

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

| TWENTY-THIRD 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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HEAR GOD'S  
VOICE, HARDEN  
NOT *your*  
*hearts.*

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## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



**SEPTEMBER 11– SEPTEMBER 16**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Kris and the Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,  
Robrecht, and Goderman Families**  
Requested by C. Kemp

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Family of Phyllis and Michael Dombe**  
Requested by Phyllis Dombe

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Anna Iadipaolo**  
Requested by Iadipaolo Family

Friday 9:15 AM

**Bill Croitori**  
Requested by Geri Adams

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Col 1:24—2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/  
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/  
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/  
Lk 6:43-49

## 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sep 17, 2023

5:00 PM			SEP 16	Fr. Sal
For <b>Lucille Strick</b> Requested by Dennis and Sharon Weberlein	<b>Lector</b>	Diane Blankenship		
8:30 AM			SEP 17	Fr. Sal
For <b>Eglandina Valente</b> Requested by Cosimo Valente	<b>Lector</b>	Candy Rosowski		
10:15 AM			SEP 17	Fr. Henry
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Scott Horsburgh		
12:00 PM			SEP 17	Fr. Henry
For Father James B. Wright	<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Antoun		

### Offertory Snapshot as of August 13, 2023

<b>Actual Offertory</b>	\$ 7,098.00
<b>Budget Offertory</b>	\$ 8,105.00
<b>Year-to-Date Actual Offertory</b>	\$ 51,395.00
<b>Year-to-Date Budget Offertory</b>	\$ 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Reading 1**

**Ez 33:7-9**

Thus says the LORD:  
 You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me. If I tell the wicked, "O wicked one, you shall surely die," and you do not speak out to dissuade the wicked from his way, the wicked shall die for his guilt, but I will hold you responsible for his death. But if you warn the wicked, trying to turn him from his way, and he refuses to turn from his way, he shall die for his guilt, but you shall save yourself.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 95:1-9**

**Reading 2**

**Rom 13:8-10**

Brothers and sisters:  
 Owe nothing to anyone, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not kill; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law.

**Gospel**

**Mt 18:15-20**

Jesus said to his disciples:  
 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell the church. If he refuses to listen even to the church, then treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.  
 Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."



It's that time of year ... to join Choir and **MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE UNTO THE LORD!** We will begin with a short practice on Wednesday, Sep 20 at 7pm.





## 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 help us keep our parish records up-to-date. If you move, have a change of phone number or any other change, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com).

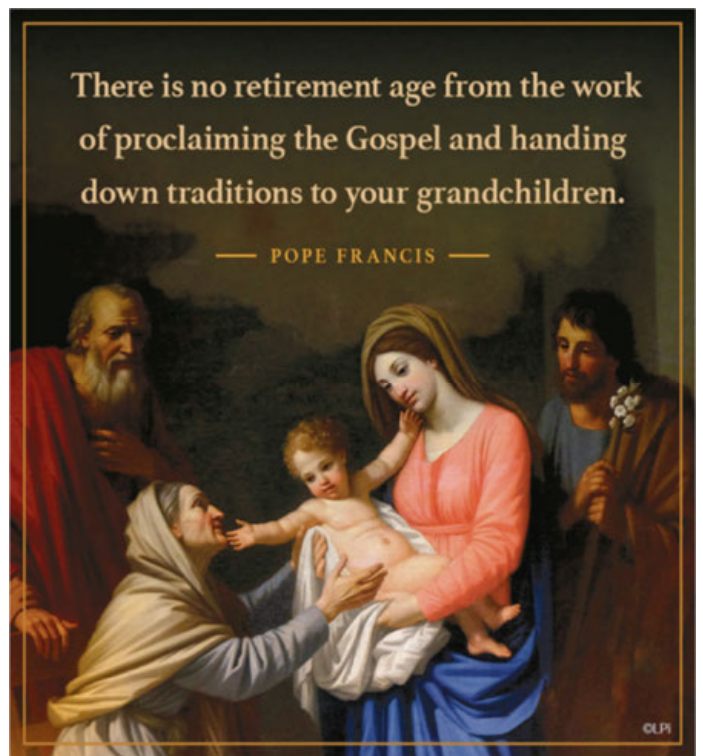
### REGISTRATION FOR 2023-24 FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

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](mailto:faithformation.sgp@gmail.com). Forms may also be found on the shelf in the classroom hallway or on the parish website [www.stgeraldparish.org](http://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](mailto: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.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

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



**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

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*

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**Begins September 12, 2023**  
**Tuesday Mornings from 10:30 am - 12 pm**  
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*All are welcome to this InterParish Scripture Study*

Contact: Emily Long at 248.476.7677, Ext. 201  
or email [faithformation.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.sgp@gmail.com)





**SVdP Top Hat Collection -**  
September 16/17

What is the significance of the Top Hat Collection? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul was founded by Blessed Frederick Ozanam and his fellow students in Paris, France in the mid 19th century. They financed their charitable works by passing around Frederick's top hat for donations at their meetings.

Our collection on the weekend of September 16/17 will emulate the spirit of those who founded this remarkable organization. We hope that you can support this effort that helps the needy in our community. Our funds are currently alarmingly low.

After each Mass that weekend there will be members of our St. Vincent de Paul conference at the doorways with top hat in hand. Any checks should be made out to St. Gerald SVdP.

Our hats are off to the generous parishioners of St. Gerald for your continued support of this ministry to our neighbors.



**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**

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**Education**

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**Music Ministry**

Mary Melonio: Director of Music ..... x 222  
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Norma Battel

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**Youth Ministry**

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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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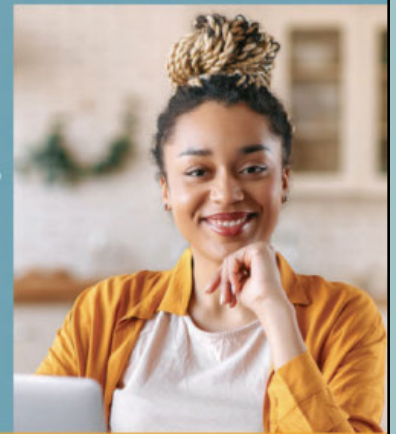
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