

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

OCTOBER 8, 2023

| TWENTY-SEVENTH 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.

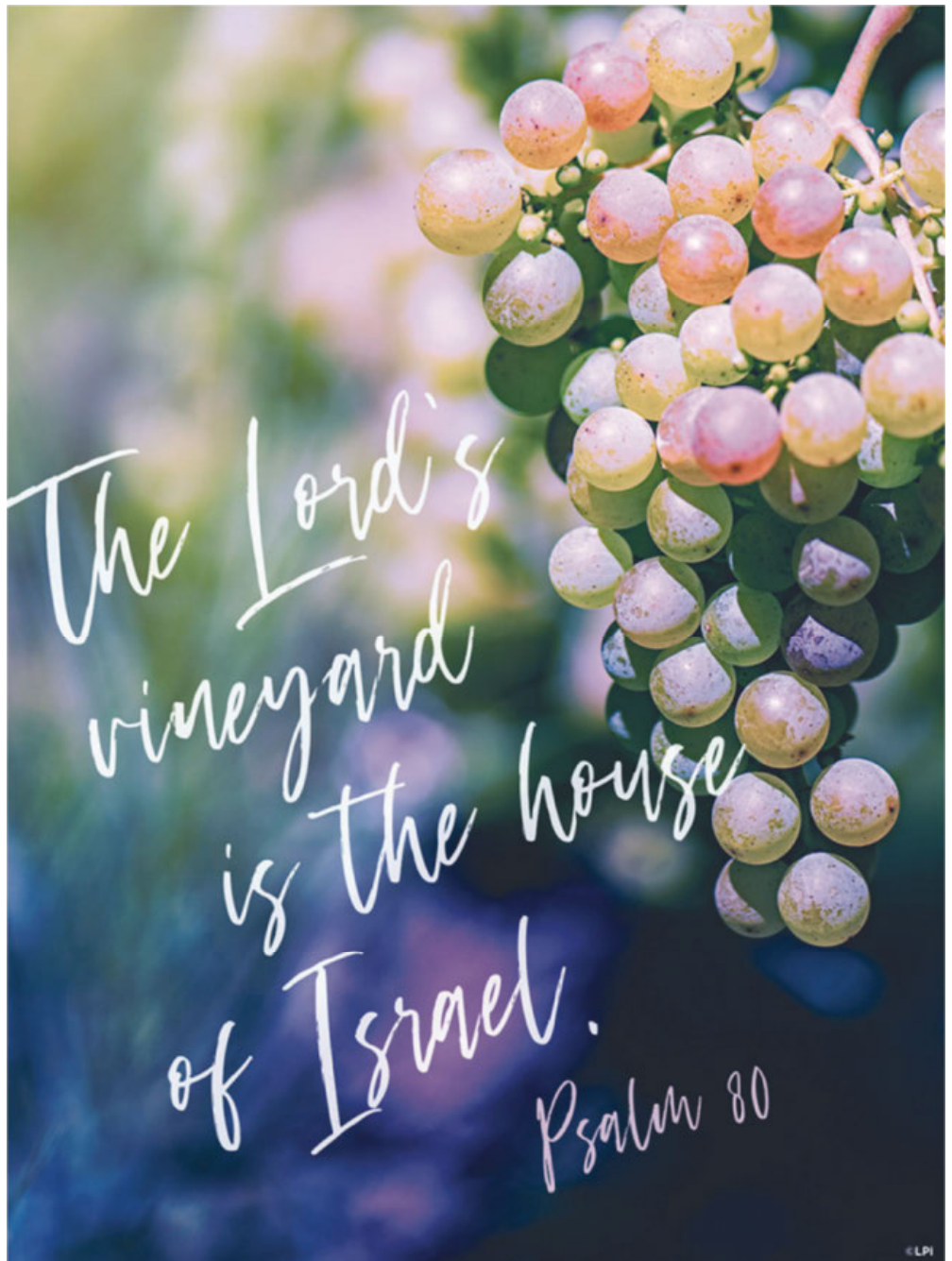
## RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



