

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

APRIL 30 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*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.

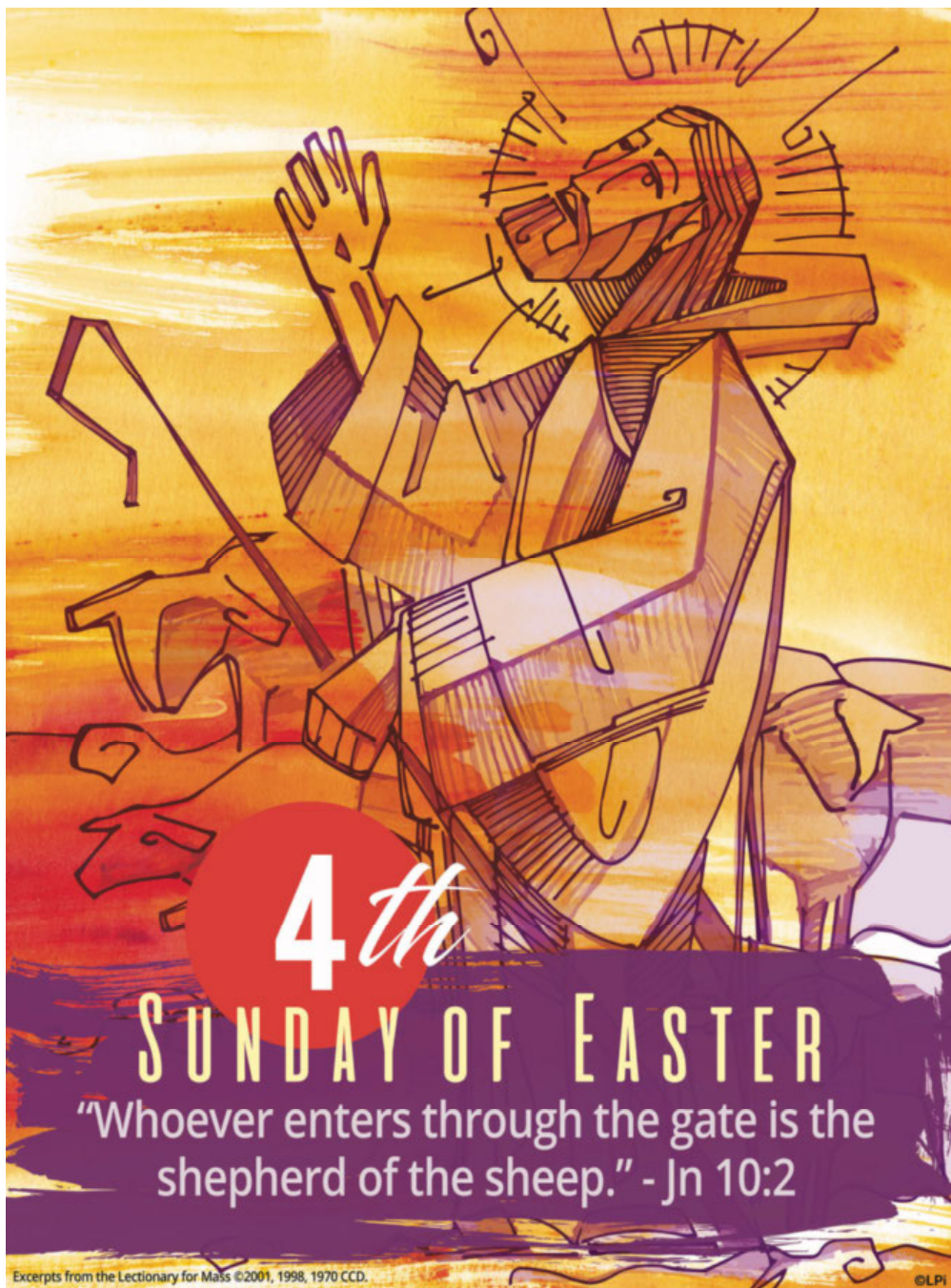
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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



MAY 1 – MAY 6

Monday 9:15 AM
Frank Adams
 Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Joann Pavco
 Requested by Joe Pavco

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Gordon Giffen
 Requested by Sharon Giffen

Friday 9:15 AM
Gina Bonacchi Hспен
 Requested by Family

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3, 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
 Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

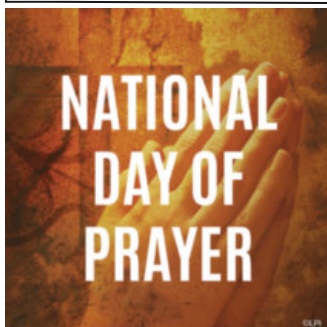


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 EMAIL: : GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
May 7, 2023		
5:00 PM	May 6	Fr. Kris
For Robert E. Blankenship Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lectors	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	May 7	Fr. Briffa
For Charlotte Campbell Requested by Mullen Family	Lector	Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM	May 7	Fr. Kris
For Frank Adams Requested by Geri Adams	Lector	Renetta Jacob
12:00 PM	May 7	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Teddi Williams

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 16

Actual Offertory	\$ 6,353.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$337,651.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$340,430.00



First Friday, May 5th,
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 9:15 AM Friday morning Mass ending with Benediction at 5:00 PM.
 Scheduled adorers needed.
 Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex for times.

Please join us for 9:15 AM First Saturday Mass on May 6th.



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.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

READING 1

ACTS 2:14A, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING 2

1 PT 2:20B-25

Beloved:

If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

JN 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them.

So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Recognizing the Voice of Jesus

When my wireless provider introduced HD Voice, the voice I heard on my phone was unbelievably clear, and it felt at times like both the caller and I were in the same room. The best aspect of this feature is that it didn't cost the customer any additional fees, and it didn't require any changes to the phone. I could say it was free, but I suspect I was already paying for it in my monthly bill anyway. At least it felt free.

