

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JUNE 18, 2023

| ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*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.



11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.” - Mt 10:6-8

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

JUNE 19 – JUNE 23



Monday 9:15 AM
Anthony Pavco and Louis Kaye
Requested by Joe Pavco

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Frank Adams
Requested by Geri Adams

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Morelli and Rotondo Families
Requested by Lisa Morelli and Family

Friday 9:15 AM
Fr. Maurice Decker
Requested by St. Gerald

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: *Vigil*: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Next Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33



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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	Leonard Lemanski
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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 2023

5:00 PM	June 24	Fr. Kris
For Phyllis Albis Requested by Mary Taylor	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	June 25	Fr. Kris
For Debbie Virage & Judy Lowham Requested by Mullen Family	Lector	Rosa Russenberger
10:15 AM	June 25	Fr. Briffa
For Tom & Sofia Weiland Requested by Tom Weiland	Lector	Jim Bergin
12:00 PM	June 25	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	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 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 June 4, 2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 7,757.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$385,498.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$397,169.00

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.



Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald:

William and Deborah Bowen and Family

Welcome!
We are happy you are here!

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING 1

EX 19:2-6A

In those days, the Israelites came to the desert of Sinai and pitched camp. While Israel was encamped here in front of the mountain, Moses went up the mountain to God. Then the LORD called to him and said, “Thus shall you say to the house of Jacob; tell the Israelites: You have seen for yourselves how I treated the Egyptians and how I bore you up on eagle wings and brought you here to myself. Therefore, if you hearken to my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my special possession, dearer to me than all other people, though all the earth is mine. You shall be to me a kingdom of priests, a holy nation.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING 2

ROMANS 5:6-11

Brothers and sisters:
Christ, while we were still helpless, yet died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more then, since we are now justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath. Indeed, if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more, once reconciled, will we be saved by his life. Not only that, but we also boast of God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 9:36—10:8

At the sight of the crowds, Jesus’ heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest.”

Then he summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon from Cana, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed him.

Jesus sent out these twelve after instructing them thus, “Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town. Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.”

This is a free event!



**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!

Activities include:

DJ and Karaoke, Games, and **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



2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



In the Gospel today we hear Jesus say to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send laborers for his harvest."

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.

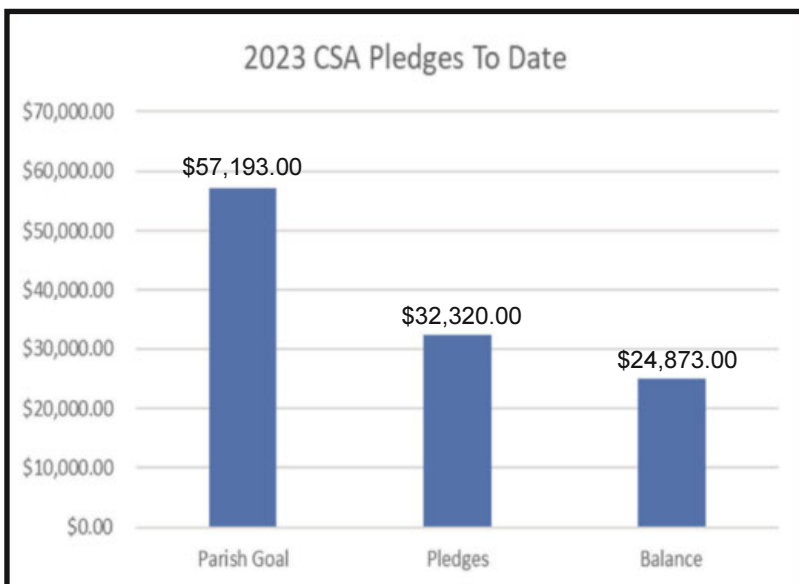
Please continue to prayerfully consider what type of generous donation you can give to support our parish. If you did not pick up your pledge packet in May, it will be mailed to you with a letter asking for support to reach our goal. Your donation does make a difference!

Have you considered answering the call to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? If you are interested or have any questions please call 248-476-7677, ext. 220, and leave a message. A representative from our St. Vincent de Paul Conference will return your call.