## MISSION STATEMENT

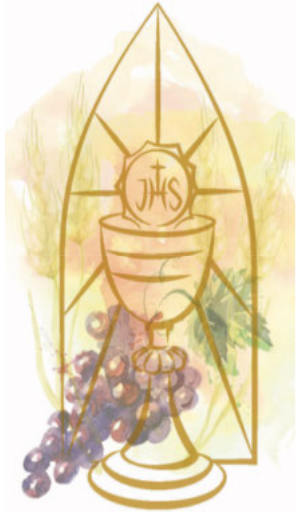
St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



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## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



**OCTOBER 9—OCTOBER 13**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Gina Bonacchi**

Requested by Camilleri Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Bill Croitori**

Requested by  
Brenda Hayes

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Fr. Kris and the Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,  
Robrecht & Goderman Families**

Requested by the C. Kemp

Friday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Joseph F. Ryder**

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/ Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/ Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

## 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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Oct 15, 2023

|  |               |                   |          |
|--|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| 5:00 PM  |               | OCT 14            | Fr. Sal  |
| For<br><b>Ann Valasek</b><br>Requested by<br>Dennis and Sharon Weberlein | <b>Lector</b> | Isabelle Gerhart  |          |
| 8:30 AM  |               | OCT 15            | Fr. Sal  |
| For<br><b>Florence Lesiak</b><br>Requested by<br>Mullen Family           | <b>Lector</b> | Candy Rosowski    |          |
| 10:15 AM   |               | OCT 15            | Fr. Kris |
| For<br><b>Enrico Soave</b><br>Requested by<br>Russenberger Family        | <b>Lector</b> | Rosa Russenberger |          |
| 12:00 PM   |               | OCT 15            | Fr. Kris |
| For<br><b>ALL OUR<br/>PARISHIONERS</b>                                   | <b>Lector</b> | Jeff Antoun       |          |

### 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 |



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YOUR DONATIONS  
ON THE WEEKEND  
OF OCTOBER 21ST  
AND 22ND.

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FOUND AT THE  
ENTRANCE OF THE  
CHURCH.

# TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Reading 1

Is 5:1-7

Let me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes.

Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry!

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14,  
15-16, 19-20

## Reading 2

Phil 4:6-9

Brothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

## Gospel

Mt 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes? Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."





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

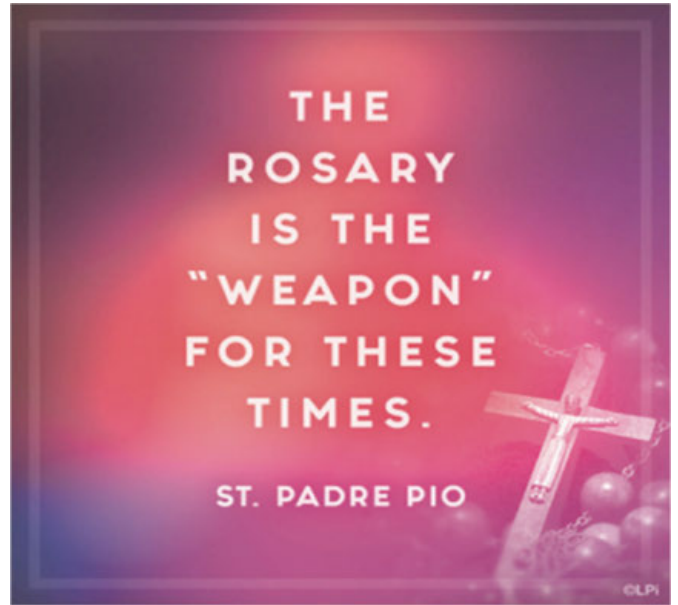
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Choose your organization from the drop-down arrow - St. Gerald - Farmington

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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.



My Church is composed of people like me.  
I help make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am.  
Its' pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
if I am a generous giver.  
It will bring other people into its worship,  
if I invite and bring them.  
It will be a church of loyalty and love,  
of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a  
noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled  
with these same things.  
Therefore, with the help of God, I shall  
dedicate myself to the task of being all of the  
things that I want my church to be. Amen.

