

# The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

MAY 7, 2023

| FIFTH 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.

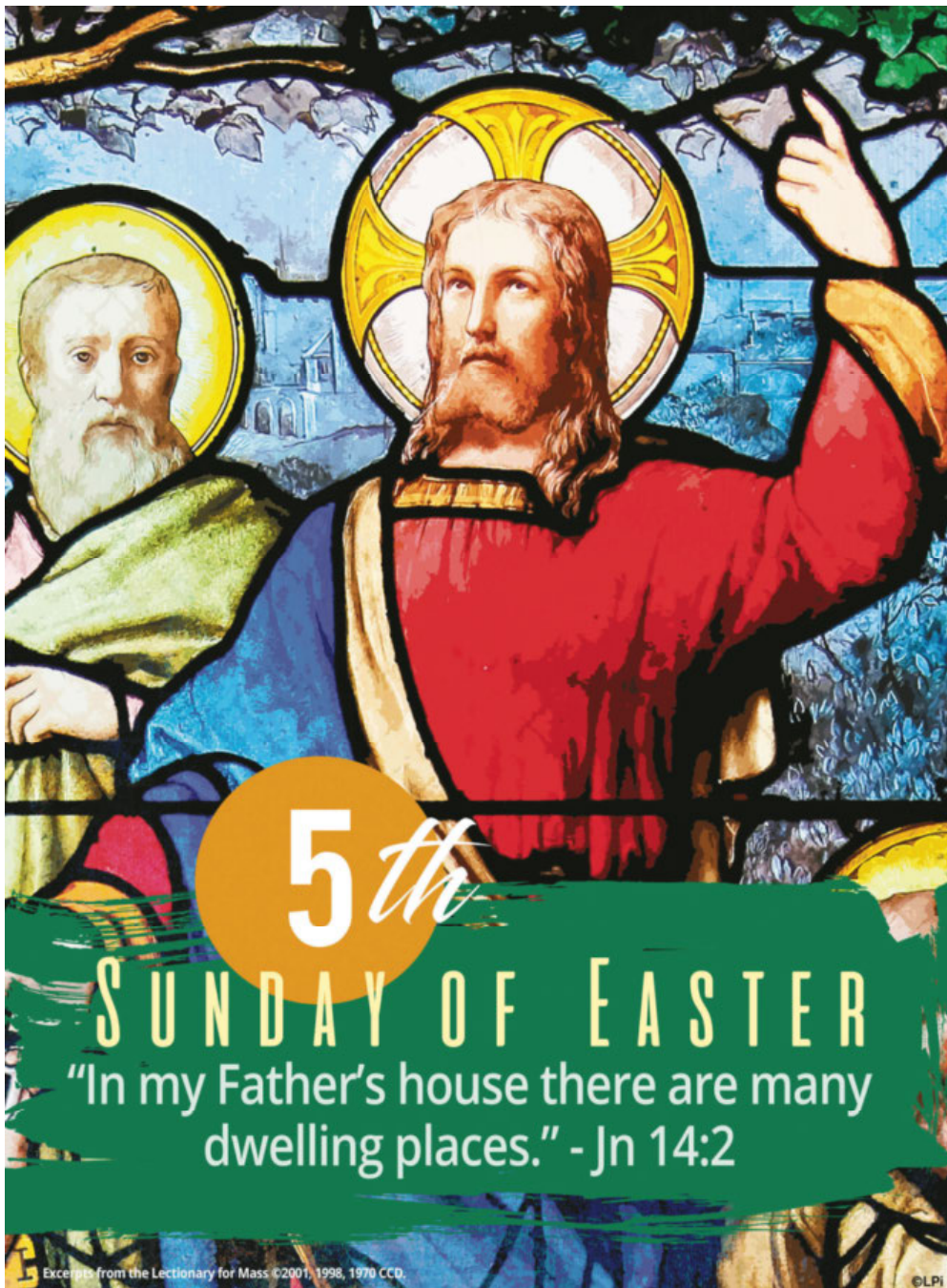
## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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 8 – MAY 12**

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

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Gina Bonacchi Hesper**  
 Requested by Family

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Phyllis Hunsinger**  
 Requested by Ann Marie Podlaski

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Julia Pavco and Bernice Kaye**  
 Requested by Joe Pavco

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21



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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](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald. They are:

**Jarrold Berard**  
 and  
**Larry and Colleen Cole**

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

5:00 PM	May 13	Fr. Roodbeen
For <b>James Hoetger</b> Requested by Laurel Hoetger	Lectors	Isabelle Gerhart
8:30 AM	May 14	Fr. Roodbeen
For <b>Michael Hoots</b> Requested by Family	Lector	Rosa Russenberger
10:15 AM	May 14	Fr. Briffa
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Lector	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	May 14	Fr. Briffa
For <b>Maria Amodeo</b> Requested by Christine Olesky	Lector	Sharon McCarthy

### ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING

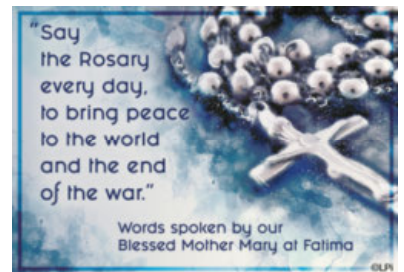
Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available and simple to use. Please visit our Parish Website at [stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org) and click on Online Giving to get started or call the Parish Office for instructions. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

### Offertory Snapshot as of April 23

Actual Offertory	\$ 5,334.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$342,985.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$348,536.00

### 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.



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.



# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## READING 1 ACTS 6:1-7

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## READING 2

1 PT 2:4-9

Beloved:

Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: *Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.* Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.* They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny.

You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

## ALLELUIA

## GOSPEL

JN 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father."

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF  
THE SOULS OF

KATHLEEN EGBERS

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MARCH 14, 1955  
APRIL 23, 2023

VIRGINIA LOIS GREENING

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AUGUST 8, 1933  
APRIL 22, 2023

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O LORD,  
AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT  
SHINE UPON THEM.



**Blood Drive!**

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19801 Farmington Road,  
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Monday, May 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](http://www.versiti.org/MI). Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.



**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**  
**1ST BANN**

Let us pray for Kara DeVito and Zachary Mendelson, as they prepare to be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Gerald Parish on May 27, 2023.



## 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

This is CSA Weekend! We are asking all parishioners to join in contributing to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Gerald's 2023 CSA target of \$57,193.00, 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. Those funds returned to us will be combined with the refund of \$5,200.00 from CSA 2022 and be used to start replacing our exterior doors of the church. If, however, we do not meet this target, we will have to make up the shortfall from our general fund.

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.

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](http://GiveCSA.org)
- Click on - Manage your CSA 2023 Gift
- Sign in or click on "Pledge to Give"
- 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

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.

Please continue to prayerfully consider what type of generous donation you can give to support our parish. Your pledge packet will be available 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 17<sup>th</sup>** and credit card payments must be received by **May 28<sup>th</sup>**, 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.



### **GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST**

Our Knights of Columbus will again have Geraniums for sale on Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28 before and after all masses. The geraniums will be placed around the altar for Pentecost Sunday.

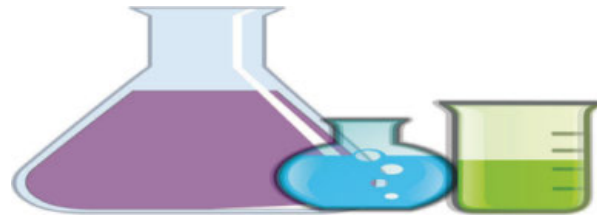


They will later be planted around the church grounds for everyone to enjoy.



**Picture of May Crowning on May 1st at our 9:15 AM Mass.**

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



**June 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Alternate pick-up person, if different from above:

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

Students who have completed 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marytaylor.sgp@mail.com)

Gerryanna Luscri at [gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com)

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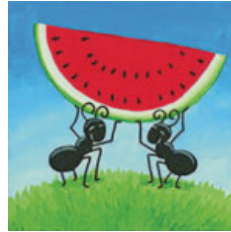




The St. Gerald Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, June 25th from 1 PM to 4 PM.

There will be a DJ, games and the ever popular basket raffle.

In order to make this year's picnic a success, we are going to need many volunteers. Also, donations are needed for our basket raffle. If you are interested in volunteering or have a donation or questions, please call the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or email myokom.sgp@gmail.com.



Let's make this years picnic the best we have ever had! Hope to see you there.

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

**For Right-to-Life information, please visit the Archdiocese website at [www.aodonline.org](http://www.aodonline.org)**

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.

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

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Access our Parish website calendar for details and event updates at [stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org)



**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Office Hours**

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.  
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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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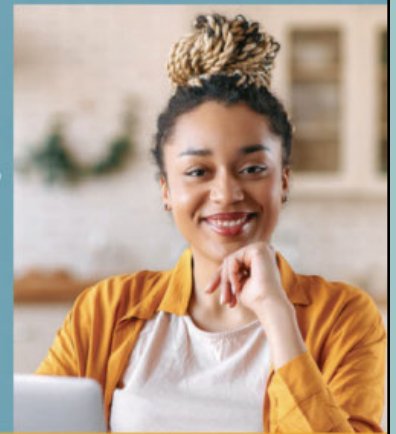
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