A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,
 you entrusted your Son Jesus,
 the child of Mary,
 to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
 Bless all fathers
 as they care for their families.
 Give them strength and wisdom,
 tenderness and patience;
 support them in the work they have to do,
 protecting those who look to them,
 as we look to you for love and salvation,
 through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.



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.

Fond reflections...

"There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under the heavens..." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Many of you are aware that both Mary Taylor, our Director of Religious Education and Mary Hoots, our Administrative Assistant are retiring effective June 30th from their positions here at St. Gerald. Thankfully, they will remain members in our parish family, continuing to attend Mass and be part of our faith community. So be sure to give them your best when you see them.

Mary Taylor has directed many families through a comprehensive religious education program, including preparation for the Sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation, RCIA, Adult Bible Study and a number of community driven activities, (Vacation Bible School, Trunk or Treat, Taize Prayer, Children's Nativity Reenactment, Mardi Gras Family Night, outreach for the incarcerated and their families, Annual Easter Egg Hunt, distribution of Easter Butter Lambs and Bread) just to name a few. Mary lovingly supported many families through situations, relationships and adjustments of life in her very warm and welcoming way.

Mary Hoots has served as both a Christian Service Coordinator for Fr. McEnhill and Fr. Browne and Administrative Assistant for Fr. Ejimadu and Fr. Nowak. During her time in Christian Service she was responsible for coordinating the Parish Picnic, Funeral Luncheons, the Christmas Program, St. Vincent de Paul and many other dinners and outreach activities. As our Administrative Assistant for Fr. Ejimadu and Fr. Nowak, Mary has served our parish in many ways including scheduling Mass intentions, sending out yearly contribution statements, and recording sacramental records of our parishioners. Mary is the publisher of our weekly bulletin, responsible for the parish data system and our weekly Sit & Chat coordinator, as well as counselor and advocate. Mary has welcomed new and founding members of our parish with a smile and a warm heart every time they pass her door; her natural gift of acceptance is a blessing to many.

We are very grateful for the roles they have had in our lives since the 90's. We appreciate the fact that their time is not just for us, but for themselves and their families. We wish them relaxation, good health and many fond memories to be made in their next chapter, since both have plans for travel and more family time in the near future.

May God be at their side always. - *Gerryanna Luscri*

Reflections from other longtime parishioners...

"These two beautiful women have helped shape St. Gerald Parish in so many ways, their unending efforts over the years will always be remembered and appreciated! Their warm smiles and friendliness are the most treasured gifts of all." - *Joanne Fleck*

"Mary Taylor goes over and beyond for the children at St. Gerald. She is caring and always wants the best for the children at St. Gerald. She introduces creative programs for all children to attend. We will miss her! What can I say about Mary Hoots? When we came back to St. Gerald when our kids graduated from St. Michael's, she was so accommodating and provided activities immediately to get involved in the parish. The Christian Service Commission thrived under her leadership! I always enjoyed working with her. Mary is so much fun! I could never say no to her projects. She is well suited as St. Gerald secretary. She knows everyone and truly cares about the parishioners. She goes out of her way to help people! Mary is the energizer bunny who keeps moving. I will miss her!" - *Deb Gates*

"Mary Taylor, it has been an absolute honor and privilege working with you in Religious Education. Your undying faith, compassion and friendship have been an absolute blessing to me. You are a gift and I am so grateful for you and will miss you. Wishing you happiness, health in your retirement. Mary Hoots, you are by far one of the most loveliest women that I have ever met. Your help throughout the years has been absolutely invaluable. I will miss you but wish you all the best in your retirement. These two women have been an absolute inspiration to me. YOU both have shaped this parish and have always made everyone feel so welcomed. I will miss you terribly." - *Crystal Flood*

"Wishing both you amazing Mary's nothing but Joy, Joy and more Joy as you start your retirement. Thanks for all the service and care you spread while working at St. Gerald's." - *Carol Ferguson*

