

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 05, 2023

| THIRTY-FIRST 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

NOVEMBER 6—NOVEMBER 10

Monday 9:15 AM

Joseph and Marion Berge
Requested by Joseph Berge

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Michael Stec
Requested by Milkiewicz Family

Thursday 7:00 PM

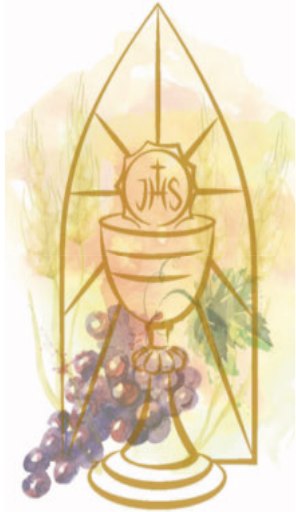
**Fr. Kris and the Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,
Robrecht and Goderman Families**
Requested by C. Kemp

Friday 9:15 AM

Jamie Smith
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.

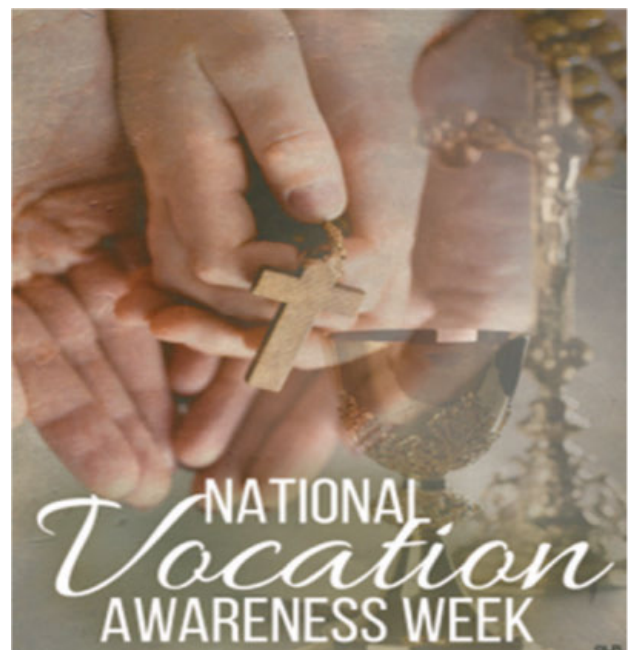
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nov. 5, 2023

5:00 PM		NOV 4	Fr. Kris
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Diane Blankenship	
8:30 AM		NOV 5	Fr. Sal
For Eglantina 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 Pauline and Jerry Panyard	Lector	Jeff Antoun	

Offertory Snapshot as of 10/22/23

Actual Offertory	\$ 6,144
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 124,327
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 137,793



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations. And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you and of your blessing I will make a curse. You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction; you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions. Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us? Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 131:1, 2, 3

Reading 2

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Brothers and sisters:

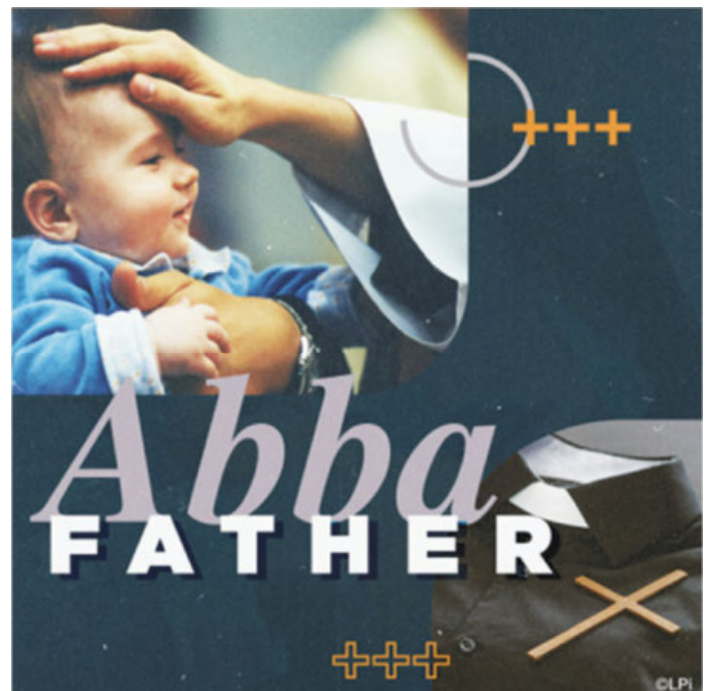
We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children. With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us. You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

Gospel

Mt 23:1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, "The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them. All their works are performed to be seen. They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels. They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.' As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Thank You, God!



