

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

AUGUST 13, 2023

| NINETEENTH 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.

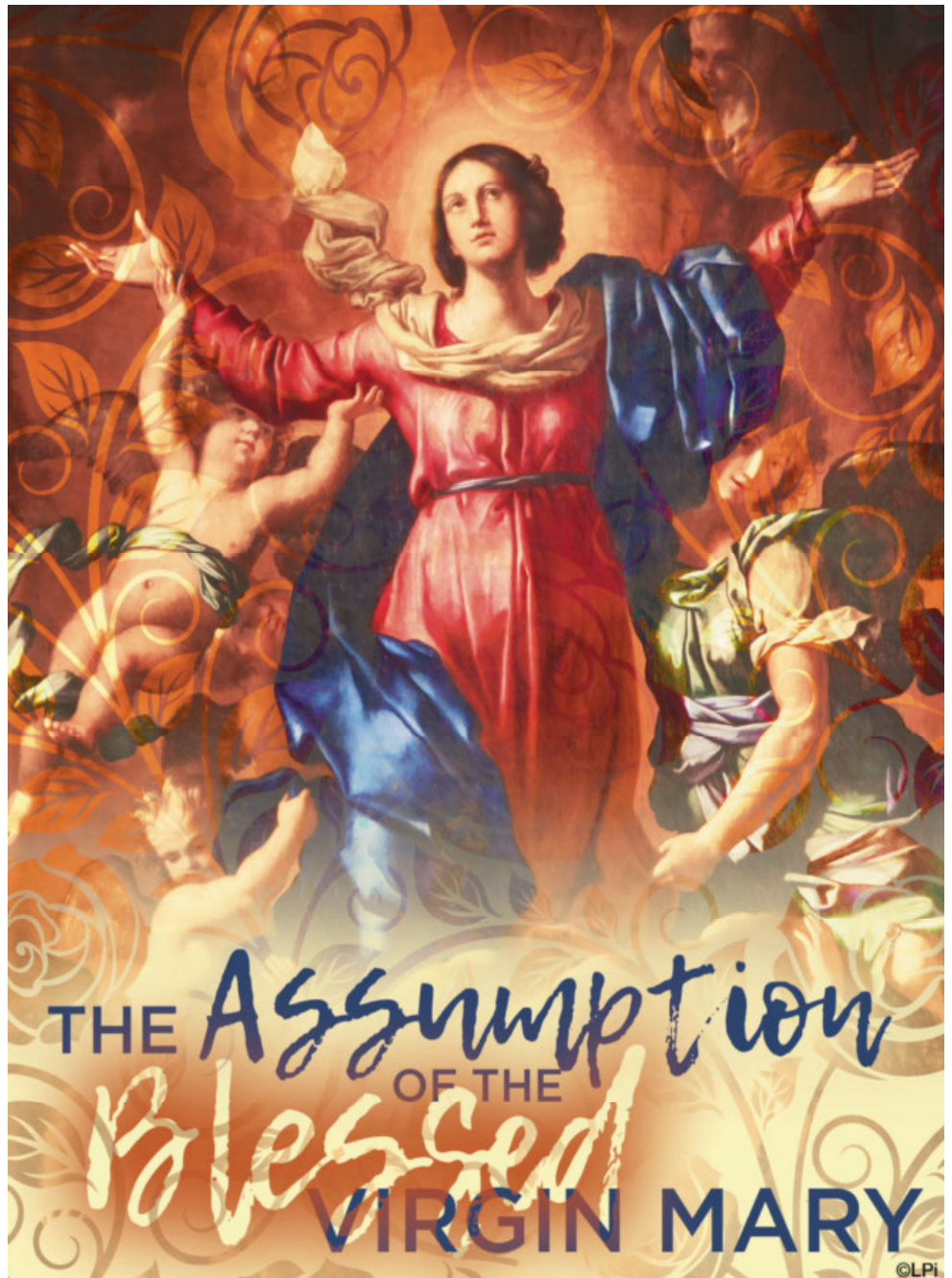
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



