

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

MAY 21, 2023

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

*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

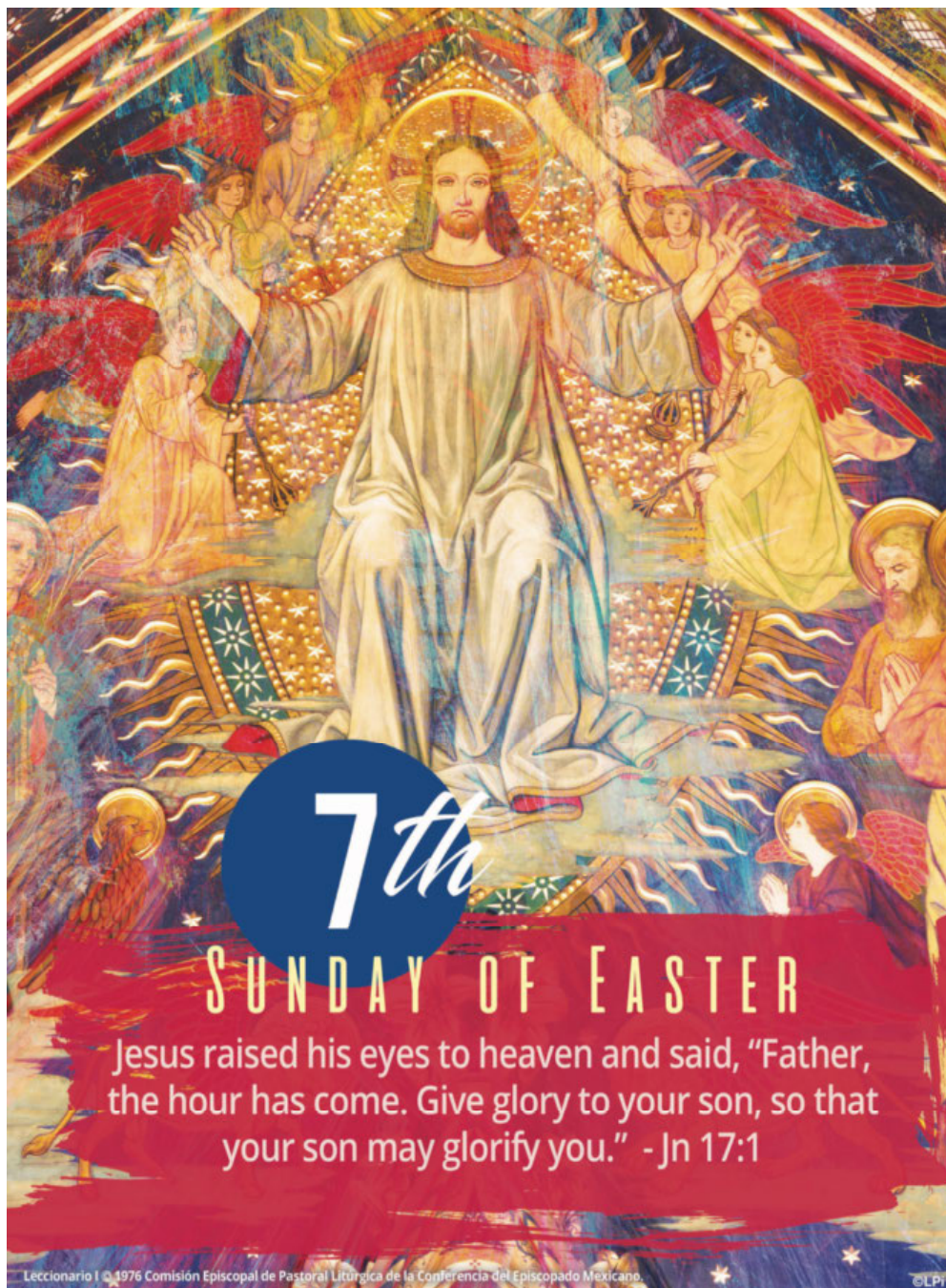
Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

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 22 – MAY 26

Monday 9:15 AM
Gina Bonacchi Hesper
 Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Bill Croitori
 Requested by Katie O'Brien

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Nick and Betty Tuz
 Requested by Kathy Rowling

Friday 9:15 AM
Frank Adams
 Requested by Geri Adams

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
 Next Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/ Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23



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 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.



Let us welcome our newest members
Michael and Eleanor Beltrame and Family.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 28, 2023

5:00 PM	May 27	Fr. Roodbeen
For Frances Hoetger Requested by Laurel Hoetger	Lectors	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	May 28	Fr. Roodbeen
For Walter Winiarski Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector	Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM	May 28	Fr. Briffa
For Eglantina Valente Requested by Cosimo Valente	Lector	Caron Kott
12:00 PM	May 28	Fr. Briffa
For All Our Parishioners	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 May 7

Actual Offertory	\$ 7,170.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$358,179.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$364,747.00



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.



