

The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

| OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

*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.

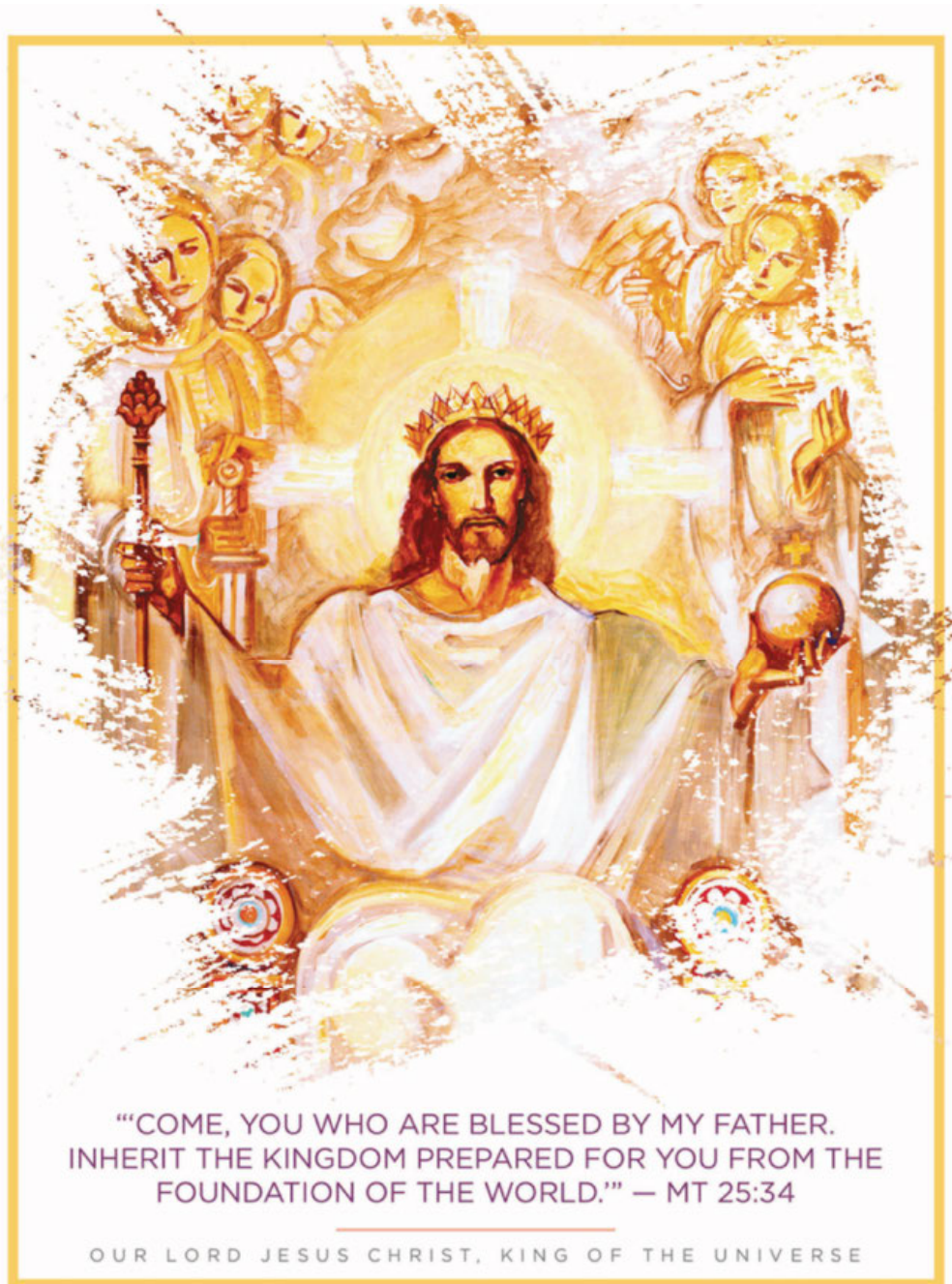
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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.