MISSION STATEMENT

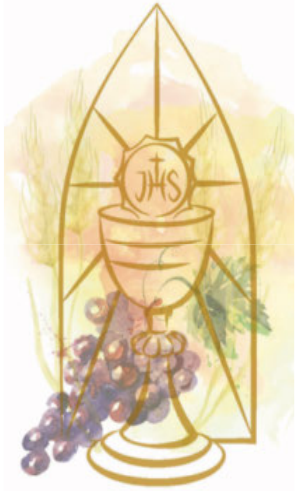
St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



AUGUST 14 – AUGUST 18

Monday 9:15 AM

Jerry Iadipaolo

Requested by Gerryanna Luscri

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Walter and Jennie Chlastawa

Requested by Ken and Jean Galica

Tuesday 7:00 PM

Rose and Stanley Garlica

Requested by Ken and Jean Galica

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Robert Retelle

Requested by Mary Retelle

Friday 9:15 AM

Anthony Camilleri

Requested by Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15



Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea

Kim Weigold

Marie Bolivar

Josie Boore

Maria Rea

Leonard Lemanski

Winifred Maguire

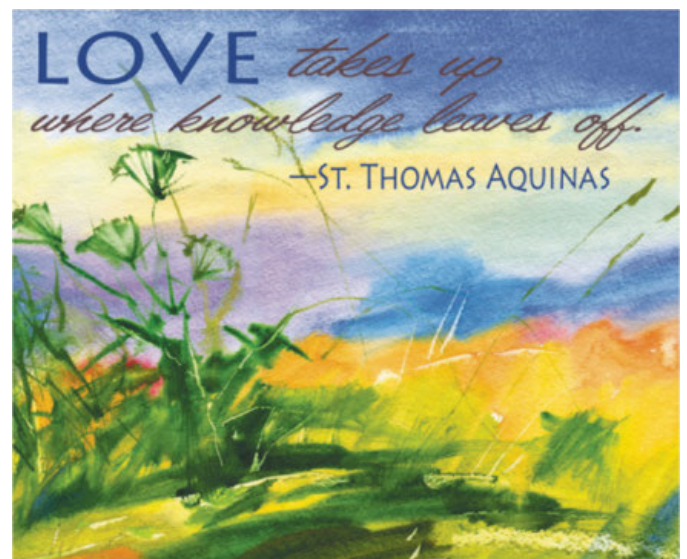
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Aug 20, 2023

5:00 PM	AUG 19	Fr. Sal
For Richard McAskin Requested by Bob and Diane Blankenship	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	AUG 20	Fr. Kris
For Eglantina Valente Requested by Cosimo Valente	Lector	Hannah Smith
10:15 AM	AUG 20	Fr. Kris
For Angeline Ferracciolo Requested by Horsburgh Family	Lector	Jim Bergin
12:00 PM	AUG 20	Fr. Henry
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Jeff Antoun

Offertory Snapshot as of July 30, 2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 7,326.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 35,813.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 40,527.00



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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))

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb,
Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter.
Then the LORD said to him,
"Go outside and stand on the mountain before
the LORD;
the LORD will be passing by."
A strong and heavy wind was rending the
mountains
and crushing rocks before the LORD—
but the LORD was not in the wind.
After the wind there was an earthquake—
but the LORD was not in the earthquake.
After the earthquake there was fire—
but the LORD was not in the fire.
After the fire there was a tiny whispering
sound.
When he heard this,
Elijah hid his face in his cloak
and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85:9,10,11-12,13-14

Reading 2

Rom 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters:
I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie;
my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in
bearing me witness
that I have great sorrow and constant anguish
in my heart.
For I could wish that I myself were accursed
and cut off from Christ
for the sake of my own people,
my kindred according to the flesh.
They are Israelites;
theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants,
the giving of the law, the worship, and the
promises;
theirs the patriarchs, and from them,
according to the flesh, is the Christ,
who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Gospel

