

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

| TWENTY-SECOND 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

SEPTEMBER 4– SEPTEMBER 9



Monday 9:15 AM
All the Souls in Purgatory
 Requested by Phyllis Dombé

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Frank Adams
 Requested by Geri Adams

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Frances Roman
 Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Friday 9:15 AM
All who died from Covid and Vaccines
 Requested by Phyllis Dombé

Saturday 9:15 AM
Jeffrey Racklin
 Requested by Dennis and Sharon Weberlein

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37
 Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44
 Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11
 Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
 Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Please remember in your prayers

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

If you would like a name to be added on the prayer list in the bulletin, please email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sep 10, 2023

5:00 PM			SEP 9	Fr. Raju
For Jeffrey Racklin Requested by Dennis and Sharon Weberlein	Lector	Isabelle Gerhart		
8:30 AM			SEP 10	Fr. Raju
For Bill Croitori Requested by Kimberly Lucken	Lector	Hannah Smith		
10:15 AM			SEP 10	Fr. Raju
For Angeline Ferracciolo Requested by Horsburgh Family	Lector	Carol Kott		
12:00 PM			SEP 10	Fr. Raju
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Teddi Williams		

Offertory Snapshot as of August 20, 2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 6,570.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 57,965.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 64,844.00

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



TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Jer 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

Reading 2

Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

Gospel

Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

We Pray for the
Repose of the Soul of

Elizabeth (Janet) Sobush

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September 14, 1957
August 12, 2023

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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).

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.





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.

For us to make our goal, we are asking each family to donate \$300.00. We know that some families can afford more and some not so much. We are hoping you will give what you can. If you cannot donate at this time, please still return your card showing zero.

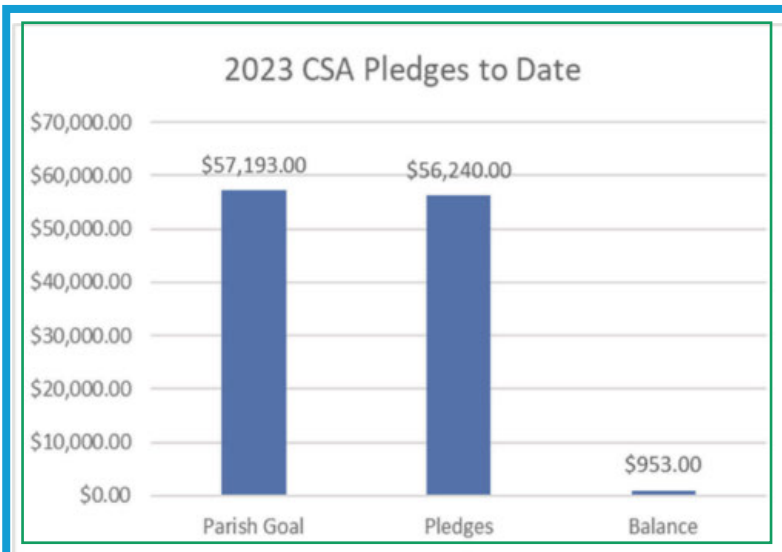
There are many ways for you to support the CSA. You may make a one-time gift or pledge the gift and make payments over several months. You may give your donation on-line by going to GiveCSA.org or by check. If donation is made by check, please make sure it is payable to Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA.

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



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.

MISSION APPEAL

Next weekend, at all masses, Rev. Raju Pilla will be speaking about the works and the needs of the Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum in India. Trivandrum has about 270,000 Catholics. 90% of the people belongs to fishermen community, majority of whom depends on fishing for their livelihood. 10% are farm workers who are recent converts from low caste Hindus. Unemployment and poverty are most rampant in the communities. The Archdiocese depends on outside contributions to support its clergy, seminarians, catechists, and the humanitarian projects of the homes for the orphans, aged and destitute, which provide food, shelter, health care, and education. In 2021, Cyclone "Tauktae" left hundreds of families homeless. Monsoon sea-erosion each year, destroys several homes of the fishermen who live near the sea and make a living from fishing. The Archdiocese is yet to recover from the crippling effects of financial devastation caused by the pandemic lockdowns. We humbly request your generous contribution to the second collection. Your sacrifice for the Missions is deeply appreciated. May God bless you.

