

# The St. Gerald Voice

## Roman Catholic Church

April 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*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.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

This Sunday, April 21, 2024, at the noon Mass, five candidates received the sacrament of First Communion. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey.

Dominick Angelo Boni  
Brooklyn Grace Hand  
Arianna Michelle Rize  
Cameron Erik Weiler  
Laila Helene Weiler

Thank you to the parents and the First Communion catechist, Sarah Austin, who gave so much of their time in helping to prepare these children.

Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers.

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**APRIL 22—APRIL 26**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Joseph Mathew +**  
Requested by Mrs. Joseph

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Kath Egbers +**  
Requested by Bible Study Group

Wednesday—No Mass

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

Friday 9:15 AM  
**JoAnn Pavco**  
Requested by Joe Pavco

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14  
 Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, who are suffering

Kelly Conley	Robert Lenard
Debbie Dafoe	Walter Pauz
Shirley Murray	Marlene Bergin

### Is God Calling you to become a Knight?

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.”

(Matthew 25:40)

“Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.”

(James 2:17)

Do you hear God calling you to become more involved in helping others? If so—and if you are a Catholic man 18 years or older—one of the best ways to answer God’s call is by becoming a member of the Knights of Columbus. The Knights of Columbus is an international organization that provides a way for men to put their faith into action and improve the lives of people in need. Here, at St. Gerald, members of the St. Gerald Council of Knights work together to raise money for our Parish and numerous local charities and causes within an atmosphere of fraternity and fun. To find out more about the Knights, please call Rich Smith at (313)421-0204 or email [Richardsmith4451@gmail.com](mailto:Richardsmith4451@gmail.com)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**APRIL 28, 2024**

5:00 PM		April 27	Fr Kris
For <b>Robert E. Blankenship</b> Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	<b>Lector</b>	Sharon McCarthy	
8:30 AM		April 28	Fr Kris
For <b>Maria Camilleri</b> Requested by Family	<b>Lector</b>	Candy Rosowski	
10:15 AM		April 28	Fr Kris
For <b>Margaret Weberlein</b> Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	<b>Lector</b>	Caron Kott	
12:00 PM		April 28	Fr Henry
For <b>For All Of Our Parishioners</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Paul Radzilowski	

## Mass Intentions

If you wish to request a **Mass Intention** for a loved one, please stop by the parish office and we will be happy to add them to the calendar of weekday and weekend Masses

### Offertory Snapshot as of 4 / 7 / 2024

<b>Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 10,600.00</b>
<b>Budget Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,105.00</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 338,706.00</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Budget Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 324,219.00</b>

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## READINGS

## Reading 1

Acts 4:8-12

Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said: "Leaders of the people and elders: If we are being examined today about a good deed done to a cripple, namely, by what means he was saved, then all of you and all the people of Israel should know that it was in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead; in his name this man stands before you healed. *He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.* There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved."

## Responsorial Psalm

## Reading 2

1 Jn 3:1-2

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

## Alleluia

## Gospel

Jn 10:11-18

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. A hired man, who is not a shepherd and whose sheep are not his own, sees a wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away, and the wolf catches and scatters them. This is because he works for pay and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd. This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down on my own. I have power to lay it down, and power to take it up again. This command I have received from my Father."

The season of Easter continues on for a full **fifty days**, up through the feast of Pentecost (which is May 19th this year). Easter is the most important feast in the liturgical calendar, and it only makes sense that the Church should celebrate not just a feast, not just an octave, but a whole *season* in honor of Our Lord's Resurrection.

Within these fifty days we celebrate some important feasts: Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast of the Ascension (in most places, the Sunday before Pentecost), and finally, Pentecost itself, the birthday of the Church!

So don't wind down your celebrations yet. We've got five weeks of joy ahead of us.

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## St. Gerald



Save the Date

June 23, 2024

1-4 PM



# A Look Ahead

## MASSES:

**SATURDAY**  
5:00 pm

**SUNDAY**  
8:30 am 10:15 am 12:00 Noon

**APRIL 2024**

**Sunday**  
**APRIL 21, 2024**

**FIRST COMMUNION NOON MASS**

Communion reception following  
mass in the Social Hall

**Sunday**  
**APRIL 28, 2024**

**NEW PARISH MEMBER**

**MASS AT 10:15 am**

Welcome gathering and  
Introductions in the  
Social Hall after mass

**MAY 2024**

**Thursday**  
**MAY 2, 2024**

**MAY CROWNING**

**7:00 pm**

**Friday**  
**MAY 3, 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY MASS**

**9:15 am**

**ADORATION**  
**until 5:00 pm**  
**BENEDICTION**

**Saturday**  
**MAY 4, 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> SATURDAY MASS**

**9:15 am**

**Sunday**  
**MAY 5, 2024**

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**after 8:30 am and**  
**10:15 am masses**

**Sunday**  
**MAY 19, 2024**

**FELLOWSHIP**  
**AFTER ALL MASSES**





## 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

**Next weekend April 27-28** is CSA Weekend, which marks the beginning of our annual Catholic Services Appeal for 2024 – 2025. It offers us this opportunity each year to renew our personal commitment to focus **With Eyes Fixed on Jesus** to witness Christ as His disciples.

The valuable ministries, programs, and services funded by our CSA benefit so many in our parish and across the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond. CSA is a pledge program, which allows you to spread your gift over several months or make a one-time pledge.

Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal. **Your CSA 2024 pledge packet will be available next weekend for you to pick up after Mass.**

## 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.



Knights Corner, 4-21-24



### Thanks to the St. Gerald Community.....AGAIN!

If this looks like the last article in the voice, that's because we are thanking you once again for your incredible generosity. Your donation for the Tootsie Roll drive enabled us to donate \$500 each to Farmington Special Olympics and Farmington Community Services. We KNOW your generosity is not just due to your love of Tootsie Rolls! St Gerald parishioners are STILL the best!

### Holy Water Bottles

The Knights handed out over 430 holy water bottles on Easter Sunday. We are happy for your support of this program. It's one small way for us to give back to you.

### Pancake Breakfast

We will be holding our Spring pancake breakfast after 8:30 and 10:15 Masses (see enclosed flyer). Feel free to invite your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you and serving you on **May 5<sup>th</sup>**.  
Good Men doing Good Works!



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\* **All New Members:** \*  
\* **Next Weekend** \*  
\* **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. If \*  
\* you have not done so already, \*  
\* **new members** please contact \*  
\* Gerryanna at \*  
\* **248-476-7677 ext. 208** \*  
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**Food Pantry Donation  
Items Currently Needed:**



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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Juice                         | Crackers (Saltines/Ritz) |
| Boxed Potatoes                | Variety Canned Fruit     |
| Deluxe Macaroni<br>and Cheese | Jelly                    |
|                               | Protein Meals            |

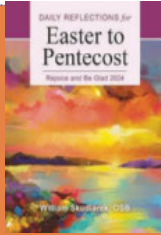
**Bundle Days**

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!

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

**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  
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**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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