Mt 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made
the disciples get into a boat
and precede him to the other side,
while he dismissed the crowds.
After doing so, he went up on the moun-
tain by himself to pray.
When it was evening he was there
alone.
Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles
offshore,
was being tossed about by the waves,
for the wind was against it.
During the fourth watch of the night,
he came toward them walking on the
sea.
When the disciples saw him walking on
the sea they were terrified.
"It is a ghost," they said, and they cried
out in fear.
At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take
courage, it is I; do not be afraid."
Peter said to him in reply,
"Lord, if it is you, command me to come
to you on the water." "He said, "Come."
Peter got out of the boat and began to
walk on the water toward Jesus.
But when he saw how strong the wind
was he became frightened;
and, beginning to sink, he cried out,
"Lord, save me!"
Immediately Jesus stretched out his
hand and caught Peter,
and said to him, "O you of little faith, why
did you doubt?"
After they got into the boat, the wind
died down.
Those who were in the boat did him
homage, saying,
"Truly, you are the Son of God."



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!

Parish Goal	\$57,193.00
Pledges	\$52,580.00
Balance	\$4,613.00



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).

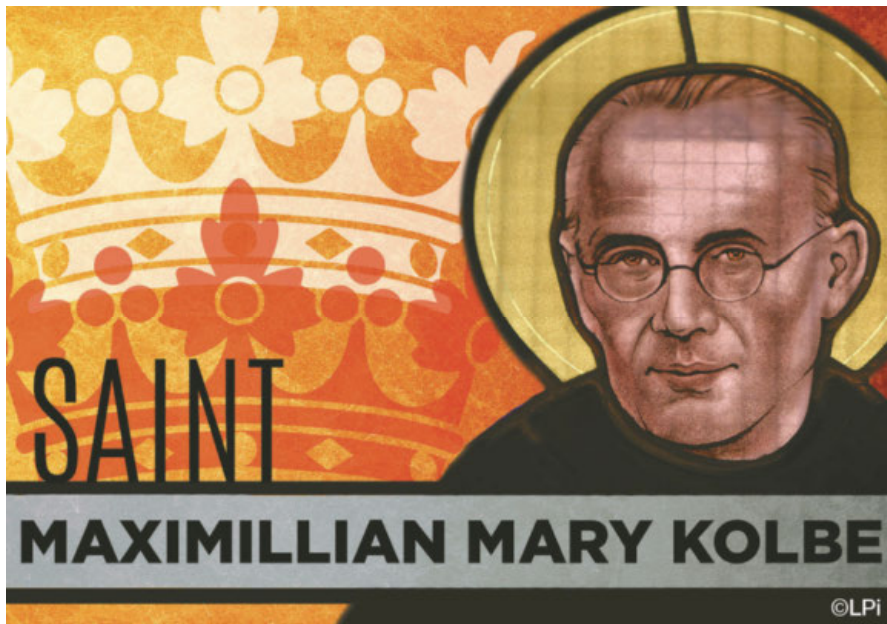
ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING

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.

THE SIMPLE GIVE COLLECTION

The Simple Give collection for Assumption will be August 12th thru August 20th. Donations to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Collection. If you would like to make a donation for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary through Simple Give, you can do so August 12th through August 20th. Thank you.

SAINTS OF THE MONTH



SAINT MAXIMILLIAN MARY KOLBE

(January 8, 1894 – August 14, 1941)