"Mary Hoots, what a kind friendly face to parishioners and visitors to the Church Office you had always been. But your prior years as Christian Service Coordinator should not be overlooked. Many programs were instituted under your leadership in that role for so many years. Mary Taylor, you ensured that the children of this parish had proper Catholic education and excellent sacrament preparation in your many years as Director of Religious Education, not only for the children of the parish, but your support for Adult Bible Studies at St. Gerald for over 20 years. As one of your first catechists, you also provided great support to those who started out with you. Thank you and Enjoy retirement. Best regards" - *Diane Blankenship*

"I first met Mary Taylor shortly after we joined the parish in 1999. She encouraged Bob and I to facilitate a bible study and was a participant when time allowed. She then asked us to assist her with the 7th and 8th grade Confirmation Class. There we got to see her in action. She related so well with the students, and it was obvious that she cared so much for their faith journey. But she not only cared about each child, she also cared about the whole family. And just let someone come into the parish needing anything and she would drop what she was doing and contribute out of her own pocket or find someone who could help them. Her faith in God has been a great example to us and she will be missed greatly. May God bless her with good health and great joy in her retirement." - *Sherry Kuhr*

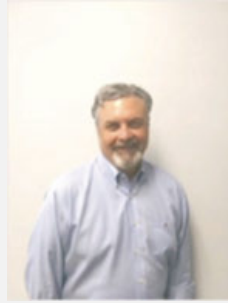


KNIGHTS KORNER

Introducing our two newest Knights of Columbus members, George Bonemer and Daniel Fradette.



Knight George Bonemer on right, pictured with Grand Knight Terry Grabinski



Knight Daniel Fradette

If you see these two gentlemen at church, please feel free to offer your congratulations. If you are not a Knight, why don't you consider joining us? 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.

Fond reflections... (Continued from Page 5)

"I first got to know Mary Hoots when I joined St. Gerald's St. Vincent de Paul Conference in 2008. She was the conference treasurer and head of Christian Service. There I saw how much she cared for helping those in need that resided in our parish. When she changed jobs and became the parish secretary, she continued to demonstrate her compassion and dedication to those that are served by the parish. As part of my duties with SVdP, I would stop by the parish office about once a week. I knew that I would receive a warm greeting from Mary and a helping hand if needed. Whether it was to assist in distributing food/food cards or helping in any way, she was always ready to serve. As the first person many encounter when they come to St. Gerald, Mary has presented a warm and welcoming spirit. May God bless her with good health and great joy in her retirement." - Bob Kuhr

"Both of these women have been two strong signs of Christ alive and living in our parish. Their love and dedication to the Lord have been shining examples of His love here on earth! We thank God for the gift of both women!" - Bob & Sherry Kuhr

"Mary Taylor, you are like a pillar in our St. Gerald's foundation, a load bearing wall. You will be missed by so many. May God bless you in your future endeavors with good health and happiness. Mary Hoots when I said we will miss you, you reminded me that you will still be around. I think of you as the kind and gentle soul sitting behind the desk to greet all who come into the office at St. Gerald's. Now you move from behind the desk to the greater community of our parish. God bless you, see you around." - Margaret Williams

"Mary Hoots, you have been that smiling, caring, and welcoming face to all who enter that side door of the church for SO many years. You are respectful and kind to each person who comes into your office. Your work ethic.... superb!! You truly live our Catholic faith. Have a wonderful and blessed retirement. Mary Taylor, the many, many children you have taught throughout these countless years....priceless!! With all of life's ups and downs, your strong faith shines and guides you. You have been a true leader in our church. I wish you a blessed and well deserved retirement." In God's Love, - Diane Bonadeo

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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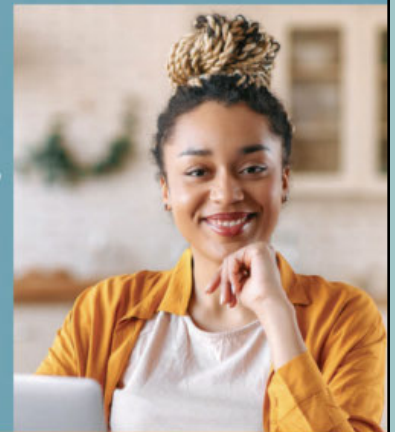
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