

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

OCTOBER 22, 2023

| TWENTY-NINTH 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 23—OCTOBER 27



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

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Frank Adams
 Requested by Geri Adams

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Victoria Coville
 Requested by family

Friday 9:15 AM
**Joann Pavco and Bernice Louis and
 Dennis Kaye**
 Requested by Joe Pavco

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Oct 22, 2023

5:00 PM	OCT 28	Fr. Kris
For Margaret Weberlein Requested by Dennis and Sharon Weberlein	Lector	Isabelle Gerhart
8:30 AM	OCT 29	Fr. Kris
For Ken Hartsig Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector	Paulette Mullen
10:15 AM	OCT 29	Fr. Henry
For Gina Hспен Requested by Bonacchi Family	Lector	Angela McLoughlin
12:00 PM	OCT 29	Fr. Kris
For ALL OUR PARISHIONERS	Lector	Sharon McCarthy

Offertory Snapshot as of 10/8/23

Actual Offertory	\$ 6,418
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 111,973
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 121,582



TWENTY-NINETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Is 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus,
whose right hand I grasp,
subduing nations before him,
and making kings run in his service,
opening doors before him
and leaving the gates unbarred:
For the sake of Jacob, my servant,
of Israel, my chosen one,
I have called you by your name,
giving you a title, though you knew me not.
I am the LORD and there is no other,
there is no God besides me.
It is I who arm you, though you know me not,
so that toward the rising and the setting of the
sun people may know that there is none besides
me. I am the LORD, there is no other.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

Reading 2

1 Thes 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy to the church of the
Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.
We give thanks to God always for all of you,
remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly
calling to mind your work of faith and labor of
love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus
Christ, before our God and Father, knowing,
brothers and sisters loved by God, how you were
chosen. For our gospel did not come to you in
word alone, but also in power and in the Holy
Spirit and with much conviction.



Gospel

Mt 22:15-21

The Pharisees went off and plotted how they
might entrap Jesus in speech. They sent their
disciples to him, with the Herodians, saying,
"Teacher, we know that you are a truthful man
and that you teach the way of God in accord-
ance with the truth. And you are not concerned
with anyone's opinion, for you do not regard a
person's status. Tell us, then, what is your
opinion: Is it lawful to pay the census tax to
Caesar or not?"
Knowing their malice, Jesus said,
"Why are you testing me, you hypocrites?
Show me the coin that pays the census tax."
Then they handed him the Roman coin.
He said to them, "Whose image is this and
whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's."
At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar
what belongs to Caesar and to God what
belongs to God."



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other
special events at St. Gerald, please visit our
website at www.stgeraldparish.org.

**ST. GERALD'S WOMEN'S ADVENT TEA
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023, 6:00 - 9:00 PM
PARISH SOCIAL HALL
\$20 PER PERSON**

St. Gerald would like to welcome all women to our Annual Tea with Advent Wreath Lighting.

It has been a St. Gerald tradition to come together in the season of Advent to break bread with a group of friends.

You may host an entire table or come as a single person, and we will provide a place for you.

Table Hostesses provide dessert and festive place settings for their table. St. Gerald's provides a dinner of Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetarian Penne Pasta, Vegetable, House Salad, Homemade Rocky's Rolls, butter, coffee, tea, etc. catered by Rocky's of Northville

For more information, call the parish office 248-477-7470. (21300 Farmington Rd. 48336)

If you are hosting a table, additional information will be sent to you.

Seating is limited and fills up quickly; reserve your spot early so you are not disappointed!

--- Include this bottom portion with your payment-----Please, print clearly

St. Gerald Advent Tea. Return this form to the Parish Office with a CHECK BY Nov. 24, 2023.

- \$20.00 for one - Name _____ Phone Number: _____

- \$160.00 (for an 8-person table), - \$180.00 (for a 9-person table),

- \$200.00 (for a 10-person table).

Hostess Name _____ Phone Number: _____

Address including city and zip code:

EMAIL: _____

Names of guests: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

5. _____ 6. _____

7. _____ 8. _____

9. _____ 10. _____

RETURN THIS PORTION TO THE PARISH OFFICE. MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.



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.

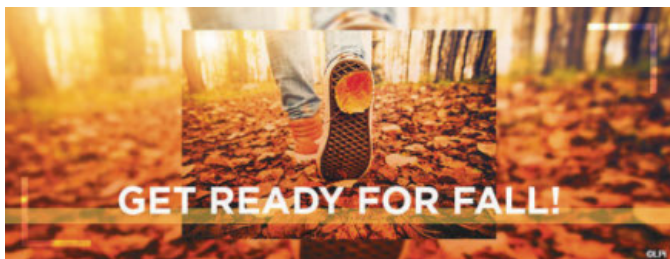
Trash pick up along perimeter fence line

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



Priests' Retirement Fund

In the bulletin this weekend is an envelope for the Priests' Retirement Fund. This collection will help our parish pay its per priest assessment for the Retirement Fund. Please fill out the envelope and return it next weekend in the collection basket located in the back of the church or drop it in the Parish Office. Those who wish to give to the Priests' Retirement Fund through online giving can do so now through November 5th. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office. Your contribution is very much appreciated!

THANK YOU!

The Tax of Caesar

Too often, I confuse this world with the next. Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte aren't solutions. Heaven forbid! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. This world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. For when I have time, I tell myself. For when I am ready.

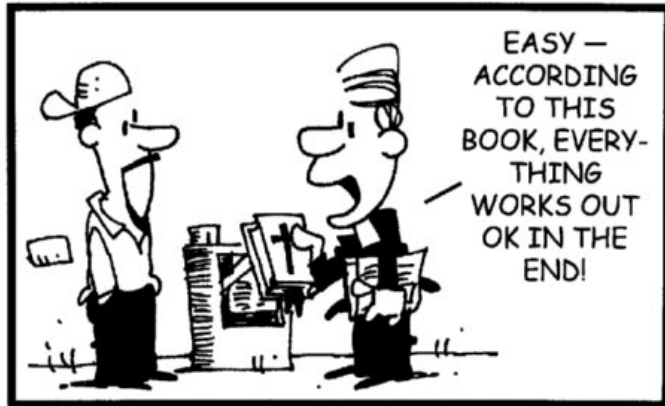
But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children.

"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4

Taken from the ...**PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SVdP Top Hat Collection

Due to the generosity of the St. Gerald parishioners, we collected **\$4,018** at our Top Hat Collection on the weekend of September 16/17. All our St. Vincent de Paul members tip our hats to all those who supported this effort. Your generosity will help us aid our neighbors in need.

We also want to thank those of you who support our conference year-round. Without your continued support, we could not do the works we do.



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
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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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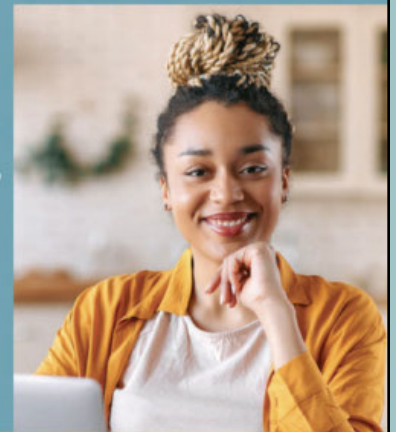
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