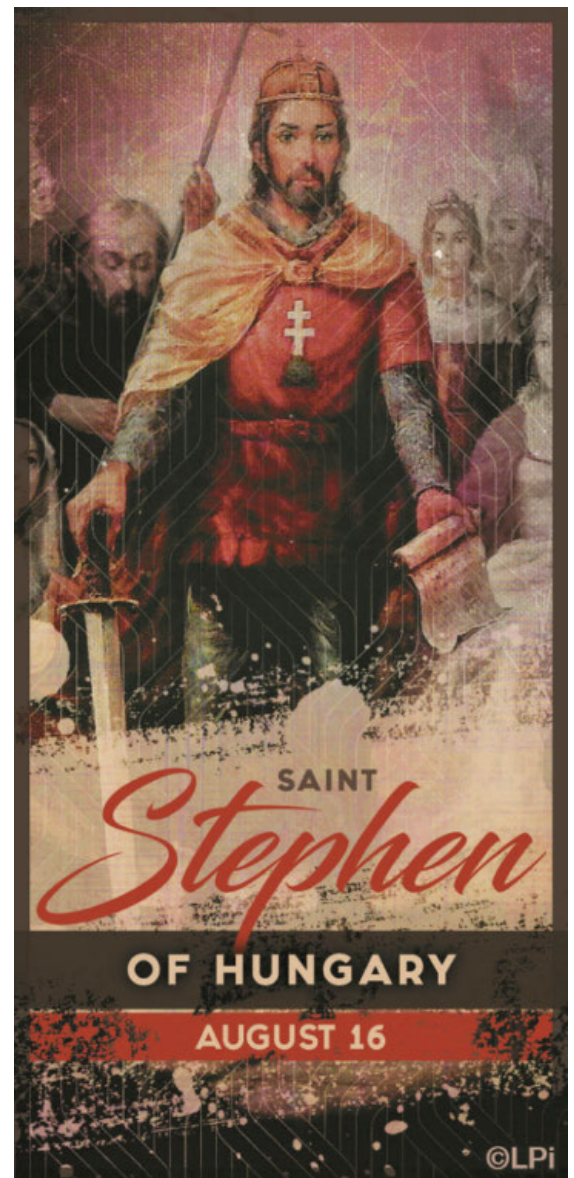
His feast day is 14 August, the day of his death. Due to Kolbe's efforts to promote consecration and entrustment to Mary, he is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. He is the patron saint of addicts/recovery from drug addiction. Today, the Church honors St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in place of a fellow prisoner at Auschwitz, thus embodying the teaching of Jesus, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13).

Blessed Michael Joseph McGivney

(August 12, 1852 – August 14, 1890)

