

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

| TWENTY-FOURTH 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 18– SEPTEMBER 22

Monday 9:15 AM

Autilia Cardozo

Requested by Blen Cardozo

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Deceased members of the Aon Family

Requested by Suad Kattan

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

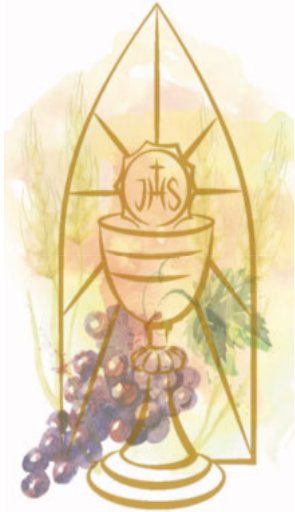
Nahil and Abraham Aon

Requested by Suad Kattan

Friday 9:15 AM

Ralph J. Schwalm

Requested by Theresa Schwalm



Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/ Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

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).

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sep 24, 2023

5:00 PM			SEP 23	Fr. Kris
For Frederick Strick Requested by Dennis and Sharon Weberlein	Lector	Diane Blankenship		
8:30 AM			SEP 24	Fr. Kris
For Walter Winiarski Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector	Mark Cieslak		
10:15 AM			SEP 24	Fr. Henry
For McPhail and Kryszak Families Requested by Tom and Arlene McPhail	Lector	Scott Horsburgh		
12:00 PM			SEP 24	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Paul Radzilowski		

Offertory Snapshot as of 9/03/2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 8,744.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 72,843.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 81,055.00

Blood Drive!!!!

Monaghan Knights of Columbus
19801 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI



Monday, Sept. 25, 2023 1:00PM-7:00PM

Blood levels are very low. Just one pint of blood saves the lives of three people.

Please consider coming to donate.

To schedule an appointment, simply call 866-MIBLOOD or visit www.versiti.org/MI.

Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Sir 27:30—28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance, for he remembers their sins in detail. Forgive your neighbor's injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven. Could anyone nourish anger against another and expect healing from the LORD? Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself, can he seek pardon for his own sins? If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath, who will forgive his sins? Remember your last days, set enmity aside; remember death and decay, and cease from sin! Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor; remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12

Reading 2

Rom 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters:

None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Gospel

Mt 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times. That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt. At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.' Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan. When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding, 'Pay back what you owe.' Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt. Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair. His master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to. Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?' Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt. So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart."



Let us welcome our newest members:

**ALAN AND FLORITA CAMERON
MARC MASTROPAOLO
FRANCESCO A LUSCRI
JENNA DANIELLE FISHER**

Welcome to St. Gerald





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.

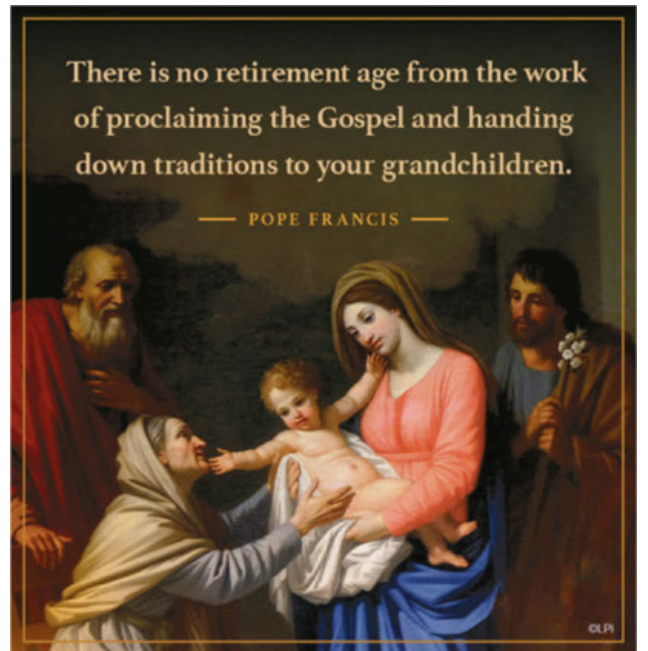
CATHOLIC HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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).



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AND 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.



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

Stewardship



**TIME AND TALENT WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 2023**

Here is your opportunity to become more active at St. Gerald Parish and meet more parishioners. Please stop by the social hall as you leave today and pick up a sheet called **Time and Talent** listing the many opportunities available.

See what appeals to you, fill out the sheet and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket.

We will have people available to answer your questions.

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Screening will begin on September 17, 2023 and will coincide with Fellowship Sunday (donut Sunday) **after the 8:30AM and 10:15AM Masses.** Look for us in the social hall. The dates are as follows:
**September 17, October 15, November 19, December 17, 2023
January 21, February 18, March 17, April 21, May 19, 2024.**



FLU SHOTS

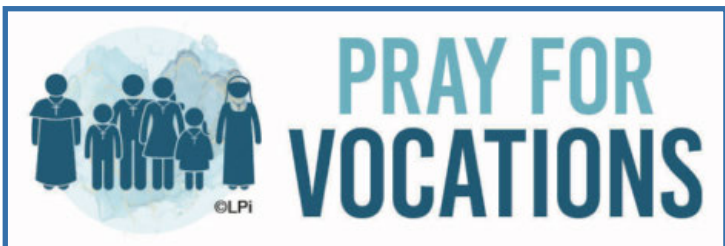
Flu shots will be administered on **Sunday, October 8, 2023, 9:30am to 12:00pm.** There is a sign-up sheet on the Health Ministry table in the social hall. You can register online or fill out an Assessment & Consent form. Information will be at the Health Ministry table and at the clinic. There is **NO COST** for this clinic/shot.

**Please Join us Thursday,
September 28th at The Burton Manor
27777 Schoolcraft Road
Livonia 48150**

for this historic fundraising gala to support the **grand opening of
The Heart of Christ Medical Clinic
in Detroit's Corktown.**

The clinic is the work of God's grace, the Knights of Columbus, the Order of Malta, Mothers and Unborn Baby Care, Christ Medicus Foundation, Ascension, Trinity Health, and Catholic Charities of SE MI.

The Heart of Christ Clinic will follow in the footsteps of Christ by serving, healing and empowering the most vulnerable members in the community, suffering from illness and material or spiritual poverty, and provide high quality care that heals and restores patients and families in body, mind, and soul.





ANIMAL BLESSING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT 9:15





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

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 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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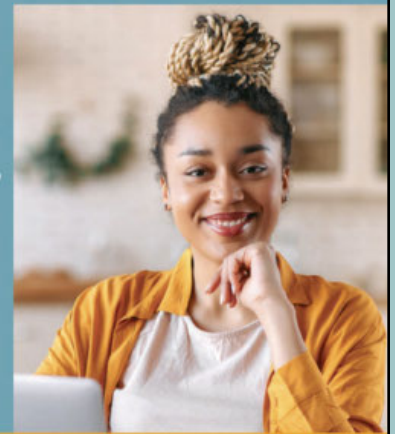
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