

The St. Gerald Voice

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 22, 2023

THIRD 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

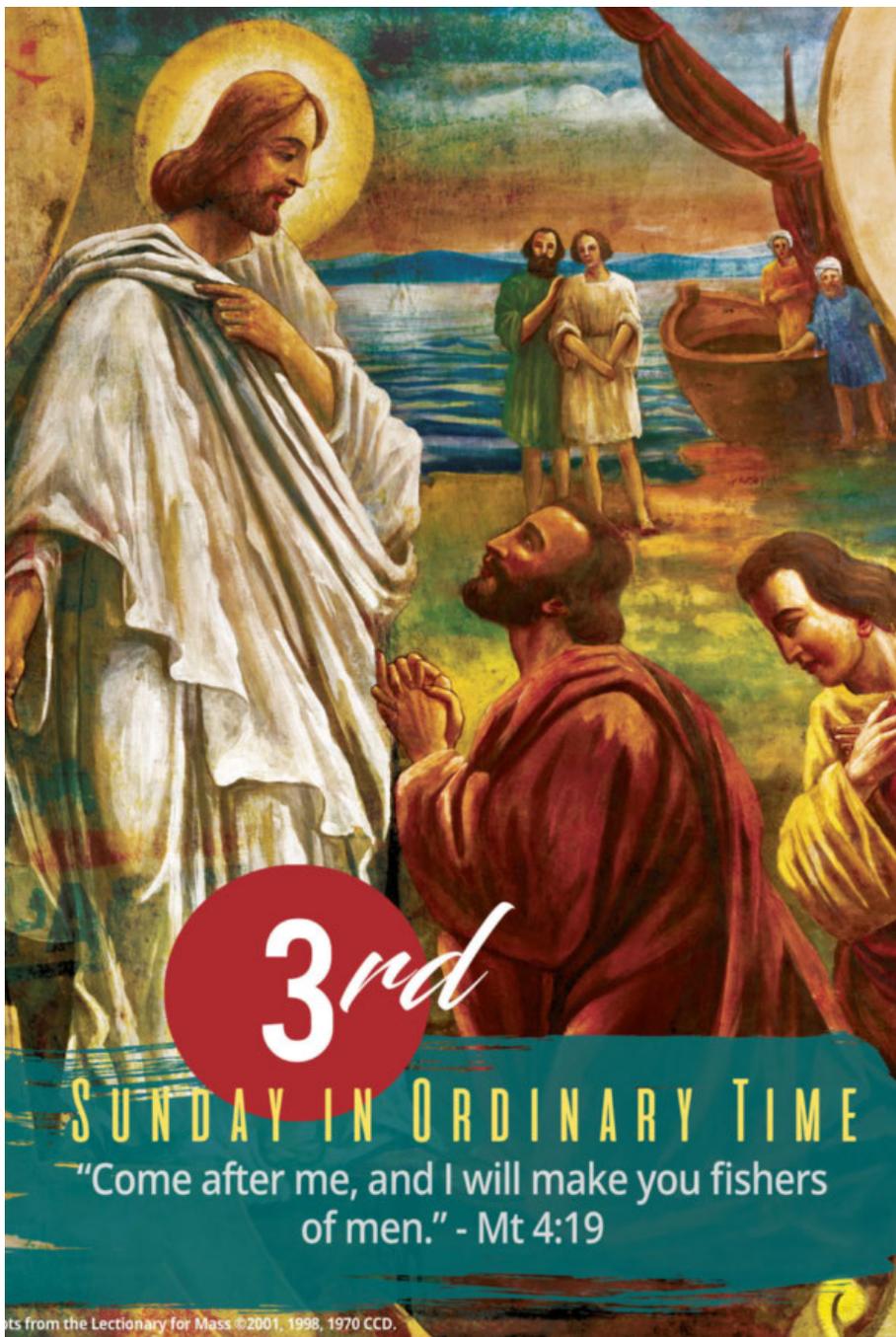
Monday, Tuesday, Friday
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

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

January 23 - January 27



Monday 9:15 AM

Frank Adams

Requested by Geri Adams

Tuesday 9:15 AM

James Zann

Requested by Sharon Zann

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Gina Bonacchi Hespern

Requested by Camilleri Family

Friday 9:15 AM

James Zann

Requested by Sharon Zann

Readings for Week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a)/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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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>)

2022 ST. GERALD CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you need a copy of your 2022 Contribution Statement, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. With a prior request, statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above or they can be sent to you electronically.



Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 29, 2023

5:00 PM January 28 Fr. Roodbeen

For Brendan Brosnan Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector	Sharon McCarthy
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8:30 AM January 29 Fr. Kris

For Domenico Polombo Requested by Flora Rossi	Lector	Hannah Smith
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10:15 AM January 29 Fr. Roodbeen

For Frank Adams Requested by Geri Adams	Lector	Caron Kott
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12:00 PM January 29 Fr. Kris

For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Jeff Antoun
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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.

Please join us for Holy Hour with Rosary on Thursday nights in church following 7 PM Mass concluding at 8:30 PM. All are welcome!

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



Prayer Requests

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING 1

Is 8:23—9:3

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road, the land west of the Jordan, the District of the Gentiles. Anguish has taken wing, dispelled is darkness: for there is no gloom where but now there was distress. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils. For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING 2

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and in the same purpose. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by Chloe's people, that there are rivalries among you. I mean that each of you is saying, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with the wisdom of human eloquence, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning.

January 23rd

DAY OF PRAYER

for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what had been said through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles, the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death light has arisen. From that time on, Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. He walked along from there and saw two other brothers, James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him. He went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.

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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?

Join our notification list and you will 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



We are pleased to announce the date of our next Pancake Breakfast! Please mark your calendars for Sunday, January 29th. Breakfast will be available after the 8:30 and 10:15 AM Masses. Expect our usual favorites of pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, applesauce and juice. The price for all this deliciousness is your generous free-will donation. Proceeds to benefit new mothers and their babies.



In this Sunday's Gospel, we find that Jesus "... went around all of Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people."

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom to the poor, by assisting families providing food and helping with utility and rent bills.

LENT/SPRING SCRIPTURE STUDY 2023

THE CONTINUATION OF THE BOOK OF MATTHEW

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the continuation of the study of Matthew.

Location: Parish Social Hall
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM beginning February 28th

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study.
Note - study will not meet if the Farmington Schools are closed due to weather.

Contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or email marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com



WE PRAY FOR THE
REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
PHYLLIS HUNSINGER

+

MAY 7, 1946
JANUARY 7, 2023

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
PHYLLIS O'LORD,
AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER.



Blood Drive!

Monaghan Knights of Columbus
19801 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI

Monday, January 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.

2023 CALENDARS

2023 Calendars are here. Please pick one up as you leave church. They are located on the table in the main entrance of the church.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE 2ND BANN

Let us pray for **Veronica Fradette** and **Matthew Kelty** as they prepare to be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Gerald Parish on February 4, 2023.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Kim Weigold	Maria Rea
Marie Bolivar	Kimberly Plonka
Dan Murphy	Joan Goniea
Bill Croitori	

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

When I was a young seminarian, I asked a wise old priest how to pray better. He said simply, "Don't lie when you pray." He helped me to see how much energy I waste in trying to appear acceptable to God when I pray. For me, prayer was showing off for God and hiding what was ugly.

It's stunning that the Gospel of Matthew tells us of Jesus, "He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum by the sea, in the region of Zebulon and Naphtali..." This isn't just the Lord's relocation up north. It's his moving into places of shame and defeat. This region was where the enemy invasion of Israel began centuries before. Jesus left the comfortable confines of Nazareth and sought out a place of darkness, not to bring shame, but to announce the dawning of his light.

