

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

April 7, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

*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.

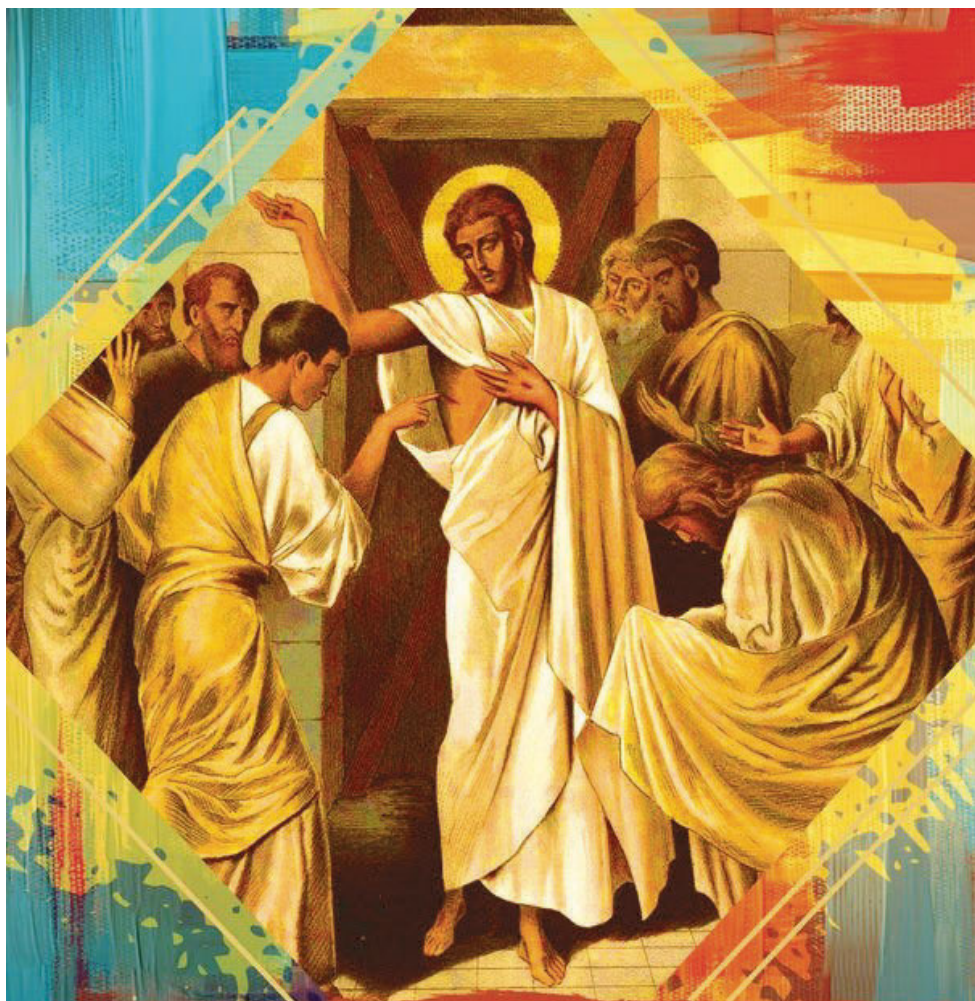
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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 EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

“Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” - Jn 20: 27

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APRIL 8—APRIL 12

Monday 9:15 AM

Debbie Dafoe
Requested by church

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Rafal Anczewski
Requested by church

Wednesday—No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

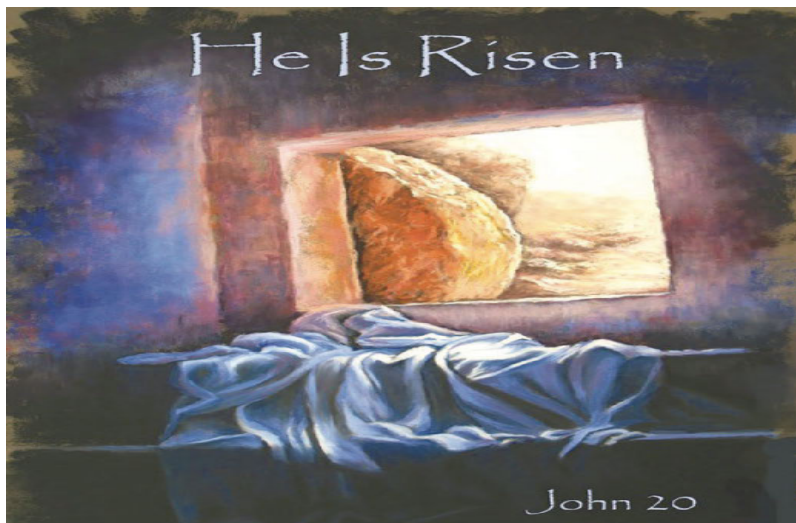
All Our Altar Servers
Requested by church

Friday 9:15 AM

Anthony Pavco
Requested by Joe Pavco

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
- Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/
Lk 24:35-48



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE OUR LENTEN JOURNEY TO EASTER A HOLY AND MEANINGFUL ONE. MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THE RISEN LORD BE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES.

