

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JUNE 11, 2023

| THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

*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.

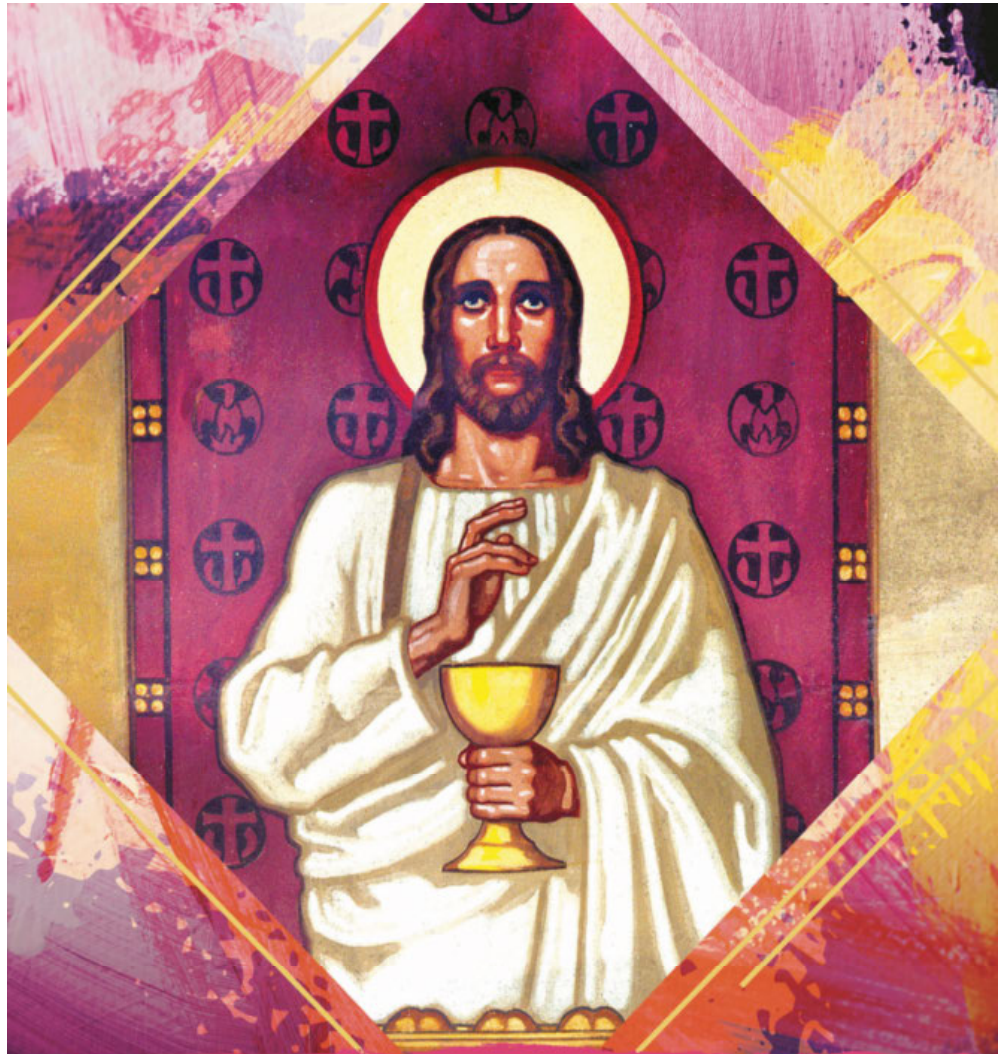
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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.



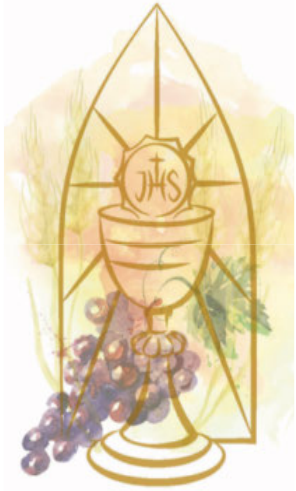
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"This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." - Jn 6:57-58

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JUNE 12 – JUNE 16

Monday 9:15 AM

Bill Croitori

Requested by Diane Petter

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Joseph Wolff

Requested by Tom and Arlene McPhail

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Frank Adams

Requested by Geri Adams

Friday 9:15 AM

Gina Bonacchi Hespem

Requested by Bill and Joanne

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135/
 Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-
 14/Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 (see 17)/1 Jn 4:7-
 16/Mt 11:25-30
 Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 2:41-
 51
 Next Sunday: Ex 19:2-6a/Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 (3c)/Rom 5:6-11/Mt
 9:36—10:8



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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.

Please join us for Holy Hour with Rosary on Thursday nights in church following 7 PM Mass concluding at 8:30 PM. All are welcome!

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.

