

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

May 5, 2024

SIXTH 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.

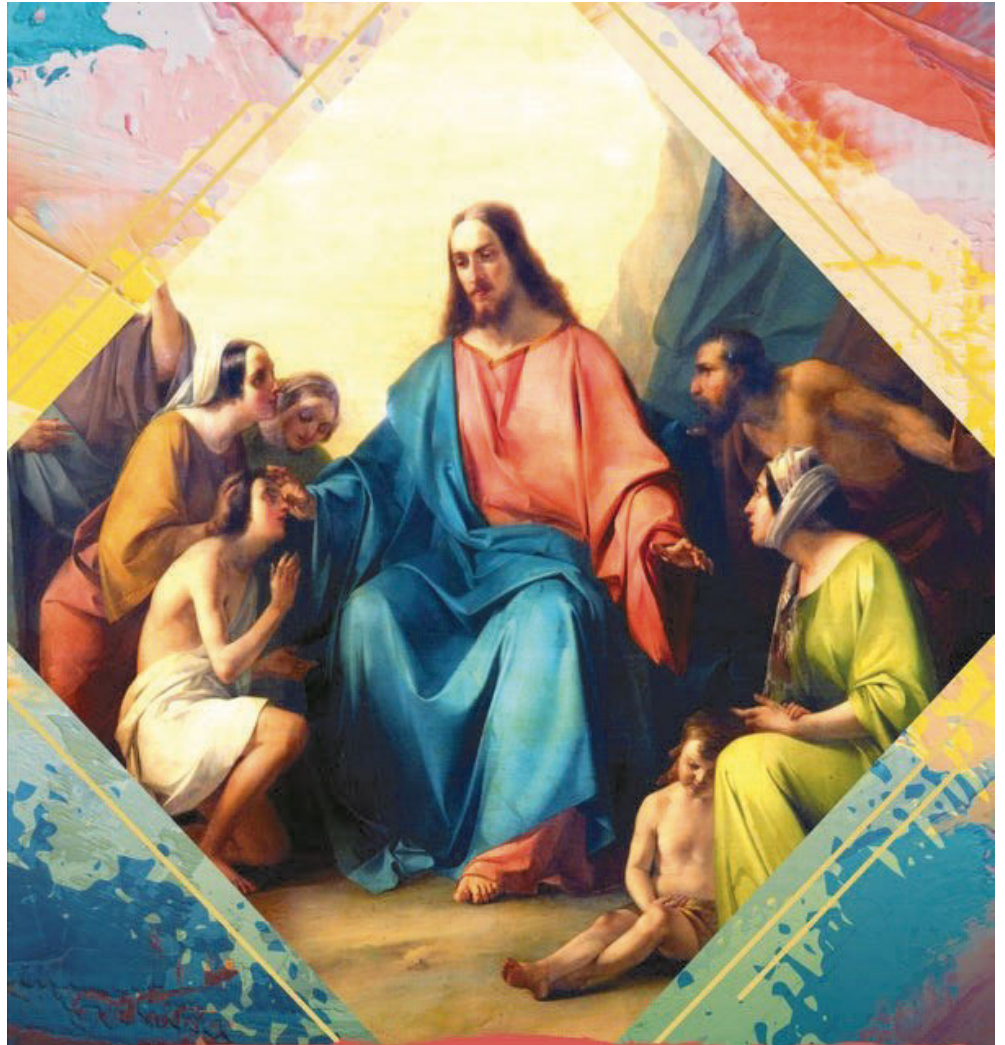
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

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MAY 6 — MAY 10

Monday 9:15 AM

Carmel Galea
Requested by Stella Galea

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Dombe, Palazzolo, Briggs & McDonald families & the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Requested by Phyllis Dombe

Wednesday—No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Drew Jarman +
Requested by Cunniffe family

Friday 9:15 AM

Julia Pavco & Bernice Kaye
Requested by Joe Pavco

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a
- Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11
- Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15
- Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20
- Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
- Friday: Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23
- Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28
- Next Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

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



Gwen Dombe Korody
Debbie Dafoe Walter Pauz
Shirley Murray Marlene Bergin
Marlon Alafritz Robert Lenard

Welcome New Members!

**Patricia Boucher
&
Daniele & Amanda Tomassi**

We are glad you are here!

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2024

5:00 PM		May 11	Fr Henry
For Patrick Hesper Requested by Bonacchi	Lector	Sharon McCarthy	
8:30 AM		May 12	Fr Briffa
For Helen Winiarski Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector	Mark Cieslak	
10:15 AM		May 12	Fr Henry
For Jimmy Rotunda Requested by Margaret Williams	Lector	Jeff Antoun	
12:00 PM		May 12	Fr Henry
For For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Ken Galica	

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



Join Widowed Friends,
a peer support group hosting:

Tues, May 7th at 10 am

First Tuesday of the Month Club Breakfast

At Senate Coney Island
& Restaurant
34359 Plymouth Rd. in Livonia
RSVP to Tom 586-216-1454

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER READINGS

Reading 1

**Acts 10:25-26,
34-35,44-48/56**

When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2

1 Jn 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

Alleluia

RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 19, 2024

We WILL again have geraniums available to purchase before mass on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday, May 19, 2024. The geraniums will be placed on the steps leading to the altar before mass. After mass the geraniums will be planted in the garden areas around the church by our gardening volunteers..

