

# The St. Gerald Voice

## Roman Catholic Church

**March 10, 2024 - Fourth 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.



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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**MARCH 11 — MARCH 15**

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Fr. Edward Prus +**

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Frank Adams +**  
Requested by Geri Adams

Wednesday—No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Helena Karabin**

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Kathleen Ann Egbers**  
Requested by Friend

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
- Next  
Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 9/12:20-33

**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!

**St. Gerald Parish  
Communal Penance Service**

With the opportunity for individual confession and absolution

**Monday, March 18th at 6:30 PM**

**FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF LENT**

**MARCH 17, 2024**

5:00 PM		Mar 16	Fr. Kris
For <b>Larry Brown</b> Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	<b>Lector</b>	Diane Blankenship	
8:30 AM		Mar 17	Fr. Kris
For <b>Kelly Parker &amp; KJ Gehart</b> Requested by Mullen Family	<b>Lector</b>	Candy Rosowski	
10:15 AM		Mar 17	Fr. Kris
For <b>Lois Goeminne</b> Requested by Family	<b>Lector</b>	Jim Bergin	
12:00 PM		Mar 17	Fr. Briffa
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.

**Offertory Snapshot as of  
2/25/2024**

<b>Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,524.00</b>
<b>Budget Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,105.00</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 290,305.00</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Budget Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 283,692.00</b>

# *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

**Reading I**

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!"

**Reading II**

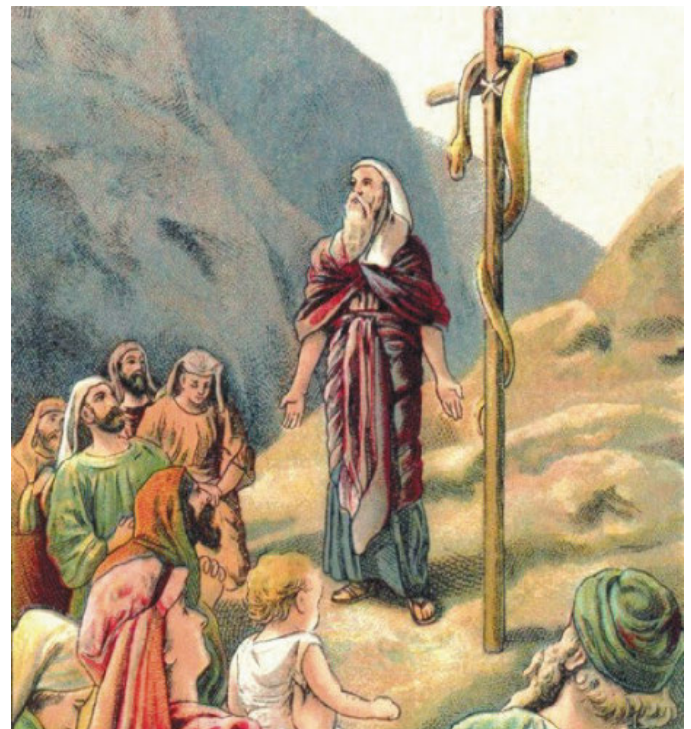
Eph 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ — by grace you have been saved —,raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

**Gospel**

Jn 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.



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.

*We pray for the repose of the souls of:*

**Barbara Anne Groleau**

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October 26, 1939

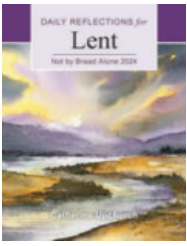
February 8, 2024

**Kenneth R. Wilk**

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February 28, 1959

February 25, 2024



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

A small donation would be appreciated!

**Catholic Relief Services**

This 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 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 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:**

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*(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)

## The Knights Corner



### Thanks to a Special Brother, and Special Fellow Parishioner and his wife

Your Knights of Columbus regularly recognizes Knights who have “stepped up” recently to help with Knights of Columbus Business. This is a story of a Brother Knight who has “stepped up” his entire time in the Knights of Columbus. I am referring to Brother Tom McPhail.

Tom is one of the 10 Charter members of our Council, and has served the Knights with distinction for 20 years. Tom has served for many years as the Program Director for our Council 13673. The Grand Knight deals with the bureaucracy of the Knights and serves as the face of the Council, but the Program Director is the engine that drives the Council forward and, in many ways, serves as the Heart and Soul of the Council. Tom has been a respected voice and presence in our Council, and all the Grand Knights he served under relied on him for his knowledge, wisdom, and common sense. Tom knew when to strongly advocate for his position (Tom was usually right), or to offer a pat on the back. We would not be the Council we are without him. Our Council has won many “Star Council” awards, given for outstanding achievement, under his guidance. Although Tom has stepped down from his position as Program Director, he trained his successor, Scott Horsburgh, who is doing an outstanding job, thanks in large part to Tom’s tutelage.

As a senior member of our Council, Tom has remained the voice - and conscience - of our group. Even now, he keeps us on track and continually reminds us - by word and by action - of the importance of our core principles: charity, fraternity, unity, and patriotism.

Tom was recently presented with a Lifetime Achievement award from the Knights for all he has done, and he and his wife Arlene were recognized for all they do for our Parish. Tom has served as an Usher for many years, and Arlene has not only served our Council by letting Tom serve us, but by doing many, many things for our Parish over the years, too many to list here. Tom and Arlene have been a “Power Couple” for our Parish and deserve our thanks. Please feel free to offer Tom and Arlene an expression of appreciation next time you see them.



This is Tom and Arlene receiving awards from our Grand Knight, Terry Grabinski, and District Deputy, Gary Malia.

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!

### **Aquinas College Open House – Saturday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to noon**

Aquinas College invites all high school students and their families to our Open House on **Saturday, March 23!** Discover everything Aquinas has to offer – all at once! Explore our academic programs & student life opportunities, connect with our faculty, staff & students, and tour our wooded campus. **Register here: [aquinas.edu/openhouse](http://aquinas.edu/openhouse).**



**Welcome to the St. Gerald Parish Family**

**Carol Monczka  
&  
Lisa & Piper Ludwick**

**Blood Drive!!!!**  
 Monaghan K of C  
 19801 Farmington Rd  
 Livonia, MI



**Monday, March 25, 2024**  
**1:00 pm—7:00 pm**  
 Blood levels are very low. Just one pint of blood saves the lives of three people. Please consider coming to donate. To schedule an appointment, simply call 866-MIBLOOD or visit [www.versiti.org/MI](http://www.versiti.org/MI). Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.

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.**

*Month of St. Joseph*

The Church traditionally dedicates the month of March to the special veneration of St. Joseph, whose feast day is March 19th. "He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife," says St. Bernardine of Siena. "He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.'" Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church.

™ Morning Offering

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**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](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com)

**All other offices dial (248) 476-7677**

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- 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  
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- Youth Ministry**
- Gerryanna Luscri ..... x 208  
 Email: [gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com)

- Maintenance** 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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