

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JULY 2, 2023

| THIRTEENTH 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

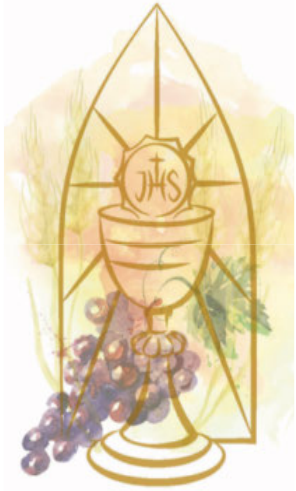
St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JULY 03 – JULY 07

Monday 9:15 AM

Bill Croitori

Requested by Rita Garbacik

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Frank Adams

Requested by Geri Adams

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Phyllis Hunsinger

Requested by Ann Marie Podlaski

Friday 9:15 AM

Gina Bonacchi Hспен

Requested by Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 20:24-29
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29/Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12/Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:14-17
 Next Sunday: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/ Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30



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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))

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 9, 2023

5:00 PM	July 8	Fr. Kris
For John Hoetger Requested by Laurel Hoetger	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	July 9	Fr. Kris
For Maria Camilleri Requested by Family	Lector	Hannah Smith
10:15 AM	July 9	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Angela McLoughlin
12:00 PM	July 9	Fr. Briffa
For Rita Requested by Gjerding and Camilleri Family	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.



Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea	Kim Weigold
Marie Bolivar	Barbara Seabolt
Maria Rea	Leonard Lemanski
Winifred Maguire	Josie Boore

REMINDER:
 PARISH OFFICES ARE
 CLOSED
 JULY 4TH ...ALL DAY!



Offertory Snapshot as of June 18, 2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 8,956.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$402,685.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$413,379.00

Donations to Peter's Pence Collection
 If you would like to make a donation to the Peter's Pence collection, you can do so now through July 9th.

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.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING 1

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight. Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING 2

Rom 6:3-4, 8-11

Brothers and sisters:
Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life. If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL

Mt 10:37-42

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."



**We welcome to the
Body of Christ**

Emiliano Santino-George De La Garza
baptized Sunday,
June 25th, 2023
by Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Emiliano is the child of
Emeliano Cabello Jesus De LaGarzo
and
Christine Madeleine Elly



Do you enjoy playing pinochle or would like to learn? Come join the card group on Thursday afternoons in our parish social hall. Please arrive by noon with card play beginning at 12:30 PM. What better way to spend your Thursday afternoons. You do not need to call ahead to join in the fun, just stop in and make some new friends!



In today's Gospel hear Jesus tell us: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple —Amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

This week, know that you will bring hope to the poor by your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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.**



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.

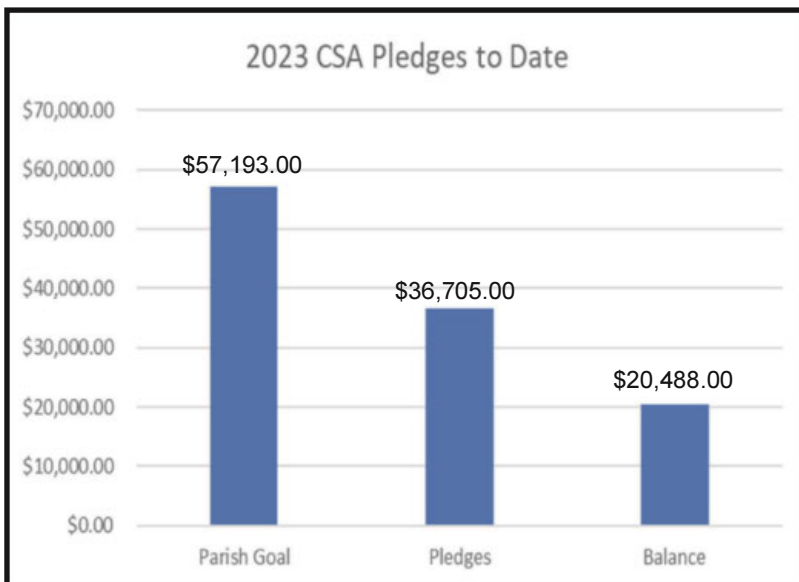
You may give your donation on-line or by check, below are a few general instructions.

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 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!



CANDY BARS FOR FATHER'S DAY



Thank you for your donations supporting the Right to Life Father's Day Candy Bar sale!!!

