The St. Gerald Voice

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AUGUST 14, 2022 **TWENTIETH 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.

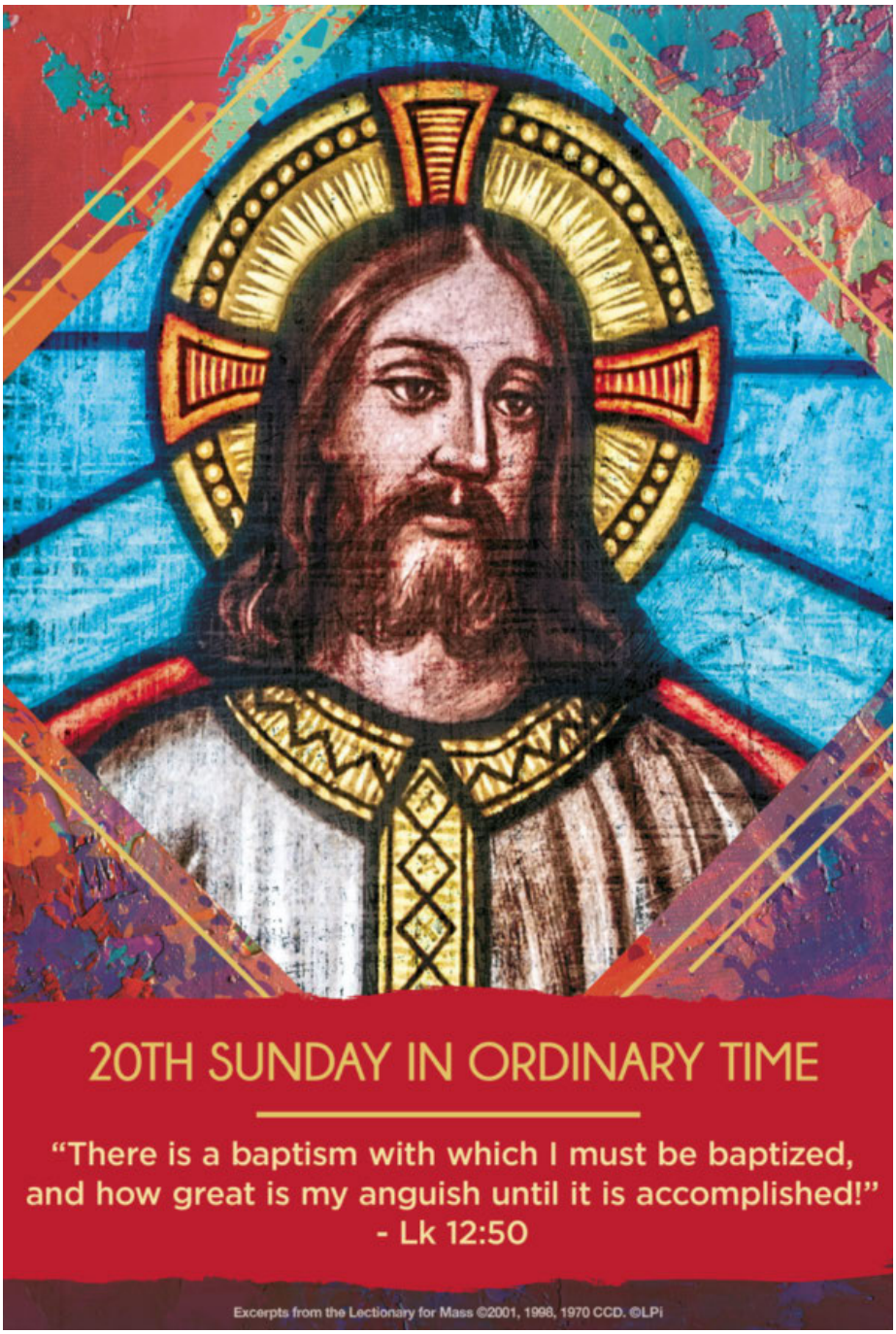
MASS SCHEDULE

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

August 15 - August 19

Monday 9:15 AM
Michela Vettraino
Requested by
Mario and Alberina DiPonio

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Clara Batalucco
Requested by Mary Lou Knight

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Anthony Camilleri
Requested by Gjerding Family

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

Readings for Week

Monday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

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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.

Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

If you would like to donate for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary through Simple Give, you can do so August 10th through August 21st.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 21, 2022

5:00 PM	**August 20**	**Fr. Roodbeen**
For **All Our Parishioners**	**Lector**	Isabelle Gerhart
8:30 AM	**August 21**	**Fr. Briffa**
For **Amedeo Picano** Requested by Maria Konopka	**Lector**	Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM	**August 21**	**Fr. Briffa**
For **Angeline Ferracciolo** Requested by Horsburgh Family	**Lector**	Jeff Antoun
12:00 PM	**August 21**	**Fr. Roodbeen**
For **Amelia Barreto** Requested by Blen Cardozo	**Lector**	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 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 July 31 -	**$ 7,612.00**
Budget Offertory for Weekend of July 31 -	**$ 8,105.00**
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of July 31 -	**$46,868.00**
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of July 31 -	**$40,527.00**

Reading 1 **Jer 38:4-6, 8-10**

In those days, the princes said to the king: "Jeremiah ought to be put to death; he is demoralizing the soldiers who are left in this city, and all the people, by speaking such things to them; he is not interested in the welfare of our people, but in their ruin." King Zedekiah answered: "He is in your power"; for the king could do nothing with them. And so they took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern of Prince Malchiah, which was in the quarters of the guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the cistern, only mud, and Jeremiah sank into the mud.

Ebed-melech, a court official, went there from the palace and said to him: "My lord king, these men have been at fault in all they have done to the prophet Jeremiah, casting him into the cistern. He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city." Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2 **Heb 12:1-4**

Brothers and sisters:
Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. For the sake of the joy that lay before him he endured the cross, despising its shame, and has taken his seat at the right of the throne of God. Consider how he endured such opposition from sinners, in order that you may not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood.

Alleluia

Gospel **Lk 12:49-53**

Jesus said to his disciples:
"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. From now on a household of five will be divided, three against two and two against three; a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother, a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

Congratulations to Bob and Nancy Kolliker as they celebrate 50 years of marriage!

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

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.

Come Check Out Our Website!
When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org.

Maria Rea
Kimberly Plonka
Joan Goniea
Genevieve Browne
Kim Weigold
Marie Bolivar
Frank Adams

Fall Scripture Study – The Gospel of Matthew

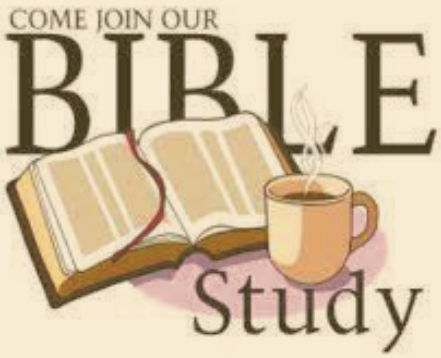
Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study which will focus on the Gospel of Matthew.

