

# The St. Gerald Voice

## Roman Catholic Church

April 28, 2024

FIFTH 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.

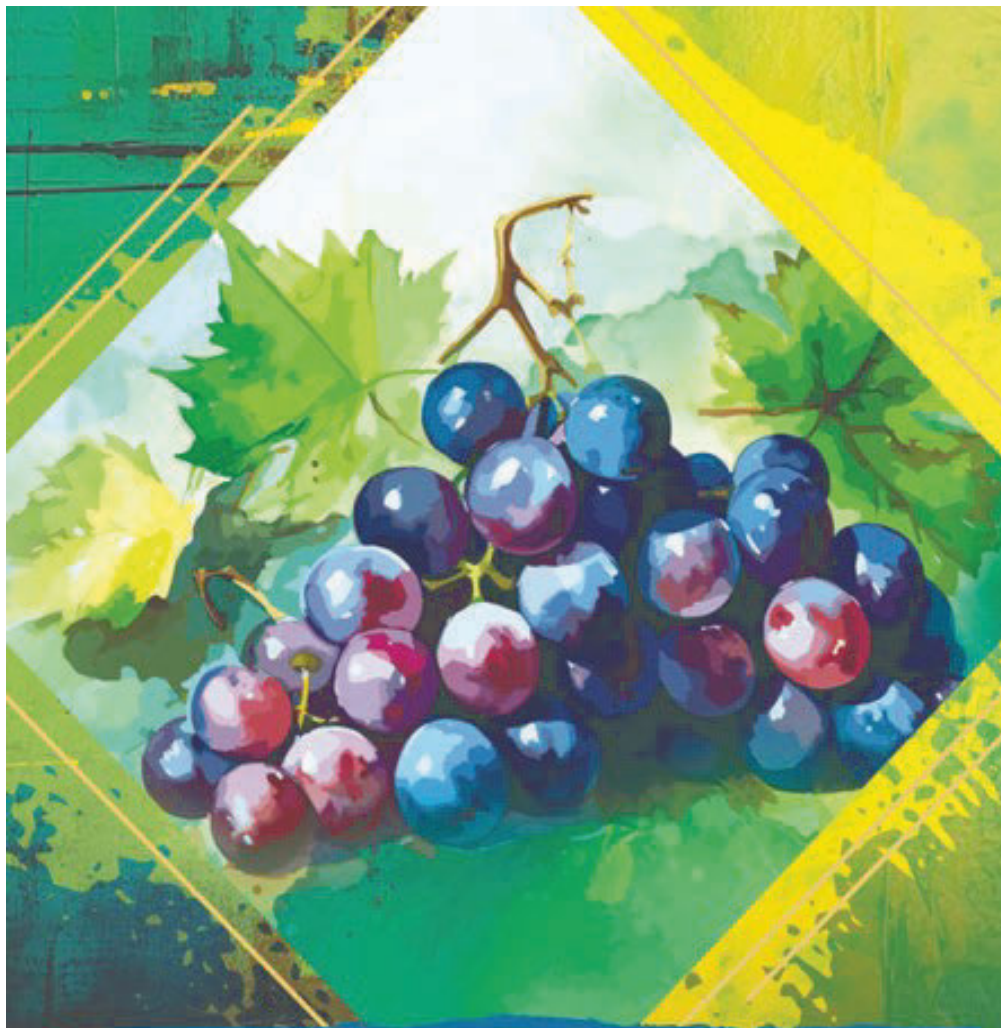
### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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.