The Ascension of the Lord

READING 1

ACTS 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING 2

EPH 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters:
May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

MT 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, “All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”



BANNES OF MARRIAGE 3RD 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. 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.



Let's make this years 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 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.



GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST

Next weekend our Knights of Columbus will have Geraniums for sale before and after all the 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 THROUGH JUNE 12TH

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



Baby bottles are due back on or before the weekend of June 11th and 12th.

Change That Makes A Difference - for LIFE!

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 Forms are available on the shelf located on the wall in the Religious Education Hallway or on our website at stgeraldparish.org and are due back by June 7, 2023



Join us for some crafts, drama, songs, and healthy snacks.

The cost is \$10.00 per participant (checks made payable to St. Gerald Church.)

If you have questions please contact:

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Gerryanna Luscri at gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com
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**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF
 THE SOULS OF**

PATRICIA KIRCHNER

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SEPTEMBER 6, 1928
 MAY 7, 2023



FLORA LINDENMUTH

+

MARCH 26, 1939
 MAY 11, 2023

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THESE WOMEN
 O LORD,
 AND MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT
 SHINE UPON THEM.



Congratulations to all our graduates of the parish this year. You made it!

Always know that your parish family is proud of you and here to support you with our prayers as you move into a new chapter in your life.

May the Lord continue to bless you all the days of your life!

Confirmation Class

Many thanks to our Confirmation Students, Sponsors and Families! The students have completed their preparation sessions and spent a day of retreat together with sponsors and family reviewing the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and becoming mindful of self-improvement in their walk with Christ. The students have helped our parish in a number of outreach activities, attending Mass services, and service work for our St. Vincent dePaul Society, and even helped our Knights of Columbus with their events through the year. We look forward to their continued involvement in our parish activities in the future.

It is our goal to encourage our youth in their faith, as we all have a role in the journey. Keep them in your prayers as we look forward to celebrating their Sacrament of Confirmation this Fall.

May God bless the Alexander, Ast, Austin, Bugeja, Duggan, Fenner, Gillis, Gregory, Henley, Imel, MacDougall, Millar, Murray, Rutter, Thomson and Truant Families.

ST. GERALD GROUNDS CLEAN UP THANK YOU!

A very BIG thank you!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped clear away downed branches, trim trees, pick up trash, tidy the garage, rake, shovel and sweep...it was a good amount of work done by a good group of people. Drop in volunteers were awesome as were our dedicated Gardening Team. You are all great blessings.



The Blessed Mother truly shines with radiance. A few of our gardening team tend to the statue, gazebo and grounds surrounding. Bridget washes her, Ron and Agnes tend to the flowers around the gazebo and Ken clears the wooded area behind her. Many people frequently visit Our Lady and take time for prayer and meditation in her presence. We are grateful for so much.

Happy May, the month of Mary!

Pentecost geraniums will need to be planted after Pentecost Sunday. If you're able to help plant during the week of May 29th, please let us know. Call or email Gerryanna at 248-476-7677, ext. 208 or gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

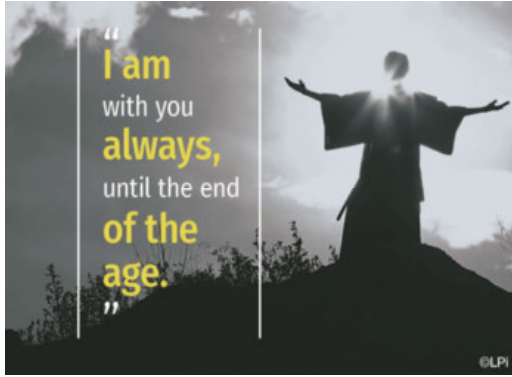


KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KORNER

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.

In case you missed it, here is the Reflection Fr. Roodbeen presented at Mass on Mother's Day weekend.

I gave you life, but I cannot live it for you.
I can give you directions, but I cannot be there to lead you.
I can take you to church, but I cannot make you believe.
I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you.
I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you beautiful inside.
I can offer you advice, but I cannot accept it for you.
I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.
I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.
I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.
I can advise you about friends, but I cannot choose them for you.
I can advise you about sex, but I cannot keep you pure.
I can tell you about alcohol and drugs, but I can't say "No" for you.
I can tell you about lofty goals, but I can't achieve them for you.
I can teach you about kindness, but I can't force you to be gracious.
I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God.
I can love you with unconditional love—all of my life.

And I WILL.

Author -Unknown-

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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