

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

**AUGUST 27, 2023**

**| TWENTY-FIRST 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.

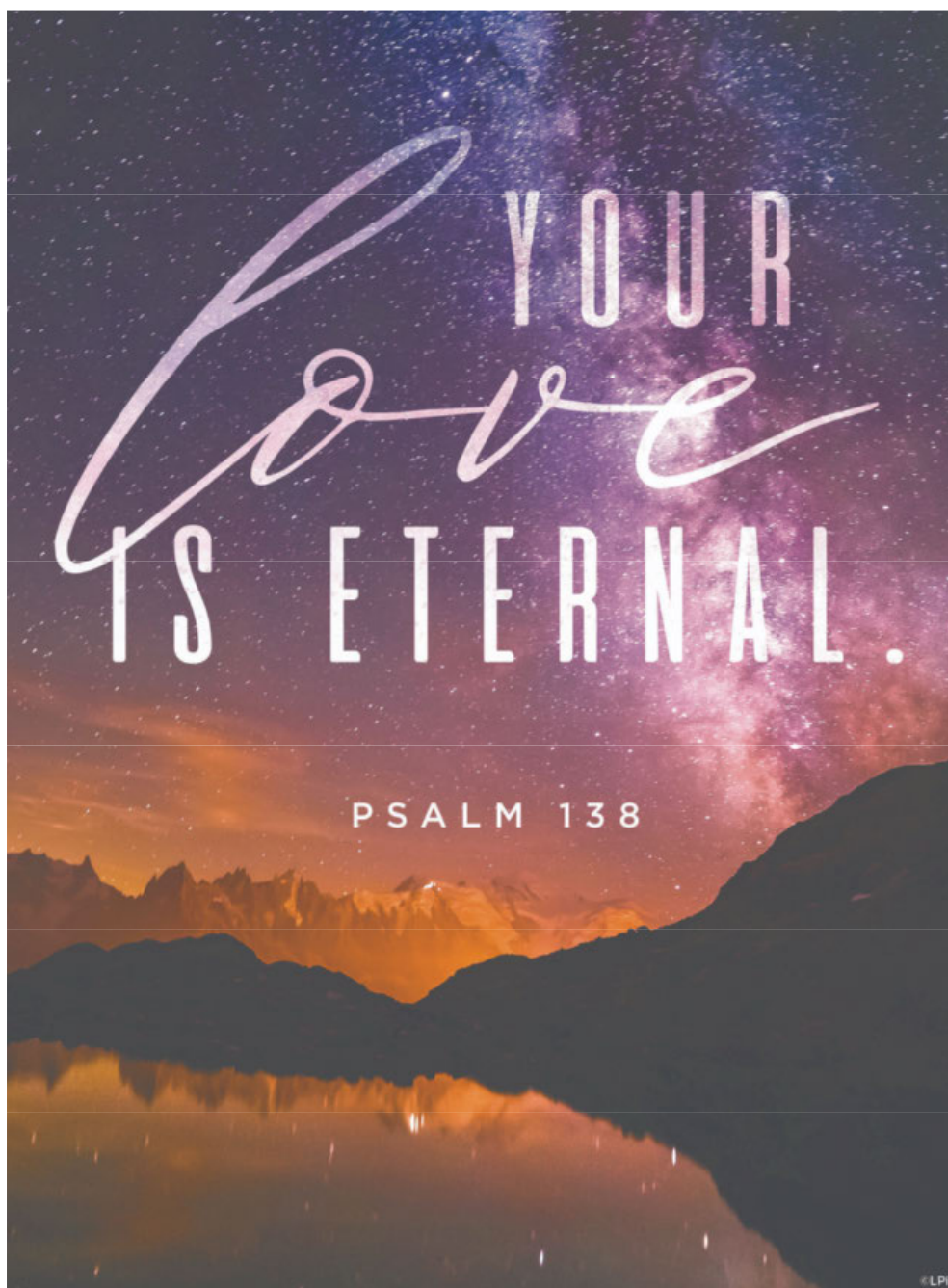
## **RITE OF RECONCILIATION**

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 28– SEPTEMBER 2**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Joann Pavco**

Requested by Joe Pavco

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Gina Bonacchi Hesper**

Requested by Bill and Joanne Croitori

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Kolek Family**

Requested by Ken and Joan Galica

Friday 9:15 AM

**Gina Bonacchi Hesper**

Requested by Family

Saturday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Kris, the Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,  
Robrecht, Goderman Families**

Requested by C. Kemp

## Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

## Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea

Kim Weigold

Marie Bolivar

Josie Boore

Maria Rea

Leonard Lemanski

Winifred Maguire

### Faith Formation Classes

If you haven't registered your children yet for Faith Formation classes, it's not too late, but **please** do so as soon as possible. Classes begin for the 2023-24 school year on September 18. For more information or late registration, contact Emily Long (faithformation.sgp@gmail.com), the parish office or visit the parish website ([stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org)).

