

# The St. Gerald Voice

## Roman Catholic Church

**March 3, 2024 - Third 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.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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**MARCH 4 — MARCH 8**

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

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Stephanie Cison**  
 Requested by Milkiewicz Family

Wednesday—No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**For All of Our Parishioners**

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

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/  
 Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/  
 Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
- Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph  
 2 :4-10/Jn 3:14-21

**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 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 event 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.**

**FOURTH SUNDAY  
 OF LENT**

**MARCH 10, 2024**

5:00 PM	Mar 9	Fr. Henry
For <b>Marie Hans</b> Requested by Gretchen Guisbert	<b>Lector</b>	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	Mar 10	Fr. Kris
For <b>Helen Winiarski</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	<b>Lector</b>	Rosa Russenberger
10:15 AM	Mar 10	Fr. Henry
For <b>Peter Zanotti</b> Requested by Armanda Zanotti	<b>Lector</b>	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	Mar 10	Fr. Kris
For <b>For All Parishioners</b>	<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.

<b>Offertory Snapshot as of 2/18/2024</b>	
<b>Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,680.00</b>
<b>Budget Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,105.00</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 283,781.00</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Budget Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 275,586.00</b>

## Third Sunday of Lent

### Reading I

Ex 20:1-17

In those days, God delivered all these commandments: "I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; you shall not bow down before them or worship them. For I, the LORD, your God, am a jealous God, inflicting punishment for their fathers' wickedness on the children of those who hate me, down to the third and fourth generation; but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments. "You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. "Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Six days you may labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD, your God. No work may be done then either by you, or your son or daughter, or your male or female slave, or your beast, or by the alien who lives with you. In six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the LORD has blessed the sabbath day and made it holy. "Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him."



### Reading II

1 Cor 1:22-25

Brothers and sisters: Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

### Gospel

Jn 2:13-25

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me*. At this the Jews answered and said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and you will raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body. Therefore, when he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken. While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing. But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well.

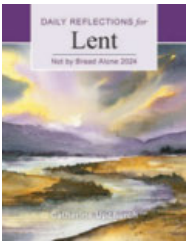
Please pray for our fellow brothers  
and sisters in Christ

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

&  
For those who are suffering:

Susan Erickson  
Walter Pauza





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

A small donation would be appreciated!

**Catholic Relief Services**

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. If you would like to make a donation, please return the envelope in the bulletin and place it in the collection basket next weekend. If you would like to make a donation using Simple Give, you can do so now through March 17th. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief/collection).

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:

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



**STATIONS of the CROSS**

**EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM**

**MARCH 08, 2024 (Live)**  
**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:**

( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(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](mailto: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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## *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**

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



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.





The beautiful woman watched with incomprehensible pain as her Son's flesh was torn, His hands pierced, and His Body offered as a living sacrifice. The Man upon the cross was once the young boy she nurtured and raised, His wounded Body the same one that grew within her womb, and His anguished Face that of her beloved only Son. On the road to Calvary, she is Our Lady of Sorrows, bearing an unbearable pain. This Lent, we are called to mourn with her. Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows is heightened during the season of Lent. In this devotion, we accompany the Blessed Virgin Mary in her grief as she walks with her Son through His Passion and death, offered for the sins of the world.

Catholic Company

**St. Gerald Parish  
Communal Penance Service**

With the opportunity for individual confession and absolution  
Monday, March 18th at 6:30 PM



**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
- St. Vincent de Paul ..... x 220
- Education**
- Emily Long: Coordinator of Faith Formation ..... x 201  
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- Mary Melonio: Director of Music ..... x 222  
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- Norma Battel  
Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com
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- Gerryanna Luscri ..... x 208  
Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com
- Maintenance** ..... x 208
- 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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