

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

| TWENTY-FIFTH 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.

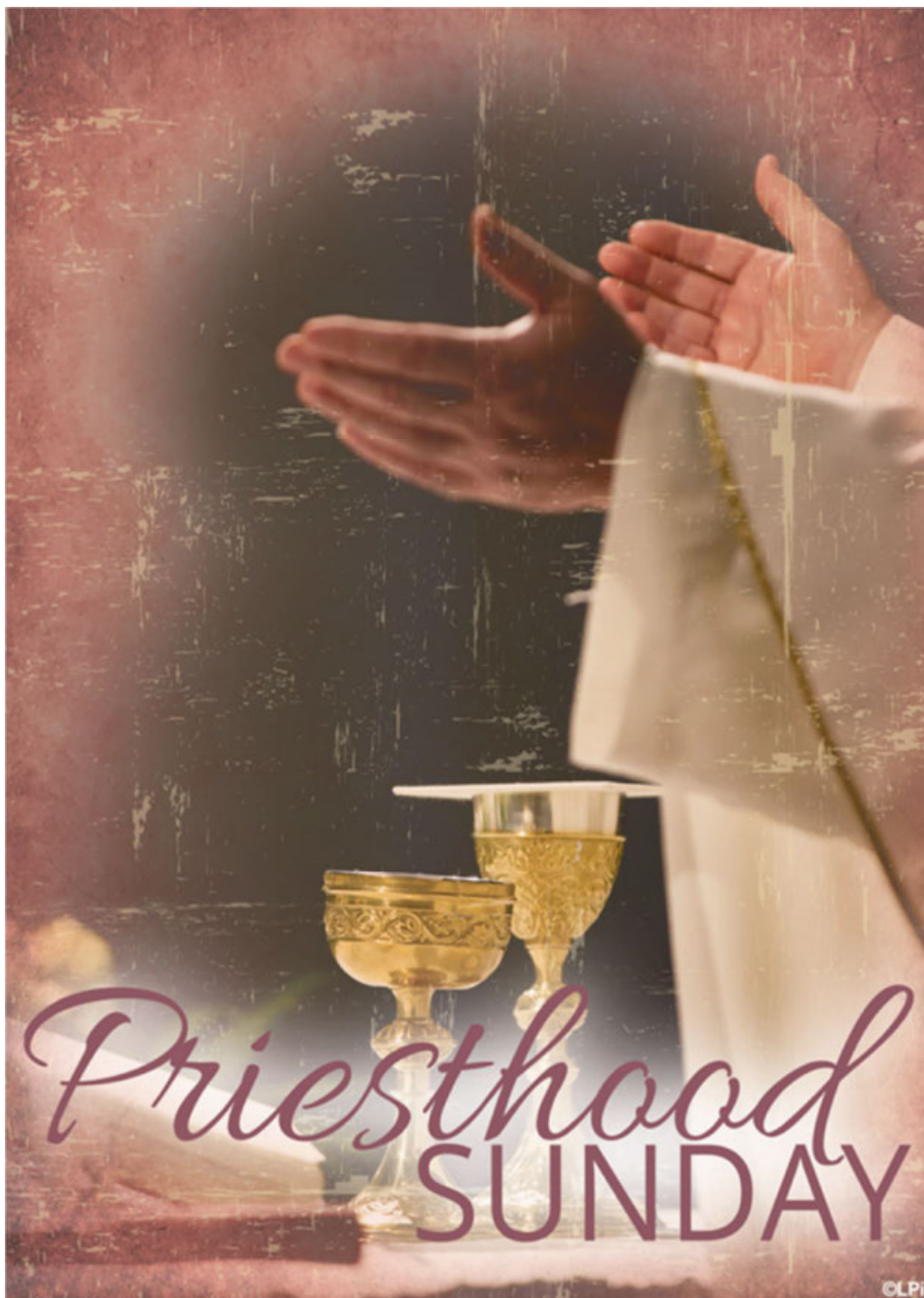
#### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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 24– SEPTEMBER 29



Monday 9:15 AM  
**Fr. Kris, the Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,  
 Robrecht and Goderman Families**  
 Requested by C. Kemp

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**In Thanksgiving for St. Cosma and  
 St. Damiano**  
 Requested by Rotondo Family

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Rotondo Family**  
 Requested by Lisa Morelli

Friday 9:15 AM  
**In Thanksgiving for St. Michael the  
 Archangel**  
 Requested by Rotondo Family

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,  
 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,  
 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn,  
 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and  
 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab,  
 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/  
 Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-3

## Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea

Winifred Maguire

Marie Bolivar

Josie Boore

Maria Rea

Leonard Lemanski

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).

