

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

February 25, 2024 - Second 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

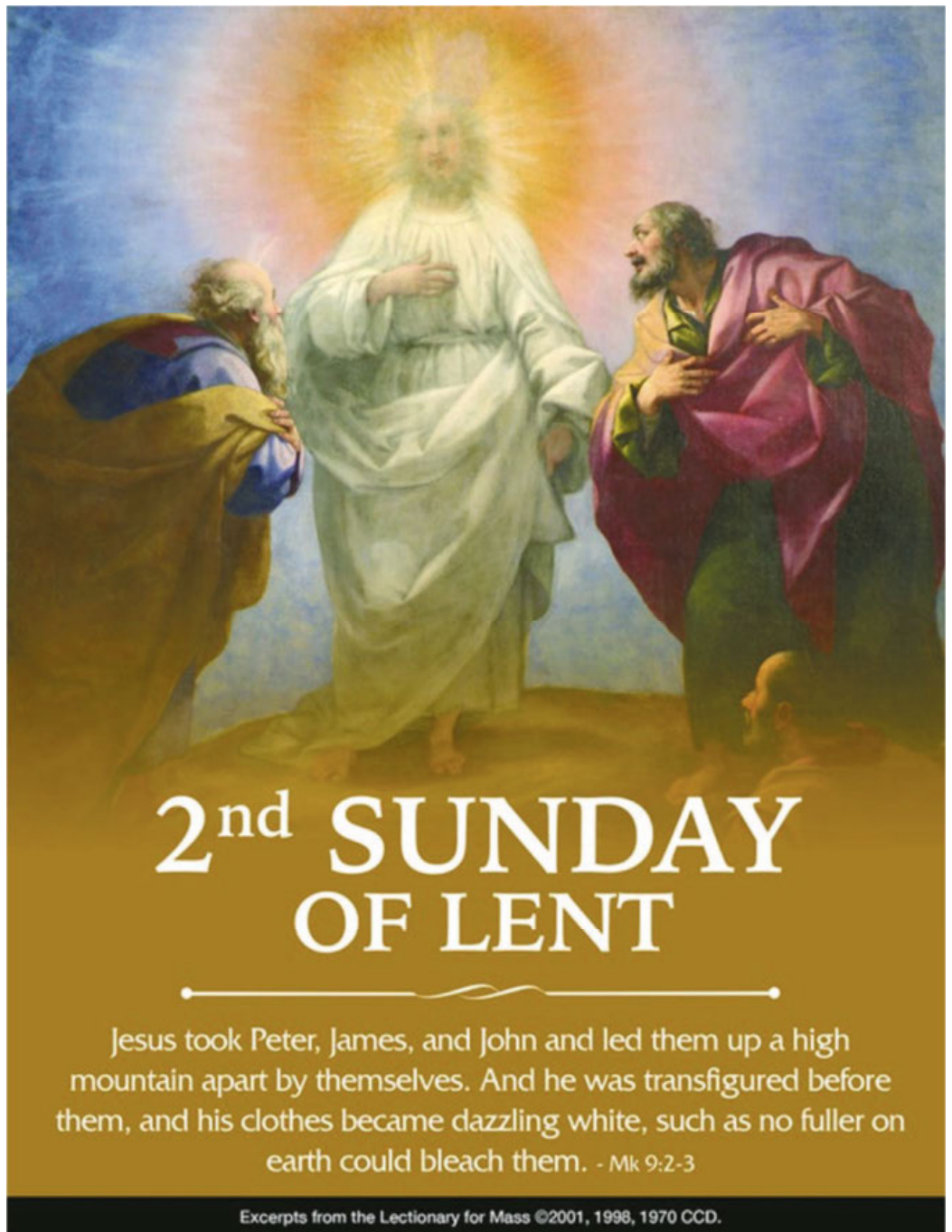
Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

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.



2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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FEBRUARY 26 — MARCH 1



Monday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Goderman, Robreck & Fr. Kris
 Requested by C. Kemp

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Frank Adams
 Requested by Geri Adams

Wednesday—No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Marie Hans
 Requested by members of St. Vincent DePaul

Friday 9:15 AM
For All Parishioners

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25

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!



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. **Plastic eggs are NOT needed.** Please place your candy donations in the plastic bin located in the vestibule of the church by **March 18th.**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 2024

5:00 PM			Mar 2	Fr. Kris
For Mary Ann Blankenship Requested by Bob and Diane Blankenship	Lector	Diane Blankenship		
8:30 AM			Mar 3	Fr. Briffa
For All Parishioners	Lector	Jim Bergin		
10:15 AM			Mar 3	Fr. Kris
For Marie Hans Requested by Carolyn Pugh	Lector	Caron Kott		
12:00 PM			Mar 3	Fr. Kris
For Dombe Family + Holy Souls in Purgatory Requested by Phyllis Dombe Family	Lector	Jeff Antoun		

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.

Offertory Snapshot as of 2/11/2024	
Actual Offertory	\$ 6,499.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 275,101.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 267,481.00

Second Sunday of Lent

Reading 1

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you. "When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son. "As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2

Rom 8:31b-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel

Mk 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah. "He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him. "Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ



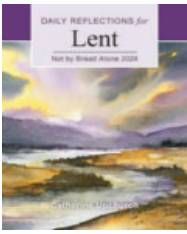
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REPOSE OF THE SOUL
OF
MARY McNISH

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ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO
MARY, OH LORD, AND MAY
PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER

Please join us in praying for Lisa Ludwick as she prepares to enter into full communion with the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil.





Daily Reflections for Lent Booklets
are available in the gathering space of the church.

A small donation would be appreciated!

Widowed Friends Events:

Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group hosting Friday March 1, 4:30 pm—Come enjoy a Fish Dinner with friends at a local Church. St. Genevieve & St. Maurice Catholic Church 29015 Jamison, Livonia (Middlebelt between Five Mile and Lyndon) serves a great dinner with lots of sides. No rsvp necessary, but the group usually gets there right at the start.

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!

**Food Pantry Donation
Items Currently Needed:**

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



STATIONS of the CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM

- MARCH 01, 2024
- MARCH 08, 2024
- MARCH 15, 2024
- MARCH 22, 2024

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 AT NOON

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)



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

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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.



Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more important to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell. Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God’s love this Easter.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, “Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent.” I did. In my heart, the answer came: “Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days.” I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can’t do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God’s command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: “**Abraham!**” “**Here I am,**” he replied. Then God said, “**Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.**” Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that *God sets the terms* of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: “What do you want me to give up?” He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn’t make it easy.

— *Father John Muir*
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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)

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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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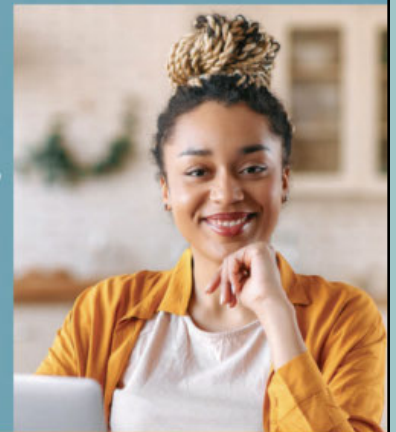
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