

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

MAY 1, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A Servant Church
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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.

First Holy Communion

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

On Saturday, April 30th, thirteen candidates received the sacrament of First Communion. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey.

Charlotte Cole Alexander
Emma Rose Boni
Francis Ryan Gillis
Christopher Jason Harrington
Lucas David Karl
Charlotte Vera Kashawlic
Luke Robert Kowalski
Natalie Lule-Vega
Emma Ann Michalski
Isabelle Marie Rekucki
Isabelle Marie Rize
Johnny Javier Vega
Joseph DeVere Vennix

Each child designed their own pew banner, which hung at the end of each family's pew during the Mass.

Thank you to the First Communion catechists who gave so much of their time in helping to prepare these children, they are: **Joyce Kopp** and **Rosa Russenberger**.



And finally, a very special thank you to **Joseph Pavco** for making arrangements to have all the First Communicants remembered by the Priests of the Sacred Heart in a special celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers.

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

MAY 2 – MAY 7

Monday 9:15 AM
Michael Dombe

Requested by Joanne and Bill

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Amedeo Picano

Requested by Armen and Rosa Russenberger

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
**Fr. Kris and the Dobbs,
Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht
and Goderman Families**

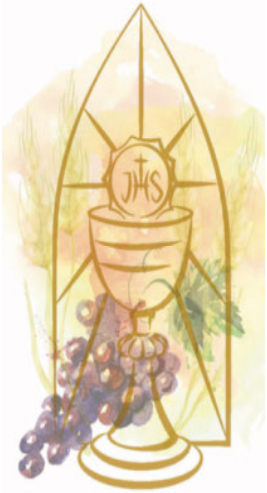
Requested by C. Kemp

Friday 9:15 AM
Victoria Pitera

Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Saturday 9:15 AM
Simon and Anna Lati

Requested by Croitori Family



Readings for Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 [3c]/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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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))

FUNERAL NOTIFICATIONS

- ◆ Have you learned, after the fact, that someone from our parish has died and the funeral is already over?
- ◆ Would you like to be notified when we have a funeral for one of our parishioners?

We are creating a notification list of those who want to receive an email with the funeral information so you can celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for fellow parishioners. Please send your name and email address to the Parish Office at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com if you would like your name added to the list.



May the soul of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

In Our Thoughts And Prayers . . .

Anna D'Orazio Karen Bayer Mike Dunn Frank Adams
Sharmella Kerbawy Kimberly Plonka Joan Goniea
Patricia Hayes Kim Weigold Marie Josette Bolivar Maria Rea

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 8, 2022

5:00 PM	May 7	Fr. Kris
For Julia Pavco & Bernice Kaye Requested by Joe Pavco	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	May 8	Fr. Kris
For Amedeo Picano Requested by Antonia DiPonio	Lector	Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM	May 8	Fr. Kris
For Eglantina Valente Requested by Family	Lector	Jeff Antoun
12:00 PM	May 8	Fr. Roodbeen
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Paulette Mullen

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.



First Friday, May 6th,
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
following the 9:15 AM Mass until 5 PM
Benediction. Adorers Are Needed. Sign-
up on the sheet in the gathering space of the
church.

Please join us for the First Saturday Mass at 9:15 AM on Saturday, May 7th.

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

Let us welcome our newest member:

Lorraine Dipzinski

Welcome Lorraine, we are glad you are here!

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS

READING I ACTS 5:27-32, 40B-41

When the captain and the court officers had brought the apostles in and made them stand before the Sanhedrin, he high priest questioned them “We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name? Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and want to bring this man’s blood upon us.” But Peter and the apostles said in reply, “We must obey God rather than men. The God of our ancestors raised Jesus, though you had him killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as leader and savior to grant Israel repentance and forgiveness of sins. We are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The Sanhedrin ordered the apostles to stop speaking in the name of Jesus, and dismissed them. So they left the presence of the Sanhedrin, rejoicing that they had been found worthy to suffer dishonor for the sake of the name.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING II REV 5:11-14

I, John, looked and heard the voices of many angels who surrounded the throne and the living creatures and the elders. They were countless in number, and they cried out in a loud voice: “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, everything in the universe, cry out: “To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might, forever and ever.” The four living creatures answered, “Amen, and the elders fell down and worshiped.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL JN 21:1-19 OR 21:1-14

At that time, Jesus revealed himself again to his disciples at the Sea of Tiberias. He revealed himself in this way. Together were Simon Peter, Thomas called Didymus, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, Zebedee’s sons, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We also will come with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. When it was already dawn, Jesus was standing on the shore; but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, have you caught anything to eat?” They answered him, “No.” So he said to them, “Cast the net over the right side of the boat and you will find something.” So they cast it, and were not able to

pull it in because of the number of fish. So the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord.” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he tucked in his garment, for he was lightly clad, and jumped into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, for they were not far from shore, only about a hundred yards, dragging the net with the fish. When they climbed out on shore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish you just caught.” So Simon Peter went over and dragged the net ashore full of one hundred fifty-three large fish. Even though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come, have breakfast.” And none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. This was now the third time Jesus was revealed to his disciples after being raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He then said to Simon Peter a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” Jesus said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

OR

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Upcoming Activities At St. Gerald and In Our Community

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

The Knights of Columbus will be awarding two \$1,000 scholarships this year for post-secondary education. Applicants must either be a child of a registered parishioner of St. Gerald Parish, or a child or grandchild of a current (in good standing) Knight or deceased Knight. Applications can be obtained from the Parish Office Monday through Thursday. Full details can be found on the Council's page of the St. Gerald website by clicking on the 'Scholarship' button under the Knights tab. There is also a link on the page where you can download a blank application. **All applications must be received by midnight April 30, 2022.** The two winners will be announced and notified in July.