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 18, 2023

5:00 PM	June 17	Fr. Kris
For Saad, Francis & Layla Requested by Family	Lector	Isabelle Gerhart
8:30 AM	June 18	Fr. Kris
For Walter Winiarski Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lectors	Candy Rosowski Mark Cieslak
10:15 AM	June 18	Fr. Kris
For Eglandina Valente Requested by Cosimo Valente	Lector	Jeff Antoun
12:00 PM	June 18	Fr. Roodbeen
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 May 28, 2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 6,768.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$377,741.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$389,063.00



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE/FACEBOOK PAGE!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org or “like” our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.

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 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

READING 1

Dt 8:2-3, 14B-16A

Moses said to the people: "Remember how for forty years now the LORD, your God, has directed all your journeying in the desert, so as to test you by affliction and find out whether or not it was your intention to keep his commandments. He therefore let you be afflicted with hunger, and then fed you with manna, a food unknown to you and your fathers, in order to show you that not by bread alone does one live, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of the LORD.

"Do not forget the LORD, your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery; who guided you through the vast and terrible desert with its saraph serpents and scorpions, its parched and waterless ground; who brought forth water for you from the flinty rock and fed you in the desert with manna, a food unknown to your fathers."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING 2

1 COR 10:16-17

Brothers and sisters:

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

JN 6:51-58

Jesus said to the Jewish crowds: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever."



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Years ago, a woman at daily Mass approached me in the communion procession. She had her arms crossed, indicating she wanted a blessing instead of the Sacred Host. She had tears in her eyes. I gave her a little blessing. She returned the next day. And the next. The same thing repeated. After a few weeks, I asked her why she didn't receive Holy Communion. She said she wasn't Catholic yet and was preparing to become so. I asked her why she wanted to be Catholic. She said, "Because I long to be in a real communion with Christ and with everyone I love." That, I submit, is a darn good reason. A few months later, she became Catholic and received the Body and Blood of Christ with unspeakably great joy and still does to this day.

Saint Paul says of the Eucharistic bread, "**Is it not a participation in the body of Christ?**" For Paul, the answer is obvious. Yes, it is exactly that. Which is why he can say, "**we, though many, are one body.**" Jesus is truly, really, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. This is no magic trick, but a mystery of our salvation. He feeds us with the Sacrament of his body so that our communion with him — and with the other members of his body — is built up and becomes mature. That's why the Eucharist quenches our deep thirst for love and communion. The Body and Blood of Christ is the best reason to be Catholic. It's our participation of love in the one we love. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Today as we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ let us pray for those who are hungry, malnourished and starving.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help those who are hungry.



Friendly Reminder . . .

The Baby Bottles to support Another Way Pregnancy Center are due back the weekend of **June 17 and 18**. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause!



2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2023 CSA Campaign has started! Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to CSA.

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 donation you can give to support our parish. If you have not picked up your pledge packet it will be mailed to you with a letter asking for support to reach our goal. Your donation does make a difference!

Parish Picnic



Sunday, June 25th
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM
(Immediately following 12 Noon Mass)

Enjoy some
Hamburgers, Hot Dogs
(grilled by our Knights of Columbus) and
some assorted Salads and Desserts!
(This is a free event!)



Activities include:

DJ and Karaoke, Games, and back by popular demand - **Basket Raffles!!**

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR THE PICNIC!

Please call the Christian Service Office at
248-476-7677, ext. 204 or email myokom.sgp@gmail.com.

**Also, donations of food would be appreciated. To the right is
the breakdown on what to bring in food donations.** →

Last Names beginning with
A - L bring a Side Dish
and M - Z bring a Dessert

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Heart of Stewardship

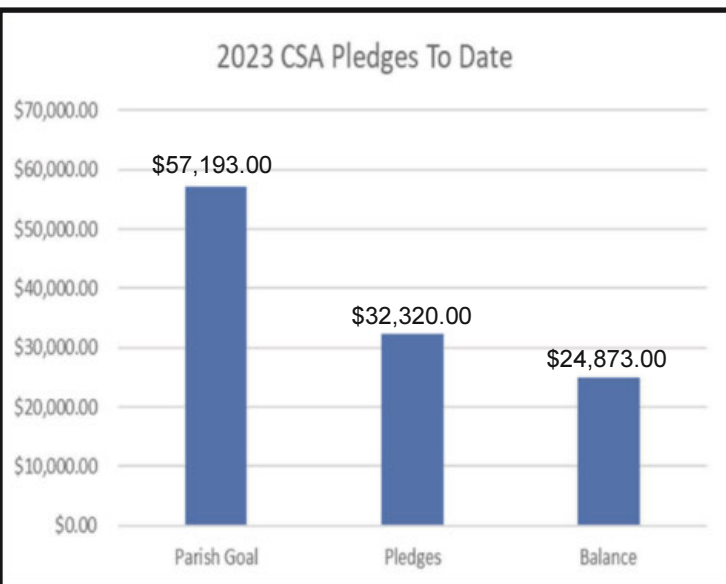
What else is there to give when one has already given away one's body and one's life? What more can one say or do to demonstrate love for another when all one had has been given to another? This total giving of self to loved ones cannot be trumped by flowery words or material gifts that are fleeting. This is the ultimate in love. This is the love Jesus had for us on the way to his Passion, at the institution of the Holy Eucharist. This is the love he has for us daily in the celebration of the Mass on altars in every church, in every city, in every nation on earth. No one can give more. No one can ask for more. This is the true heart of Christian stewardship.

