

# The St. Gerald Voice



## Roman Catholic Church

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*The St. Gerald Voice*  
December 31, 2023

*A Servant Church  
of the Archdiocese of  
Detroit*

#### 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.

As we begin a new year, I wish the best for all of you and your families.

I thank all of you for your dedication and the wonderful work you continue to do in the various ministries and organizations which makes St. Gerald the Christ-filled church that it is.

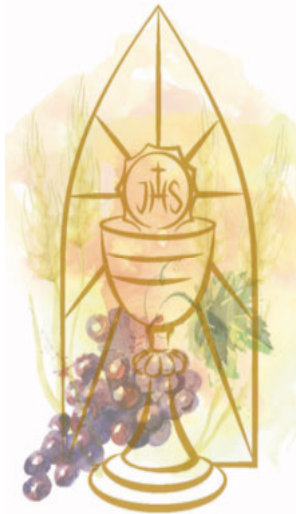
On behalf of myself and the St. Gerald staff, may the peace, joy and love of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of 2024 and may the true meaning of Christmas carry through for you all year.

May God bless you,  
Fr. Krzysztof Nowak



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**JANUARY 1—JANUARY 6**

Monday 10:00 AM  
**Fr. Tom Puzio**

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Lavo Cardozo**  
Requested by Blen Cardozo

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Msgr. William Eston**

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Gina and Partick Hesper**  
Requested by Bonacchi Family

Saturday 9:15 AM  
**All Our Parishioners**

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42  
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Please remember in your prayers**

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|---------------|------------------|
| Joan Goniea   | Winifred Maguire |
| Marie Bolivar | Josie Boore      |
| Maria Rea     | Leonard Lemanski |

**2023 St. Gerald Contribution Statement**  
 If you need a copy of your 2023 contribution statement from St. Gerald, please send your request to [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. With a prior request, statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above. If you are unable to pick up your statement, they can be emailed or mailed to you upon your request. Please allow one week to process your statement. Thank you!

**First Saturday Morning Mass,  
 January 6, 2024 at 9:15AM**

<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>		
<b>JANUARY 7, 2024</b>		
5:00 PM	Jan 6	Fr. Kris
For <b>Fr. Ed Prus</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	Jan 7	Fr. Sal
For <b>Margareto Garcia</b> Requested by Isabelle Gabana	<b>Lector</b>	Rosa Russenberger
10:15 AM	Jan 7	Fr. Kris
For <b>Henry Karabin</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Angela McLoughlin
12:00 PM	Jan 7	Fr, Kris
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Antoun

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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.

<b>Offertory Snapshot as of 12/17/23</b>	
Actual Offertory	\$ 14,831
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 195,727
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 202,637

	<p><b>January 5, 2024</b>  <b>FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION</b>                  Begins after the 9:15am Mass and concludes with benediction at 5p.m. Adorers are needed. Sign up in the Narthax.</p>
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# *Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*

## Reading I

**Sir 3:2-6, 12-14**

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

## Reading II

**Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17**

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

## Gospel

**LK 2:22-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb

shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.





# Remembered with Angels



**Remembering:**

Regina E. Smith  
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 Frank Hickey Family  
 Wesley Papacharalambous  
 Earl Bliss and Dorothy Bliss  
 Anna and Adolfo Palombo  
 Howard Petter  
 Cass and Eileen Cholewa  
 Gary Bud and Doris Grace  
 Edmund & Sallie Koss  
 Jennifer Ann Hixson  
 Reginald Gates  
 Evelyn Gates  
 Norma Jean Williams  
 Edward Nowak  
 Marion Teagan  
 Barbara Stone  
 Angeline Ferracciolo  
 Gordon Horsburgh  
 Sylvia Amos  
 Eqilla Hunter  
 Mary Winston  
 Lillian McGowan (Pat)  
 Dolores Kolliker  
 Concetta Crissman  
 James and Leona McGowan  
 Randy and Patti Kopf  
 Angeline Ferracciolo  
 Gordon Horsburgh  
 Carmel Galea  
 Carmen Fenech  
 Joseph Fenech  
 John Fenech  
 Stafford Family  
 Villarreal Family  
 James and Margaret Tisot

