

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

March 17, 2024 - Fifth 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.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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MARCH 18 — MARCH 22

Monday 9:15 AM
Henryk Karabin
 Requested by Friend

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Battel, Hamway & Whitaker Families
 Requested by Friend

Thursday 7:00 PM
Rita Adams +
 Requested by Amy George, Marci Adams & Laurice Bray

Friday 9:15 AM
Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer, Goderman, Robreckt Families & Fr. Kris
 Requested by Friend

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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!

**St. Gerald Parish
 Communal Penance Service**

With the opportunity for individual confession and absolution

Monday, March 18th at 6:30 PM



Of The Passion Of The Lord

March 24, 2024

5:00 PM			Mar 23	Fr. Briffa
For Wilda McAskin Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector	Sharon McCarthy Diane Blankenship		
8:30 AM			Mar 24	Fr. Kris
For JoAnn Pavco Requested by Joe Pavco	Lector	Candy Rosowski Paulette Mullen		
10:15 AM			Mar 24	Fr. Kris
For Cristina Marciano Requested by Armanda Zanotti	Lector	Angela McLoughlin Jim Bergin		
12:00 PM			Mar 24	Fr. Henry
For For All Parishioners	Lector	Jeff Antoun Diane Petter		

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
 3/3/2024**

Actual Offertory	\$	9,638.00
Budget Offertory	\$	8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$	299,943.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$	291,797 .00

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reading I

Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Reading II

Heb 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

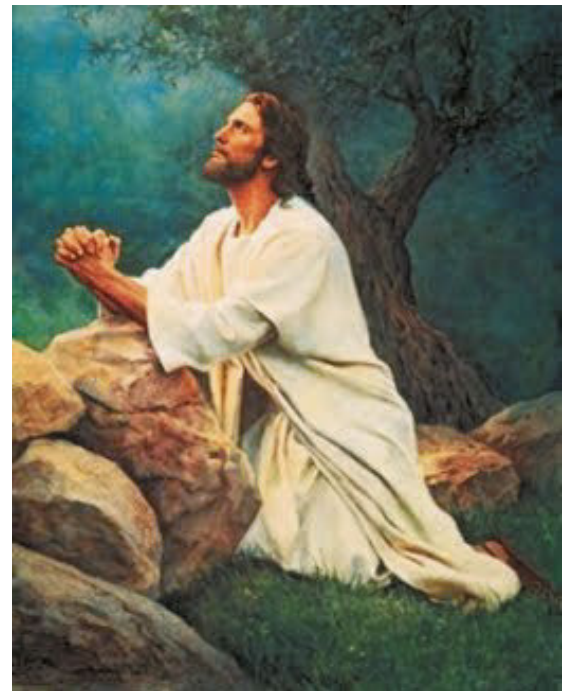
Month of St. Joseph



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.

TM Morning Offering



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, March 30, 2024 at 8:30 pm.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 30th,
starting at 11:00 am in church
with blessing of
food.
All are welcome!

All families will receive a butter
lamb to share at their Easter
Meal.

Bring a friend.



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



STATIONS *of the* CROSS

EVERY FRIDAY AT 7:00 PM

MARCH 22, 2024

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 AT NOON

March 23 and 24 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Confessions Saturday: 3:30 PM
Masses: Saturday at 5:00 PM and
Sunday at 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon

March 28 – Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 PM
Night Watch at the Garden of Repose from
8:00 PM until Night Prayer at 10:00 PM

March 29 – Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 PM
Good Friday Liturgy at 1:00 PM
Private Veneration of the Cross from
2:30 – 3:30 PM

March 30 – Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter foods at 11:00 AM
immediately
followed by Easter Egg Hunt
Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 PM

NO 3:30 PM CONFESSIONS OR 5 PM MASS

March 31 - Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of Our Lord
and Savior Jesus Christ
Masses: 8:30 AM, 10:15 AM, 12 Noon



Please visit our parish website
at stgeraldparish.org to hear the audio
presentation of “**Were You There**” (Passion
Perspectives of the Crucifixion). The
program can be heard at your leisure for
Lenten meditations.

Feel free to share from our St. Gerald Parish
website and Facebook venues.

<https://stgeraldparish.org/>

Attention parents!

Registration for 2024 VBS begins now!

St. Gerald will be hosting Vacation Bible School June 24-27 5:30-7:30pm. Forms may be found on our website, in the classroom hallway information center, or email Emily Long at faithformation.sgp@gmail.com

Additionally, VBS is offered in our Family of Parishes at:

St. Aidan June 10-14 9am-noon (<https://www.saintaidanlivonia.org/vbs.html>) and

St. Michael the Archangel June 17-19 9am-noon (www.livoniastmichael.org/vbs)

Register for one or all (they are all a different theme)!



Food Pantry Donation Items Currently Needed:

Canned Peaches & Pears

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



* **All New Members: Save the date of April 28th.** *
* We will have a **New Member Reception** *
* beginning with 10:15 am Mass followed by a *
* presentation and reception in our social hall. New *
* members will be receiving a call or letter with details. *
* If you are a newer member within the last 2 years *
* and have not attend a welcome reception, contact *
* Gerryanna at 248-476-7677 ext. 208 *
* *

St. Catherine of Siena Academy Open House!

Thursday, March 21, 2024, 4:00 – 6:00pm

28200 Napier Rd, Wixom, MI 48393



Deciding on which high school is best for your daughter? St. Catherine of Siena Academy is an all-girls Catholic high school located in Wixom, MI. Our mission is to educate young women to know their feminine genius – their dignity, identity, and gifts as women created in the image of God! Rooted in their identity as daughters of God and formed by our rigorous academic program, our graduates are empowered with the courage to live boldly and bring their unique gifts to the world. Learn more about the athletic, extracurricular, academic, and faith opportunities that await your daughter in the SCA sisterhood by visiting www.saintcatherineacademy.org and **registering to attend** our upcoming Open House! Registration to Shadow is available online for 7th and 8th grade! **Register today and be a STAR for a day at SCA!**

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.

Activities In Our Communities

Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group hosting Tues. March 19 in LIVONIA—Morning Movie and Lunch at The Phoenix Theater at Laurel Park 17310 Laurel Park Drive, Livonia. New movies every month. Lunch follows after the movie at Bar Louie located in the shopping center. Call Peggy to make a reservation 734-744-5580.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the St. Francis Retreat Center, in DeWitt, Mi (10 miles north of Lansing), on April 5-7, 2024. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.michigan@gmail.com, or call (586)770-1772 for details.

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.**



Each one valuable for our Lenten journey. Thank you to our helpers Blen, Reece, Ellenore, David and Mason. Thank you AV coordinator, Emily and music coordinator, Mary for your talents. St. Gerald is fortunate to have good people willing to say yes to make these programs possible.

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. Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.

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

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- Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203
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 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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