

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

OCTOBER 1, 2023

| TWENTY-SIXTH 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.

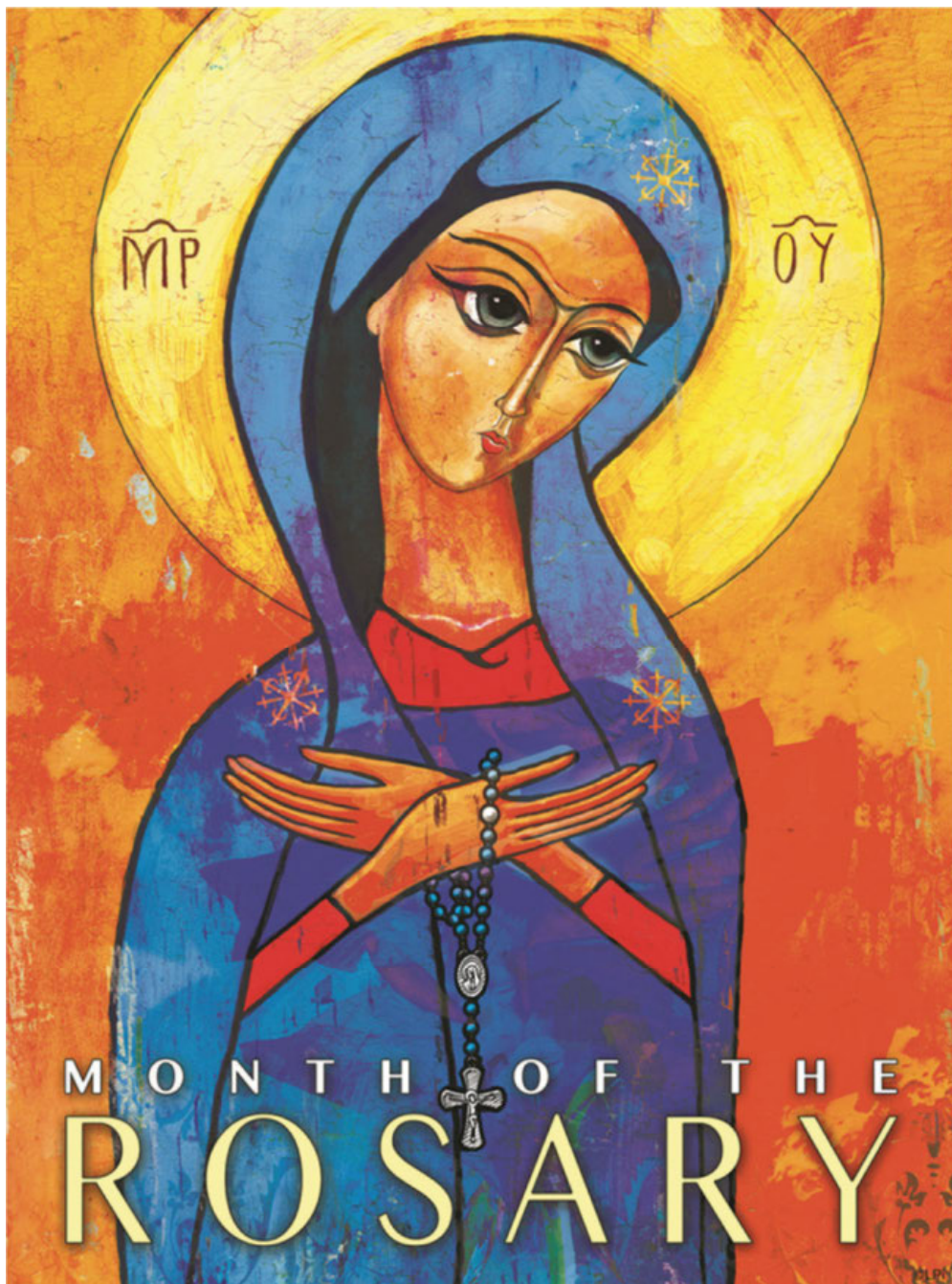
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



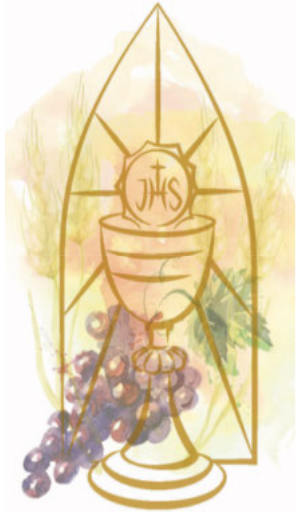
MISSION STATEMENT

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



OCTOBER 2—OCTOBER 7

Monday 9:15 AM

William Shea

Requested by Liz Vallespir

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Frank Adams

Requested by Geri Adams

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Joe Vella

Requested by the Camilleri Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Gina Bonacchi Hспен

Requested by Family

Saturday 9:15 AM

Helen and Herman Lojoski

Requested by Ken and Joan Galica

Readings for the Week

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

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.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Oct 8,, 2023

