

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

| THIRTY-THIRD 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.

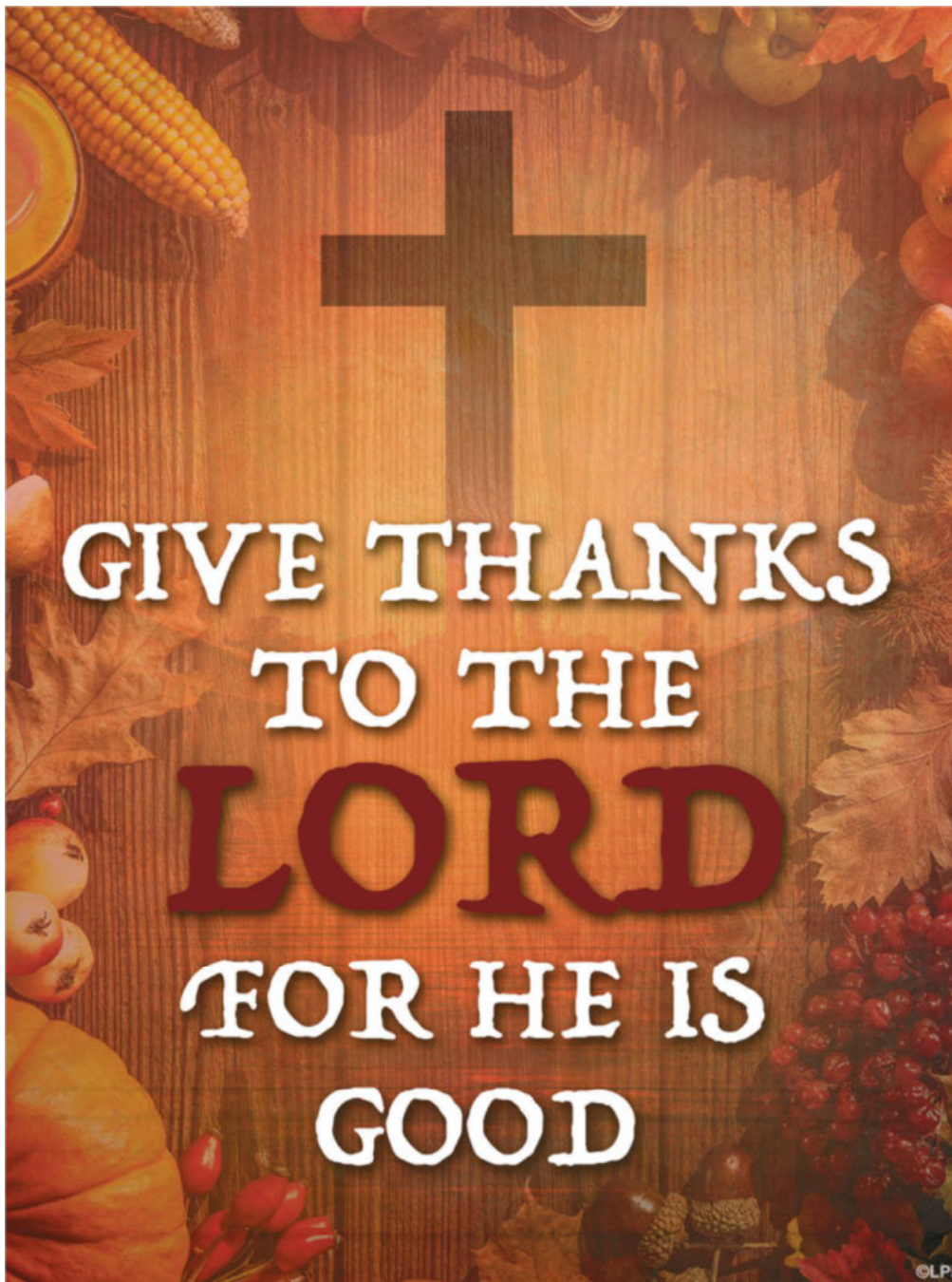
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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.

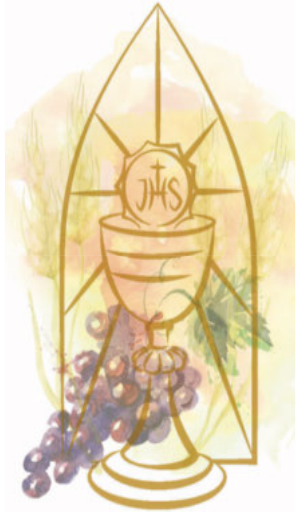


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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

NOVEMBER 20—NOVEMBER 24



Monday 9:15 AM
Angela Melonio
Requested by Mary Melonio

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Angela Melonio
Requested by Daniel Sprys Family

Thursday 7:00 PM
Gina Bonacchi Hспен
Requested by her Family

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea

Winifred Maguire

Marie Bolivar

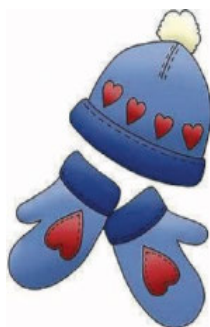
Josie Boore

Maria Rea

Leonard Lemanski

Hats and Mittens Donation Tree

You can warm the hearts and hands of the needy! Please bring hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, and socks to decorate a tree in the gathering space of the Church the weekend of November 25/26. Your much appreciated donations can be accepted through December 10th and will be given to local individuals and families in need.



THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nov. 19, 2023

5:00 PM			NOV 25	Fr. Henry
For Carol Brennan Request by: Bob and Diane Blankenship	Lector	Isabelle Gerhart		
8:30 AM			NOV 26	Fr. Kris
For Mario Rossi Requested by: Flora Rossi	Lector	Marc Cieslak		
10:15 AM			NOV 26	Fr. Henry
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Jeff Antoun		
12:00 PM			NOV 26	Fr. Kris
For Rose and Stanley Galica Requested by Ken and Joan Galica	Lector	Teddi Williams		

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

Bans of Marriage

“We publish the bans of marriage between Joseph Nguyen Hoan Son and Mary Nguyen Vu Thuy Dziem Chi. This is the First time of asking. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it.”

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife,
her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her,
has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil,
all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax
and works with loving hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor,
and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting;
the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a reward for her labors,
and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Reading 2

1 Thes 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Gospel

Mt 25:14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"





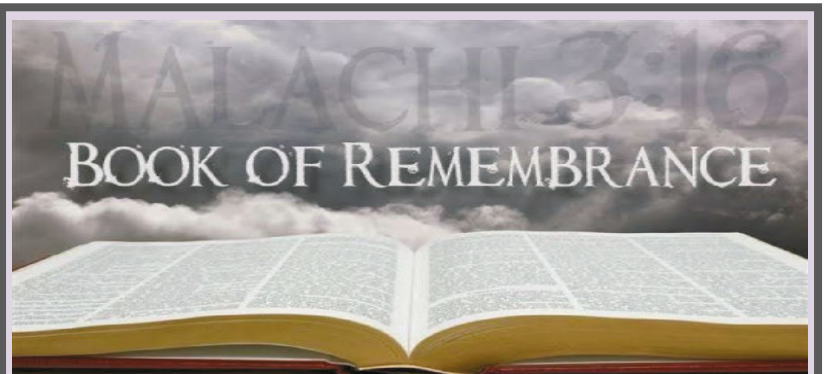
**Parish Offices will be closed
Thanksgiving Day Thursday,
November 23rd**

St. Gerald Online Giving Using Simple Give

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available and simple to use. Please visit our Parish Website at stgeraldparish.org and click on Online Giving to get started or call the Parish Office for instructions. **Please do not go into the Archdiocese of Detroit website to give offertory to the church.**

If you prefer to give by check or cash, collection baskets are located in the back of the church for your weekly donation or you may drop your donation in the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

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.



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.

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE HELP!!

Several volunteers came out over the last week to rake leaves, prune trees, clear garden beds and much more to improve the look of our parish grounds. Kudos to Fr. Kris & Tom for their persistent efforts in maintaining a cared for look. Our reflection gardens do get a lot of use, some of the visitors even pull weeds while they pray in the gazebo or by the bell tower, and we appreciate everyone's help. Thank you for keeping St. Gerald



a beautiful place to visit and worship.

-The St. Gerald Gardening Team

**Thanksgiving Day Mass
Thursday, November 23, 2023, at 9:15AM
There will be no 7:00 PM Mass.**

**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.

TAIZE PRAYER ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD AT 5:00 PM

"Taizé Prayer" is a distinctive style of meditative prayer developed by an ecumenical community of monks in rural France. This quiet, moving reflective prayer combines elements of the Church's traditional Liturgy of the Hours with elements of contemplative meditation. A typical Taizé prayer service incorporates periods of silence with meditative readings from Scripture, prayers of praise and intercession, and the frequent repetition of simple, contemporary chants based on the Psalms or other parts of Scripture. Short songs or chants, repeated over and over, create a meditative environment and express basic realities of faith which can be easily grasped by the mind and the heart. The result is to gradually move prayer from the head to the heart. The Taizé Community describes the power of its unique musical style in this way:

"As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly..."

These songs also sustain personal prayer. Through them, little by little, our being finds an inner unity in God. They can continue in the silence of our hearts when we are at work, speaking with others or resting. In this way prayer and daily life are united. They allow us to keep on praying even when we are unaware of it, in the silence of our hearts."

Christmas Gift Tag Weekend

Christmas Gift Tags are available in the social hall after all the masses this weekend. Please sign out one or more gift tags to help the needy in our community. You are also invited to pick up toiletry tags, grocery gift card tags, or an SVdP donation envelope to help assist families for the holidays and throughout the year. Toiletry or grocery card tags do not need to be signed out.

PLEASE NOTE: All wrapped Christmas gifts and unwrapped toiletries are due back by Sunday, December 10th. Thank you for your generous support!



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
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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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