Gospel

Jn 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing, I have called you friends because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

ST. GERALD PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY JUNE 23, 2024 1-4 PM



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Hello,

My name is Fr. Craig Giera, and I am the Director of Priestly Vocations for the Archdiocese of Detroit. You may have heard that we have a vocation crisis going on in our world, but that's not exactly true. God has not stopped calling men to the priesthood. Rather, we have a hearing problem or a listening problem. Because this world is so loud and noisy, men aren't hearing God's generous offer to become a priest. And because of that, that means less priests serve you.

In just ten years, here in the Archdiocese of Detroit, there is going to be half the number of active priests than those serving today. That means less Masses being said, less confessions being heard, priests not there to be able to celebrate in the joys, and to be with you there through the struggles. I don't say this to cause despair, but rather to stir up that gift of hope that was given to us at our baptism, that theological virtue that says we have already won in Christ. God will provide the grace that we need to accept this challenge. Yet, we need to do our part.

Our response is prayer. Prayer is powerful and not a consolation prize. I have consecrated the vocations department, all its work, and all the young men in the Archdiocese of Detroit who do have a vocation to the priesthood to her Immaculate Heart, that she will protect and guide them. But I have also committed to saying an extra Rosary every single day — the Luminous Mysteries for priestly vocations — and I invite you to do the same. If you can't do it every day, maybe at least once a week. Can you imagine that if even just half the Archdiocese prayed a Rosary a day for vocations, the generous response we would receive? You can register on our website at www.detroitpriestlyvocations.com if you would like to make an ongoing commitment.

Our second response is to encourage and invite our grandsons, sons, nephews— someone in our life that we think has the characteristics to make a good and holy priest. It would be great to sit them down and make it a sacred moment, a special moment. Saying, "I believe you would make a good priest. I'll pray with you on that. I'll be here for you." You would be a St. Barnabas to them, one who offers encouragement!

I'm so excited to share with you our website at www.detroitpriestlyvocations.com. In it, you'll find many resources that will help support priestly vocations. There's also many resources for men who are discerning the call to the priesthood. Check out our podcast, "Men of the Hearts"; we talk to priests about their vocation stories.

Brothers and sisters, St. Paul reminds us that hope does not disappoint because the love of Christ has been poured forth into our hearts. Together let us hope, but also to pray, invite, and encourage young men to consider the priesthood. I'm so happy to be here with you this week to pray for more vocations.

God bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Giera".

Rev. Craig Giera





2024 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2024 CSA Campaign has started! 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.

We have received refunds from CSA 2022 & 2023 for approximately \$17,000.00. Those funds received from CSA along with funds from savings will be used to replace all the exterior doors in July with a cost of \$87,000.00.

In order for us to make our goal and to help with money coming back to the church in a refund we are asking each family to donate \$300.00. We know that some families can afford more and some not so much. We are asking everyone to donate something to allow us to reach that goal. If you cannot donate at this time, please still return your card showing zero. Remember, we get 100% refund for everything over our goal but any shortfall would be paid from St. Gerald's bank account.

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. Whatever, you decide the campaign for CSA 2024 will be completed by April 30, 2025.

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 www.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

Return your card to St. Gerald with a note indicating you gave on-line

If donation is made 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.

Your pledge packet will be available for you to pick up after Mass during the month of May. Starting in June any cards not picked up will be mailed with a letter asking for support to reach the goal. If you are not a member and would like to donate, we are able to provide you with a card for pledging.

Please continue to prayerfully consider your most generous support you can give to our parish. We appreciate your support and know it does make a difference.

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)!

Knights Corner, 5-5-24



Pancake Breakfast

Please join us after 8:30 am and 10:15 am Masses this weekend for our Spring pancake breakfast!

Memorial Mass

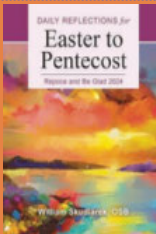
St. Gerald Knights of Columbus will be honoring all the deceased members of Council 13673 at our annual Memorial Mass on **Thursday, May 23rd**, at 7:00 pm at St. Gerald Church. We invite all members of the honored families as well as our parishioners to attend this special Mass.

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!

Food Pantry Donation
Items Currently Needed:
 Crackers
 Boxed Potatoes
 Variety Canned Fruit
 Deluxe Mac & Cheese
 Jelly
 Non-refrigerated/
 Microwaveable meals
 (ex. Hormel Compleats)

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 Baby Bottle Drive

Bottles will be available for distribution on May 19th to benefit



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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

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- 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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