The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

MAY 22, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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.

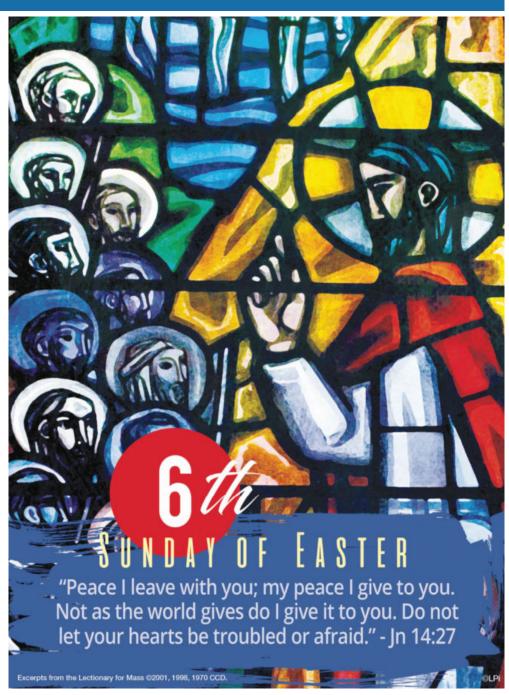
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Gerald Roman Catholic
Church is a welcoming, inclusive
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reverent and uplifting worship,
serving those in need, and living
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God's people.



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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



May 23 - May 27

Monday 9:15 AM Fr. Kris and the Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, **Robrecht and Goderman Families** Requested by C. Kemp

> Tuesday 9:15 AM Amedeo Picano Requested by Antonio Iannarelli

> > Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM Michela Vettraino Requested by Antonia and Jolene Soave

Friday 9:15 AM Younan E. Sabbagh Requested by Elaine and Phil Blaszczak

Readings for Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26-

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn

Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16:16-20 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53

Acts 18:9-18/ /Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/ Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28 Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/ Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23/Lk 24:46-53 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 7:55-60/Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 [1a, 9a]/Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20/Jn 17:20-26



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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 Bob Koenig Mike Dunn Frank Adams Sharmella Kerbawy Kimberly Plonka Joan Goniea Patricia Hayes Kim Weigold Marie Josette Bolivar Maria Rea

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD May 29, 2022

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5:00 PM	May 28	Fr. Roodbeen
For Richard McAskin Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	May 29	Fr. Briffa
For Amedeo Picano Requested by Angelina Arciero	Lector	Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM	May 29	Fr. Roodbeen
For Frances Hoetger Requested by Laurel Hoetger	Lector	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	May 29	Fr. Roodbeen
For Robert Yates Requested by Extended Day Staff	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.



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Offertory Snapshot	
Actual Offertory for Weekend of May 15	\$ 8,768.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of May 15	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of May 15	\$361,647.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of May 15	\$372,830.00

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.

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!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS

READING I

ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29

Some who had come down from Judea were instructing the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the Mosaic practice, you cannot be saved." Because there arose no little dissension and debate by Paul and Barnabas with them, it was decided that Paul, Barnabas, and some of the others should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders about this question.

The apostles and elders, in agreement with the whole church, decided to choose representatives and to send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. The ones chosen were Judas, who was called Barsabbas, and Silas, leaders among the brothers. This is the letter delivered by them:



"The apostles and the elders, your brothers, to the brothers in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia of Gentile origin: greetings. Since we have heard that some of our number who went out without any mandate

from us have upset you with their teachings and disturbed your peace of mind, we have with one accord decided to choose representatives and to send them to you along with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth: 'It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities, namely, to abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage. If you keep free of these, you will be doing what is right. Farewell.'"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING II

REV 21:10-14, 22-23

The angel took me in spirit to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. It gleamed with the splendor of God. Its radiance was like that of a precious stone, like jasper, clear as crystal. It had a massive, high wall, with twelve gates where twelve angels were stationed and on which names were inscribed, the names of the twelve tribes of the Israelites. There were three gates facing east, three north, three south, and three west. The wall of the city had twelve courses of stones as its foundation, on which were inscribed the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw no temple in the city for its temple is the Lord God almighty and the Lamb. The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

<u>Jn 14:23-29</u>

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.

