

# The St. Gerald Voice

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 26, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*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

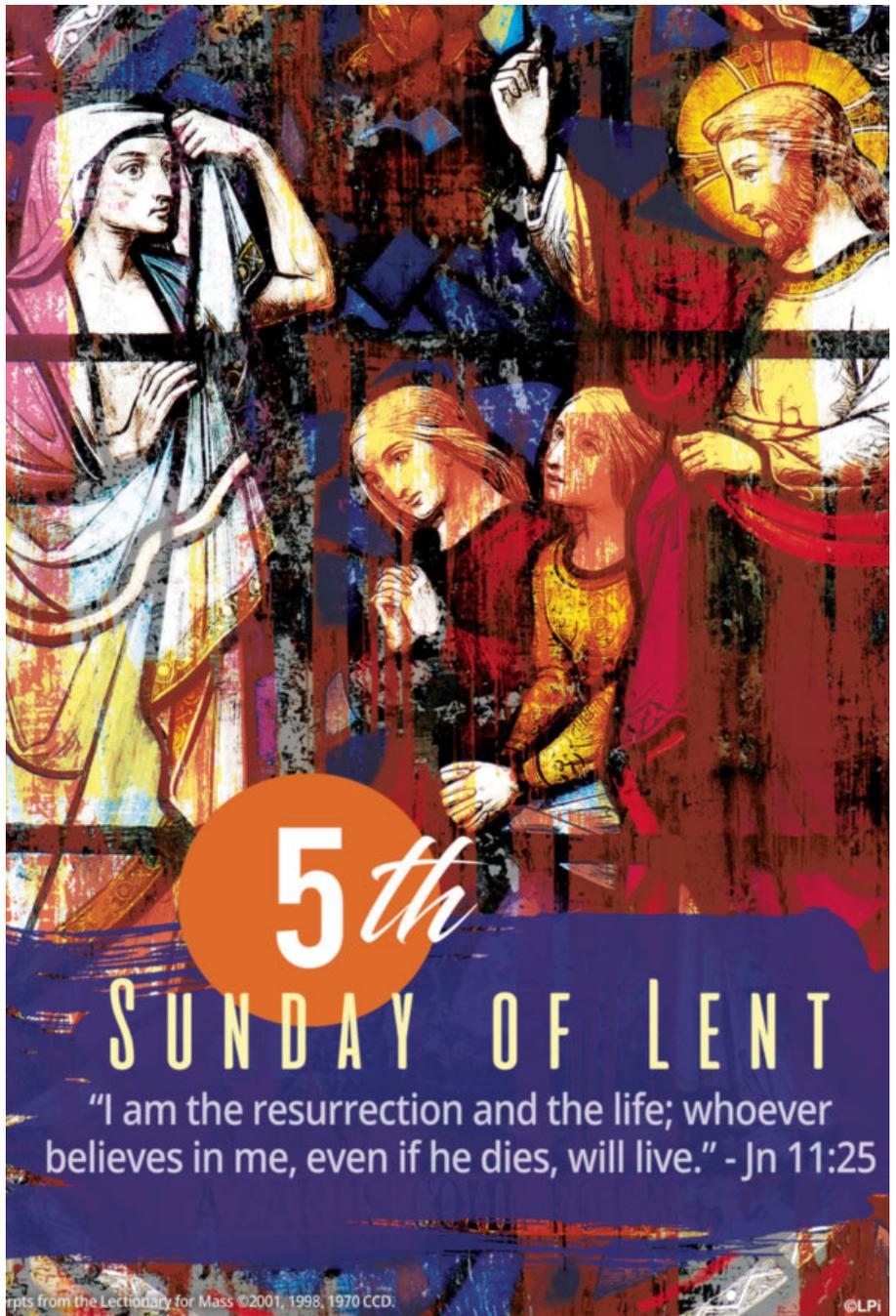
Monday, Tuesday, Friday  
9:15 a.m.  
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

## 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

March 27 - April 1

Monday 9:15 AM

**Frank Adams**

Requested by Geri Adams

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Phan Van Ngoc**

Requested by Tran and Lan

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Gina Bonacchi Hesper**

Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Friday 9:15 AM

**Joann Pavco**

Requested by Joseph Pavco

Saturday 9:15 AM

**Frank Adams**

Requested by Joanne Wojnar



## Readings for Week

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

**Next Sunday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

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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>)



**Fridays during  
Lent at 7:00 PM  
(through March 31)  
and  
Good Friday, April 7  
12:30 PM**

## DONATIONS TO CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation to The Catholic Relief Services, you can do so now through March 26th. Thank you!

## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

April 2, 2023

5:00 PM	April 1	Fr. Kris
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	Sharon McCarthy Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	April 2	Fr. Briffa
For <b>Florence Collier</b> Requested by Family	<b>Lectors</b>	Candy Rosowski Rosa Russenberger
10:15 AM	April 2	Fr. Kris
For <b>Frank Adams</b> Requested by Joanne Wojnar	<b>Lectors</b>	Renetta Jacob Jim Bergin
12:00 PM	April 2	Fr. Kris
For <b>James Zann</b> Requested by Family	<b>Lectors</b>	Jeff Antoun Patrick Rogers

### 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](http://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.



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

Donations of packaged cookies would be appreciated. Just place your donation in the bin located at the main entrance of the church.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Kim Weigold  
Marie Bolivar  
Barbara Seabolt

Maria Rea  
Kimberly Plonka  
Joan Goniea

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

## READING I

**Ez 37:12-14**

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## Reading II

**Rom 8:8-11**

Brothers and sisters:

Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

## Gospel

**Jn 11:1-45**

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see."

And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?"

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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OR:

**Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45**

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**Lenten**  
Soup Supper

**Tuesday, March 28th**  
**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

The graphic features a stylized cross with rays of light, a bowl of soup with a spoon, and a loaf of bread.

Please join us at our Lenten Soup Supper! The soup choices will be **Vegetable Beef Barley, Chicken Tortilla, Cream of Potato and Tomato Basil**. The cost for this delicious supper, is your freewill donation.

Join us at 7:00 PM, following the supper, to listen to Kevin Walters, Director of Campus Ministry at Catholic Central as he talks about prayer.

We are in need of volunteers, as well as desserts. If you are able to volunteer or help bring a dessert, please call the Christian Service office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or email [myokom.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:myokom.sgp@gmail.com).

**Please Join US!**

# EASTER EGG HUNT

**Saturday, April 8th,**  
starting with blessing of  
**Butter Lambs and food**  
**baskets in the church at**  
**11:00 AM.**

**Each family will receive**  
**a small Easter basket with**  
**a Butter Lamb**  
**and Easter treats**  
**for the Food Blessing**  
**in church.**

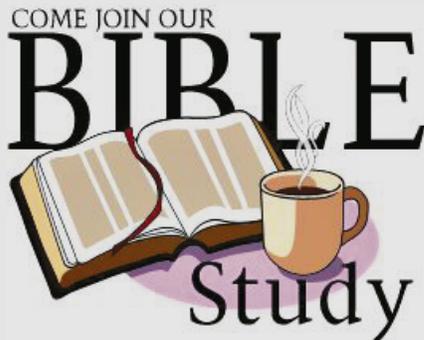
**The Easter Egg Hunt**  
**will follow immediately.**



**LENT/SPRING SCRIPTURE STUDY 2023**

The Continuation of the Book of Matthew  
Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin 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 through May 2nd

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



**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEETING AT ST. GERALD**  
On Thursday, April 27, at 10:00 AM in the Parish  
Social Hall, an officer from the Farmington Police  
Department will be here to give a presentation on  
how to react if there is an emergency situation at  
church. All who take an active role here at the  
parish are invited to attend this meeting. Your  
knowledge may save a life!

Please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 if you  
would like to attend.



**FLASH BARBEQUE**

Please join us next Saturday,  
April 1st, as we travel down to  
St. Aloysius in downtown  
Detroit and feed the homeless.  
This is a great way to begin  
your holy week by helping  
those who are most in need.

We will begin serving at 8:00 AM and will go until  
about noon. Anyone who is interested, please call  
the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext.  
204.

We welcome to the  
Body of Christ

**Connor James Loveridge**

Parents are Kristian Loveridge  
and Mary Roberts

and

**Willow Jade Yageman**

Parents are William Ford and  
Emily Yageman

who were  
baptized Sunday,  
March 19, 2023  
by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

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 if  
you are not feeling well.



# Blood Drive!

**Monaghan Knights of Columbus**  
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**Monday, March 27th**  
**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.



## First Saturday Mass

Please join us on Saturday, April 1, at 9:15 AM for our First Saturday Mass.

## 2022 ST. GERALD CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you need a copy of your 2022 Contribution Statement, please send your request to [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

### 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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