The clearer the voice calling you, the easier it is to recognize who it is on the other end of the line. In John's Gospel, Jesus speaks of the gatekeeper who opens the gate and calls for his sheep. They respond because they know his voice. Others try to lure the sheep when the gatekeeper is not there, but the sheep find their voices unclear or unfamiliar.

Jesus is our gatekeeper. But unlike receiving something for free from a wireless company, to be able to hear his voice we need to pay attention and practice listening. By developing a stewardship way of life that is mindful and prayerful, we become attuned to his voice and are able to discern when the call is from our Lord and when it is from an imposter. It is great to talk about all the things we can do and all the gifts we can share, but if we are not listening for his call to hear where our offerings are needed, we can end up like a lost sheep searching for the gatekeeper.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Next weekend, May 6 and 7, is CSA Weekend, which marks the beginning of our annual Catholic Services Appeal for 2023 - 2024. It offers us this opportunity each year to renew our personal commitment to **Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord** to witness Christ as His disciples.

Gifts to the CSA make possible more than 170 ministries, programs and services that touch the lives of thousands throughout the Archdiocese every day. CSA is a pledge program, which allows you to spread your gift over several months or make a one-time pledge.

Please prayerfully consider what type of generous support you can give to support our parish. Your pledge packet will be available next weekend for you to pick up after Mass.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 2022 CSA COLLECTION

All check payments for the CSA 2022 collection must be received at the Archdiocese of Detroit by **May 17th** and credit card payments must be received by **May 28th**, in order to be applied to the 2022 collection. If your pledge dollars are not received by this date, St. Gerald will be responsible for any balances due at that time and taken out of our parish account.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

First Communion Mass



Last Sunday St. Gerald had its' First Communion Mass. We congratulate the students as they continue on their faith journey.

Save the date and confirm your place NOW at the **VAT AND VINE BEER AND WINE FUNDRAISER EVENT**

Minimum donation of \$10 per person. Proceed will be contributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Saturday, May 13th beginning at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend 5:00 PM Mass before the social.

Enjoy music and conversation with old and new friends. Beer and wine sampling with bottle trade opportunity.

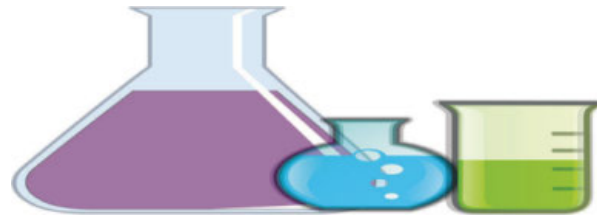
Access our Parish website calendar for details and event updates at stgeraldparish.org



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

St. Gerald Vacation Bible School 2023
Power Lab
For students entering Kindergarten thru 5th grade
Where Jesus Gives Us the Power



June 27th-29th 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Registration Form is due back by June 7, 2023

Name: _____ Age: _____

Last grade completed: _____ Date of birth: _____

*Allergies/concerns _____

Parent's name(s): _____

Street address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

(please print clearly)

In case of emergency, contact:

Alternate pick-up person, if different from above:

\$10.00 per participant - checks made payable to St. Gerald Church, 21300 Farmington Rd, Farmington, MI 48336

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?

Mary Taylor at marytaylor.sgp@mail.com

Gerryanna Luscri at gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

Emily Long at faithformation.sgp@gmail.com





KNIGHTS CORNER

April and May are busy Months for the Knights at St. Gerald!

On April 15th, six Knights attended the Heroic Men’s Conference at St. Aidan Church. This is part of an effort to hold regular Inter-Parish men’s conference events among our Family of Parishes. We expect to have more events soon, including one at St. Gerald. All are welcome. We will be communicating the time and place for future events as this information becomes available.

We held another successful Tootsie Roll drive on Palm Sunday. Headed by Past Grand Knight Bruce Roberts, we raised over \$1,100! Once again, the incredible generosity of the St. Gerald community is on display. Proceeds will go to Special Olympics and the Farmington Community Living Center.

The annual Knights of Columbus Raffle was concluded in April as well. Past Grand Knight Bruce Roberts led our ticket sales activity, and we sold over 300 tickets. Thanks again to the generous parishioners at St. Gerald. A special thanks to Bruce Roberts for his hard work this month.

The Knight’s distributed over 430 bottles of Holy Water after Easter Sunday Masses. We appreciate the enthusiastic response to this effort. A nod of appreciation also goes to Past Grand Knight Frank Gariepy for making this event a success.

In other news, your Knights are sponsoring a seminarian in the amount of \$500. There will be more information about this individual in a future edition of the Knights Corner.

Looking ahead to May, there are several events where you will see the Knights red shirts on display:

- **May 21st** - Donut Sunday
- **May 23rd** – The Council will be hosting a Fraternal Benefits night to explain to prospective and current members the advantages of Knighthood. This will take place in the Social Hall at 7 PM and feature light refreshments.
- **May 25th** – We will be hosting our annual Memorial Mass at 7 PM. This is a time for us to honor those men who helped build our Council. All are welcome. A reception will follow the Mass.
- **May 28th** – Pentecost Sunday. The Knights will assist the Worship Committee with the annual sale of Geraniums. The plants will decorate the Church that day and later will be planted to beautify the church grounds.

We encourage you to approach any of the “Red Shirts” at these events, either to talk about becoming a Knight or just to say hello and make a new friend. We are Good Men doing Good Works!

Want to know more about the Knights of Columbus or how to become a Knight? Please call Rich Smith, our Membership Director, at (313) 421-0204.

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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Tom Kruger

Accountant
Kim Shepard

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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