

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

February 18, 2024 - First Sunday of Lent

*A Servant Church
of the Archdiocese of 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

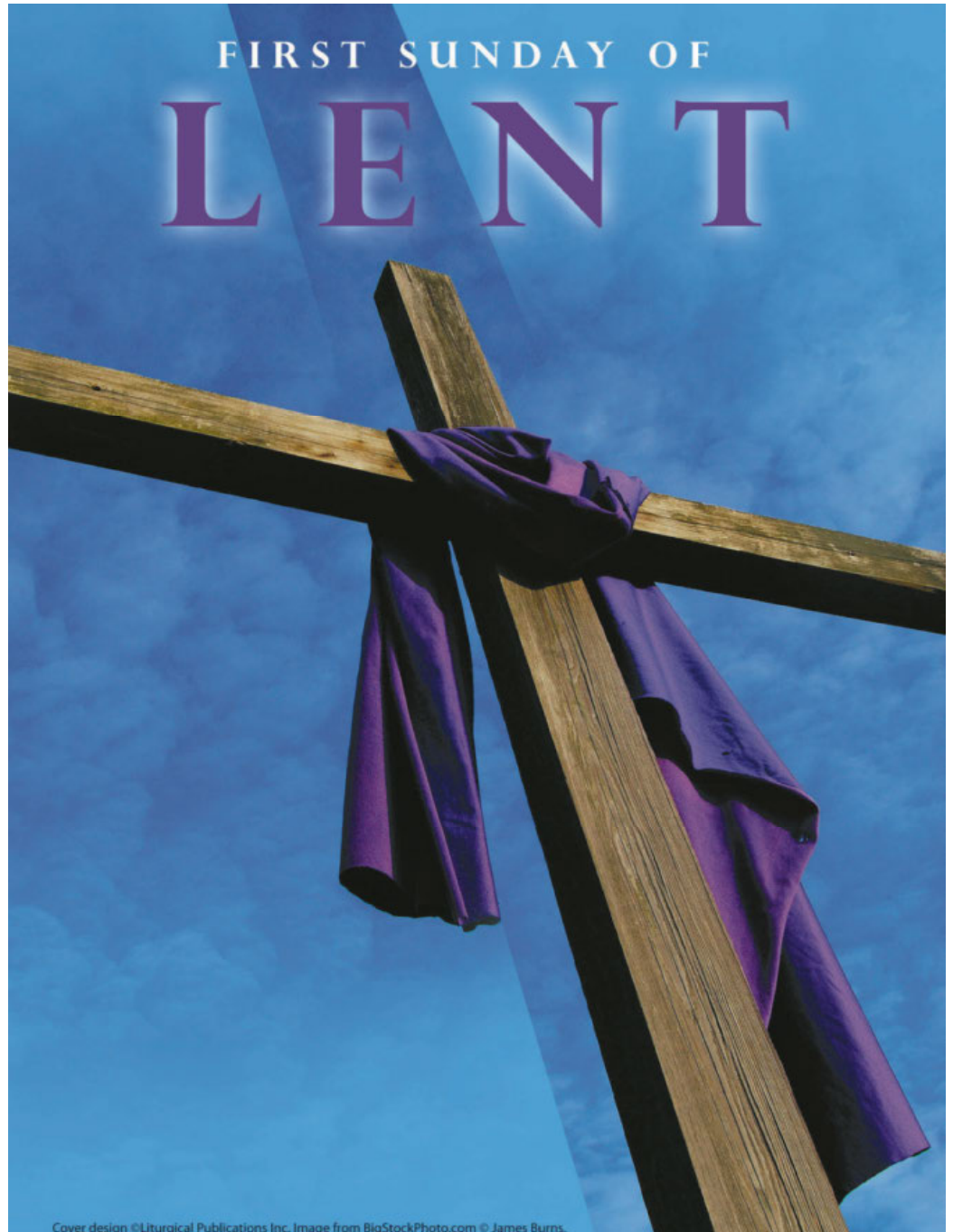
Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

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.



