

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

June 2, 2024

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

*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.

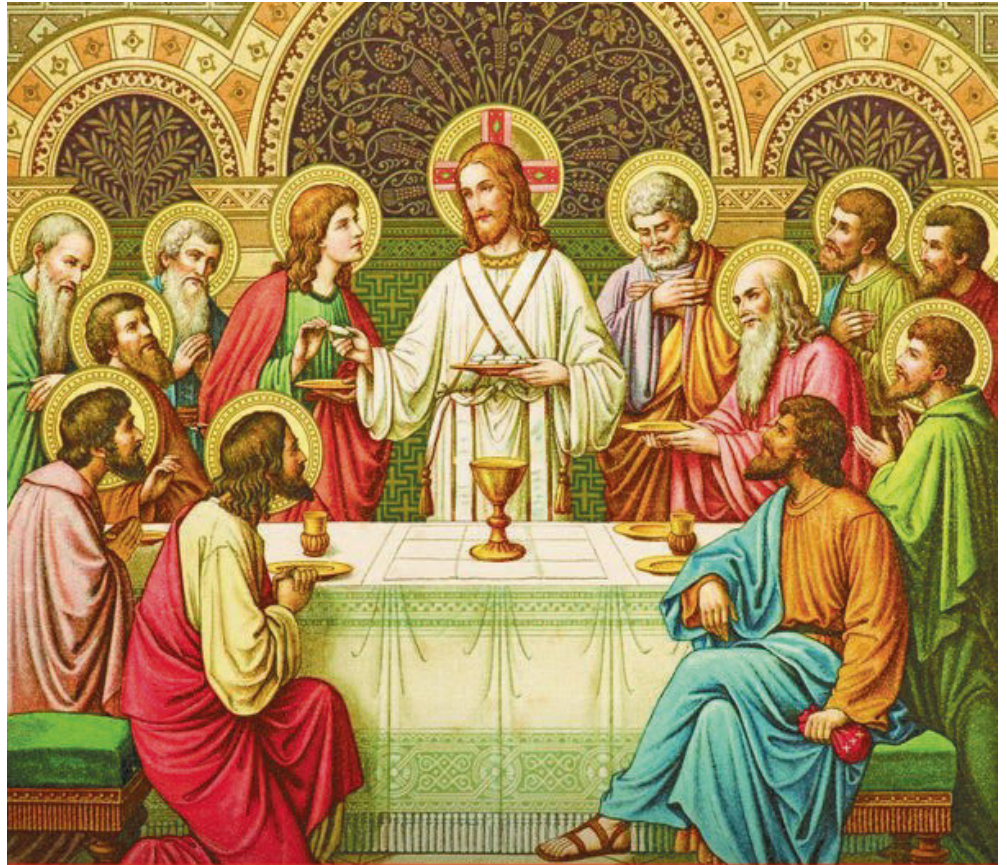
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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.



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JUNE 3 — JUNE 7

Monday 9:15 AM

Sharon McAskin
Requested by Gail Merlihan

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Frank Adams +
Requested by Geri Adams

Wednesday—No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Jan & Mike Malak
Requested by James Dominick

Friday 9:15 AM

Erica Rutkowski
Requested by Fr. Henry

Readings for the Week

- Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12
 Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 2:18-27
 Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34
 Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37
 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 2:41-51
 Next Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35

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

Gwen Korody	Margaret Williams	Sharon McAskin
Debbie Dafeo	Walter Pauz	Robert Lenard
Shirley Murray	Marlon Alafritz	Roseanne McQueen
Valerie Kenney	Marlene Bergin	

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 9, 2024

5:00 PM	June 8	Fr Henry
For Alzada Dolencic + Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	June 9	Fr Briffa
For Mary Ann Blankenship Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector	Mark Cieslak
10:15 AM	June 9	Fr Henry
For Alina Jadwiga Maka +	Lector	Caron Kott
12:00 PM	June 9	Fr Henry
For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Jeff Antoun

Right to Life-Lifespan Role of Government



“The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only legitimate object of good government.”

Thomas Jefferson.