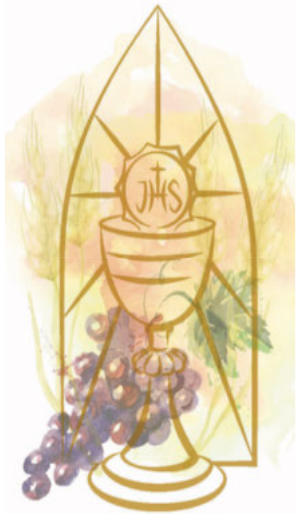
“COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER.
INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE
FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.” — MT 25:34

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



NOVEMBER 27—DECEMBER 2

Monday 9:15 AM
Diane Steinman-Jones
 Requested by Karen Goheen

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Patrick Kirchner
 Requested by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hampo

Thursday 7:00 PM
John Angus Murray
 Requested by Shirley Murray

Friday 9:15 AM
Michela and Angelo Vettrano
 Requested by Family

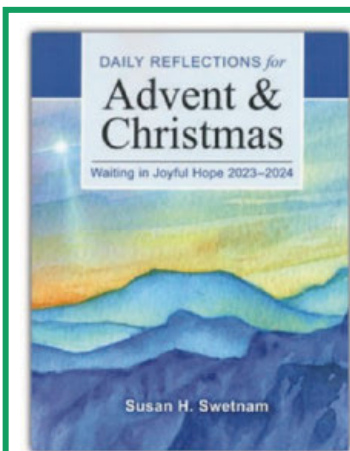
Saturday 9:15 AM
Mark Wenskay
 Requested by Ken and Joan Galica

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
 Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea Winifred Maguire
 Marie Bolivar Josie Boore
 Maria Rea Leonard Lemanski
 Robert Koenig



Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas Books are available in the Gathering Space (Narthax) of the Church this weekend. A small donation would be appreciated!

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dec 3, 2023

5:00 PM		DEC 2	Fr. Henry
For Bill Wion Request by: Dee Wion	Lector	Isabelle Gerhart	
8:30 AM		DEC 3	Fr. Kris
For Mario Rossi Requested by: Flora Rossi	Lector	Marc Cieslak	
10:15 AM		DEC 3	Fr. Henry
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Jeff Antoun	
12:00 PM		DEC 3	Fr, Kris
For Rose and Stanley Galica Requested by Ken and Joan Galica	Lector	Teddi Williams	

Offertory Snapshot as of 11/12/23

Actual Offertory	\$ 6,481
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 145,912
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 162,110

Bans of Marriage

“We publish the bans of marriage between Joseph Nguyen Hoan Son and Mary Nguyen Vu Thuy Dziem Chi. This is the Second 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.”

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Reading 1**Ez 34:11-12, 15-17**

Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will look after and tend my sheep.
As a shepherd tends his flock
when he finds himself among his scattered sheep,
so will I tend my sheep.
I will rescue them from every place where they were
scattered
when it was cloudy and dark.
I myself will pasture my sheep;
I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD.
The lost I will seek out,
the strayed I will bring back,
the injured I will bind up,
the sick I will heal,
but the sleek and the strong I will destroy,
shepherding them rightly.

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,
I will judge between one sheep and another,
between rams and goats.

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6****Reading 2****1 Cor 15:20-26, 28**

Brothers and sisters:
Christ has been raised from the dead,
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since death came through man,
the resurrection of the dead came also through man.
For just as in Adam all die,
so too in Christ shall all be brought to life,
but each one in proper order:
Christ the firstfruits;
then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ;
then comes the end,
when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Fa-
ther,
when he has destroyed every sovereignty
and every authority and power.
For he must reign until he has put all his enemies un-
der his feet.
The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
When everything is subjected to him,
then the Son himself will also be subjected
to the one who subjected everything to him,
so that God may be all in all.

