

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JULY 30, 2023

| SEVENTEENTH 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.

TREASURE



“The kingdom of heaven
is like a treasure buried
in a field.”

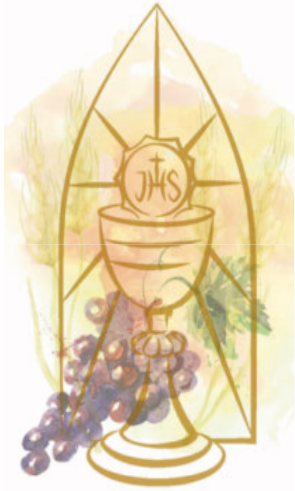
MATTHEW 13:44

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JULY 31 – AUGUST 4

Monday 9:15 AM

Fr. John Menner

Requested by Joe Pavco

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Frank Adams

Requested by Geri Adams

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Tom and Joan Mellnick and Family

For Healing

Requested by Phyllis Dombe

Friday 9:15 AM

Gina Bonacchi Hспен

Requested by Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12



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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

Josie Boore

Maria Rea

Leonard Lemanski

Winifred Maguire

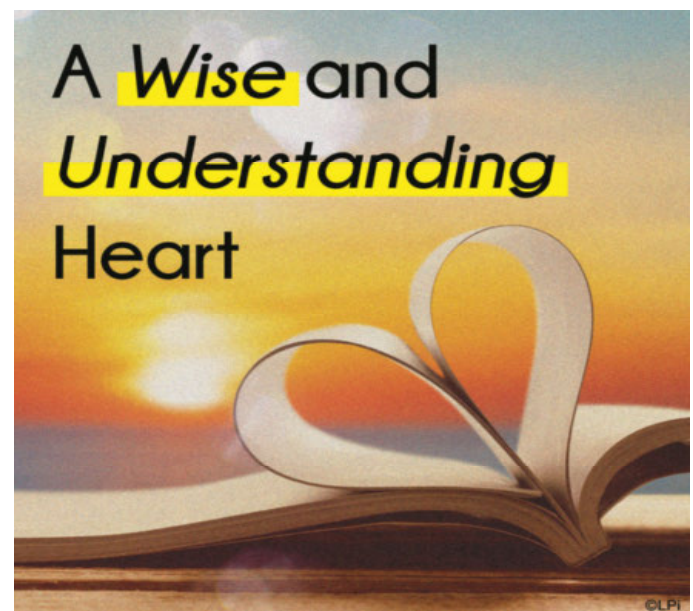
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July 30, 2023

5:00 PM	July 29	Fr. Henry
For Frederick Strick Requested by Dennis and Sharon Weberlein	Lector	Isabelle Gerhart
8:30 AM	July 30	Fr. Kris
For Eglandia Vanente Requested by Cosimo Vakebte	Lector	Jim Bergin
10:15 AM	July 30	Fr. Kris
For Jim Gariepy Requested by Family	Lector	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	July 30	Fr. Henry
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Sharon McCarthy

Offertory Snapshot as of July 16, 2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 5,997.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 22,003.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 24,316.00



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.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this— not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right— I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Reading 2

Rom 8:28-30

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified.

Gospel

Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

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2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

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).

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.

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**.

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!





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We joyfully announce the union of Gina Marie Horsburgh and Eamon Hilliard. Gina and Eamon exchanged vows on Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 at St. Gerald Parish.



What Is God Asking of You?

What are you willing to give for the sake of the kingdom of God? Often, we begin a discussion like this with a story or a few leading thoughts. However, if we are to be serious about who we claim to be as Christians, there should be no beating around the bush. The question is not only important for each of us and our relationship with our God, but it should be important for the relationship each of us has with the entire Body of Christ. Like any good team or family, I need you to have my back, and I need to have yours. If one of us is going to lay it on the line and be all in for our faith, then we all need to be as well.

If only all the Christians of the world felt the same way. In some parts of the world, Christians are still being martyred for their faith. Others must worship underground and avoid the government-led police. Then there are those who seem to take faith for granted, and because little is asked by their friends or parish, they give nothing. It is quite a contrast of situations.

On this day, it may seem like little is being asked of you and I by God. Is that because we aren't being asked or because we aren't listening? If you are counting on me and I am on you, we should figure this out sooner than later. Of course, I suspect we actually do know the answer, don't we?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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 for all, or any of the days (Aug. 1-3, Tu-Th).

Teen & Adult Registration link
<https://tinyurl.com/yu2023reg>

Please help by donating any of the following items



Personal care items: feminine hygiene products, tissue packs, toiletries (all sizes), hand sanitizers, baby wipes, formula, diapers, food, new socks (adults and kids), non-perishable food items for CARES food pantry, ALL size chip bags with a mylar shiny silver inside

FUN at VBS 2023

We had a successful and fun time at our VBS program again this year. Our theme was Power Lab. Bible points of Scripture, were reinforced through stories, experiments, crafts, and even snack ideas. The children learned that through God's power, lessons from Jesus and the Holy Spirit we have the "Power to be Thankful", the "Power to be Brave" and the power to "Tell Others About God."

Thank you to all our teen helpers: Paige, Emma, Aubrey, Ellenore, Joey, Sofia, Reese, and Clark.

Adult helpers Carol Ferguson, Alison Mineau, Laurel Hoetger, Sarah Austin, Mary Taylor, Emily Long and Stephanie Bonacchi (who also donated a craft canvas to every student)

And, a special thank you to Rosa Russenburger for her story telling and teaching style.

Thankful & Grateful,
Gerryanna Luscri

The Knights are “At It” Again!

Your Knights of Columbus are still at work giving money to deserving local organizations. Of course, none of this would be possible without the incredible generosity of St Gerald parishioners!

Jerry Weigold, Deputy Grand Knight, presented a check in the amount of \$421 to Lisa Murrel of Farmington Community Living Center. A check for \$421 was also presented to Farmington Special Olympics. Thanks again to St Gerald Parishioners whose generosity allows us to be “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.



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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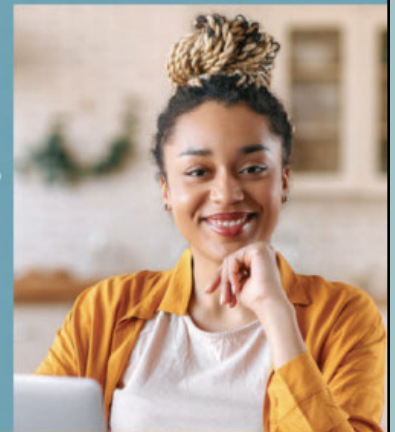
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