

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

APRIL 23 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*A Servant Church
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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.

Congratulations to our First Communicants

On Sunday, April 23rd, six candidates received the sacrament of First Communion. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey.

Nolan David Austin
Adalynn Rose Bachor
Jack Ross Duggan
Ruth Kaylee Mineau
Mason Joseph Skinn
Olivia Ronnie Truant

Each child designed their own pew banner, which hung at the end of each family's pew during the Mass.

Thank you to Sarah Austin, the First Communion catechist, who gave so much of her time in helping to prepare these children.

And finally, a very special thank you to **Joseph Pavco** for making arrangements to have all the First Communicants remembered by the Priests of the Sacred Heart in a special celebration of the Holy Eucharist.



Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 24 – APRIL 28

Monday 9:15 AM

Frank Adams

Requested by Geri Adams

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Kris and the Dobbs, Kemp,
Trayer, Robrecht and
Goderman Families**

Requested by C. Kemp

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Maria Camilleri

Requested by Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Gina Bonacchi Hespén

Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69
 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

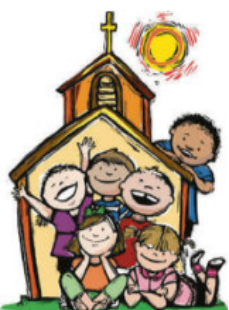


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Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea Kim Weigold
 Marie Bolivar Barbara Seabolt
 Maria Rea Kimberly Plonka
 Winifred Maguire

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.



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.

† STEWARDSHIP ✉

What value do we place on our membership in the community of the church?

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2023

5:00 PM	April 29	Fr. Briffa
For Margaret Weberlein Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lectors	Isabelle Gerhart
8:30 AM	April 30	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Hannah Smith
10:15 AM	April 30	Fr. Kris
For Maria Amodeo Requested by Christine Olesky	Lector	Angela McLoughlin
12:00 PM	April 30	Fr. Briffa
For Lindsay Giffen Requested by Sharon Giffen	Lector	Paul Radzilowski

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. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

Offertory Snapshot as of April 9, 2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 13,219.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$331,298.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$332,325.00

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Third Sunday of Easter

READING 1

ACTS 2:14, 22-33

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him:

I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.

"My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING 2

1 PT 1:17-21

Beloved:

If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb.

He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

LK 24:13-35

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.



Let us welcome our newest members:

**Elizabeth and Patrick Dreyer
and
Barbara Fitzgerald**

Welcome to St. Gerald.
We are glad you are here.



Come as a Guest
Leave as a Friend

Upcoming Events at our Parish

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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS: SAVE THE DATE!

Spring is here! As you are cleaning your closets and basements, please set aside your unneeded, clean, gently used clothing and small household items. St. Gerald St Vincent de Paul Society Annual Clothing Drive will take place on April 29th and 30th. Volunteers will be at the trucks in the main church lot to take your donations 30 minutes before and after each Mass. Receipts will be available for your charitable donations.

Items to donate include gently used, clean clothing, shoes, toys, and household goods, including kitchenware, countertop appliances, and small furniture. We cannot accept large appliances, old TVs and computers, baby car seats and cribs, and items not easily carried by one person.

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support of this ministry. Because of your donations, St. Gerald Vincentians are able to help families every month with rent, utilities, food, auto repairs, and other needs.

EVENING OF WELCOME FOR NEW MEMBERS

All new parish members, including those from the past few years, are invited to our Evening of Welcome.

The purpose of the Evening of Welcome is for you, as a new member of the parish, the opportunity to meet the parish staff and other lead members of our church. The date for this event is Thursday, April 27th following the 7:00 PM Mass. We hope to see and meet our newest members there.

If you have joined the parish in the last couple of years and would like to attend, please rsvp at the Parish Office or call Gerryanna 248-476-7677, ext. 208.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



ST. GERALD PARISH PICNIC WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH. WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MORE INFORMATION.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR RELIGIOUS FORMATION CATECHISTS AND AIDES

With formation classes ending, we want to extend many thanks to the following people who have answered the call to service as catechists and aides in our Religious Formation program, as well as members of the Education Commission.

We are very grateful for: **Rosa Russenberger, Sarah Austin, Susan Hill, Carolyn Arlen, Emily Long, Mary Power, Gerryanna Luscri, Peggy Oleszkowicz, Laurel Hoetger, Sharon Weberlein, Crystal Flood, Linda Benko, Carol Ferguson, and Susan Waisanen.**

We have been very blessed to have these wonderful volunteers who give so generously of their time and talents every week in our religious formation program.

ST. GERALD GROUNDS CLEAN UP

Everyone is invited to help with the St. Gerald Grounds Clean up, including teens and adults looking for Community Service hours.

Come join us on Saturday, April 29th at 10 AM or Rain Date on May 6th. The sign up sheet is located at the main and side entrance of the church.

If these dates do not work for your schedule, feel free to contribute any work at your leisure. This allows everyone an opportunity to help out.

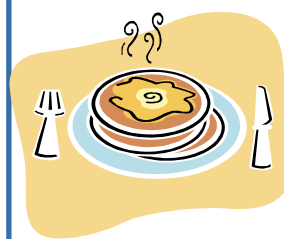
Areas of need:

- ◆ Trash pick up along perimeter fence line
- ◆ Cleaning up garden beds and raking leaves from under bushes
- ◆ General pick up of branch and twigs
- ◆ You can bring your own rake, or use one of St. Gerald's

Lawn bags are needed for refuse. Please place your bag donation in the designated box near the Parish Office entrance.

Thank you for keeping St. Gerald a beautiful place to visit and worship. *The St. Gerald Gardening Team*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!



We are pleased to announce the date of our next Pancake Breakfast! Please mark your calendars for Sunday, April 30. Breakfast will be available after the 8:30

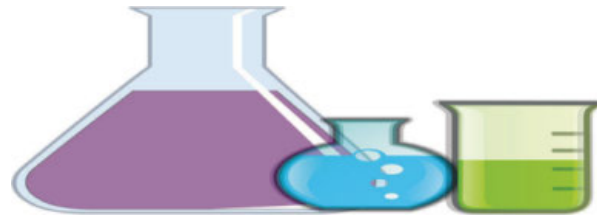
AM and 10:15 AM Masses. Expect our usual favorites of pancakes, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, apple sauce and juice. The price for all this deliciousness is your generous free-will donation. Proceeds to benefit new mothers and their babies.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

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

St. Gerald Vacation Bible School 2023
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June 27th-29th 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Registration Form is due back by June 7, 2023

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Last grade completed: _____ Date of birth: _____

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Parent's name(s): _____

Street address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____
(please print clearly)

In case of emergency, contact:

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Students who have completed 5th grade and beyond are encouraged to volunteer as assistants and crew leaders – please indicate volunteer status on registration form.

Questions?
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Saturday, May 13th beginning at 6:00 PM.
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Access our Parish website calendar for details and event updates at stgeraldparish.org

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We welcome to the
Body of Christ

Lydia Knight Klerk

baptized Sunday,

April 16, 2023

by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Lydia is the daughter of
Nicholas Klerk and Denise Valent

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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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