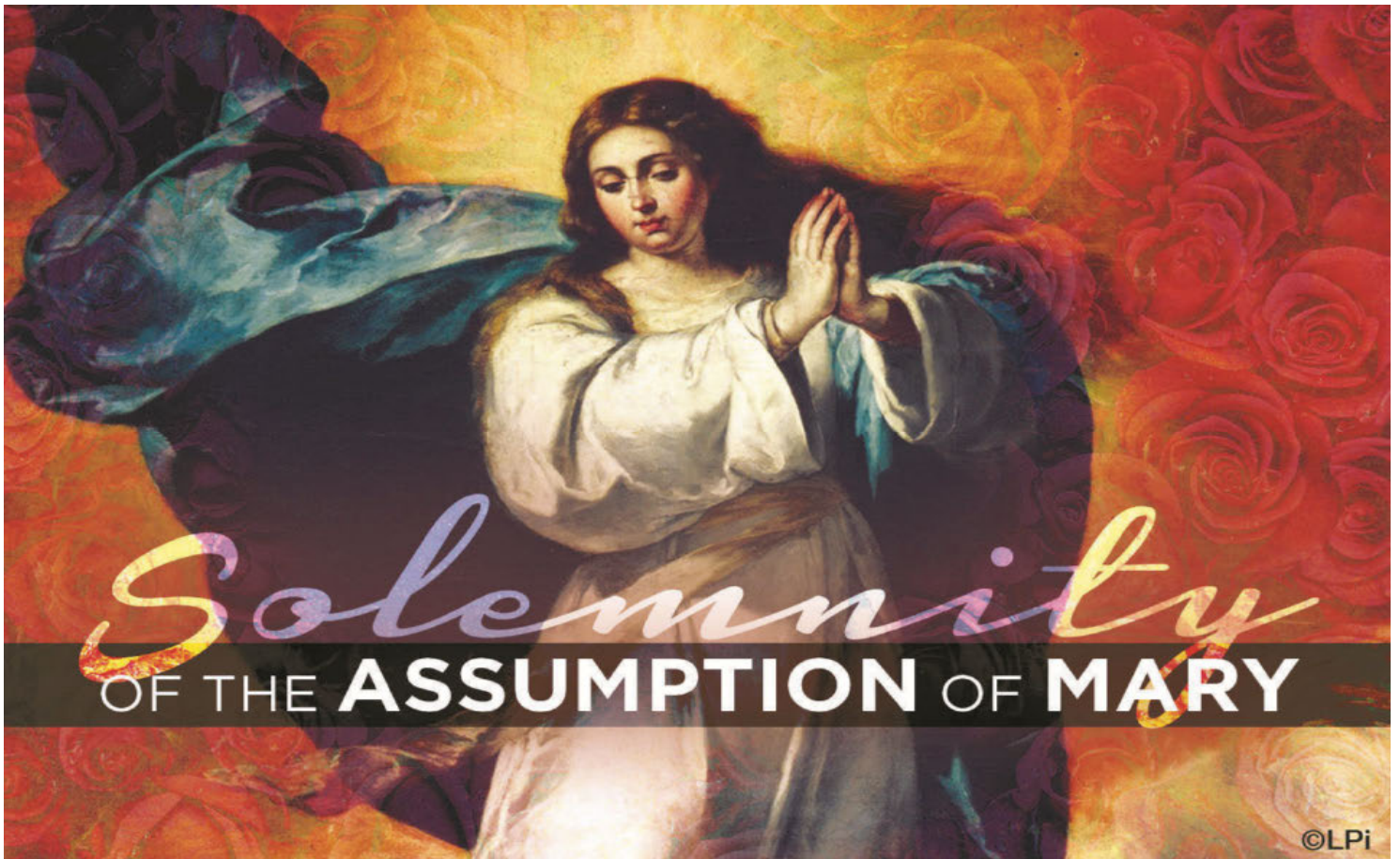
He was a genuine pastor who, in the words of Pope Francis, was unafraid to share "the smell of his sheep." He promoted families whose members were strong in their faith expressed through generous following of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

In a decree read at the beatification Mass, Pope Francis praised Fr. McGivney's "zeal and the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for his brothers and sisters." These "made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance."



St. Stephen the Great (977-1038),

was the son of the Magyar chieftain Geza, Stephen succeeded him as leader in 997. Already raised a Christian, in 996 he wed the daughter of Duke Henry II of Bavaria and devoted much of his reign to the promotion of the Christian faith. He gave his patronage to Church leaders, helped build churches, and was a proponent of the rights of the Holy See. Stephen also crushed the pagan counterreaction to Christianity, forcibly converting the so-called Black Hungarians after their failed rebellion. In recognition of his efforts, Stephen was anointed king of Hungary in 1000, receiving the cross and crown from Pope Sylvester II. The remainder of his reign was taken up with the consolidation of the Christian hold on the region. His crown and regalia became beloved symbols of the Hungarian nation, and Stephen was venerated as the ideal Christian king. Canonized in 1083 by Pope St. Gregory VII, he became the patron saint of Hungary.



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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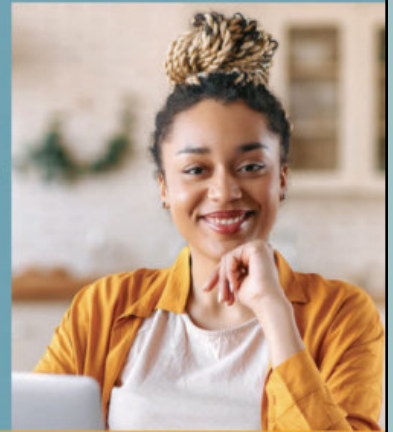
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