"I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Jesus tells his disciples, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you." The peace that Jesus gives is far different than the kind that comes from the absence of war, conflict, or affliction. The peace that God offers is found alongside suffering and hardship, not necessarily in their absence. St. Teresa of Avila offers us a bit of wisdom regarding peace: "May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise, and love. It is there for each and every one of us."

In order for us to experience the divine peace that Jesus offers, we have to allow God's presence to settle into our bones! It is only when this happens that we can be truly taught by the Holy Spirit to discern the true path to peace and find ourselves with untroubled hearts. The world and our lives are so unpredictable and changeable. If we look for a source of lasting and real peace only there, our search will never be satisfied. Something will always unsettle and disturb us. The Jewish disciples could really relate to what Jesus was saying about peace (shalom). They already knew that it was more a matter of achieving wholeness and wellbeing than anything else.

Wholeness and wellbeing are precisely what is uncovered when we begin to really see and know the height, depth, and breadth of God's presence and promise. The elegance of God's Divine life flows through our blood and the marrow in our bones. It is that close and deep. As we breathe in and exhale God's life, peace becomes what we know within and what is exhaled out. This remains in the midst of intense conflict, persecution, suffering, rejection, and even death. ©LPi

VBS 2022: a Science, Technology, Engineering and Math way to learn Scripture!

Vacation Bible School will be Monday through Thursday, June 27 - June 30, 2022 from 9 AM to 12 PM. This year, students are invited to attend VBS at St. Priscilla Church in Livonia, which is one of our Family of Parishes. Students will be learning God's Word through chemical, mechanical, electrical engineering and more. This curriculum is unique to St. Priscilla, and provides students the opportunity to learn the faith while discovering and applying science and engineering concepts.

Students will be learning and discussing some of the miracles of Jesus and trying to recreate them with science and engineering!

Day 1 - Turning water into wineDay 2 - Walking on waterDay 3 - Healing the blind manDay 4 - Raising Lazarus

The cost is \$35 per student. Open to students ages 5-11. Kindergarten aged students must know how to use scissors. https://www.osvhub.com/st-priscilla-church/forms/vbs-registration-2021

To help out as a catechist, or teen volunteer, email Faith Formation Director, Alyssa Choraszewski at dre@saintpriscilla.org



Our Parish Picnic is back!

Please join us on Sunday, **June 26th** from 1 to 4 PM to socialize with your fellow parishioners and enjoy some great hamburgers and hotdogs grilled by our Knights of Columbus.

Look for more information in upcoming bulletins.

Volunteers are needed! Please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 if you can help. Thank You!

St. Gerald Baby Bottle Drive





Benefiting

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A non-profit pregnancy care center in Farmington Hills offering life-affirming options and Christian compassion to mothers facing unexpected pregnancies.

Bottles will be distributed

this weekend.

Spend the next weeks filling them
with coins, bills and/or checks
(payable to AWPC).

Please return them to church
Saturday, June 18 and
Sunday, June 19

The result of your change IS CHANGE
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men and families receiving physical,
emotional and spiritual support
from Another Way Pregnancy
Center!

CAMP OZANAM OPENINGS

Special offer from the St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference is blessed to share an opportunity with families struggling financially or suffering some other hardship, with children between the ages of 8 and 14.

If this applies, we would like to offer your child(ren) the opportunity to attend Camp Ozanam this summer for free. Camp Ozanam provides children the chance to experience a free week of summer residential camping. Children will enjoy the great outdoors, making new friends and life long memories this summer at Camp Ozanam!

If interested please leave a message on our SVDP line 248-476-7677, ext. 220. We will return your call as soon as possible.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus.









GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Our Knights of Columbus will again have Geraniums for sale on Saturday, June 4, 2022 and Sunday, June 5, 2022 for \$5.00 before and after all masses. The geraniums will be placed around the altar for Pentecost Sunday.







They will later be planted around the church grounds for everyone to enjoy.



2022 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2022 CSA Campaign started on May 8, 2022 and will run through May 15, 2023. We are asking all parishioners to join in contributing to this years' Catholic Services Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Gerald's 2022 CSA target of \$66,310.00, which is our parish share of the support for the CSA-funded ministries, programs and services. Any gifts we receive over our target will be returned to our parish in full. If, however, we do not meet this target, we will have to make up the shortfall from our general fund.

