

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

MAY 28, 2023

| PENTECOST SUNDAY

*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

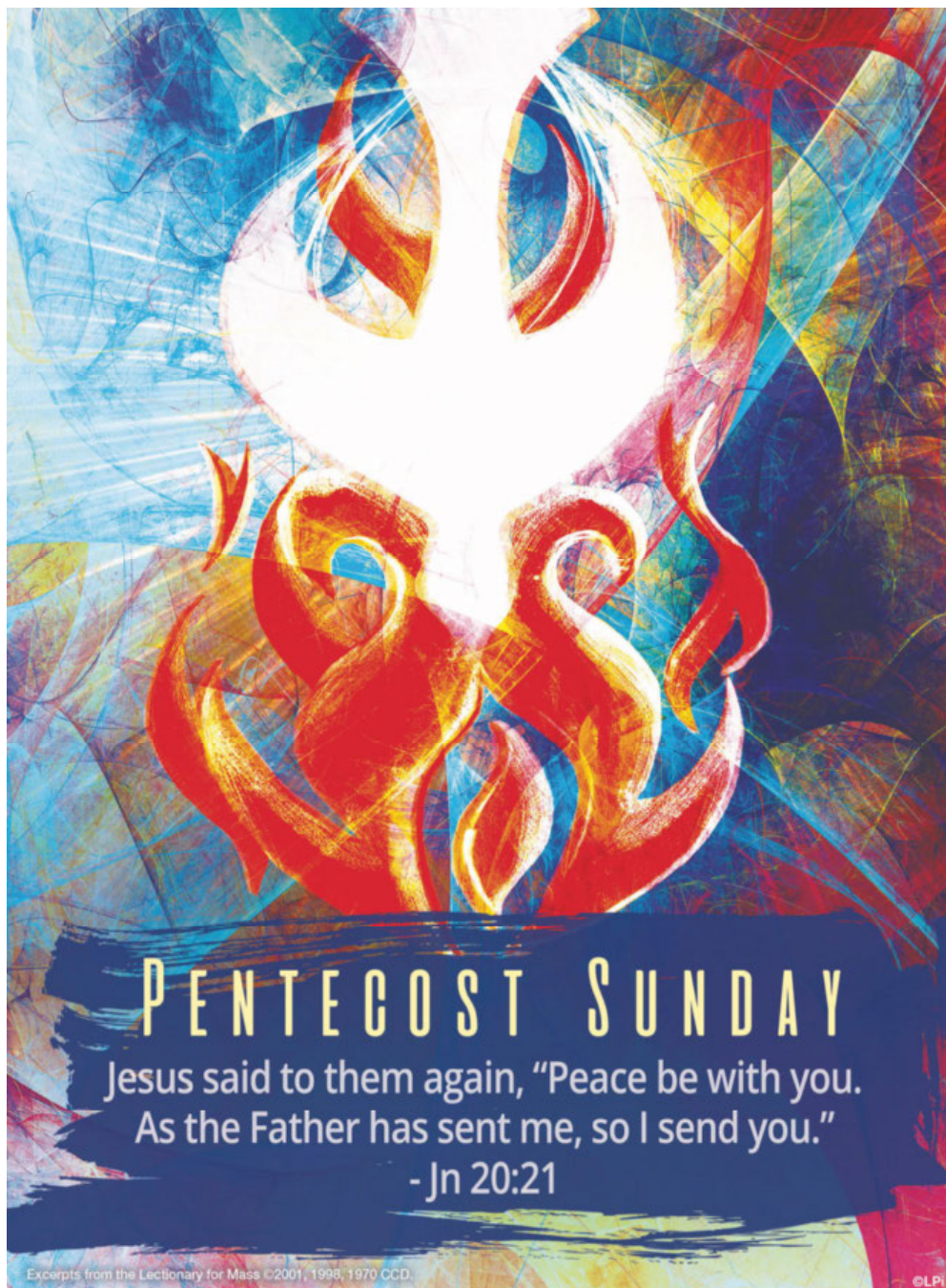
Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

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 29 – JUNE 2



Monday 9:15 AM
Bernice, Louis and Dennis Kaye
 Requested by Joe Pavco

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Adam Frank
 Requested by Blen Cardozo

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Frank Adams
 Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Friday 9:15 AM
Gina Bonacchi Hспен
 Requested by Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56
 Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52
 Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26
 Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33
 Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



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 (FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS AND/OR TO HAVE THEM SENT TO YOUR 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	Josie Boore

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.

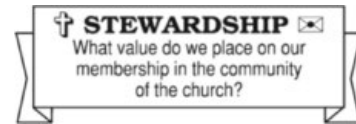
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

June 4, 2023

5:00 PM	June 3	Fr. Briffa
For Richard McAskin Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lectors	Isabelle Gerhart
8:30 AM	June 4	Fr. Briffa
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Rosa Russenberger
10:15 AM	June 4	Fr. Roodbeen
For Mary Buckley Requested by Mary Taylor	Lector	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	June 4	Fr. Roodbeen
For Bill Croitori Requested by Yageman Family	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 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 14

Actual Offertory	\$ 5,717.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$363,896.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$372,852.00

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.



Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day

Pentecost Sunday Readings

READING I

ACTS 2:1-11

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING II

1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13

Brothers and sisters:

No one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

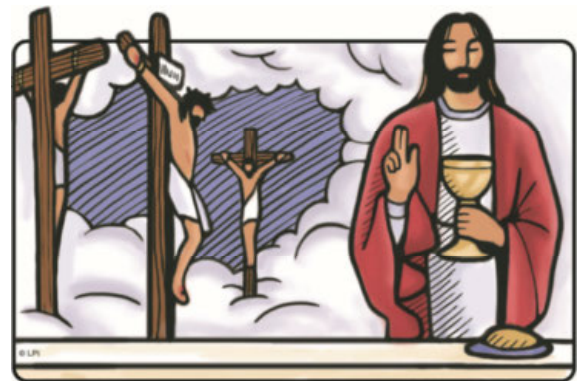
As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

JN 20:19-23

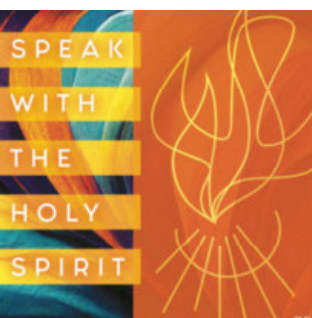
On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

I hope you'll acknowledge with me a simple fact: it's not normal to have tongues of fire "part and come to rest" on people. It is actually pretty strange. Yet that is precisely what we celebrate in this feast of Pentecost. How can this mean something to us in our daily lives?

Jews had a tradition that heaven is a temple made of bricks of fire. So, through the apostles, the heavenly temple is coming to earth. But this fire looks like tongues, not bricks. That means that heavenly speech will be crucial to building a dwelling place for God on earth among men and women. So, it's no surprise when the apostles begin to speak in a miraculous way that is understood by all language groups. They are speaking of what God has done in and through Jesus: bringing heaven to earth and uniting all peoples to God and to each other.



How often our speech divides: gossip, slander, insults, and so on. How strange and rare it is when people speak in ways that truly unite instead of divide. Imagine how powerful it would be if you and I began to speak at home, at work, and in our community in a way that made people hear heavenly speech. Imagine if you spoke of the mighty deeds of God in a way that everyone could understand. That's precisely what the Holy Spirit descends upon us to do. Ask Him to come as a tongue of fire to you once again, and He will. Then speak!

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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 have been 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 these dates, 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.

St. Gerald Vacation Bible School 2023
Power Lab
For students entering
Kindergarten thru 5th grade
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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:

Mary Taylor at marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com
Gerryanna Luscri at gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com
Emily Long at faithformation.sgp@gmail.com.



The St. Gerald Parish Picnic
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 year's picnic
the best we have ever had!
Hope to see you there.



PLEASE NOTE: We will not have Eucharistic Adoration after the 9:15 AM Mass on First Friday or the 9:15 AM First Saturday Mass during the months of June, July and August. Adoration and First Saturday Mass will resume in September. Have a Blessed Summer!

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**
We Are Never Alone

My children want my help sometimes, and other times, not so much. I remember being a teenager and young adult myself. At times, I thought I knew everything. I didn't need help because I was just so darn smart. Truth is, I needed to find my own way. I needed to stretch my wings and prove to myself and my family I could fly. I assume that is what is happening with my own children as well. It just seems so different now that I'm the parent.

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

Today, the Church needs help in a profound way. We need to lean on the Holy Spirit to blow through the Church with a profound renewal. But we cannot forget that we have been given each other to lean on as well. We are a gift to each other, and together with the Spirit's help, we are the Body of Christ here on earth. We must be strong and stand for one another. If we do that, this Pentecost will bear fruit that will be with us for many Pentecosts to come.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

**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.**



Let us welcome our newest members:

**David and Anne Simpson
and
Michael and Dorothy Samyn**

We are glad you are here!

SHARING YOUR FAITH

Question:

My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I'm afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer:

There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don't be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you! ©LPi



God of power and mercy,
you destroy war and put down earthly
pride.

Banish violence from our midst and
wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be called
your sons and daughters.

Keep in your mercy those men and
women who have died
in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom of
justice and peace.

We ask this though
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

(uscgb.org)



KNIGHTS KORNER

The Knights of Columbus is donating \$800 to Another Way Pregnancy Center and \$800 to Mothers and Unborn Babies to help continue their important work. Thanks again for the incredible generosity of St Gerald parishioners! Your Knights of Columbus Council is donating \$500 to help sponsor a seminarian on his quest to obtain priesthood. This seminarian is Lizandro Barba from St. Alfred in Taylor, Michigan. Please join us in wishing him well along this important journey.

Our Knight of the month for May is Frank Gariepy, and the family of the Month is Frank and his wife Kathy. You have no doubt seen them working hard at various events at our church, but you should also know they work just as hard behind the scenes to make church events successful. A big thanks to Frank and Kathy for all you do.

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.

7 THINGS EVERY HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE SHOULD HEAR

- Live with intention. College will be full of new opportunities. Think carefully about your priorities for your new start.
- Make the right friends. There will be plenty of new people! Concentrate on the ones who motivate you to be a better person.
- It's a big world! Look for new perspectives, new opportunities, and new ideas that push you to grow.
- Find a mentor. Building relationships with people who have "been there, done that" can be a great help.
- Give yourself away. You may not need to volunteer anymore, but you'll surprised what you learn, how you grow, and who you meet when you serve.
- Before you go, learn how to do your laundry, address an envelope, schedule a doctor's appointment, use public transportation, and cook basic meals (ramen doesn't count!).
- Remember that God is in control. And that's a good thing!



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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.

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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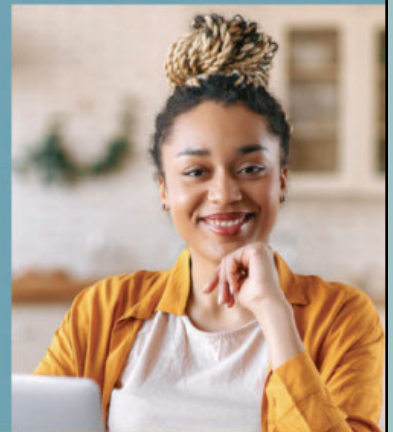
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