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FEBRUARY 19 — FEBRUARY 23

Monday 9:15 AM
James Boomis
Requested by Josephine Portelli

Tuesday 9:15 AM
James Gerometto
Requested by JoAnn and Michael Evangelista

Wednesday—No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Reaumes Family
Requested by Family

Friday 9:15 AM
For All Parishoners

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/ Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19(116:9)/ Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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 or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 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!

If you would like to make a donation for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe through Simple Give, you can do so now through February 18th.



Our annual Easter Food Blessing and Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 30th beginning at 11am in the church. Donations of small wrapped candy are needed to make this even successful. Please place your candy donations in the plastic bin located in the vestibule of the church by **March 18th**.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

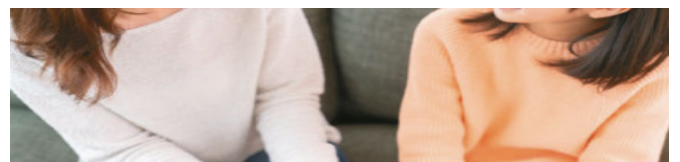
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

5:00 PM			Feb 24	Fr. Briffa
For All Parishoners	Lector	Sharon McCarthy		
8:30 AM			Feb 25	Fr. Briffa
For Ken Hartsig Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector	Hannah Smith		
10:15 AM			Feb 25	Fr. Henry
For Marie Hans Requested by Carolyn Pugh	Lector	Angela McLoughlin		
12:00 PM			Feb 25	Fr. Henry
For Tom and Arlene McPhail Requested by Family	Lector	Paul Radzilowski		

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 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.



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First Sunday of Lent

Reading 1

Gn 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2

1 Pt 3:18-22

Beloved:

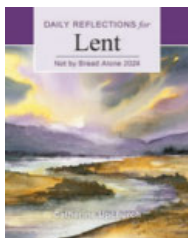
Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.



Gospel

Mk 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."



Daily Reflections for Lent Booklets

are available in the gathering space of the church.

A small donation would be appreciated!



EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM

FEBRUARY 16, 2024
 FEBRUARY 23, 2024
 MARCH 01, 2024
 MARCH 08, 2024
 MARCH 15, 2024
 MARCH 22, 2024

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 AT NOON



WE PRAY FOR THE
 REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
GERALD FRANCHI

+

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
 GERALD, OH LORD, AND MAY
 PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON
 HIM

We welcome to the
Body of Christ

Ava and Alessandra

Kaput

baptized Sunday

February 11, 2024

by Fr. Krzysztof Nowak

Daughters of
Brandon & Maria

Godparents are
Joseph Rotondo
Shannen Rotondo
Marc Rotondo
Kristina Kaput



ST. GERALD EASTER MEMORIALS

Easter Season is fast approaching and as we celebrate the joy of the Resurrection, parishioners will have the opportunity to remember loved ones who have passed away.

Simply fill out the form below! Place your form in an envelope marked "Easter Memorial" and drop it in the collection basket on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office no later than Thursday, March 14th.

The names of those remembered will be listed in our bulletin on Easter Sunday weekend.

IN MEMORY OF:

(Please legibly print name of deceased)

REMEMBERED BY:

(Your name)

YOUR PHONE NUMBER:

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(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)



The Klawender Family
Norman, Mary, Veronica, Norman Jr.,
Elisabeth

David and Patti Downey



2024 SCRIPTURE STUDY

Come study Scripture with us!

We will conclude the Gospel of Matthew,
followed by the Gospel of John
led by Father David Santoro, O.P.,
Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in
Farmington Hills

Location: St. Gerald Parish Social Hall
Tuesdays 10:30 AM-12 PM
February 27- May 14 (No study March 5 or March 26)
Light refreshments and Bibles provided
All are welcome to this Inter-Parish scripture study
Contact: Emily Long at 248.476.7677, Ext. 201
or email faithformation.sgp@gmail.com

Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition



Presentation & Talk

By Sharon Amaya

**SATURDAY, MARCH 2
10:00 AM**

Learn more about Eucharist miracles and how the exhibit was designed.