Bundle Days

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here next weekend, May 7 and 8, for your donations! Time for some Spring cleaning!



OUR LADY OF REFUGE ANNOUNCES 50TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FOR MONSIGNOR GERALD MCENHILL

All are invited!

Afternoon Holy Mass

Sunday, June 5, 2022

at Our Lady of Refuge Church
1:30 PM

Dessert reception following Mass in the Social Hall

Evening Celebration

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Bay Pointe Golf Club

5:30 PM Appetizers and Cash Bar

6:30 PM Dinner

(Cost is \$50 per person)

Dinner Attire

Kindly respond to Teresa Roose, Jubilee Committee Co-Chair for these celebrations by Monday, May 2nd at 248-568-5924 or email: Jubilee6522@gmail.com



Do you enjoy playing pinochle or would like to learn? Come join the card group on Thursday afternoons in our parish social hall. Please arrive by noon with card play beginning at 12:30 PM. What better way to spend your Thursday afternoons. You do not need to call ahead to join in the fun, just stop in and make some new friends!

St. Gerald Parish Euchre Tournament May 7, 2022 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)

1st - \$150

2nd - \$100

3rd - \$75

4th - \$60

5th - \$50

6th, 7th, 8th - Split the Euchre pot

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



Tickets can be purchased in the Parish Office until May 5th while tickets last. (Only 48 tickets will be sold!).

GROUNDKEEPING HELP WANTED!

Our gardening volunteers are in need of new blood (or maybe new joints). Some of us are on current restrictions; even though gardening is a good form of physical and spiritual therapy, some are strained to do bending or pulling maneuvers needed for good groundskeeping.



Please consider joining our team! Most volunteer time is in a specific area of the church grounds and at your own time convenience.

If you can help or need more information, please call Gerryanna at 734-341-1999 or email gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com.

Lawn bags are needed for refuse. Please leave any bag donation in the designated box outside the Parish Office.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .



Our Parish Picnic is back! Mark your calendars for Sunday, **June 26th** from 1 to 4 PM. Look for

more information in upcoming bulletins.



Please help us keep our parish records up-to-date. If you move, have a change of phone number or any other change, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com.



2022 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Next weekend is CSA Weekend, which marks the beginning of our annual Catholic Services Appeal. It offers us this opportunity each year to renew our personal commitment to **Fuel the Mission** to witness Christ as His disciples.

Gifts to the CSA make possible more than 170 ministries, programs and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese every day. CSA is a pledge program, which allows you to spread your gift over several months or make a one-time pledge.

Please prayerfully consider what type of generous support you can give to support our parish. Your pledge packet will be available next weekend for you to pick up after Mass.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2021 CSA COLLECTION

All check payments for the CSA 2021 collection must be received at the Archdiocese of Detroit by **May 16th** and credit card payments must be received by **May 28th**, in order to be applied to the 2021 collection. If your pledge dollars are not received by this date, St. Gerald will be responsible for any balances due at that time and taken out of our parish account.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



Welcome to Christopher Henley and Jana Chrumka, who were received into the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass. Welcome, as well, to Jayden Barker and Mary Pacaitis, who completed their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 16th.

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

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that — the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

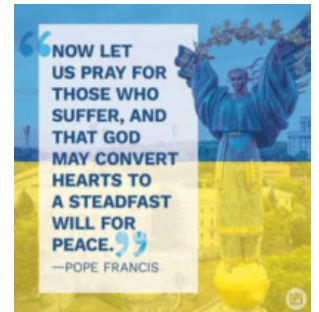
What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them — they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WIDOWED FRIENDS

- ◆ Monday, May 2 and June 6 at 10 AM - Breakfast at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road. Call Tom 586-216-1454.
- ◆ Tuesday, May 3 and June 7 - Late morning movie at the Phoenix Laurel Park Theater, 17310 Laurel Park Drive. New movies arriving every week. Check them out and then enjoy lunch with your friends. Call Elaine at 734-717-0303.
- ◆ Friday, May 6 at 6:00 PM at St. Valentines, 25875 Hope Street. They have announced The return of their annual Trivia/Euchre Night. Cinco de Mayo is the dinner theme This year with a full Mexican dinner. Cost Is \$15.00 per person (5 per trivia table max) Or \$15 for Euchre Tournament. Call Gloria at 734-459-7995.



**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH
Office Hours**

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.
(Parish Office closed from 12:00 pm—12:30 pm for lunch)

STAFF

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203
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Accountant
Kim Smith

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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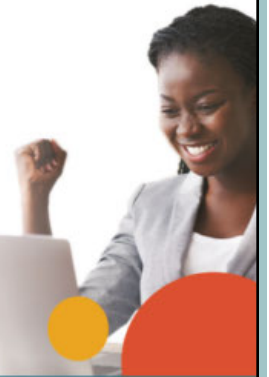


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