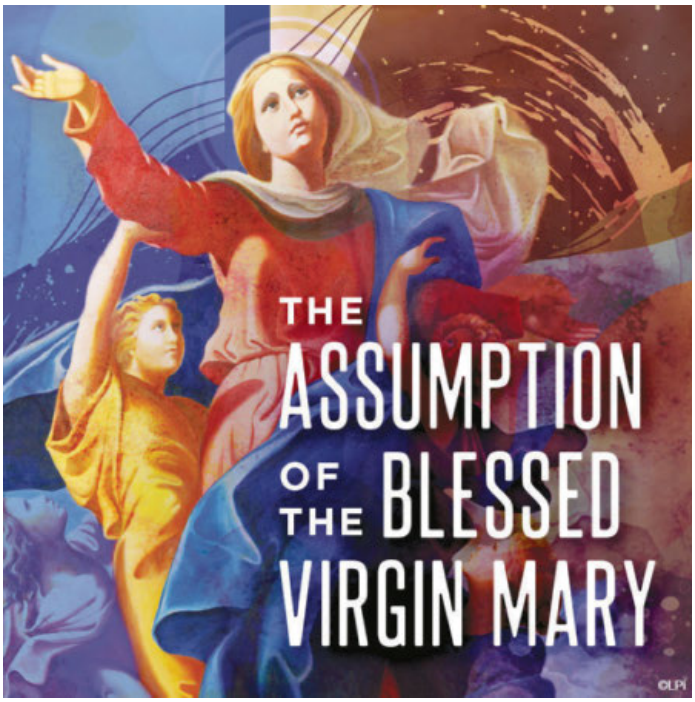
Location: St. Gerald's Church social hall
Time: Tuesday mornings, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Dates: September 13 – November 15, 2022

All are welcome to join us for prayer, refreshments, and study.

Bring your Bible. No need to register.

Contact Mary Taylor (marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.





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. Give what you can. 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.

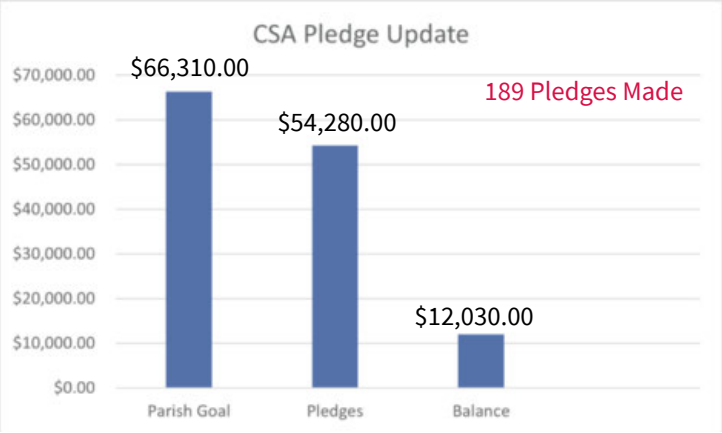
If you have not made your donation yet, we ask that you continue to prayerfully consider what type of donation you can give to support our parish. With your help, we can reach our goal. Your donation does make a difference!

Pinochle Anyone?

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 a 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!

Any questions, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



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

Gospel Meditation – Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

An inward transformation occurs in a person who decides to follow Jesus Christ. Things change. They see the world differently, understand their journey more deeply and profoundly, have their sights fixed on eternity and union with God and hold themselves to higher standards and virtues. It requires a conscious choice to be a Christian, and this choice must be renewed at least daily. While the basic premise of Jesus' message may appear heartwarming and straightforward: love of God, neighbor, and self, the implications of doing so are challenging. The true disciple is called to live radically, and often finds themselves at odds with the world or even with those in their own homes.

Holding ourselves to higher standards comes with a price. We have to leave other things behind. It is difficult to be people of faith, hope, and love in a world often fixated with its own fulfillment and self-absorption. Justice, temperance, prudence, and fortitude require sacrifice if they are to be lived with integrity. God's ways are not ours. This becomes crystal clear to those who have enough courage to stand against the tide. Putting love into action requires that we challenge accepted modes of doing business and fight complacency. This is what makes the saints stand out as witnesses. They are simply sinners, just like us, who persevere.

People do not want to be told that they're sailing their ships in the wrong direction. Clinging to their insistence and need to be correct, they can become defensive when challenged. This can happen even with those closest to us. As much as the Gospel calls us to unity, it also can easily create division. When we love seriously, we encounter more than feelings of warmth and acceptance. "What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like (St. Augustine)." Love also has the courage and honesty to tell people what they may not want to hear but need to, and model, without wavering, a life of humble, loving, and faithful service. Don't lose heart! There are many examples of faith before us and around us. If Jesus endured the voices of opposition, so too can we. There is no need to apologize for speaking the truth. ©LPi

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9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.
(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

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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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