta Sauce

Cranberry Sauce

Fried Onions

Tuna/Tuna Helper

Jelly

CSA 2021 CAMPAIGN UPDATE

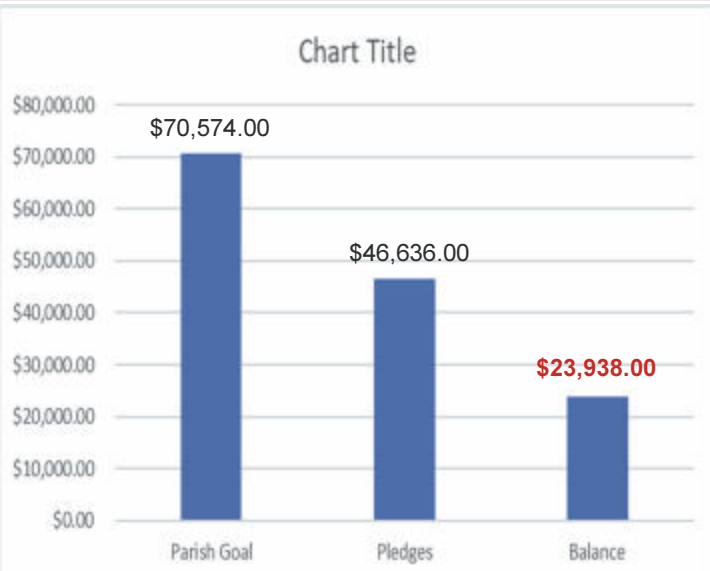
We are slowly getting closer to our goal. If you have not donated to CSA for 2021 and need a pledge card, please call the Parish Office as we have blank cards available.

Our CSA goal for 2021 is **\$70,574.00**. We are still hopeful that we will reach this amount. 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.



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.

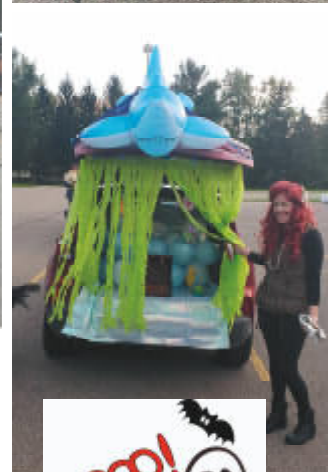


FEELING ILL?

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.

Trunk or Treat



Fun was had by all last Saturday at our annual Trunk or Treat. Special thanks to our Knights of Columbus for the delicious hotdogs!





Confirmation

Class of 2021



Molly Baracco
 Kyle Braska
 James Brooke
 Paul DeMartini
 Breanna Doulette
 Emily Doulette
 Lula Ficyk
 Benjamin Fleming
 Adrianna Gerhart
 Christian Gjerding
 Molly Hansen
 Lauren Ihm
 Edison Imel
 Gavin Kamm

Ethan Leight
 Emely Lule-Vega
 Caden Louk
 Iris MacDougall
 Sarah Martinchick
 Samuel Minear
 Luke Morden
 Angus Murray
 Jessalee O'Connor
 Linda O'Mara-Liske
 Robert Poisson
 Brittany Shelmon
 Madeline Sypitkowski
 Sarah Weber

This weekend at the 5:00 PM Mass 28 young people will be received as full members of the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation conferred by Most Rev. Gerard Battersby. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey. Please continue to keep them, their sponsors and their families in your prayers.

**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 **November 5th through 12th** 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

**CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR
SPONSORED BY OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**
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.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE REQUEST . . .
We are now collecting Depends and other brands of briefs to benefit Lighthouse of Michigan. The drop-off location is in the main entrance of the church. Briefs of all sizes are needed, both men and women. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204. Thank you.

MERCY DAY IN ACTION THANK YOU
Thank you to all who volunteered their time to help at this year's Mercy Day In Action. Your time is very much appreciated!



**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
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Gerryanna Luscri x 208
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- Maintenance**
Tom Kruger
- Accountant**
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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