

# The St. Gerald Voice

## Roman Catholic Church

May 26, 2024

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*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.



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." - Mt 28:18-19

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**MAY 27 — MAY 31**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Joseph & Marian Berge**  
Requested by Robert Berge

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Bernice, Louis & Dennis Kaye**  
Requested by Joe Pavco

Wednesday—No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Valerie Vallespir**  
Requested by Vallespir Family

Friday 9:15 AM

**Mark Paul Vallespir**  
Requested by Vallespir Family

## Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27  
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31  
 Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45  
 Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52  
 Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56  
 Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:27-33  
 Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

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

<b>Gwen Korody</b>	<b>Margaret Williams</b>	<b>Sharon McAskin</b>
<b>Debbie Dafoe</b>	<b>Walter Pauz</b>	<b>Robert Lenard</b>
<b>Shirley Murray</b>	<b>Marlon Alafritz</b>	<b>Roseanne McQueen</b>
<b>Valerie Kenney</b>	<b>Marlene Bergin</b>	

The above list will be refreshed every three months. If you wish to have loved ones remain on the list, please call the parish office 248-477-7470 to have them reinstated, if prayers are still needed.



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](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com).

## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

**JUNE 2, 2024**

5:00 PM		June 1	Fr Briffa
For <b>Richard McAskin</b> Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector	Sharon McCarthy	
8:30 AM		June 2	Fr Kaiser
For <b>John Denton +</b> Requested by Rosemary Denton	Lector	Jim Bergin	
10:15 AM		June 2	Fr Henry
For <b>Cristina Marciano +</b> Requested by Stefano Forlino	Lector	Angela McLoughlin	
12:00 PM		June 2	Fr Henry
For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Ken Galica	



The Parish Office will be **closed** on Memorial Day, Monday, **May 27th**.

### Offertory Snapshot as of 5/12/2024

Actual Offertory	\$ 7,229.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 386,398.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 372,852.00

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

### Reading 1

**Dt 4:32-34, 39-40**

Moses said to the people: "Ask now of the days of old, before your time, ever since God created man upon the earth; ask from one end of the sky to the other: Did anything so great ever happen before? Was it ever heard of? Did a people ever hear the voice of God speaking from the midst of fire, as you did, and live? Or did any god venture to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by testings, by signs and wonders, by war, with strong hand and outstretched arm, and by great terrors, all of which the LORD, your God, did for you in Egypt before your very eyes? This is why you must now know, and fix in your heart, that the LORD is God in the heavens above and on earth below, and that there is no other. You must keep his statutes and commandments that I enjoin on you today, that you and your children after you may prosper, and that you may have long life on the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you forever."

### Responsorial Psalm

### Reading 2

**Rom 8:14-17**

Brothers and sisters: For those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

### Alleluia

### Gospel

**Mt 28:16-20**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they all saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

**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.



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE 3RD BANN

"We publish the banns of marriage between Connor Minton and Kirsten Padalis. This is the third time of asking. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it."



## 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](http://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.

## CALLING YOUNG & SENIOR ADULTS

... our summer kid's program of Vacation Bible School needs your help in hosting a vibrant program for our kindergarten to 5th grade children. If you have a talent for music, storytelling, or crafts and like a vibrant atmosphere, we want you with us!

We need story/drama helpers, also game, snack prep and craft helpers during the program that runs from 5:30 to 7:30 pm Mon.-Thurs. June 24-27th.

If you are interested in helping out for one, or all four days, please give us a call. We'd love to know what area you would like to lend a hand in order to make this a special program for our youth. **A volunteer meeting will be held June 3rd 5:30 pm.** Please call Emily 248-476-7677, if you have any questions.

## Save the date and register NOW!

Youth United teen organization is hosting the **6th Annual Service Camp**, with the help of our interfaith partners (adults, teens, laypeople, staff, and clergy from 11 churches, mosques, and synagogues)

**Wednesday, June 26 and Thursday, June 27, 2024**

9:00 am to 2:00 pm at CARES of Farmington

Our funding will come from contributions from our partner faith communities, friends, and grant funds. Proposed 2024 teen projects include assembling snack packs and birthday celebration kits for area youth; compiling activity bags tailored to support summer learning and memory retention for kids and seniors, who are respective CARES clients; creating art canvases for children in the Oakland County Foster Care system; and miscellaneous beautification and minor building projects for the CARES campus. We'll also have a new format for faith discussions where teens can interact with representatives from Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

### How you can help:

Spread the word to any youth who might be interested in taking part in this meaningful experience.

- \* Teens entering 6th grade to graduating seniors
- \* No faith affiliation needed
- \* Teens & adult volunteers can register at <https://bit.ly/youthunited24>

Keep Youth United in your prayers. We pray the witness of interfaith teens working together and reaching out to their neighbors help mend our divided world. Youth United does touch intergenerational and interfaith hearts. However, the planning takes a toll on the small group of lay and staff members of our faith organizations. We pray new people will become invested and involved, ensuring the longevity of this unique program.

Want to help out as an adult mentor? Let co-leader Gerryanna Luscri know. We'll get you a registration link! [gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto:gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com) or call 248-476-7677 x208

You can also contact Karen Linnell or Laura Hedgecock with any questions, or you can email [YouthUnited@gmail.com](mailto:YouthUnited@gmail.com).

Additionally, we could use some experienced members to help plan and oversee construction projects. (Adult volunteers, please use <https://bit.ly/youthunited24> to register).

**NEEDED DONATION ITEMS:** Please leave items in classroom 7, adjacent to the social hall. **All items must be received before June 21st.**

Personal care items: feminine hygiene products, tissue packs, toiletries (all sizes), hand sanitizers, baby wipes, formula, diapers, new socks (adults and kids), non-perishable food items for CARES community food pantry, laundry detergent (30 load).

Thank you in advance for your support, involvement and generosity, may God bless you.

Youth Ministry

*Gerryanna Luscri*





## Faith Formation Corner

### THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

- \*How can your understanding of the Trinity as a relationship affect your daily life?
- \*How do you see each Person of the Trinity in your faith journey?

### PRAYER

*Our hearts yearn for love. We search for it in so many places. In your goodness, O Lord, send your Holy Spirit to deepen our understanding of the love you made visible in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

@Awaken, a Pflaum Faith Formation Program

Sincerely in Christ,

*Emily Long*

### Food Pantry Donation

#### Items Currently Needed:

- Crackers
- Variety Canned Fruit
- Deluxe Mac & Cheese
- Adult Toothbrushes
- Non-refrigerated/Microwaveable meals (ex. Hormel Compleats)
- Boxed Potatoes
- Jelly
- Toothpaste



## 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](mailto:faithformation.sgp@gmail.com)

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:Faithformation.sgp@gmail.com)

#### Music Ministry

Mary Melonio: Director of Music ..... x 222  
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#### Worship Ministry

Norma Battel ..... x 202  
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#### Youth Ministry

Gerryanna Luscri ..... x 208  
Email: [gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com](mailto: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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