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.

Attention All Teens

All 7th to 12th graders are invited to join in a Teen Top Pick Group on Monday, November 13th from 5:30 to 6:45 pm in our social hall. Friends are welcome to participate in activities, talks and service projects. Save the date of Mon. Dec. 11th meeting and Christmas Caroling event on Sunday, Dec. 17th. Check out our Facebook page, online calendar and bulletin for future dates and activities.



Boy Scout Wreath Sale on November 18th & 19th

Fresh live wreaths will be for sale before and after all Masses on Saturday & Sunday, November 18th, and 19th, while supplies last.

The proceeds of this sale will help in supporting the Boy Scout Troop 179 here in Farmington Hills in which two of our youth members participate. Please consider supporting this worthwhile activity. Scouts from St. Gerald involved: Eagle Scout - Edison Imel and Star Scout - Franklin Imel

Products offered:

Small: 24" Wreath w/ 12" Ring, standard small cones - \$27
Medium: 28" Wreath w/ 18" Ring, frosted silver cones - \$37
Large: 30" Wreath w/ 24" Ring, deluxe white tipped cones - \$53

Wreath stands will be available for \$6 each.
Also available: 25 ft cedar roping for \$30.

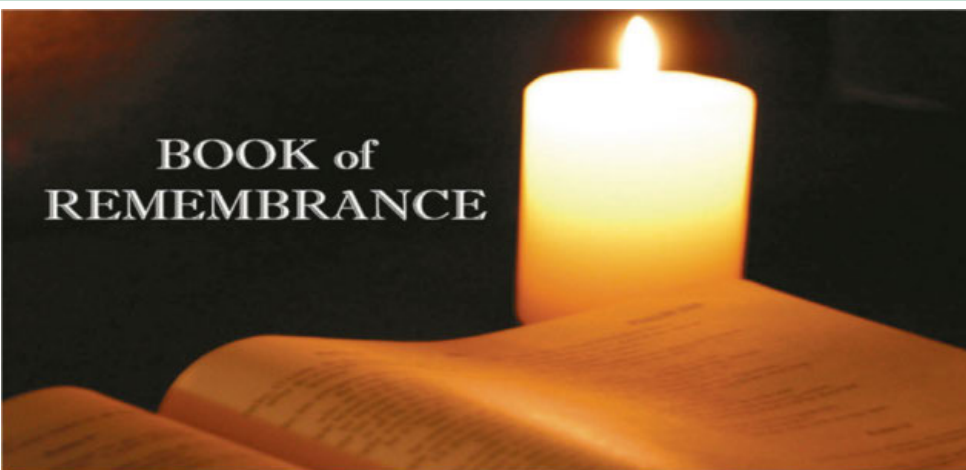
Cash, check and credit card will be accepted.

Options available:

Interested in placing a larger order for multiple wreaths or larger sizes? Please email imelacres@sbcglobal.net



BOOK of REMEMBRANCE



St. Gerald keeps a Book of Remembrance in our gathering space during the month of November. We invite you to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book at any time during the month of November. The deceased listed in the Book of Remembrance are remembered during the Prayers of the Faithful at each of our weekend Masses in November.

We realize that this time following the death of your loved one has been a difficult time for you and your family and we pray that you might find comfort in our Lord and our Blessed Mother, Mary. Please know that you are remembered in the prayers of our Parish community.

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.

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.*

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Congratulations to all the Confirmands!
Thank you Bishop Fisher and Fr. Kris!



