

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

| THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*A Servant Church  
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 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

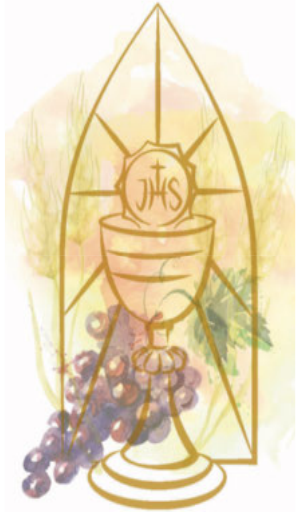
St. Gerald Roman Catholic Church is a welcoming, inclusive parish striving to be a reflection of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated to strengthening our faith through reverent and uplifting worship, serving those in need, and living the fullness of the Gospel with all God's people.



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## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



NOVEMBER 13—NOVEMBER 17

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

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Al Godlewski**  
 Requested by Murray Family

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Monica Silmer**  
 Requested by Robert and Mary Keller

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Frank Adams**  
 Requested by Geri Adams

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6  
 Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10  
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19  
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25  
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37  
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8  
 Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/  
 Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

## 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).

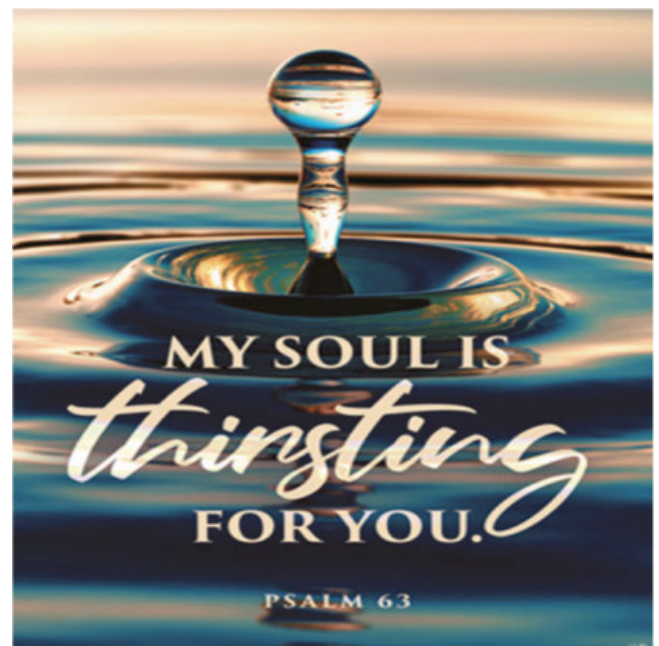
## THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nov. 12, 2023

5:00 PM			NOV 11	Fr. Sal
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Isabelle Gerhart		
8:30 AM			NOV 12	Fr. Kris
For <b>Alexander Lesiak</b> Requested by The Mullen Family	<b>Lector</b>	Candy Rosowski		
10:15 AM			NOV 12	Fr. Kris
For <b>Josephine Soave</b> Requested by The Russenberger Family	<b>Lector</b>	Rosa Russenberger		
12:00 PM			NOV 12	Fr, Henry
For <b>Walter and Jeannie Chlastawa</b> Requested by Ken and Joan Galica	<b>Lector</b>	Sharon McCarthy		

### 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-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Reading 1

Wis 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

## Reading 2

1 Thes 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

## Gospel

Mt 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the 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!

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**--- 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.



## BIBLE STUDY



The last session of **Tuesday Scripture Study** for **2023** will be November 14. Sessions will resume **February 27, 2024**.

## ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Office Hours

8:00 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

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#### Education

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Tom Kruger

Accountant  
Kim Shepard

## 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](mailto:imelacres@sbcglobal.net)



## 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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