In order for us to make our goal, we are asking each family to donate \$300.00 We know that some families can afford more and some not so much. If you can't donate at this time, please still return your card showing zero.

There are many ways for you to support the CSA. You may make a one-time gift or pledge the gift and make payments over a nine-month period of time starting in July.

You may give your donation on-line or by check, below a few general instructions.

Instructions for On-line Giving:

- ♦ You can donate at any time by going to GiveCSA.org
- Click on Manage your CSA 2022 Gift
- Sign in or click on "give now"
- ♦ Choose your organization from the drop-down arrow St. Gerald Farmington
- Fill out the amount you wish to give and if one time or recurring
- Return your card to St. Gerald with a note on it indicating you did on-line giving.

If you make a donation by check, please make sure your check is payable to **Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA.** Please return your CSA card by mail in the envelope provided, or drop it off in the collection basket or the Parish Office. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Please continue to prayerfully consider what type of generous donation you can give to support our parish. Your pledge packet will be available for you to pick up after Mass during the month of May. We appreciate your support and it does make a difference!



Blood Drive!

Monaghan Knights of Columbus 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI Monday, May 23rd 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Blood levels are very low. Just one pint of blood saves the lives of three people. Please consider coming to donate.

To schedule an appointment, simply call 866-MIBLOOD or visit www.versiti.org/MI. Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.

GROUNDSKEEPING HELP WANTED!

Our gardening volunteers are in need of more volunteers. 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.

Say one Hail Mary for Ukraine today!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KORNER

Annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

St. Gerald's Knights of Columbus will be honoring all the deceased members of Council 13673 at our annual Memorial Mass on Thursday, May 26th, at 7:00 PM at St. Gerald Church. We invite all members of the honored families as well as our parishioners to attend this special Mass.

Helping Ukrainian Refugees

How would you like to help out the Ukrainian refugees? Listed in this article are a few examples of what the Knights are currently doing for the refugees. The Knights from around the world are currently stationed at the Ukrainian border helping the refugees with food, clothing and support.

On Easter Sunday the Knights donated 10,000 Easter baskets loaded with food, flour, meat, chocolate and an Easter candle to give to each family. The Knights have also donated millions of dollars to the Ukrainians to help feed and care for them. If you would like to help the Knights support the refugees, please contact Richard Smith at 313-421-0204 or email him at POLLYGIRL219@aol.com. Thank you!

Everyday Stewardship Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Management According to the Apostles

If you've ever worked in any kind of organization, for-profit or not-for-profit, I'm sure you have attended a conference or two. Whatever our expectations going in, I usually find these conferences expose me to communication and problem-solving styles that are different from my own, nudging me into a little unexpected self-discovery. And it's a great opportunity to meet new people and do something different.

Here's my idea for a leadership conference: The Management Style of the Apostles. Think about it, the only thing the Apostles had more abundantly than holiness was problems. Lots and lots of problems ... most of them of the human resources variety. It's no small feat, starting Christ's Church on earth. I wouldn't want to be project manager of that endeavor.

The Acts of the Apostles is, in some ways, a big book full of problems and ways to solve them. It's a blueprint for tackling interpersonal issues in the manner of a true steward, who encounters every problem starting from the same place: What would my Master want?

It's a question we should be asking ourselves every time we, too, encounter a problem — especially problems relating to other people. What is the truth in this situation, and how would God have me communicate it? How could I handle this in a way that is worthy of the name of my Master?

In Acts, we see a lot of characteristics of everyday stewardship. We see the Apostles mindfully acknowledge the lack of peace that is posed by problems like false teachings, this Gospel's problem du jour. They prayerfully confront the obstacles to salvation posed by these issues. Always, always, always, their main objective is to reveal the will of God, remaining committed to the truth while helping newcomers find avenues to salvation.

Maybe I'm just saying it because it's my idea — but it sounds like a conference we could all use. — *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

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)

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SACRAMENTS

Rite of Reconciliation: Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM **Sacrament of the Sick:** Please call the office.

Rantism²

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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