New Members
To Our St. Gerald Family

**Jim & Peggy
Costello/Haworth**

&

Mary Ann Hanninen

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Reading 1

Ex 24:3-8

When Moses came to the people and related all the words and ordinances of the LORD, they all answered with one voice, "We will do everything that the LORD has told us." Moses then wrote down all the words of the LORD and, rising early the next day, he erected at the foot of the mountain an altar and twelve pillars for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then, having sent certain young men of the Israelites to offer holocausts and sacrifice young bulls as peace offerings to the LORD, Moses took half of the blood and put it in large bowls; the other half he splashed on the altar. Taking the book of the covenant, he read it aloud to the people, who answered, "All that the LORD has said, we will heed and do." Then he took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words of his."

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2

Heb 9:11-15

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came as high priest of the good things that have come to be, passing through the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made by hands, that is, not belonging to this creation, he entered once for all into the sanctuary, not with the blood of goats and calves but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls and the sprinkling of a heifer's ashes can sanctify those who are defiled so that their flesh is cleansed, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to worship the living God. For this reason he is mediator of a new covenant: since a death has taken place for deliverance from transgressions under the first covenant, those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.

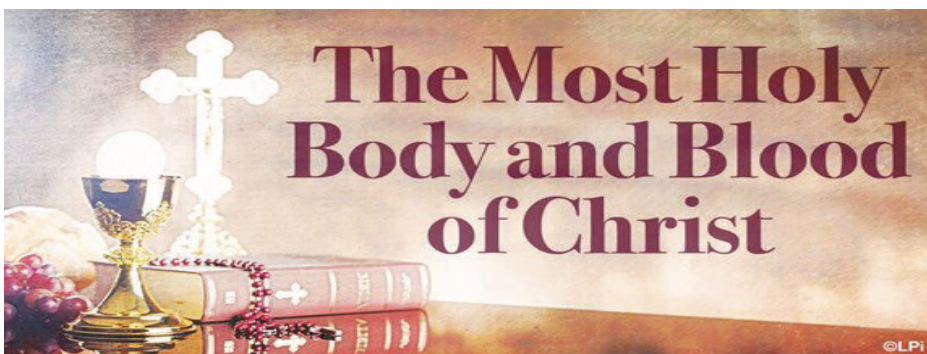
Alleluia

Gospel

Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'" Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white host."

-Archbishop Fulton Sheen



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.

Food Pantry Donation Items Currently Needed:

Crackers
Boxed Potatoes
Variety Canned Fruit
Jelly
Deluxe Mac & Cheese
Toothpaste
Adult Toothbrushes
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!**

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



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 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.

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*

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

**Eucharistic Adoration with
Christian Praise & Worship Music**
2:30-4:30pm
Downtown Plymouth * Kellogg Park

Parking will be available at OLGC Parish School located at 1151 William Street. You can also visit bit.ly/ParkPly24 for a map of Plymouth's public parking lots.

Sponsored by: OLGC * Resurrection * St. John Neumann * St. Thomas A'Becket

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.



Join us at *Silver Dairy*

32323 Grand River Ave in Farmington

**For St. Gerald Parish
Moolinda Monday
Monday July 22 3:30-9pm**

(5-7pm Emily Long will be present to collect registration forms for 2024-2025 Faith Formation classes and answer any questions)

Mention St. Gerald and we get 15% of the proceeds to purchase new books for our St. Gerald lending library

They have a delicious menu, from Guernsey to Dole Whip and more... outdoor seating and drive through!



Thank you for your support!



Faith Formation Corner

Reflection on the second reading, Hebrews 9:11-15

This letter is written by an unknown author and offers reflection on Jesus as the high priest. The Jewish priesthood consisted of men from the tribe of Levi. They were born into the priesthood. Jesus was not. Early Christians reflected on Jesus' Death to develop a profound insight. Jesus on the Cross, which at first was an obstacle to their belief, became a gateway to God's plan. **Jesus was sacrificed for our sake.** In offering us the most incredible sign of God's love, Jesus willingly accepted the consequence for living the covenant. In doing so, he restored the possibility that we may live eternally with God, as he desires for us. Jesus was also the priest who offered the sacrifice. He allowed the Romans to take his life. It is now through our relationship with Christ we can live in right relationship with God.

**Why did Jesus choose to sacrifice his life?
What are you willing to sacrifice for the Kingdom?

@ Awaken, a Pflaum Faith Formation Program

Sincerely in Christ, *Emily Long*

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.. **A volunteer meeting will be held June 3rd 5:30 pm.** Please call Emily 248-476-7677, if you have any questions.

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

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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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