### 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." - Jn 15:5

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**APRIL 29—MAY 3**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Frederick Klettner**  
Requested by Blen Cardoza

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Ed Prus +**  
Requested by church

Wednesday—No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Msgr William Easton +**  
Requested by church

Friday 9:15 AM

**Fr. Ianusz Iwan +**  
Requested by church

## Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/  
 Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4  
 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

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  
 Marlon Alafriz

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. @ The Catholic Company

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**MAY 5, 2024**

5:00 PM		May 4	Fr Giera
For <b>Kelly Conley +</b> Requested by Mary Taylor	<b>Lector</b>	Diane Blankenship	
8:30 AM		May 5	Fr Kris
For <b>Charlotte Campbell</b> Requested by Mullen Family	<b>Lector</b>	Paulette Mullen	
10:15 AM		May 5	Fr Giera
For <b>Genevieve Browne +</b> Requested by Josephine Meyers	<b>Lector</b>	Angela McLoughlin	
12:00 PM		May 5	Fr Giera
For <b>For All Of Our Parishioners</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Teddi Williams	

## 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 / 14 / 2024

Actual Offertory	\$ 7,112.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 357,009.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 340,430.00

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS

### Reading 1

**Acts 9:26-31**

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

### Responsorial Psalm

### Reading 2

**1 Jn 3:18-24**

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

### Alleluia

### Gospel

**Jn 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."



“Whoever remains in  
me and I in him will  
bear much fruit,  
because without me  
you can do nothing”



## MASSES:

**SATURDAY**  
5:00 pm

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

**APRIL 2024**

**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 / ADORATION**  
**9:15 am 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**



Last weekend five candidates received the sacrament of First Communion. We congratulate them as they continue their faith journey. We thank their parents, families, godparents, and catechists (Rosa Russenberger, Sarah Austin) for preparing them for the sacrament.



## 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

This is CSA Weekend! We are asking all parishioners to join in contributing to this year's Catholic Services Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Gerald's 2024 CSA target of \$55,164.00, which is our parish share of the support for the CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services. When we support the CSA, together we focus **With Eyes Fixed on Jesus** to witness Christ as His disciples.

In order for us to make our goal we are asking each family to donate \$300.00. We know that some families can afford more and some not so much. Any gifts we receive over our target will be returned to our parish in full. If, however, we do not meet this target, we will have to make up the shortfall from our general fund.

There are various ways for you to support the CSA. You may make a one-time gift or pledge the gift using your credit card making monthly or quarterly payments.

You may give your donation on-line or by check, below a few general instructions.

### Instructions for On-line Giving:

You can donate at any time by going to [GiveCSA.org](http://GiveCSA.org)

Click on – Give to CSA 2024

Sign in or click on “Pledge to Give”

Choose your organization from the drop-down arrow – St. Gerald - Farmington

Fill out the amount you wish to give and if one time or recurring

If you make a donation by check, please make sure your check is payable to **Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA**. Please return your CSA card by mail in the envelope provided, or drop it off in the collection basket or the Parish Office. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Please continue to prayerfully consider what type of generous support you can give to support our parish. Your pledge packet will be available for you to pick up after Mass during the month of May.

We **appreciate your support** and know it does make a difference.

## Faith Formation

We have concluded Faith Formation classes for the 2023-24 school year. **Thank you** to our volunteer catechists Rosa Russenberger, Sarah Austin, Caroline Kalvaitis, Tim Alexander, Paige Alexander, Mary Alice Power, Carol Ferguson, Peggy Oleszkowicz, and Jarrod Berard.

We have grown closer to Christ in our studies thanks to your efforts. May God continue to bless and the Holy Spirit continue to guide our teachers and students over the summer.



## Knights Corner, 4-28-24



### Pancake Breakfast

We will be holding our Spring pancake breakfast after 8:30 and 10:15 Masses **NEXT SUNDAY** (see enclosed flyer). Feel free to invite your family and friends.

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!

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### **Food Pantry Donation Items Currently Needed:**

Juice  
Crackers  
Boxed Potatoes  
Variety Canned Fruit  
Deluxe Mac & Cheese  
Jelly  
Protein Meals

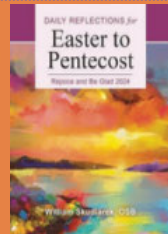
### Bundle Days

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!

## St. Gerald



**Save the Date  
June 23, 2024**

## 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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St. Vincent de Paul ..... x 220

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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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