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Aug 27, 2023

5:00 PM			SEP 2	Fr. Kris
For <b>James McAskin</b> Requested by Bob and Diane Blankenship	<b>Lector</b>	Diane Blankenship		
8:30 AM			SEP 3	Fr. Kris
For <b>Carrie Gizzi</b> Requested by Paulette Mullen	<b>Lector</b>	Rosa Russenberger		
10:15 AM			SEP 3	Fr. Sal
For <b>Gina Bonnachi Hesper</b> Requested by Bonnachi Family	<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Antoun		
12:00 PM			SEP 3	Fr. Kris
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Sharon McCarthy		

### Offertory Snapshot as of August 13, 2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 7,098.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 51,395.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 56,738.00

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament First Fridays

Beginning September 1st, following the 9:15 AM Mass there will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament closing with Benediction at 5pm. Adorers Are Needed. Sign-up on the sheet in the gathering space of the church.



# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Reading 1

Is 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace:  
 "I will thrust you from your office  
 and pull you down from your station.  
 On that day I will summon my servant  
 Eliakim, son of Hilkiah;  
 I will clothe him with your robe,  
 and gird him with your sash,  
 and give over to him your authority.  
 He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
 and to the house of Judah.  
 I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's  
 shoulder;  
 when he opens, no one shall shut,  
 when he shuts, no one shall open.  
 I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot,  
 to be a place of honor for his family."

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

## Reading 2

Rom 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and  
 knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judg-  
 ments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has  
 known the mind of the Lord or who has been his  
 counselor?  
 Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be  
 repaid? For from him and through him and for him  
 are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

## Gospel

Mt 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and  
 he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the  
 Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the  
 Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of  
 the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you  
 say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply,  
 "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."  
 Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon  
 son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed  
 this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to  
 you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build  
 my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall  
 not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the  
 kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth  
 shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose  
 on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly  
 ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the  
 Christ.



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Returns September 10th, for Kindergarten  
 through 4th Grade at the 10:15am Mass  
 every Sunday.



## 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2023 CSA Campaign runs through May 15, 2024. It is still not too late to contribute to this campaign. As you can see, we are very close to reaching our CSA target of \$57,193.00. 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 from last year to follow the plan of replacing some of the 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 several months. You may give your donation on-line by going to GiveCSA.org or by check. If donation is made by check, please make sure it is payable to Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA.

Please return your CSA card by mail, 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 support you can give to support our parish.

Your donation does make a difference!

Parish Goal	\$57,193.00
Pledges	\$56,240.00
Balance	\$953.00



Please join us for 9:15 AM  
First Saturday Mass  
on September 2nd.



### 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.



We Pray for the  
Repose of the Soul of

**Elizabeth (Janet)  
Sobuch**

+  
September 14, 1957  
August 12, 2023

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Janet O Lord,  
and May Perpetual Light Shine  
Upon Her.



## **The Eucharist: The Heart of the Father's Love**

Friday, September 22nd, 2023

6:30 - 8:30 pm

at The Italian American Banquet & Conference Center

39200 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154

Guest speakers Msgr. Ron Browne

(Judicial Vicar of the AOD)

and Eddie Lowen (Lay Evangelist) RSVP by Sept. 12th

Gerryanna Luscri at [gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com) or  
text 734-341-1999

## Holiness Runs in the Family

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For **St. Monica**, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our



## A SMILE GOES A LONG WAYS ...



### 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

#### Parish Office (248) 477-7470

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor ..... x 203  
Mary Melonio, Administrative Assistant..... x 212  
Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

#### All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

#### Christian Services

Matthew Yokom: Christian Service Coordinator ..... x 204  
Cell: 313-205-8633  
Email: myokom.sgp@gmail.com

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#### Education

Emily Long: Coordinator of Faith Formation ..... x 201  
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#### Music Ministry

Mary Melonio: Director of Music ..... x 222  
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Worship Ministry ..... x 202

#### Norma Battel

Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com

#### Youth Ministry

Gerryanna Luscri ..... x 208  
Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

#### Maintenance

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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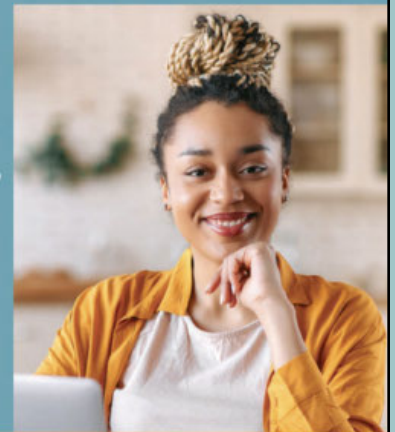
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