

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

OCTOBER 15, 2023

| TWENTY-EIGHTH 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.

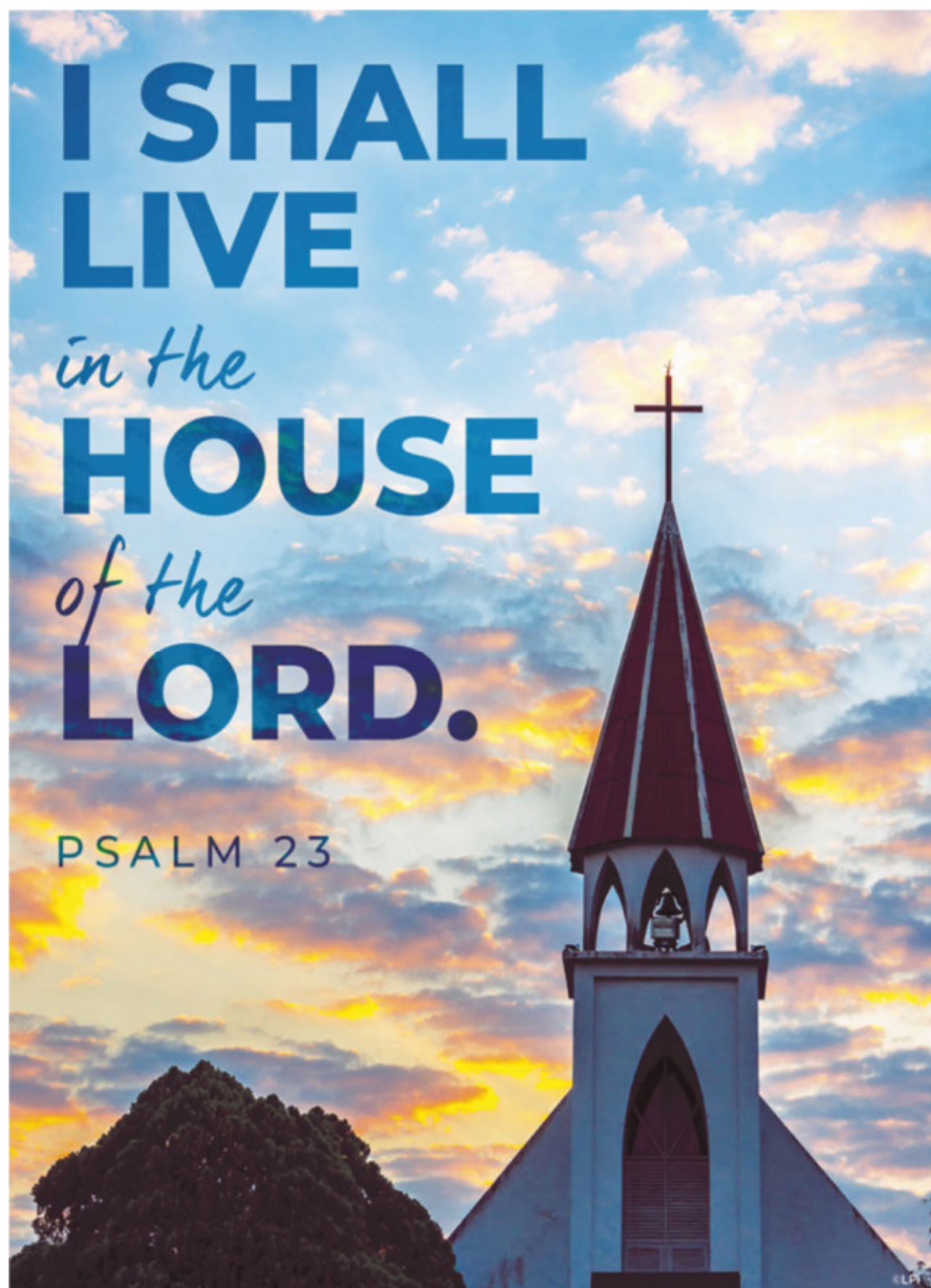
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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.