You're Invited to AWPC's 2023 Fall Banquet  
**Hope & Triumph**  
Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 6 PM  
Limited seating available!  
More information at [awpcfriends.org/events](http://awpcfriends.org/events)

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Ron Archer  
Speaker & Life Coach

Guest Speaker: Aisha Taylor  
Former AWPC Client

Food Pantry Needs

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A Morning Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father,  
So far today, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped or lost my temper. I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, or self-centered. I'm really happy about that so far. But in a few minutes I'm going to be getting out of bed and then I'm going to need a lot of help. Thank you!  
Amen.



## Fall in!

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

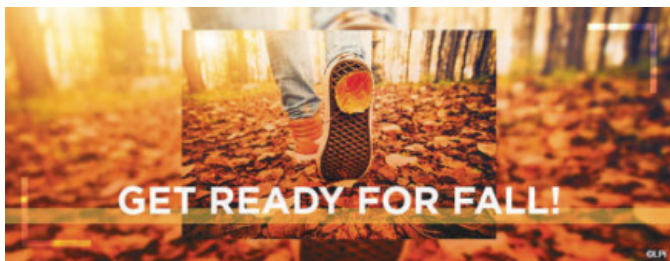
Mark your calendar to lend a hand anytime during the week of October 30th. Teens in need of Community Service hours for school or Confirmation, and anyone willing to help tidy our church grounds. If you can spare time to help before ole man winter arrives, we appreciate your help. A dumpster will be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



## Attention parents, grandparents, and godparents. Did you know?!

St. Gerald has children's faith formation and sacramental prep programs Monday evenings. If your children/grandchildren/godchildren attend public schools, they will need to attend a program at a Catholic church to make their sacraments on schedule. Contact Emily Long for questions or to register: [faithformation.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.sgp@gmail.com), 248.476.7677 x201

**“Train children in the right way, and when old, they will not stray.” - Proverbs 22:6**

## The Broom .....



There was a little boy who was scared of the dark. One evening his mother asked him to go out onto the back porch and bring her the broom. The little boy said, "Mama, please don't make me go out there. It's dark and you know I'm scared of the dark." His mother smiled at him and said reassuringly, "There's no need to be afraid of the dark. Jesus is out there, and he'll look after you and protect you." The little boy seemed unsure and said, "Are you sure Jesus is out there?" The mother said, "Yes, I'm sure. Jesus is everywhere and is always there and ready to help when you're in need." The boy thought for a moment, then went to the back door and opened it a tiny amount. He looked out into the darkness and called out, "Jesus — if you're out there, please pass me the broom."

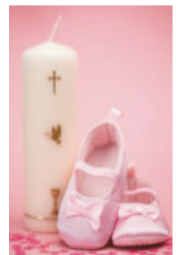
## WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

### EVELYN IRENE DREYER

Daughter of Patrick and Elizabeth Dreyer  
BAPTIZED SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

### HELAENA LOUISE SPRYS

Daughter of Dan and Monica Sprys  
BAPTIZED SEPTEMBER 24, 2023





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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



**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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- St. Vincent de Paul ..... x 220

**Education**

- Emily Long: Coordinator of Faith Formation ..... x 201  
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**Music Ministry**

- Mary Melonio: Director of Music ..... x 222  
Email: dulcemusika@aol.com

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**Norma Battel**

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- Gerryanna Luscri ..... x 208  
Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

**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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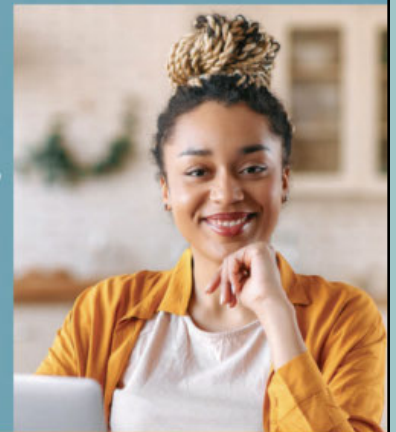
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