

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

MAY 14, 2023

| SIXTH 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.

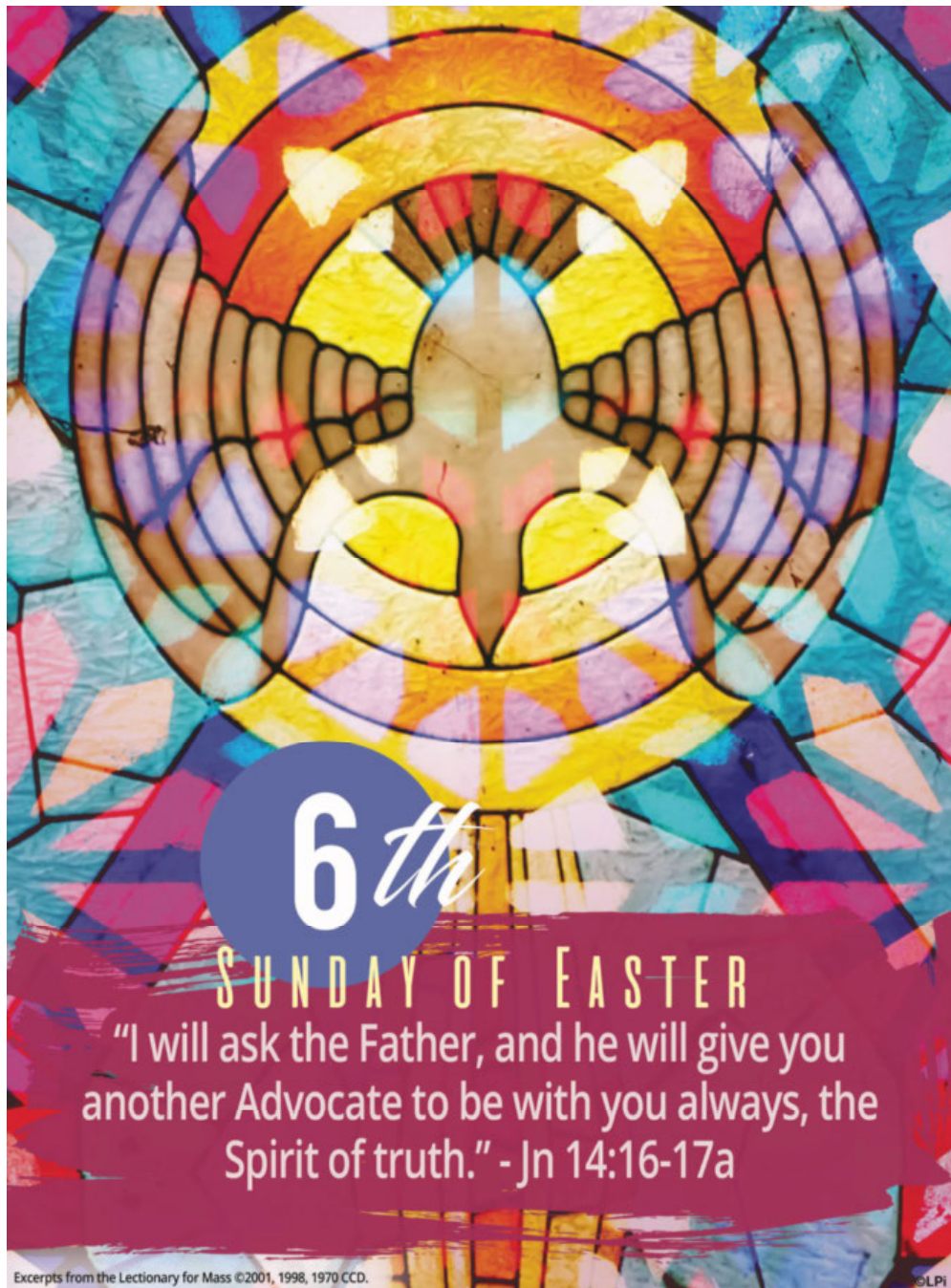
## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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 15 – MAY 19**

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Bill Croitori**  
 Requested by Stella Galea

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Pauline Plasencia**  
 Requested by Geri Adams

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Lassere Gomes**  
 Requested by Blen Cardozo

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Frank Adams**  
 Requested by Geri Adams

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20  
*Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20*  
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28  
 Next Sunday: *Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20*  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:12-14/Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a*



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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 member