Gospel**Mt 25:31-46**

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'

He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**ST. GERALD PARISH
ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

Daily Mass – M, T, F-9:15AM;
Th – 7:00PM
First Saturday-9:15AM

Weekend Masses – Dec. 2-3, 9-10,
16-17

Saturday, 5:00PM; Sunday, 8:30AM,
10:15AM, 12 Noon

Sunday, December 24: 8:30AM,
10:15AM

**Christmas Eve – 4:00PM, 6:00PM,
12:00Midnight**

**Christmas Day–Monday, December 25
9:00AM Mass and 11:00AM Mass**

**The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph**

Saturday, December 30 ; 5:00PM

Sunday, December 31

**8:30AM Mass, 10:15AM Mass, & 12
Noon**

**New Year's Day, Feast of Mary,
Holy Mother of God**

Sunday, December 31; 5:00PM

Monday, January 1 – 10:00AM Mass

Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, January 6 – 5:00PM

**Sunday January 7 – 8:30AM, 10:15AM
and 12 Noon Mass**

**First Friday Observance – Adoration
Friday, December 1 and January 5**

Adoration begins after the

9:15AM Mass and

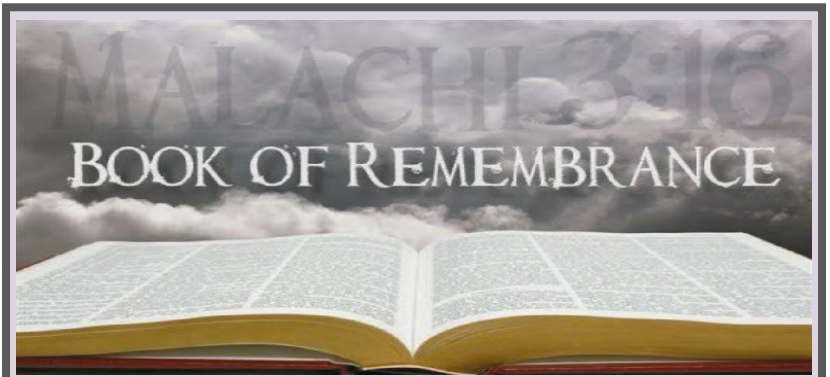
**Concludes with Benediction at
5:00PM**

First Saturday Masses

**Saturday, December 2 and
January 6 – 9:15AM**

**The Advent Reconciliation/Confession
Schedule**

**December 4, 2023; 7:00PM along with
Regular Reconciliation/Confession
every Saturday at 3:30PM**



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.





Christmas Eve Gospel Enactment
 Families, if you plan to attend the 4pm Christmas Eve Mass at St. Gerald, we invite your children to participate in our annual tradition of the Children’s Gospel Enactment of the Christmas Story during Mass. All children, preschool through 6th grade are invited; they do not have to attend St. Gerald for Faith Formation to participate. The roles do not require a lot; we will meet in the week prior for a quick rehearsal and distribution of costumes. Please contact Emily Long at 248.476.7677 x 201 or faithformation.sgp@gmail.com by December 18 to sign up.

**ST. GERALD 2023 CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL
 ANGEL TREE**

This year St. Gerald will once again have a special CHRISTmas Tree with colored glass angels. These angels will be a memorial gift to the families who would like to contribute towards our CHRISTmas decorations. After CHRISTmas, the families who have contributed will be able to take an angel home as a remembrance of their loved one(s).

If you would like to contribute, the suggested donation is \$10.00 per name. Just fill out this form. Place your form and donation in an envelope marked “Angels” and drop it in the collection basket at weekend Masses or bring it to the Parish Office.

Please, clearly print your name, phone number and each memorial name. A list of the donors and memorial names will appear in the New Year’s edition of the Voice.

(Deadline for donations is Monday, December 17, 2023)

In Memory of: _____
 (Please legibly print name of deceased)

Remembered by: _____
 (Your Name)

Your phone number: _____
 (In case we need to verify the spelling of a name)



Please make checks payable to St. Gerald Church.



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 a 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

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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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