Teens & Families:

Be part of this great community and serve others! Join us, along with the other faith organizations of Youth United, in our 6th Annual Summer Service Experience.

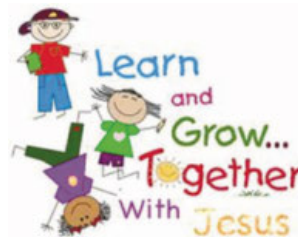
Adults and teens are encouraged to volunteer at CARES one or more afternoons (Aug. 1-3, Tu-Th). Teen & Adult Registration link <https://tinyurl.com/you2023reg>



REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

It is time to register your children for our faith formation program for the upcoming school year. Registration forms will be mailed out to returning families. Please return forms as soon as possible or **by August 15**. If you will be new to the program, contact the coordinator, Emily Long, at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or via email at faithformation.sgp@gmail.com. Forms may also be found on the shelf in the classroom hallway or on the parish website www.stgeraldparish.org.

Students in Grades 1-6 will attend classes on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:45 PM. Confirmation preparation classes (Grades 7-8) attend on alternate Mondays. Classes will begin on September 18. If you have any questions please contact Emily Long, at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or faithformation.sgp@gmail.com.



Reminder:

Following guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit, children of the parish are to receive two full years of faith formation before reception of a sacrament.

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.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE
1ST BANN OF MARRIAGE**

Let us pray for Gina Marie Horsburgh and Eamon Hilliard, as they prepare to be joined in Holy Matrimony at St. Gerald Parish on July 22, 2023.



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That’s life, isn’t it? At every moment, we’re either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life’s chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God’s love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we “**surely will not lose our reward.**” The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that’s the difference between chutes and ladders.

— *Father John Muir* ©LPi



Peter’s Pence Collection

Today is the Peter’s Pence Collection a worldwide collection that supports the work of the Universal Church, including the work of the Holy See and the charitable works of Pope Francis. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a sign of mercy to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous. For more information, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en.html.

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.

UPCOMING WIDOWED FRIENDS EVENTS

Join Widowed Friends on Monday, July 3, at 10 AM. This month we will be going to Big Boy Restaurant, 30123 Six Mile Road, Livonia. This is a new venue and a head count is needed of attendees. Please call Event Coordinator Tom 586-216-1454 by June 28.

Join Widowed Friends on Tuesday, July 11, 12:30 PM for lunch at the newly opened Hudson Café (formerly Applebee’s), 17101 Haggerty Road, Northville. Due to our large group size, we will select from a limited menu. Please call event coordinator Gloria 734-459-7995 by July 6.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

It took five years of marriage before I was ready to have that first baby. Of course, now that I have three children I cannot imagine a life without them. After twenty-five years, I cannot imagine life without my wife as well.

And I know that I am lucky. I know those who have lost children or have been widowed. They couldn't imagine life without their loved ones either.

The tough reality to digest is that we don't own those whom we love. They are all gifts from God, entrusted to each of us as good stewards. If we cling too tightly, we become like the steward who buried his talents in the ground. If we don't care enough, we become like the prodigal son who squandered his gifts on gambling and frivolous living.

But can we love our loved ones too much? I am not sure it is possible to love others too much if it is genuine love. However, if we truly love them, then we will want to lead them to the One that gave them to us in the first place: God. We do that by demonstrating that no one comes before God in our lives, not even our family.

In this world, our loved ones make living meaningful. But this world is not the end. As much as we love them here, our ultimate goal is for them to live eternally with God. May my wife and kids never think I chose them over God, so that they may choose God over all else, as well.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

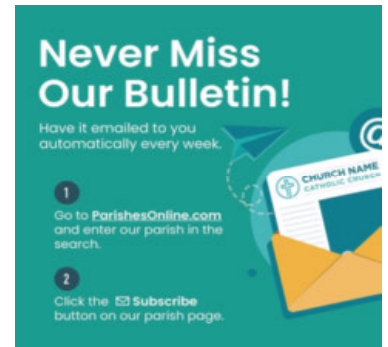
If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email the office at:

stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

and their name will be added to our prayers.

LIBRARY REMINDERS...

Please come visit our library located in the southwest vestibule of the church building. You are welcome to take a book home to read, all we ask is that when you borrow a book to be sure to sign it out. Also make sure to return your book when finished, so others can enjoy it as well. Thank You!



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)

STAFF

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- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203
- Mary Melonio, Administrative Assistant. x 212
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Education

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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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