5:00 PM		OCT 7	Fr. Kris
For William Strick Requested by Dennis and Sharon Weberlein	Lector	Sharon McCarthy	
8:30 AM		OCT 8	Fr. Kris
For Eglandina Valente Requested by Cosimo Valente	Lector	Rosa Russenberger	
10:15 AM		OCT 8	Fr. Henry
For Joseph Wolffe Requested by Sharon and Dennis Smith	Lector	Angela McLoughlin	
12:00 PM		OCT 8	Fr. Kris
For Agazzi Family Requested by the Agazzi Family	Lector	Teddi Williams	

Offertory Snapshot as of 9/17/2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 11,321.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 92,191.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 97,266.00



THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRUCK WILL BE HERE FOR YOUR DONATIONS ON THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 21ST AND 22ND.

LARGE DONATION BAGS CAN BE FOUND AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Ez 18:25-28

Thus says the LORD:
 You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!"
 Hear now, house of Israel:
 Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your
 ways unfair?
 When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to
 commit iniquity, and dies,
 it is because of the iniquity he committed that he
 must die.
 But if he turns from the wickedness he has com-
 mitted,
 and does what is right and just,
 he shall preserve his life;
 since he has turned away from all the sins that he
 has committed,
 he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2

Phil 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters:
 If there is any encouragement in Christ,
 any solace in love,
 any participation in the Spirit,
 any compassion and mercy,
 complete my joy by being of the same mind, with
 the same love,
 united in heart, thinking one thing.
 Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory;
 rather, humbly regard others as more important
 than yourselves,
 each looking out not for his own interests,
 but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude
 that is also in Christ Jesus,
 Who, though he was in the form of God,
 did not regard equality with God
 something to be grasped.
 Rather, he emptied himself,
 taking the form of a slave,
 coming in human likeness;
 and found human in appearance,
 he humbled himself,
 becoming obedient to the point of death,
 even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
 and bestowed on him the name
 which is above every name,
 that at the name of Jesus
 every knee should bend,
 of those in heaven and on earth and under the
 earth,
 and every tongue confess that
 Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Mt 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the
 people: "What is your opinion?
 A man had two sons. He came to the first and
 said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard
 today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,'
 but afterwards changed his mind and went.
 The man came to the other son and gave the
 same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did
 not go. Which of the two did his father's will?"
 They answered, "The first." Jesus said to
 them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and
 prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God
 before you. When John came to you in the
 way of righteousness, you did not believe him;
 but tax collectors and prostitutes did.
 Yet even when you saw that, you did not later
 change your minds and believe him."

We Pray for the
 Repose of the Soul of

Kimberly A. Weigold

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August 27, 1962
 September 14, 2023

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





We reached our 2023 CSA goal of \$57,193.00 with all your help. On behalf of Fr. Kris and the CSA Committee we want to say CONGRATULATIONS and Thank You to all of you. At this point, we are approximately \$6,000.00 over our goal and those funds will come back to St. Gerald **100%**.

Anyone who has not given, it is not too late. All donations must be paid by May 10, 2024. You may give your donation on-line or by check, below are a few general instructions.

Instructions for On-line Giving:

You can donate at any time by going to GiveCSA.org

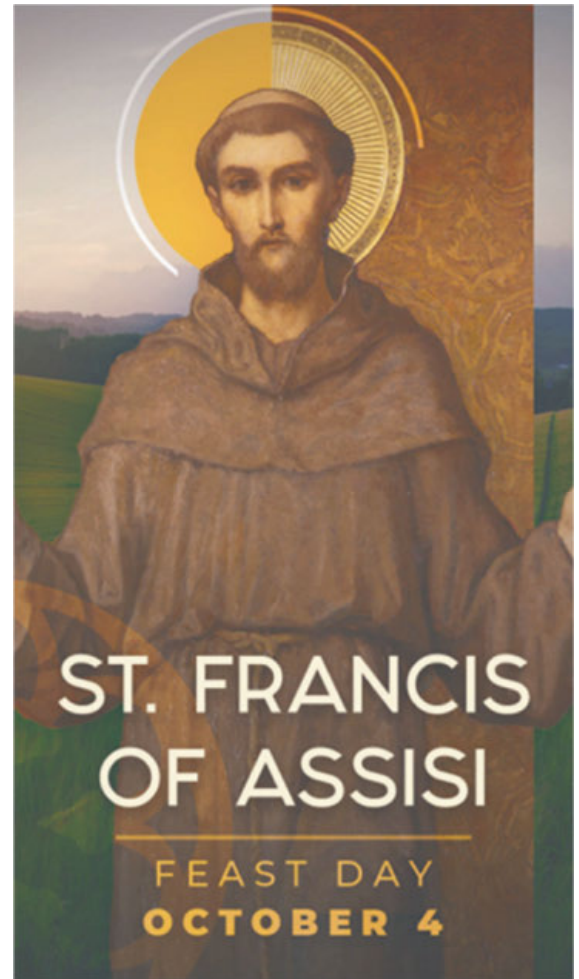
Click on - Manage your CSA 2023 Gift
Sign in or click on "Pledge to Give"

Choose your organization from the drop-down arrow – St. Gerald - Farmington

Fill out the amount you wish to give and if one time or recurring

If donation is made by check, please make sure your check is payable to **Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA**. You can drop your check in the collection basket marked CSA or the Parish Office. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Again, we thank you and appreciate your support and love you have for St. Gerald.



