

# The St. Gerald Voice



**January 14, 2024 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Detroit*

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 am—4:30 pm

## 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.



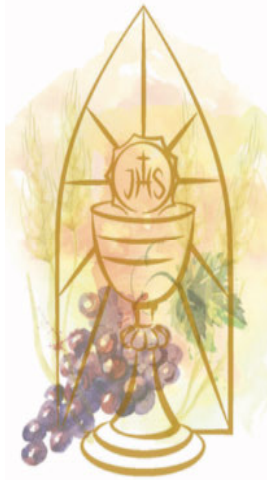
## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

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**JANUARY 15—JANUARY 19**

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Bob Koenig**  
 Requested by  
 Adult Choir

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Elizabeth Sobush**  
 Requested by Paulette Mullins

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Susan Costanzo**  
 Requested by Bob and Diane Blankenship

Friday 9:15 AM  
**James Cunningham**  
 Requested by Gloria Cunningham

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**Please remember in your prayers**

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!

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
 TIME**

**JANUARY 21, 2024**

5:00 PM			Jan 20	Fr. Kris
For <b>Tara Borg</b> Requested by Friends of the Family	<b>Lector</b>	Sharon McCarthy		
8:30 AM			Jan 21	Fr. Kris
For <b>Florence Murray</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	<b>Lector</b>	Candy Rosowski		
10:15 AM			Jan 21	Fr. Kris
For <b>Joseph Tixeira</b> Requested by Liane Craspo Family	<b>Lector</b>	Scott Horsburgh		
12:00 PM			Jan 21	Fr, Sal
For <b>Donald Niehaus</b> Requested by Mary Jo Raftery	<b>Lector</b>	Teddi Williams		

**ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING**

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available and simple to use. Please visit our Parish Website at [stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org) and click on Online Giving to get started or call the Parish Office for instructions.

If you prefer to give by check or cash you may drop your collection in the baskets passed during mass or drop your donation in the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

**Offertory Snapshot as of 12/24/23**

Actual Offertory	\$ 9,048
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 204,775
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 210,742

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading 1

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

### Reading II

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Brothers and sisters:

The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

### Gospel

Jn 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.



**Save the dates: Thursday, Feb. 29 to Tuesday, March 5th 2024.**

St. Gerald Evangelization Team has arranged to host the Eucharistic Miracles Display in our social hall. Information regarding various **miracles of the Eucharist and of Blessed Carlo Acutis** will be available. Be sure to visit before or after Masses during these days. Bring a friend and share this treasure of our faith.



# THANK YOU!

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!



## Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024

Back by popular demand, soups will be made by our parishioners. If you would like to bring your homemade soup in a crock pot sign the below form and either place it in the collection basket or drop it off in the parish office by **January 29, 2024.**

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Name

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Soup

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your resume to Fr. Kris Nowak  
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**Sad News**

It is with shock and sadness that I report that our Brother Knight and friend, Bob Koenig has passed away. He was an amazing man and led an amazing life. Bob had a great career as an Engineer for Chrysler and enjoyed many adventure traveling the world in retirement with his late wife Monica. Rest well Brother.....



**Keep Christ in Christmas**

We are pleased to report that this year's Keep Christ in Christmas Campaign has been a tremendous success! Thanks to the incredible generosity of the St. Gerald community, which has been on display yet again, we gathered well over a \$1,000! Special thanks to John McLoughlin and Scott Horsburgh for heading up this effort, and all the Knights who volunteered to sell these wares. We will let you know the recipients of your generosity in a future issue of Knights Corner.

**Pancake Breakfast**

We will be holding another Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 28th. We look forward to seeing you there!

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.



**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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**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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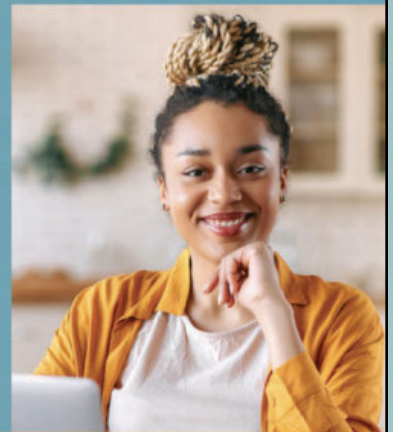
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