**Remembered by:**

Joseph Smith  
 Gerald & Gertrude Grusendorf  
 Gerald & Gertrude Grusendorf  
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 Karen Papacharalambous  
 Palombo Family  
 Diane Petter  
 Barbara Cholewa  
 Rita Garbacik  
 Rita Garbacik  
 Frs. Patricia A. Hixson  
 The Gates/Palombo Family  
 The Gates/Palombo Family  
 The Fradette Family  
 Paul & Mary Nowak  
 Paul & Mary Nowak  
 Paul & Mary Nowak  
 Susan & Scott Horsburgh Family  
 Susan & Scott Horsburgh Family  
 Teddi & Jerome Williams  
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 Teddi & Jerome Williams  
 Bob, Jim, Karen, Julie  
 Bob and Nancy Kolliker  
 Nancy and Bob Kolliker  
 Barb and Bob Kopf  
 Barb and Bob Kopf  
 Scott & Susan Horsburgh Family  
 Scott & Susan Horsburgh Family  
 Stella Galea  
 Stella Galea  
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 Stella Galea  
 John and Diana Parizon  
 John and Diana Parizon  
 Kathy and Frank Wendt

**Remembering:**

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 Claude Fradette  
 Elizabeth Fradette  
 Yvonne Hengesbaugh  
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 Rev. Frederick Klettner  
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 Marion R. Berge  
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 Nancy Gilbert  
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ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH





# GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



## COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Mary, Mother of God • Luke 2:16-21



In the Gospel (Matthew 11:2-11), Jesus tells us that the good can be seen, touched, felt, and heard through the lives of God's people. We are charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it, our actions must speak for us.

Christmas is a time of love and gift giving with family and friends. Your most generous support of St. Gerald's SVDP Ministry throughout this year allowed us – as your advocates – to speak volumes of God's love and mercy. We are all God's children...He calls us to care for each other by helping our neighbors who are in need, bringing them the true lasting love and deep joy of Christmas. Thanks to you, the parishioners of St Gerald, we were able to help 29 families (80 individuals) with 53 bags of food plus \$2175 in food cards for meat, bread, milk, potatoes, etc. for Thanksgiving and 33 families (88 individuals received two gifts each) with 75 bags of food plus \$2425 in food cards for meat, etc. and 50-60 toiletry selections for Christmas. We also assisted 15 Another Way Pregnancy Center families with gifts for 58 individuals. In this most blessed season, we passionately thank you for your continuing support. Without your help none of this would be possible. And with the abundance of food cards you donated, we were able to fill the needs for Thanksgiving/ Christmas with some left over for the coming year to help our neighbors.

We would be remiss if we forgot to thank those who shopped, made phone calls, filled the food bags, moved food from church to the pantry, and pantry to the church, those who stood in the cold/rain on Nov. 21st giving out Thanksgiving food bags, and those who also delivered some. Of course, don't forget those who worked on Dec. 16th, giving out the gifts, food and making deliveries. St. Gerald neighbors are truly blessed by your example of God's love here on earth. God Bless You ALL!

**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**

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Tom Kruger

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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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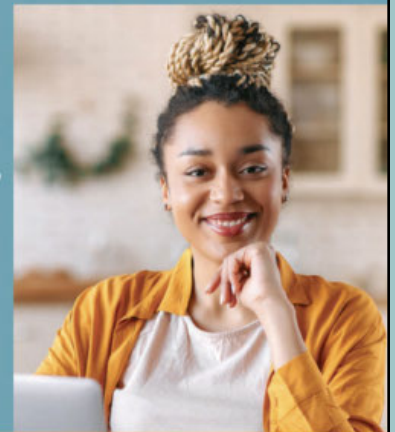
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