

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

OCTOBER 29, 2023

| THIRTIETH 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.

Confirmation

Class of 2023

*Paige Alexander ~ St. Brigid
Connor Ast ~ Blessed Solanus
Kyle Austin ~ St. Andrew
Natalie Bugeja ~ St. Florence
Kelly Duggan ~ St. Rose
Caroline Fenner ~ St. Michael
Troy Gillis ~ St. Francis
Caitlin Gregory ~ St. Adjutor
Lucas Henley ~ St. Christopher
Franklin Imel ~ St. Anthony
Viktoría MacDougall ~ St. Gemma
Megan Millar ~ St. Katharine
Opal Murray ~ St. Joan
Seth Rutter ~ St. Andrew
Nolan Sattler ~ St. Thomas More
Jack Truant ~ St. Luke*

This weekend at the noon Mass 16 young people will be received as full members of the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey. Please continue to keep them, their sponsors and their families in your prayers.

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

OCTOBER 30—NOVEMBER 4

Monday 9:15 AM
Fr. Thomas Puzio

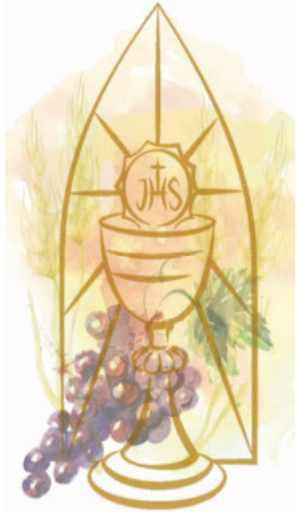
Tuesday 9:15 AM
Howard Petter
Requested by Diane Petter

Wednesday ALL SAINTS
9:15 AM—**All parishioners who have died this past year.**
7:00 PM **Fr. Thomas Puzio**

Thursday 7:00 PM
All Souls Day

Friday 9:15 AM
Gina Bonacchi Hesperes
Requested by Family

Saturday 9:15 AM
Walter Lazar
Requested by Ken & Joan Galica



Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
 Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21
 Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/ Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
 Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
 Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11
 Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1

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.

THIRTI-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Oct 29, 2023

5:00 PM NOV 4 Fr. Kris		
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM NOV 5 Fr. Briffa		
For Egladina Valente Requested by Cosimo Valente	Lector	Marc Cieslak
10:15 AM NOV 5 Fr. Kris		
For Maria Amodeo Requested by Christine Olesky	Lector	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM NOV 5 Fr, Kris		
For Helen Boyea Requested by Jerry and Pauline Panyard	Lector	Jeff Antoun

Offertory Snapshot as of 10/15/23

Actual Offertory	\$ 6,005
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 117,978
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 129,688



THE MASS SCHEDULE FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY
 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST
 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)
 9:15 AM and 7:00 PM

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Ex 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD:

"You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt.

You shall not wrong any widow or orphan.

If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry.

My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans.

"If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body.

What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

Responsorial Psalm Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

Reading 2

1 Thes 1:5c-10

Brothers and sisters:

You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

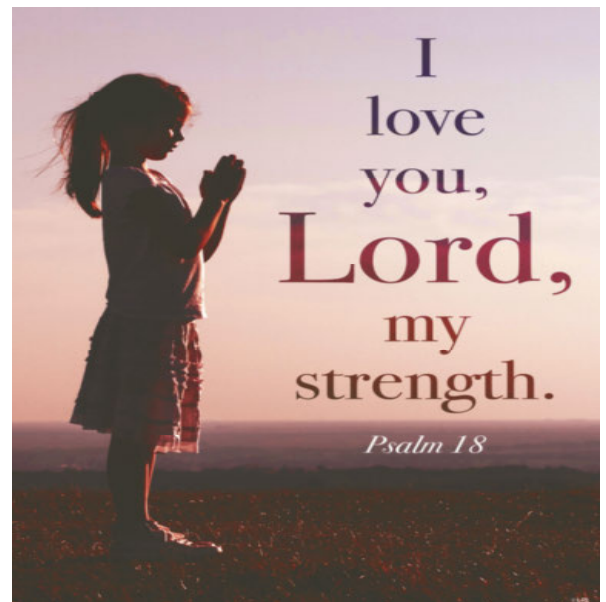
For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

Gospel

Mt 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?"

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."



**DON'T FORGET!!!!
NEXT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 5TH
EXTRA HOUR!**



St. Gerald's Women's Advent Tea

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

6:00 – 9:00 PM

IN THE PARISH SOCIAL HALL

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.