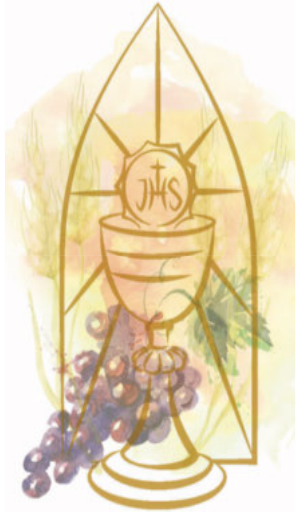


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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 16—OCTOBER 20



Monday 9:15 AM
Lois Greening
Requested by Diane Petter

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Fr. James P. O'Hagan

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Gina Bonacchi Hesper
Requested by family

Friday 9:15 AM
Joseph Wolffe
Requested by
Grace Tocco-Smith

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea

Marie Bolivar

Maria Rea

Winifred Maguire

Josie Boore

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-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Oct 15, 2023

5:00 PM	OCT 21	Fr. Kris
For James McAskin Requested by Bob and Diane Blankenship	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	OCT 22	Fr. Kris
For Wesley Papacharalambous Requested by Family Mullen Family	Lector	Hannah Smith
10:15 AM	OCT 22	Fr. Henry
For ALL OUR PARISHIONERS	Lector	Carol Kott
12:00 PM	OCT 22	Fr. Kris
For Maria Amodeo Requested by Christine Olesky	Lector	Paul Radzilowski

Offertory Snapshot as of 10/1/2023

Actual Offertory	\$ 8,258
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 105,555
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 113,477



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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Is 25:6-10a

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from every face; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the LORD has spoken. On that day it will be said: "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the LORD for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!" For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6**

Reading 2

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and sisters:
I know how to live in humble circumstances;
I know also how to live with abundance.
In every circumstance and in all things
I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
Still, it was kind of you to share in my distress.

My God will fully supply whatever you need,
in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.
To our God and Father, glory forever and ever.
Amen.



Gospel

Mt 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."



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.



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Jan. 19-21 St. Brigid-Midland
Mar. 1-3 Center for Ministry-Saginaw
April 12-14 St. Francis Retreat Center-DeWitt

For Spanish Experiences:
Nov. 3-5 at Pine Island Camp-Comstock
Contact Augustin y Maria Cruz 231-345-5142 or
amcruzam@gmail.com
Nov. 10-12 Most Holy Trinity School-Detroit
Contact Victor y Lupita Corona 313-850-9084 or
victor.lupita.corona@wme.org

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.

Animal Blessing





Fall in!

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

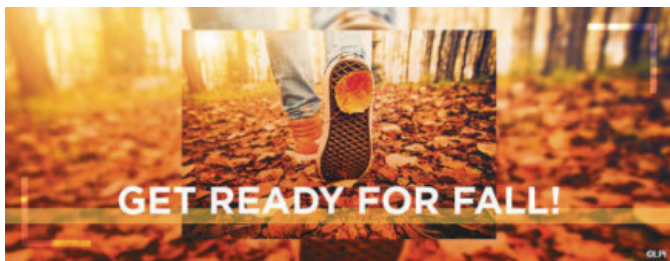
Mark your calendar to lend a hand anytime during the week of October 30th. Teens in need of Community Service hours for school or Confirmation, and anyone willing to help tidy our church grounds. If you can spare time to help before ole man winter arrives, we appreciate your help. A dumpster will be 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 our 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, 248.476.7677 x201

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

Words from Beyond

There once was an Illinois man who left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day.

When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick e-mail. Unfortunately, he missed one letter when entering her address. So his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife, whose husband had passed away only the day before.

When the grieving widow checked her e-mail, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fainted to the floor. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

“Dearest Wife. Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

Signed,

Your eternally loving husband.
P.S. Sure is hot down here.”



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.



ST. GERALD PARISH TRUNK OR TREAT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

Our event will begin after the Noon Mass with our Knights of Columbus hosting a hot dog lunch at 1:00 pm in the social hall. Children will have time to change into costumes, then TRUNK TREATING will begin at 1:45p, in the south parking lot. In case of inclement weather, we will modify to indoor treating.

It will be a fun day for everyone, adults and kids. Please consider being part of it.



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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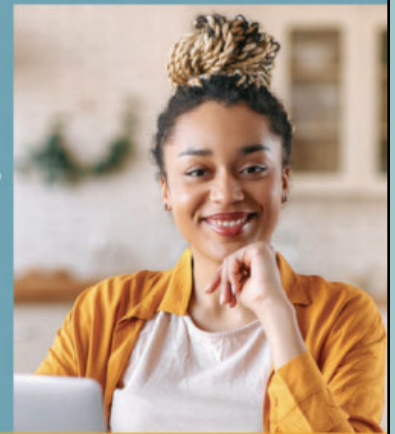
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