

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

May 12, 2024

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

*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.



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may
be consecrated in truth.” - Jn 17:18-19

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MAY 13 — MAY 17

Monday 9:15 AM

Barry McAskin +
Requested by Sharon McAskin

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

Thanks to All Our Volunteers

Friday 9:15 AM

Lea Magnani
Requested by Bonacchi Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/
Jn 17:11b -19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,11
/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Nest Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14
or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/
Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1,
24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or
Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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

Gwen Dombe Korody
Debbie Dafoe
Shirley Murray
Robert Lenard

Margaret Williams
Walter Pauz
Marlon Alafritz
Roseanne McQueen

Please help us keep our parish records up-to-date. If you move, have a change of phone number or any other change, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 19, 2024

5:00 PM		May 18	Fr Briffa
For Carmelo Camilleri + Requested by Camilleri Family	Lector	Diane Blankenship	
8:30 AM		May 19	Fr Kaiser
For For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Rosa Russenberger	
10:15 AM		May 19	Fr Kaiser
For Kath Egbers + Requested by Roseanne Rudzki McQueen	Lector	Scott Horsburgh	
12:00 PM		May 19	Fr Henry
For Gaspere Campo + Requested by Josephine Rotondo	Lector	Jeff Antoun	



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 4/28/ 2024

Actual Offertory	\$ 6,205.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 369,373.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 356,641.00

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD READINGS

Reading I

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven.”

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II

Eph 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

Alleluia

Gospel

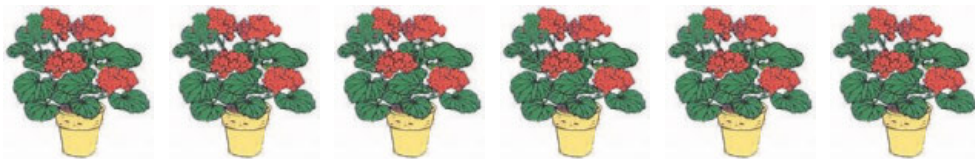
Mk 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT A REQUIRED PRACTICE, an altar server often rings a small bell or bells during the consecration to draw attention to the precise moment when *transubstantiation* – the conversion of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ – takes place. Today, the ringing of a small bell or bells at Mass remains a custom in many of our parishes. According to the Church’s liturgical books, the first ringing may take place prior to the consecration, as a sign that this important moment in the Mass is about to take place.

Typically, this pre-consecratory bell is rung when the Holy Spirit is called upon to sanctify the bread and wine, just before the celebrant begins the Institution narrative, in which Jesus’ words at the Last Supper are recounted. Following this, there are usually two more times when the altar bell is rung: after the consecration of the bread and of the wine. In some parishes, the bell is not sounded before the consecration. The bells after each consecration may be rung once or three times.

Fr. Matthew Ernest
Director, Office of Liturgy Professor
Saint Joseph’s Seminary



RED GERANIUMS FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 19, 2024

Our Knights of Columbus members
will have geraniums available to purchase
(free will offering)

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.

Thank you and God bless you.



St. Gerald 2024 Parish Picnic Sunday, June 23, 2024 1-4 pm

There are sign-up sheets on the table in the narthex.

Please, take a moment and see if there is something you would like to do to make this year's picnic a fantastic "family picnic", your St. Gerald family as well as your biological family.

We are going to have more games and activities for children as well as our corn hole games for our big kids. We are going to do three 50/50 raffles, one each hour to give more people a chance to win some \$\$\$ as well as our silent basket raffles.

Watch The Voice each week for more Information.

We hope you will be able to come and enjoy friends you know and maybe make some new friends.

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



HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, SALADS, DESERTS



GAMES, GAMES AND MORE GAMES



HOURLY 50/50 RAFFLES AND BASKET RAFFLES



AND MORE FAMILY FUN FOR ALL

May Crowning



We Welcome to the Body of Christ



Benjamin Louis Bacher
baptized Saturday
May 4, 2024

By Fr. Krzysztof Nowak

**Son of
Scott & Lindsay**

Blood Drive!!!!

Monaghan Knights of Columbus
19801 Farmington Rd
Livonia, MI



**Monday, May 20, 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 222.versiti.org/MI. Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.



Mother and Unborn Baby Care is seeking a **Client Services Asst. Director**, weekdays from 10-5. Perhaps you know a pro-life grad who would like to pursue a challenging and fulfilling career opportunity in a welcoming, faith-based environment. If so, we invite them to contact us at jobs@mauBC.org or call (248) 559-7576 to learn more!

Baby Bottle Drive



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Weekend

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Father's Day
Weekend



Maryville—Holly
June 11-13, 2024
(midweek for those who work weekends)

Apply today at wwme.org or contact Chris & Darla at 517-667-0433



2024 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2024 CSA Campaign has started! We are asking all parishioners to join in contributing to this years' 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

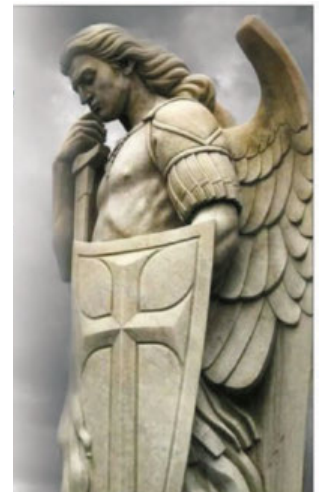
If donation is made by check, please make sure your check is payable to Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA. Please return your CSA card by mail in the envelope provided, or drop it off in the collection basket or the Parish Office. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

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.

The Saint Michael Prayer

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Faith Formation Corner

This summer we will be sharing tidbits each week from **Awaken**, a Pflaum Faith Formation Program for adults, written and edited by Jo Ann Paradise, D.Min. The full printed weekly resource is available next to the bulletins in the church entrance.

POINTS TO PONDER

What's Really True? One of Saint Augustine's most quoted statements is "Our hearts are restless Lord, until they rest in you." Almost 1700 years after he wrote these words we continue to ponder their meaning. As science continues to unfold the workings of our biology, those words take on new meaning. Brain research has identified that our need for relationship, our need for balance, even the things we crave, are part of our DNA. The search for meaning and truth is truly a gift from God. We must partner with the Holy Spirit to discern (come to an understanding) of God's truth. This is challenging as the Holy Spirit's voice is not the only one we hear. The work of "the deceiver" is powerful yet subtle. Jesus cautions us to "Stay awake!" His gift of salvation assures us that because of our communion with him, we are capable of discerning the truth. And the Holy Spirit will provide us with the strength to act on it.

***What process do you use to make decisions?**

***How does God's will factor into your process?**

Sincerely in Christ,

Emily Long

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)!



A Prayer of Gratitude for Mothers

Gracious and Good God, we express our deep thanks for our mothers and every woman who has embraced the miracle of life with You. Even as You entered our world and became human through a woman, empower all mothers with courage for the unpredictabilities of parenting. Grant them resilience and love in their motherhood, supported by their families and friends, as they nurture their children's growth. Let them find joy in their children and wisdom to seek Your guidance in their moments of need. Fill their hearts with love and gladness. Amen.



Knights Corner, 5-12-24



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!

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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Education

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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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