Catered By



Enjoy a dinner of Chicken Marsala, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetarian Penne Pasta, Vegetable, House Salad, and Homemade Rocky's Rolls.

Dessert will be provided by our table Hostesses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
about hosting a table or attending
the tea, please refer to the Voice.



**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.

Everyday Stewardship

I read an interesting article about how tolerance has become a substitute for love. As Christians we often talk about tolerance toward others when truly the call of Jesus Christ is to love others, not simply tolerate them. The truth is tolerance is a lot easier than love.

In tolerance, we are asked to give nothing away. It costs us nothing to simply allow people to be who they are, where they are, and stay in the state in which they find themselves. Love requires us to step outside of our comfort zone and to offer a part of ourselves to others. This makes us vulnerable and open to possible pain and discomfort. Those whom we seek to love could take advantage of us. It is easy to see why tolerance seems a bit more popular these days.

Jesus could have tolerated the religious hypocrites of his day. He could have tolerated the Romans who oppressed the Jews. He could have simply tolerated the tax collectors, prostitutes, and outcasts of his day. Instead, he loved them. He made himself vulnerable and open to pain. When we look at the cross we see what can be the true price for love. It is easy to see why a policy of tolerance looks more desirable to many.



-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Welcome Back

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church? Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.



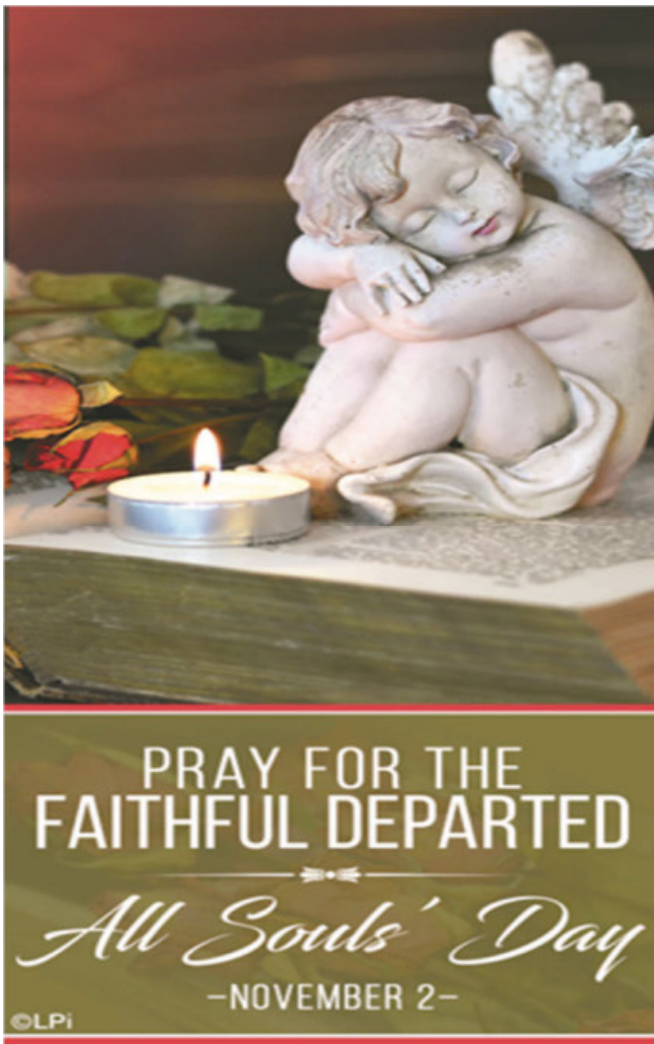
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



LET US REMEMBER OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Rita Adams
Sally Battishill
Bruce Berend
Elizabeth Carlesimo
John Carlesimo
Florence Collier
Vasile Bill Croitori
Marie Cunniffe
Kathleen Egbers
Virginia Lois Greening
Michael Hajdas
Gina Hesper
Phyllis Hunsinger
Ema Jean Kellner
Patricia Kirchner
Flora Lindenmuth
Jim Mason
Clarence Morgan
Michael John Morgan
Daniel Murphy
Josephine Obidzinski
Pauline Plasencia
John Martin Repka
Kathryn Roberts
Elizabeth Janet Sobush
Kim Weigold
James Zann

Our Mass of Remembrance is coming up on Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00 PM. We will celebrate the Eucharistic Liturgy for all those who were buried from our parish community since last year. In a special way, our Book of Remembrance is placed out for the month of November as a way to remember our loved ones as well. You may fill in names of your beloved dead. We pray that they enjoy the Heavenly Banquet Christ has prepared for them.



