

# The St. Gerald Voice

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

JULY 24, 2022

SEVENTEENTH 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

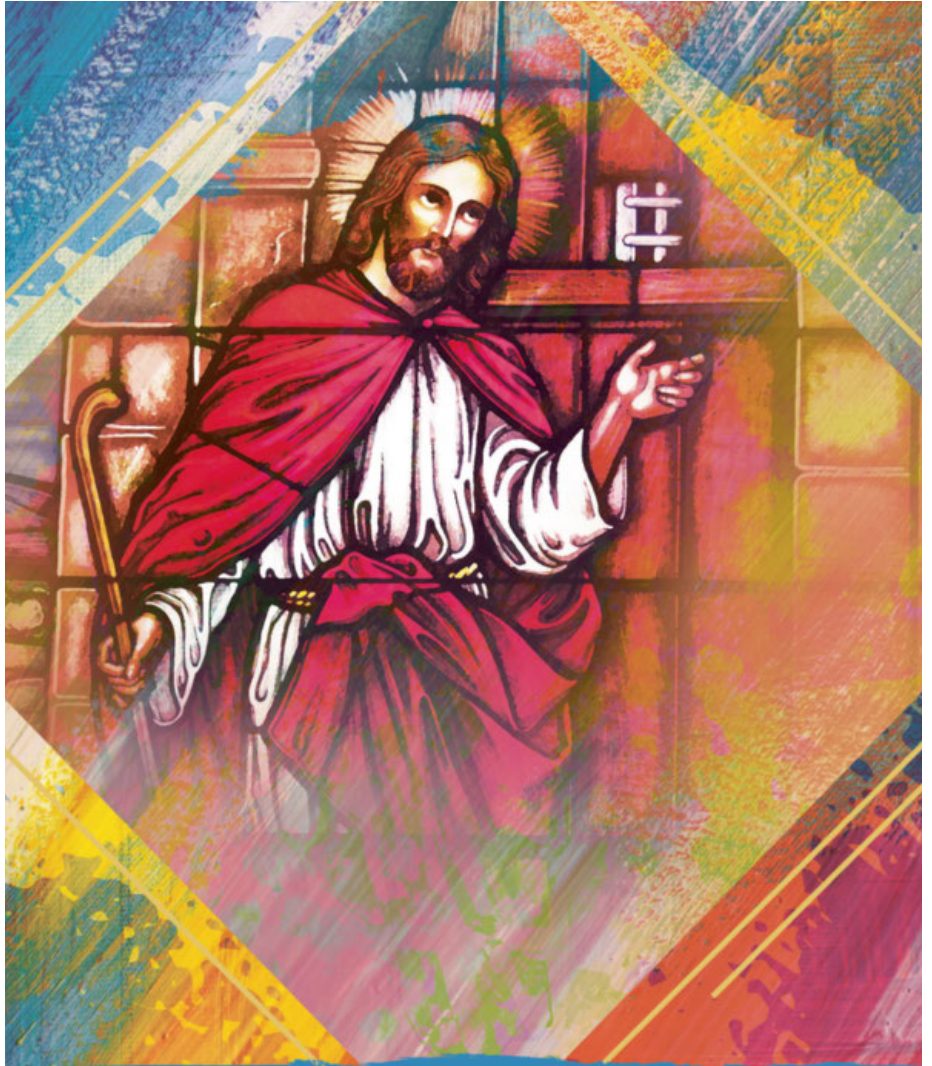
Monday, Tuesday, Friday  
9:15 a.m.  
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

## 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.



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“He will get up to give him whatever he needs  
because of his persistence.” - Lk 11:8

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# WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

July 25 - July 29

Monday 9:15 AM

Fr. Kris and the Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht and Goderman Families  
Requested by C. Kemp

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Barry McAskin  
Requested by Sharon McAskin

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Mark Jozwiak  
Requested by Karen Rambow

Friday 9:15 AM

Mary & Ann Fulich  
Requested by Croitori Family



## Readings for Week

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28  
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43  
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46  
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53  
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12  
 Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

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(For a list of readings and/or to have them sent to your email ; go to <http://www.usccb.org/nab>)

### 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.



# EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 31, 2022

<b>5:00 PM</b>			<b>July 30</b>	<b>Fr. Kris</b>
For <b>Frederick Strick</b> Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	<b>Lector</b>	Diane Blankenship		
<b>8:30 AM</b>			<b>July 31</b>	<b>Fr. Briffa</b>
For <b>Ida Picano</b> Requested by Julee Berger	<b>Lector</b>	Candy Rosowski		
<b>10:15 AM</b>			<b>July 31</b>	<b>Fr. Briffa</b>
For <b>Cristina Marciano</b> Requested by Armanda Zanotti & Family	<b>Lector</b>	Caron Kott		
<b>12:00 PM</b>			<b>July 31</b>	<b>Fr. Kris</b>
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Teddi Williams		

### ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING USING SIMPLE GIVE

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. **Please do not go into the Archdiocese of Detroit website to give offertory to the church.**

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 June 26 -	\$ 5,110.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of June 26 -	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of June 26, 2022 -	\$426,172.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of June 26, 2022 -	\$421,485.00



# SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## READING 1

**GN 18:20-32**

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out."