May God protect, Jesus inspire and the Holy Spirit guide our newly Confirmed members of our parish: Jack Truant, Nolan Sattler, Seth Rutter, Opal Murray, Megan Millar, Viktoria MacDougall, Franklin Imel, Lucas Henley, Caitlin Gregory, Troy Gillis, Caroline Fenner, Kelly Duggan, Natalie Bugeja, Kyle Austin, Connor Ast, and Paige Alexander.

A beautiful Confirmation Mass was celebrated with Bishop Robert Fisher & Fr. Kris Nowak. Thank you to our altar servers David Levine, Reese Long and Clark Long, led by Norma Battel. Thank you to all our choir members and organist Mary Melonio. Thankful for catechists Peggy Oleszkowicz & Gerryanna Luscri, who provided the two-year preparation program and service opportunities for the students. And, a special thank you to our reception helpers, Paulette Mullen, Mary Nowak, Carol Ferguson, Diane Bonadeo, Rita Garbacik, Julie Levine and Ethan Owens. It was certainly a beautiful day for everyone to enjoy together.



Confirmation

THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

We will provide Holiday food baskets for our Neighbors in Need again this year. If you can help fill these baskets, please bring any of the items listed below to the Social Hall the weekends of November 4/5 and November 11/12. Thank you all for the overwhelming support you continue to give St. Vincent de Paul in serving our neighbors.

If any parishioners can use some help with holiday food, please call the St. Vincent de Paul line at 248-476-7677, ext. 220. Leave your name and number and we will return your call.

Grocery Gift Cards (in the amounts of \$10 \$20 or \$25) from Kroger or Meijer

Canned Vegetables and Fruit
 Stuffing Mix
 Gravy
 Crackers
 Mac N Cheese
 Tuna/Tuna Helper
 (Deluxe, no milk or butter needed)

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 Cornbread Mix
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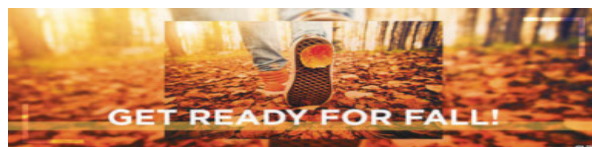
Canned Yams
 Pasta Sauce
 Cranberry Sauce
 Fried Onions
 Oatmeal
 Jelly



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.

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





It's been a busy few months and we want to take this opportunity to update everyone on what's been happening with your Knights Council 13673.

There were a couple of awards handed out at our annual end of summer picnic, graciously hosted by Fred and Diane Gerometta, and we've added a couple of new members. Here's the rundown: Frank Gariepy was presented the Knights Family of the Year award for he and his wife Kathy from Grand Knight Terry Grabinski (photo not available). Here's Grand Knight Terry Grabinski greeting new member, Frank Luscri.



Here's Terry again, greeting our newest Knight, Christopher Malecka.

Welcome!



This is Deputy Grand Knight, Jerry Weigold accepting his Knight of the Year award from Grand Knight Terry Grabinski.

Congrats!

Sweatshirt Drive for Holy Cross Childrens Services

Once again we are sponsoring a sweatshirt drive for Holy Cross Childrens Services. Hooded sweatshirts; plain or with a college logo, should be returned, preferably gift wrapped, to St. Gerald by November 19th. Kindly drop them off in the Social Hall. Want to know more about the Knights of Columbus or how to become a Knight? Please call Rich Smith, our Membership Director, at (313) 421-0204.

Congratulations to all! We look forward to another successful year!



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
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Youth Ministry

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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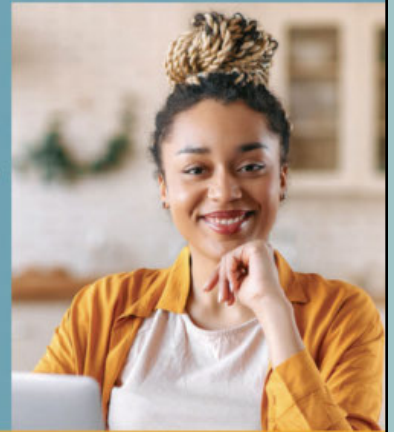
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