FR. KRIS NOWAK

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

5:00 PM		April 13	Fr Kris
For Helen Smigielski Requested by Doug & Arlene Foley	Lector	Sharon McCarthy	
8:30 AM		April 14	Fr Kris
For Norma Battel	Lector	Rosa Russenberger	
10:15 AM		April 14	Fr Kris
For Joseph & Marion Berge Requested by Robert Berge	Lector	Angela McLoughlin	
12:00 PM		April 14	Fr Henry
For For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Jeff Antoun	



*Remembered this Easter Season
(Was not included in Easter Bulletin)*



In Memory Of

Gordon & Elaine Horsburgh
Angeline Ferracciolo

Remembered By

Scott & Susan Horsburgh

Please pray for our fellow brothers
and sisters in Christ



For those who are suffering:

Kelly Conley
Walter Pauza
Shirley Murray
Robert Lenard
Debbie Dafoe

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

Reading 1

Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2

1 Jn 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

Alleluia

Gospel

Jn 20:19-31



On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to

him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.





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**St. Gerald joyfully welcomes
Lisa Marie Ludwick
into full communion with the Catholic church.
God's blessings to her
today and always.**





2024 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

We also want to inform you that our 2024 CSA campaign will launch on **CSA Weekend April 27-28**. Each year, we have the opportunity to unleash the Gospel through our Catholic Services Appeal. The valuable ministries, programs, and services funded by our CSA benefit so many in our parish and across the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond. When we support the CSA, together we focus **With Eyes Fixed on Jesus** to witness Christ to our friends and neighbors. Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal.

**2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL
UPDATE**

In September we announced that our 2023 CSA goal of \$57,193.00 was reached with all your help. We once again, want to say **CONGRATULATIONS AND Thank You**. At this point, we are approximately \$12,000.00 over our goal which those funds will come back to St. Gerald 100%.

All check payments or credit card payments for CSA 2023 must be received by the Archdiocese of Detroit by April 26, 2024, to be applied to 2023. If your pledge dollars are not received by this date, St. Gerald will be responsible for any balances due at that time.

Address for funds to be mailed: Archdiocese of Detroit, CSA Gift Processing Center, PO Box 6047, Albert Lea, MN 56007-6647.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



* **All New Members:** *
* Save the date of *
* **April 28th.** *
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* 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 *

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)!

Happy Easter!
Growing stronger in our faith and participating in tradition together is the fabric of our lives. It may have been rainy & cold outside, but warmth and joy was felt inside at our Easter Basket Blessing and Egg Hunt. Many families brought beautiful baskets with key ingredients and special items. Various cultures were represented and the handmade basket clothes were so beautiful; Polish, Albanian, Italian and more. Teens & adults hid eggs all around but it didn't take long for the large number of children to find every one. **Thank you** to all who donated their candy and/or time to make this event a success!
Mark your family calendar for next year's Holy Saturday tradition, April 19, 2025 (rain or shine)



Hello and Happy Easter to all of you wonderful volunteers!

Buds are emerging telling us it's time for our **Annual Spring Clean Up.**

Save the date for Saturday, April 27th beginning at 10:00 am.

Feel free to work on any day that's best for your schedule and ease. If you have specific needs or concerns in your area, please let us know.

Many of the gardens are in fair shape and don't need much at this time. However, dead branches need to be removed from some trees, general pruning of overgrown shrubs and clearing of trash collected against the building needs several hands for the work.

And, more refuse needs to be removed from the area near the gazebo.

If you are not able to tend to your areas before or on April 27th, please let me know so we can have an alternate tend to your area

Note: Pentecost is Sunday, May 19th and we will plan to plant the donated geraniums the week after, as we've done in the past.

Thank you again and we look forward to being outside together.
Gerryanna & the St. Gerald Staff

Bundle Days

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be here the following weekends for your donations!

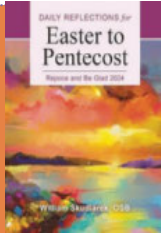
June 14, 15 & 16
October 4, 5 & 6

Time for some Spring cleaning!

Daily Reflections from Easter to Pentecost

Booklets are available in the gathering space of the church.

A small donation would be appreciated!



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
- Email: Faithformation.sgp@gmail.com
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- Mary Melonio: Director of Music x 222
- Email: dulcemusika@aol.com
- Worship Ministry** x 202
- Norma Battel
- Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com
- Youth Ministry**
- Gerryanna Luscri x 208
- Email: 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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