

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JULY 23, 2023

SIXTEENTH 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

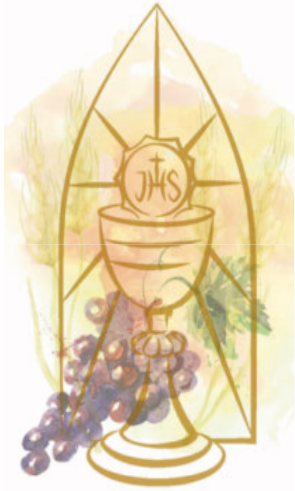
St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JULY 23 – JULY 29

Monday 9:15 AM

Bill Croitori

Requested by Josephine Rotondo

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Julia and Anthony Pavco

Requested by Joe Pavco

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Amelia Barreto

Requested by Blen Cardozo

Friday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Kris and Dobbs, Kemp,
Trayer, Robreckt and Goderman
Families**

Requested by C. Kemp

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
 Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9
 Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17
 Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23
 Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42



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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))

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July 23, 2023

5:00 PM	July 22	Fr. Kris
For Robert Retelle Requested by Mary Retelle	Lector	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	July 23	Fr. Sal
For Rosa and Angelo Vettrano Requested by Family	Lector	Paulette Mullen
10:15 AM	July 23	Fr. Kris
For Frank Adams Requested by The Croitori Family	Lector	Caron Kott
12:00 PM	July 23	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Jeff Antoun

Offertory Snapshot as of JULY 02, 2023

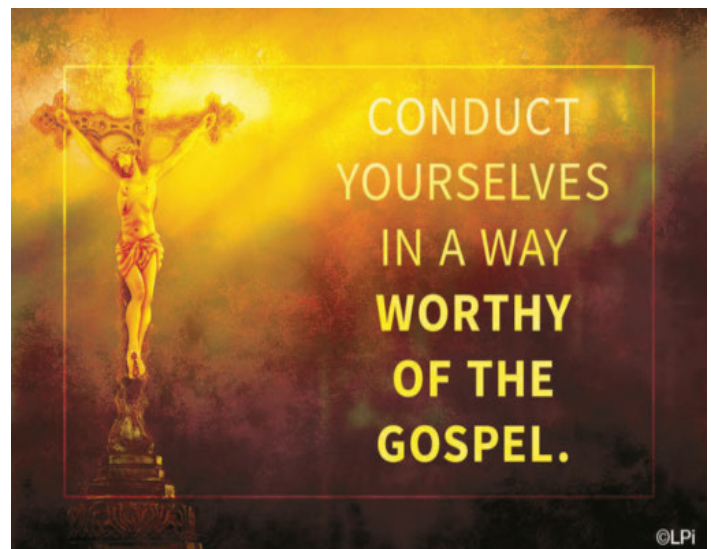
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Please remember in your prayers

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

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.



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Reading 1

Wis 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

Reading 2

Rom 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Gospel

Mt 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches."

He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened."

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:

I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world. Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Or

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Mt 13:



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



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When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org



Monaghan Knights of Columbus
19801 Farmington Road,
Livonia, MI
Monday, July 24, 2023
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

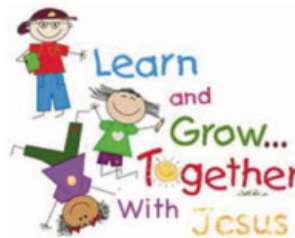
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To schedule an appointment, simply call 866-MIBLOOD or visit www.versiti.org/MI. Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.

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.

CATHOLIC HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Terra Sancta Pilgrimages, with Franciscan friar Fr. Alex Kratz, will be leading a Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Jordan, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Galilee) **November 28-December 12, 2023**. This life-changing 14-day experience of walking in Jesus' footsteps includes daily Mass & Rosary, biblical readings on site, time for prayer, spiritual guidance, and meeting local Christians. Cost is \$5,200 (all expenses included, round-trip from Detroit, 3 daily meals, all tips and taxes). Registration is first come, first serve. A mandatory **Orientation Meeting** for the registered is 2:00 pm Sunday, **August 27**, at St. Joseph Chapel (400 South Blvd. West, Pontiac, MI 48341). In 2024 our trips (11-days long) are April 15-25 and November 11-21. For more information contact Pilgrimage Coordinator Patti Giangrande, OFS: (248) 514-1747 (or Fr. Alex: 313-727-9784).

BE BOLD!

SAVE THE DATE

AUGUST 5, 2023

WALK FOR LIFE

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Mark your calendars and invite your family & friends to **BE BOLD** with you!

Help us to continue to share the truth of God's Word with those who are struggling to see the value of their own lives as well as that of their unborn children.

 For more information and to register go to: awpcfriended.org/events

ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available and simple to use. Please visit our Parish Website at stgeralddparish.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.




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Christian Service Corner

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the month of July and that the summer seems to be flying by. During the summer I take time so think of some new service projects that we could begin doing here at the parish but there are always so many different ideas I have. With that I would like to take this time to ask you to help me out with this, if you have an idea of a project that we could do here at the parish please let me know. I am always open to new ideas and suggestions. For example, maybe there is something that we have done in the past that you enjoyed and would like to bring back, perhaps there is something that we are currently doing that you would like us to do more often. Any new ideas or suggestions are always welcome. Please call my office or send me an email if anything comes to mind. God's blessings,

Matt

Jesus Is Watching You



A burglar broke into a home and was looking around. He heard a soft voice say, "Jesus is watching you."

Thinking it was just his imagination, he continued his search. Again the voice said, "Jesus is watching you."

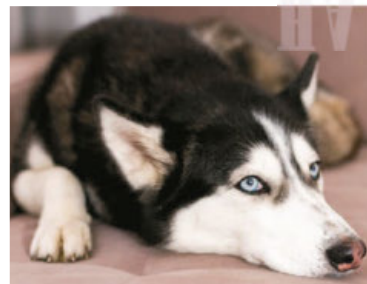
He turned his flashlight around and saw a parrot in a cage. He asked the parrot if he was the one talking and the parrot replied, "Yes."

He asked the parrot what his name was and the parrot said, "Moses."

The burglar asked, "What kind of people would name a parrot Moses?"

The parrot answered, "The same kind of people who would name their German Shepherd Jesus."

HA HA HA



...MOSES

Thank You Very Much



Thank you very much for your generosity!!!! We raised **\$4,487.02** in Baby Bottle Donations for the **ANOTHER WAY PREGNANCY CENTER!!!**

GOD BLESS YOU ALL!!!

-Rita Garbacik



Divine Direction....

A guy named Joe found himself in dire trouble. His business had gone bust, and he was in serious financial trouble. He was so desperate that he decided to ask God for help. He began to pray, "God, please help me. I've lost my business, and if I don't get some money, I'm going to lose my house as well. Please let me win the lotto."

Lotto night came, but somebody else won it. Joe again prayed, "God, please let me win the lotto! I've lost my business and house, and I'm going to lose my car as well." Lotto night came, but Joe still had no luck.

Once again, he prayed, "My God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost my business, house, and car. My wife and children are starving. I don't often ask you for help, and I've always been a good servant to you. Please just let me win the lotto this one time so I can get my life back in order."

Suddenly, there was a blinding flash of light as the heavens opened. Joe was confronted by the voice of God himself. "Joe, meet me halfway on this. Buy a ticket!"



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
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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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