Wishing you every blessing and looking forward to visiting with you,

Yours gratefully I am,

Rev. Raju B. Pilla, Mission Rep.
 Latin Archdiocese of Trivandrum
 225 Bellevue Avenue
 Penndel, PA – 19047 Ph: 267-243-4291 Or 215-710-2095 Email: rbselvaraj@yahoo.com



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
or text 734-341-1999

FUNERAL NOTIFICATIONS

- ◆ Have you learned, after the fact, that someone from our parish has died and the funeral is already over?
- ◆ Would you like to be notified when we have a funeral for one of our parishioners?

To be added to our notification list of those who want to receive an email with the funeral information so you can celebrate the Mass of Resurrection for fellow parishioners, please send your name and email address to the Parish Office at stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com and your name will be added.

May the soul of the faithfully departed, rest in peace.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

for a Public Rosary event at St. Gerald Church on Saturday, **Sept. 9th at 3:00 pm** Rain or shine. Bring your own lawn chair and join us in praying the Rosary together on the southwest corner of the church grounds. Parking available in the adjacent lot south of the church building.



**FALL 2023
SCRIPTURE STUDY**

*Continuation of the study of the
GOSPEL OF MATTHEW
with **Father David Santoro, O.P.**,
Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills*

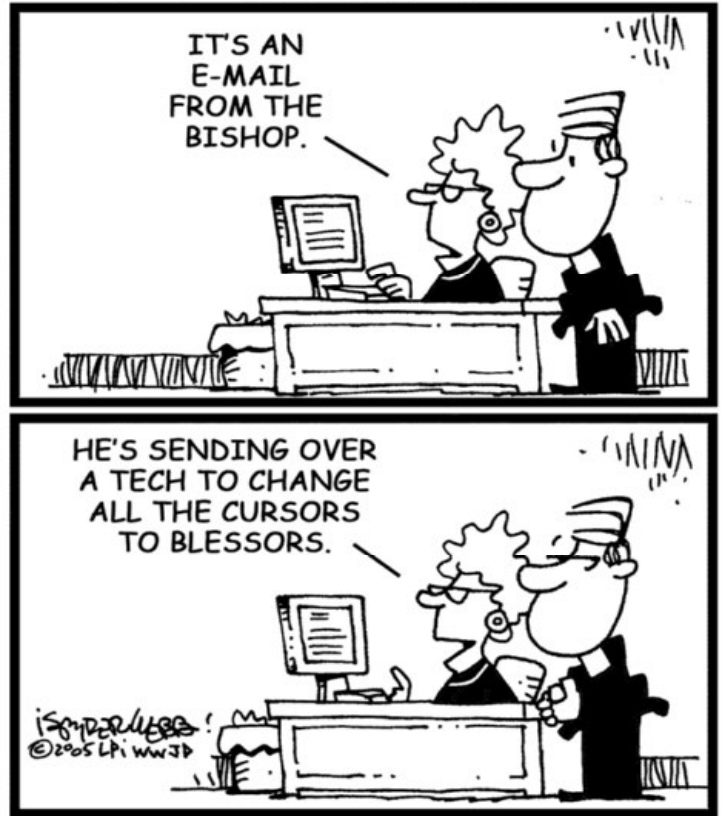
Begins September 12, 2023
Tuesday Mornings from 10:30 am - 12 pm

All are welcome to this InterParish Scripture Study

Contact: Emily Long at 248.476.7677, Ext. 201
or email faithformation.sgp@gmail.com



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
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- Norma Battel
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- Gerryanna Luscri x 208
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- Maintenance** **Accountant**
- Tom Kruger 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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