You're Invited to AWPC's 2023 Fall Banquet

Hope & Triumph

Limited seating available!
More information at awpcfriends.org/events



Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ron Archer
Speaker & Life Coach



Guest Speaker: Aisha Taylor
Former AWPC Client



In 1917, Mary appeared to three children in a country called Portugal, in the city of Fatima. Holiness is for everybody — not just grownups!

CLPI



Fall in!

Calling all volunteers... It's time for our Annual Fall Clean Up. Team Work Day will be on **Saturday, November 4th.**

Mark your calendar to lend a hand anytime during the week of October 30th. Teens in need of Community Service hours for school or Confirmation, and anyone willing to help tidy our church grounds. If you can spare time to help before ole man winter arrives, we appreciate your help. A dumpster will be arranged for expected refuse from the parish grounds.

Lawn bags will be available inside & outside of the Church Office doors.

You can bring your own rake, or arrange to use one from St. Gerald's supply.

Call Gerryanna at 248-476-7677 x208 or ask Secretary Mary.

Areas of need:

Garden beds need to be cleared of spent flowering plants and annual plantings.

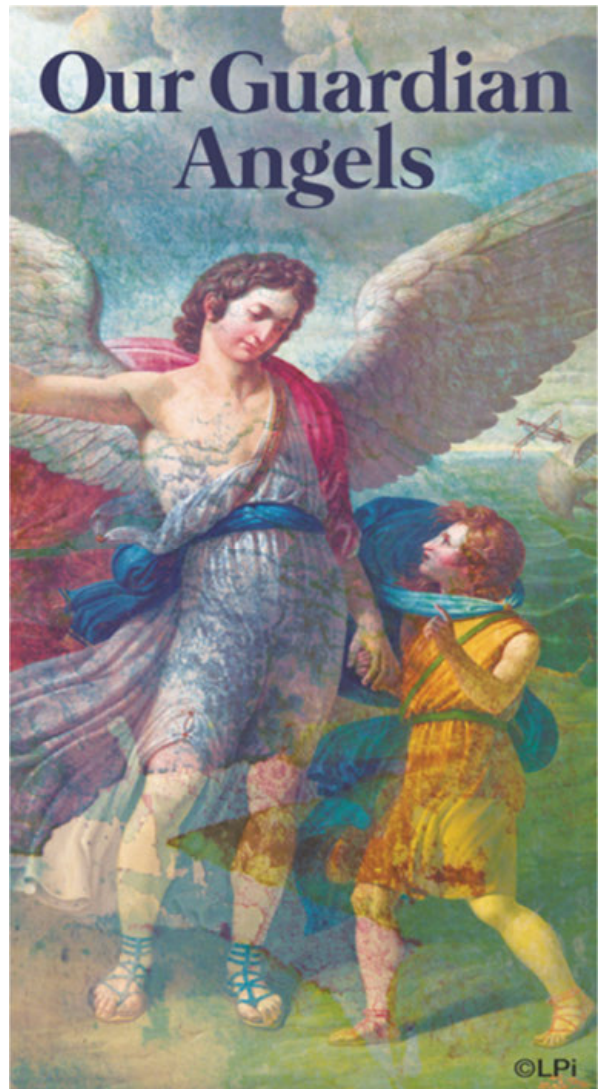
Trash pick up along perimeter fence line

Raking leaves from under bushes

General pick up of branch and twigs

Thank you for keeping St. Gerald a beautiful place to visit and worship.

The St. Gerald Gardening Team



We Pray for the
Repose of the Soul of

Michael John Morgan

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November 29, 1955
September 16, 2023

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

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.





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**We look forward to seeing you there! We'll be
catching you up on other recent Knights
activities in the next edition of Knight's Corner.
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become a Knight? Please call Rich Smith, our
Membership Director, at (313) 421-0204.**

**ANIMAL BLESSING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
IMMEDIATELY AFTER OUR
FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT
9:15 AM**



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

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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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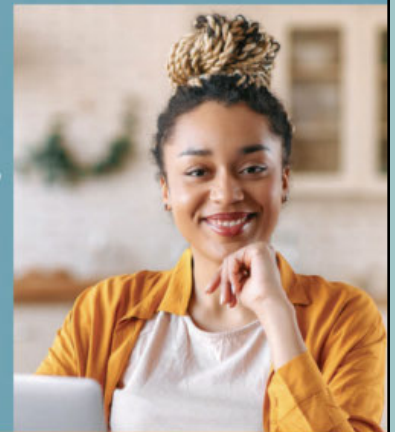
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