If you take the time to gaze upon your God in the simplest of forms and begin to reflect on what has actually taken place with bread and wine becoming the presence of the Divine, then you can begin to understand true humility, sacrifice, and love. And when you have the privilege to take that Real Presence into your body at the meal where you are an honored guest, you become one with the One who is the embodiment of stewardship.

Then, you must ask yourself, "How can I even begin to reflect the love that I have encountered at this feast?" The answer is you can begin with the simple actions of the day: where will you go, whom will you meet, and in what work will you partake? Jesus Christ has shown that the greatest gift ever given can be disguised in this world in a piece of bread. By joining your body to his, he can now transform human hearts, not by grand acts, but by everyday acts, by everyday people, practicing Everyday Stewardship.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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REAL PRESENCE

Question:

How do you explain "Real Presence" to children?

Answer:

The first Communion class is filled with excitement to the point of bursting! They are just awestruck by every new thing they learn about Jesus. Their enthusiasm is contagious as they rattle off the names of the things in church, the vessels and vestments used at Mass, and the names of their pastors and priests. Of course, they know Christ can do anything because he's God. He comes to us in holy Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. And he comes to us in the form of bread and wine. We really receive him in the Eucharist.

Sometimes it is easier to explain this to children than to adults. Their faith and trust in Jesus is not limited by the questions and doubts that often come with the question of how he does it. Rather, they focus on the question "why," and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. Nothing is purer in truth or in faith. Not even the theological explanation of transubstantiation, or philosophical reasoning or symbolic references, come close. Christ takes on the form of bread and wine to be simple and approachable, so that no one is afraid or turned away. His love for us is complete and total. We try to love him the same way in return. For a child, it is simple. For us adults, we keep trying. "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Mt 18:3). ©LPi

FUNERAL NOTIFICATIONS

- ◆ Have you learned, after the fact, that someone from our parish has died and the funeral is already over?
- ◆ Would you like to be notified when we have a funeral for one of our parishioners?



To be added to our notification list of those who want to receive an email with the funeral information so you can celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for fellow parishioners, please send your name and email address to the Parish Office at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and your name will be added.

May the soul of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

BULLETIN REMINDER

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 9:00 AM on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** has been a yearly process here at St. Gerald Parish. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church or need to make your First Communion and/or Confirmation, please contact Fr. Kris Nowak or the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When I was a child I can remember stopping by my parish or another local Catholic church to just spend some time in prayer before the holy Eucharist. We didn't have exposition and adoration much in those days, but we were keenly aware of the presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. I would sometimes stare at the lighted candle near it and know that Jesus was alive.

I had never heard someone speak about a stewardship way of life back then. If I am honest, the primary message I heard back in those days was along the lines of we need to be as good as we are able. Sacrifice was only at Lent, disciples were people in the Bible, and generosity mostly had to do with the collection basket and the poor box at the church entrance. I even went to Catholic schools!

Maybe the message of stewardship was there somewhere packaged differently and I just missed it. It wasn't until I was an adult, and after acquiring two theology degrees, that I understood both with my head and my heart what a stewardship way of life really meant. But I look back at those days and I realize that the groundwork was laid for me to understand these things. It was those times before the holy Eucharist that I began to understand true sacrifice. It was at those times that I began to understand how actions and realities that seem so simple to the human eye can be so profound. And it was at those times that I began to see that true love knows no bounds. What does the holy Eucharist say to you about stewardship? Maybe today is a great time to reflect on your answer.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © Liturgical Publications Inc



Antonio's Cucina Italiana is celebrating the 30th Annual Feast of St. Antonio on Tuesday, June 13th, by helping those who are less fortunate. The Rugiero Family requests you visit any Antonio's location, donate what you can and enjoy a FREE lunch buffet from 11 AM-3 PM, with proceeds going to benefit the **Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Gleaners Community Food Bank**. If you prefer, order off the regular priced menu 11AM-9 PM and a portion of the proceeds will be donated. Visit www.antoniosrestaurants.com for additional information.

We would like to give a special thank you to Mary Taylor for her generous donation of mulch that has been placed in our flower beds with the beautiful geraniums!

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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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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