**George Bonemer**

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

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

May 21, 2023

5:00 PM	May 20	Fr. Briffa
For <b>Wilda McAskin</b> Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lectors	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	May 21	Fr. Briffa
For <b>Helen Winiarski</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector	Jim Bergin
10:15 AM	May 21	Fr. Roodbeen
For <b>Onesta, Antonio, Maria Civita, Giuseppe &amp; Neil Morelli</b> Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	Lector	Angela McLoughlin
12:00 PM	May 21	Fr. Roodbeen
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Lector	Jeff Antoun

### 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 30

Actual Offertory	\$ 8,024.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$351,009.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$356,641.00



### 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.



# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## READING 1

**ACTS 8:5-8, 14-17**

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

## READING 2

**1 Pt 3:15-18**

Beloved:

Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

## ALLELUIA

## GOSPEL

**JN 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

## BLESSING OF MOTHERS

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father,  
you give to each the ability to share your generative love.  
Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love  
and bring forth life through their willingness  
to risk bringing new life into this world.  
Help us to show them our gratitude  
for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love.

May our life-giving God continue to  
bless them

and show them his unfailing love.  
We ask this through Jesus, God's Son  
and our brother. Amen.



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE 2ND 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.



## Blood Drive!

**Monaghan Knights of Columbus**  
19801 Farmington Road,  
Livonia, MI  
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.



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](mailto:myokom.sgp@gmail.com).



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



## 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2023 CSA Campaign has started! 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 starting in July.

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
- 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
- Return your card to St. Gerald with a note on it indicating you gave on-line

If donation is made 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 support you can give to support our parish. Your pledge packet will be available for you to pick up after Mass during the month of May. Starting in June any cards not picked up will be mailed with a letter asking for support to reach our goal. Your donation does make a difference!

### **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.

### **ST. GERALD BABY BOTTLE DRIVE MAY 13TH THROUGH JUNE 12TH**

*Take part in a vital ministry that saves the lives of unborn children and makes an eternal difference in the lives of families*

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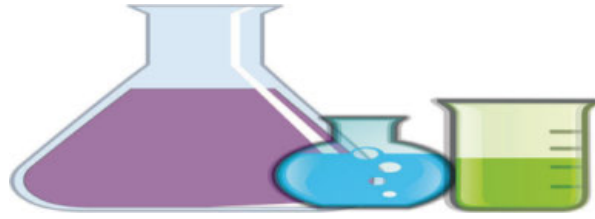
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- Post-Abortion Counseling
- Men2Men peer counseling for new dads



Please take a baby bottle home with you as you leave Mass this weekend and return it on the weekend of June 11 and 12th.

**Change That Makes A Difference - for LIFE!**

**St. Gerald Vacation Bible School 2023**  
**Power Lab**  
**For students entering Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade**  
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**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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?

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Emily Long at [faithformation.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.sgp@gmail.com)





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KORNER**

Your Knights of Columbus hosted another successful Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, April 30th. We served approximately 110 people and took in \$1,982.00 total! A big part of this impressive amount was due to two “mystery” donors, who far exceeded the usual extraordinary generosity of St. Gerald parishioners. Net proceeds will go to the young mothers and their born and unborn babies. Seventeen Knights enthusiastically participated in putting on this event. Thanks to all of you!

The Knights signed up 3 new members at recent events! There will be more information about these individuals in a future edition of the Knights Corner.

A reminder about upcoming events:

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**- Doughnut Sunday

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>** – 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 25<sup>th</sup>** – We will be hosting our annual Memorial Mass at 7 PM.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>** – 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 Knights in their 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.



**Annual Knight of Columbus Memorial Mass**

St. Gerald Knights of Columbus will be honoring all the deceased members of Council 13673 at our annual Memorial Mass on Thursday, May 25th, at 7:00 PM at St. Gerald Church. We invite all members of the honored families as well as our parishioners to attend this special Mass.

**DETROIT PRIESTLY VOCATIONS**

Are you called to the priesthood?

The Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Priestly Vocations offers resources for any young men discerning the priesthood. Our new website has information on applying to seminary, frequently asked questions, and how to get in touch with the vocation director. Learn more at [www.detroitpriestlyvocations.com](http://www.detroitpriestlyvocations.com).

**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](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com).**

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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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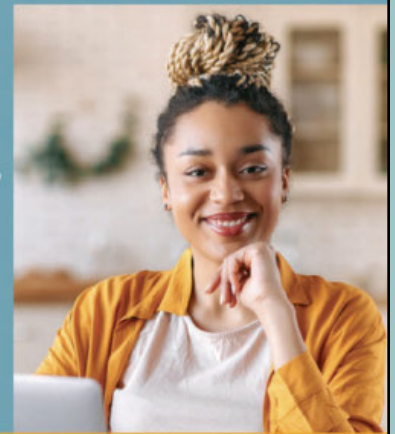
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