While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on.

What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."



## Blood Drive!

Monaghan Knights of Columbus  
19801 Farmington Road  
Livonia, MI  
Monday, July 25  
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](http://www.versiti.org/MI). Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### READING 2

**COL 2:12-14**

Brothers and sisters:

You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

### Alleluia

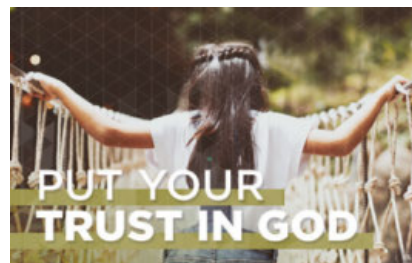
### GOSPEL

**LK 11:1-13**

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"



### 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 2022-2023 class schedule, please contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or via email at 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. Please return these forms as soon as possible.

Students in Grades 1 - 6 will attend classes on Mondays evenings from 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM. Confirmation preparation classes, Grades 7 and 8, will also gather on alternate Monday evenings from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM. Registration forms have been mailed out and are due back by August 15th. All classes will begin on Monday, September 19th. 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

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.



If you would like a name to be added on the prayer list in the bulletin, please email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

### PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Maria Rea  
Kimberly Plonka  
Joan Goniea

Kim Weigold  
Maria Rea  
Frank Adams

### YOUTH UNITED WORK CAMP AUGUST 9 - 11

#### VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS NEEDED

St. Gerald teens will again be involved in the Youth United Work Camp on August 9 through 11. (<https://www.facebook.com/YouthUnitedFH/>).

They will be teaming with other houses of worship to do physical work on the grounds of CARES of Farmington Hills (<https://caresfh.org>) Also, they will be working together on several projects to benefit the needy in our community, including Oakland County Foster Care Closet here in Farmington (<https://www.ocfostercloset.org/>) by making toiletry packs and snack packs.

**ADULT And TEEN Volunteers** are needed for the work camp. Adult volunteers can sign up at (<https://bit.Lu/yuadult22>); Teen project leaders at (<https://bit.ly/yuteenleader>) or visit our Facebook page at (<https://www.facebook.com/YouthUnitedFH/>)

We are asking for donations of the items listed below. Donations can be left in the social hall at the designated area. If you are inclined to donate money to help purchase supplies, please call Gerryanna at 734-341-1999.

Thank you in advance for your generosity, support and prayers for our teens and our community. Gerryanna and the Youth United Teens.

**Donations needed:** Feminine hygiene products/Soak/Deodorant/ Shampoo/Toothpaste & toothbrushes/Baby wipes/Baby shampoo/Baby lotion/Diapers/ Formula/Individually wrapped snacks and drinks (for children snack bag project)

Let us congratulate **Ralph and Kathy Lobocki** who celebrated **50 years of marriage on July 14th.**





## 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 are 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.

If you have not made your donation yet, we ask that you continue to prayerfully consider what type of donation you can give to support our parish. It does make a difference!

### **FOOD PANTRY NEEDS . . .**

Mac and Cheese Cups  
 Microwavable non-refrigerated dinners (ex: Hormel)  
 Canned Fruit  
 Cookies



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



**Thank you to everyone who has made a donation. Your support is very much appreciated!**





**CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR**  
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Please join us at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek on Wednesday, August 10th. The bus leaves St. Gerald Parish parking lot at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM. For 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.

**KNIGHTS IN ACTION - 'THE LONG HAUL'**

Thousands of boxes of food and essential supplies for people displaced by war arrived in Ukraine during May and June via the Knights of Columbus Charity Convoy. The Charity Convoy initiative began weeks after the Russian invasion, as the Order started working with Ukrainian trucking companies to send shipments - funded by the Ukraine Solidarity Fund - from warehouses in Poland across the border.

For more information or to join our Knights of Columbus, call or text Rich Smith at 313-421-0204 or pollygirl219@aol.com

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Theme: Monumental: Celebrating God's Greatness

Date and Time: August 1-4 from 8:30 AM to Noon  
(Monday through Thursday)

Location: Church of the Transfiguration Parish Hall  
25225 Code Road, Southfield, MI

To Register please go to: [www.transfigsfd.org](http://www.transfigsfd.org) or for information, please call or text Diane at 734-716-7771.

**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](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) if you would like your name added to the list.

May the soul of the faithfully departed, rest in peace



**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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  
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**Christian Services**

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**St. Vincent de Paul** ..... x 220

**Education**

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

Mary Melonio: Director of Music ..... x 222  
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Norma Battel  
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**Youth Ministry**

Gerryanna Luscri ..... x 208  
Email: [gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com)

Maintenance  
Tom Kruger

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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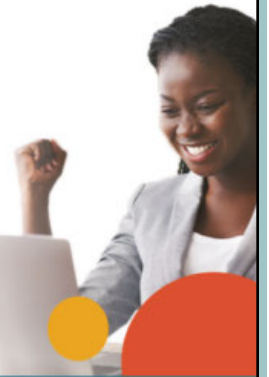
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