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Oct 1, 2023

5:00 PM	SEP 30	Fr. Kris
For <b>WILDA McASKIN</b> Requested by Dennis and Sharon Weberlein	<b>Lector</b>	Isabelle Gerhart
8:30 AM	OCT 1	Fr. Kris
For <b>FLORENCE COLLIER</b> Requested by Family	<b>Lector</b>	Paulette Mullen
10:15 AM	OCT 1	Fr. Henry
For <b>WILLIAM SHEA</b> Requested by Liz Vallespir	<b>Lector</b>	Carol Kott
12:00 PM	OCT 1	Fr. Kris
For <b>ALL OUR PARISHIONERS</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Antoun

### 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  
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**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](http://www.versiti.org/MI).

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

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Reading 1

Is 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked his thoughts;  
let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
As high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so high are my ways above your ways  
and my thoughts above your thoughts.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

## Reading 2

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and sisters:  
Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by  
life or by death.  
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.  
If I go on living in the flesh,  
that means fruitful labor for me.  
And I do not know which I shall choose.  
I am caught between the two.  
I long to depart this life and be with Christ,  
for that is far better.  
Yet that I remain in the flesh  
is more necessary for your benefit.

Only, conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the

## Gospel

Mt 20:1-16a

Jesus told his disciples this parable:  
"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner  
who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his  
vineyard.  
After agreeing with them for the usual daily  
wage,  
he sent them into his vineyard.  
Going out about nine o'clock,  
the landowner saw others standing idle in the  
marketplace,  
and he said to them, 'You too go into my vine-  
yard,  
and I will give you what is just.'

So they went off.

And he went out again around noon,  
and around three o'clock, and did likewise.  
Going out about five o'clock,  
the landowner found others standing around,  
and said to them,  
'Why do you stand here idle all day?'  
They answered, 'Because no one has hired us.'  
He said to them, 'You too go into my vineyard.'  
When it was evening the owner of the vineyard  
said to his foreman,  
'Summon the laborers and give them their pay,  
beginning with the last and ending with the  
first.'  
When those who had started about five o'clock  
came,  
each received the usual daily wage.  
So when the first came, they thought that they  
would receive more,  
but each of them also got the usual wage.  
And on receiving it they grumbled against the  
landowner, saying,  
'These last ones worked only one hour,  
and you have made them equal to us,  
who bore the day's burden and the heat.'  
He said to one of them in reply,  
'My friend, I am not cheating you.  
Did you not agree with me for the usual daily  
wage?  
Take what is yours and go.  
What if I wish to give this last one the same as  
you?  
Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own  
money?  
Are you envious because I am generous?'  
Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be  
last."





## 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



### 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](http://www.stgeraldparish.org) or “like” our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.

## 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).

**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.





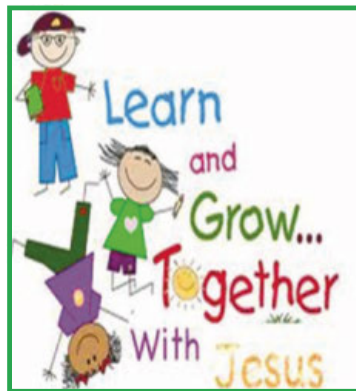
**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY  
THANK YOU**

**FR. KRIS NOWAK**  
**FR. SALVINO BRIFFA**  
**FR. HENRY ROODBEEN**



**Childhood Faith Formation**

Classes began September 18. Special thanks to our volunteer catechists: **Rosa Russenberger, Sarah Austin, Caroline Kalvaitis, Carolyn Arlen, Tim Alexander, and Mary Alice Power.** Thank you for answering the call to serve in this ministry! Thank you also to **Laurel Hoetger and Stephanie Bonacchi** for volunteering your time to help prepare the Classrooms.



**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

For children K-4th grade during the 10:15 Mass, runs weekly September-May. Thank you to our volunteer facilitators, **Nancy Gilbert and Alison Mineau!**





# 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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**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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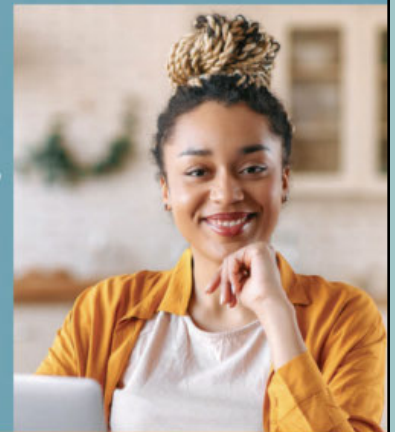
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