When we pray, we usually prefer Jesus to stay put in our little Nazareths — where we feel comfortable, successful, and in control. But he moves. He relocates into the Zebulons and Naphtalis of our shame, embarrassment, fear, and sense of being defeated. The question for us is: will we allow him to take up residence in those places in our prayer time? Will we talk to him honestly about our places of darkness? If we do, we're no longer lying when we pray.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES IN OUR COMMUNITY

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR WIDOWED FRIENDS . . .

- On Thursday, January 26 and February 9, 23 at 9 AM. Men only breakfast at Steve's Family Restaurant located at 15800 Middlebelt Road in Livonia. Call Event Coordinator Marcel at 313-510-0638.
- On Tuesday, January 24 and February 21, join us for morning movie at The Phoenix Theater at Laurel Park located at 17310 Laurel Park Drive in Livonia. New movies every month. Lunch follows after the movie at Bar Louie located in the shopping center. Call Peggy to make a reservation at 734-744-5580.
- On Tuesday, January 31 at 9:30 AM join us for breakfast at Zack's of Plymouth Restaurant located at 9468 S. Main in Plymouth. Call Coordinator Gloria at 734-459-7995.
- On Friday, February 10 at 10:30 AM join us for lunch at Grand Traverse Pie Company located at 41640 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. Order and pay at the register. Call Event Coordinator Gloria for reservation at 734-459-7995.
- On Wednesday, February 15 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM enjoy dinner at Corsi's Restaurant and Banquet Center located at 27910 W. Seven Mile Road in Livonia. \$20 includes full buffet dinner. As usual please remember our veterans with your donations of toiletries, blankets and men's only new or gently used clothing. Call Event Coordinator Laura at 313-274-2950 or Chet at 734-459-4316 by February 10.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT SINGLES TRIVIA NIGHT.

We're back with trivia night and minute to win it games!

Join us and other young adult singles, Friday, February 17, at 6:30 PM at St. Michael Parish School (in Cafeteria) 11311 Hubbard St, Livonia.

Appetizers and drinks (beer/wine) are provided. Cost \$8.

RSVP and ticket purchase on Eventbrite through QR code/website: Trivia Night Tickets, Fri, Feb 17, 2023 at 6:30 PM | Eventbrite

Please no walk-ins.

If you have any questions, please contact us at hhcyagroup@gmail.com We look forward to seeing you there!

**We welcome to the
Body of Christ**

Dylan Tadeo Vega

**baptized Sunday,
January 15, 2023
By Rev. Krzysztof Nowak**

**Dylan is the son of
Emmanuel Hernandez
and Carmen Zalinas**

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY

MOMENTS

Drop Your Nets and Be Free

There are times I wish I had no obligations. It would be great to take my wife's hand, hop in the car, and drive into the sunset. Where we were going would not matter as much as the fact that we would have nowhere we had to be. There would be nothing we had to do. No bills. No commitments. No problems. Freedom!

Life doesn't work like that, however. When Jesus came along and asked some fishermen to drop their nets and follow him, they did just that. Wow! In some ways, they experienced true freedom. That is what Jesus offers all of us. Yet, true freedom looks quite different than my dream scenario.

In living in the true freedom that Jesus offers, there are things we must do and places we must go. That is because freedom only exists in following God's will, not our own. We are called to be and called to give ourselves completely to God without reservations. We always have the free will to not respond to His call, but we will find that a negative answer may complicate our lives even further. God's path for us calls on us to give freely of what we have been given. Saying no to that call means we carry the weight of those gifts. We were never meant to keep them. The path of God's will may seem long and winding, but it is the one that leads us into that sunset. It is the way to true freedom. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS @ LPI

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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)

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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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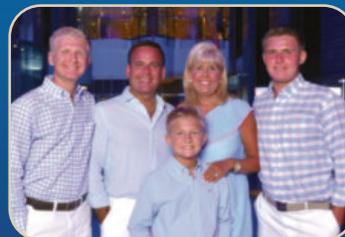


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