We Pray for the
Repose of the soul of

ALICE VAN ANTWERP



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June 3, 1930 -
October 18, 2023

Eternal rest grant unto Alice Van
Antwerp, O Lord, and may
perpetual light shine upon her.

Christian Service Corner

It is with a heavy but grateful heart that I write this article to you today announcing my departure from St. Gerald after six years of ministry here. I can honestly say that it has been nothing but the absolute best and I thank each and every one of you for welcoming me into this parish family. Know that I will always consider myself a part of this parish family and I will not be a stranger. As I move on be assured of my prayers for you and thank you once again for all you have given me over these six years.

Until we meet again,

Matt Yokom

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.

BULLETIN REMINDER

All organizations and individuals are reminded to submit articles and announcements for the parish bulletin by 9:00 AM on Mondays. We ask that you please computer generate your submissions and send them via e-mail to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com. All articles subject to approval and may be edited to create space. Thank you.



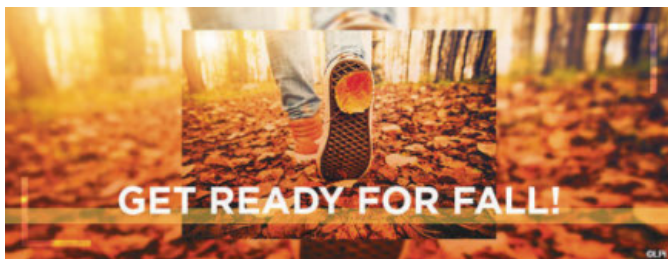
Fall in!

Calling all volunteers... It's time for our Annual Fall Clean Up. Team Work Day will be on **Saturday, November 11th.**

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



TRUNK OR TREAT

Oh so sweet!

Everyone had a great time at the Trunk or Treat. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus for the hotdog lunch. Thank you to the families who decorated their cars and distributed treats for the children. Thank you to those who donated candies to help supply the stations. Thank you to all the behind the scenes helpers who made this an extra special event for our families. And, thank you to all the costumed treaters who made everyone smile, laugh and enjoy the day together.
Happy Halloween to all!





Your **Knights of Columbus** hosted another successful Pancake Breakfast on Sunday October 8, 2023. We served approximately 100 people and realized a net profit of \$600! Proceeds will go to the St. Gerald's St. Vincent DePaul Conference. 22 Knights enthusiastically participated in putting on this event. In addition, Sheryl Paul and her children, Mason and Mila, volunteered to help us serve coffee and water to our diners. It was great to see their enthusiasm! Thanks to all of the Knights who helped, but thanks in particular to Fred Gerometta, who picked up "everyone's favorite breakfast sausage" from Eastern Market in Detroit, and being the chief cook of eggs, sausage and ham, and to Ken May who was an indispensable master of all trades in the kitchen. Special thanks also go out to John McLoughlin and Armin Russenburger, who volunteered to flip the pancakes. Thanks also go out to Pat Rogers and all those who stayed late to help clean up at the end. I also want to shout out to Scott Horsburgh, Rich Plasencia, Greg Peters and Peter Becks for always showing up ready to work at these events and staying as long as needed. Our newest Knight, Chris Malecke, also played a big role doing whatever was needed to keep things running smoothly. The usual contributors, Roger Stacey, Wayne Perkins, Paul Borchert, Tom Demshuk, Bruce Roberts, Rich Rosowski, Tom McPhail, Rich Smith, Bob Kuhr and Tony Wagner also did a fine job helping wherever needed. It should be noted that many of the Knights listed above also gave us part of their Saturday to help set up for this event. We can't thank you enough for your effort and dedication that made this event a success. We encourage you to approach any of the Knights in their red shirts at these events, either to talk about becoming a Knight or just to say hello and make a new friend. **We are Good Men doing Good Works!**

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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Worship Ministry x 202

- Norma Battel
Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

- Gerryanna Luscri x 208
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- 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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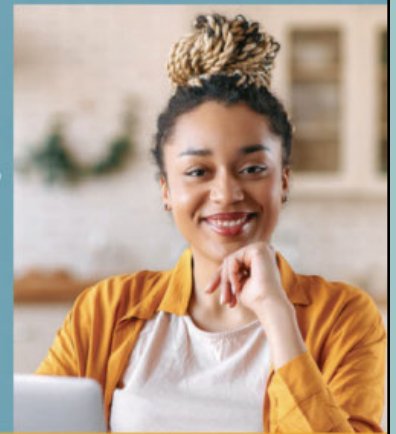
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