Coming to St. Gerald Church - Farmington

FEBRUARY 29 - MARCH 5, 2024

Discover God's True Presence as you explore Eucharistic Miracles from around the world in this exhibit by Carlo Acutis before his death at age 15 in 2006

CarloAcutis-en.org

Please join us for this unique opportunity for spiritual growth and revelation!

International Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles

Created and Designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis

This internationally recognized collection of photographs and historical records presents a sampling of ancient and modern Eucharistic Miracles that have taken place throughout the world. All the miracles in the exhibition are Church-approved.



This special event is brought to you by **Mary Our Mother Foundation**

PUBLIC VIEWING TIMES

Thursday	Feb. 29	5:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Friday	Mar. 1	8:30 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday	Mar. 2	8:30 am - 8:00 pm
Sunday	Mar. 3	9:15 am - 5:00 pm
Monday	Mar. 4	8:30 am - 11:30 am
Monday	Mar. 4	4:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Tuesday	Mar. 5	8:30 am - 11:30 am



Carlo Acutis was an English-born Italian Catholic youth and website designer, best known for documenting and cataloging Eucharistic miracles around the world before his death from leukemia in 2006. He was beatified October 2020, 2 days before the 14th anniversary of his death.



Pancake Breakfast

We had a very successful Pancake Breakfast once again on January 28th. I don't have the final figures in yet, but we served over 127 people. We'll get you the final figures in the near future. Net proceeds are designated to go to the Cares food bank in Farmington Hills.

I want to offer a special thanks to Frank Gariepy, whose knowledge and skill made everything go better, and Rich Plasencia, who were there with Jerry Weigold the entire time. I also want to send out a special thanks to Brother Dan Fradette, who took charge of cleanup, and "Swiss Army Knife" Scott Horsburgh, who filled in wherever needed, including cleanup. Pancake preparation was in good hands with Ralph Koch and Armin Russenberger flipping pancakes, and Armin for preparing the batter. Outstanding job guys!

We had a great turnout of Knights who showed up to help, both Saturday and Sunday. Lots of help means better service for our customers, and more fun and time for fellowship for us! Thanks again to our St Gerald parishioners, whose generosity helps us to help others. We can't thank you enough.

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. Joining the Knights does not obligate anyone to spend any more than they want to on our projects. It does provide a great opportunity to help others, and you will get to spend some time with some great guys on a regular basis. We remain, Good Men doing Good Works!

**Food Pantry Donation
Items Currently Needed:**

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|----------------|----------------------------|
| Cold Cereal | Instant Oatmeal |
| Juice | Crackers (Saltines/Ritz) |
| Boxed Potatoes | Variety Canned Fruit |
| Jelly /Jam | Deluxe Macaroni and Cheese |

Our Family of Parishes now has a Facebook page. Please like/follow to keep informed of events at St. Priscilla, St. Michael the Archangel, St. Aidan, and St. Gerald Parishes. The page is called: **Livonia Area Family of Catholic Parishes**. Our Family of Parishes now have access to **FORMED!** (Catholic Streaming Service for adults and kids) Signing up is easy!

- ◆ Go to Formed.org
- ◆ Click to sign up
- ◆ Search "Livonia"
- ◆ Select "Livonia Area Family of Catholic Parishes"
- ◆ Enter your name and email address and sign up
- ◆ Enjoy safe shows for children/grandchildren and adults!

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
Kathy Smith, Administrative Assistant x 212
Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

- Christian Services x 204
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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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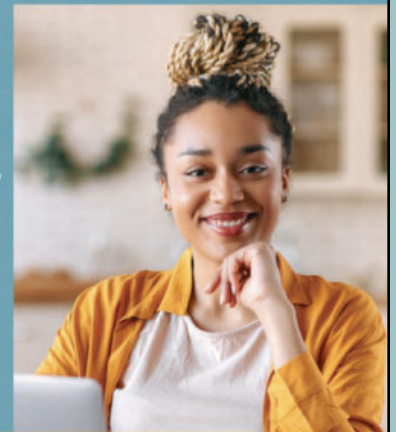
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