

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

June 9, 2024

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*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.

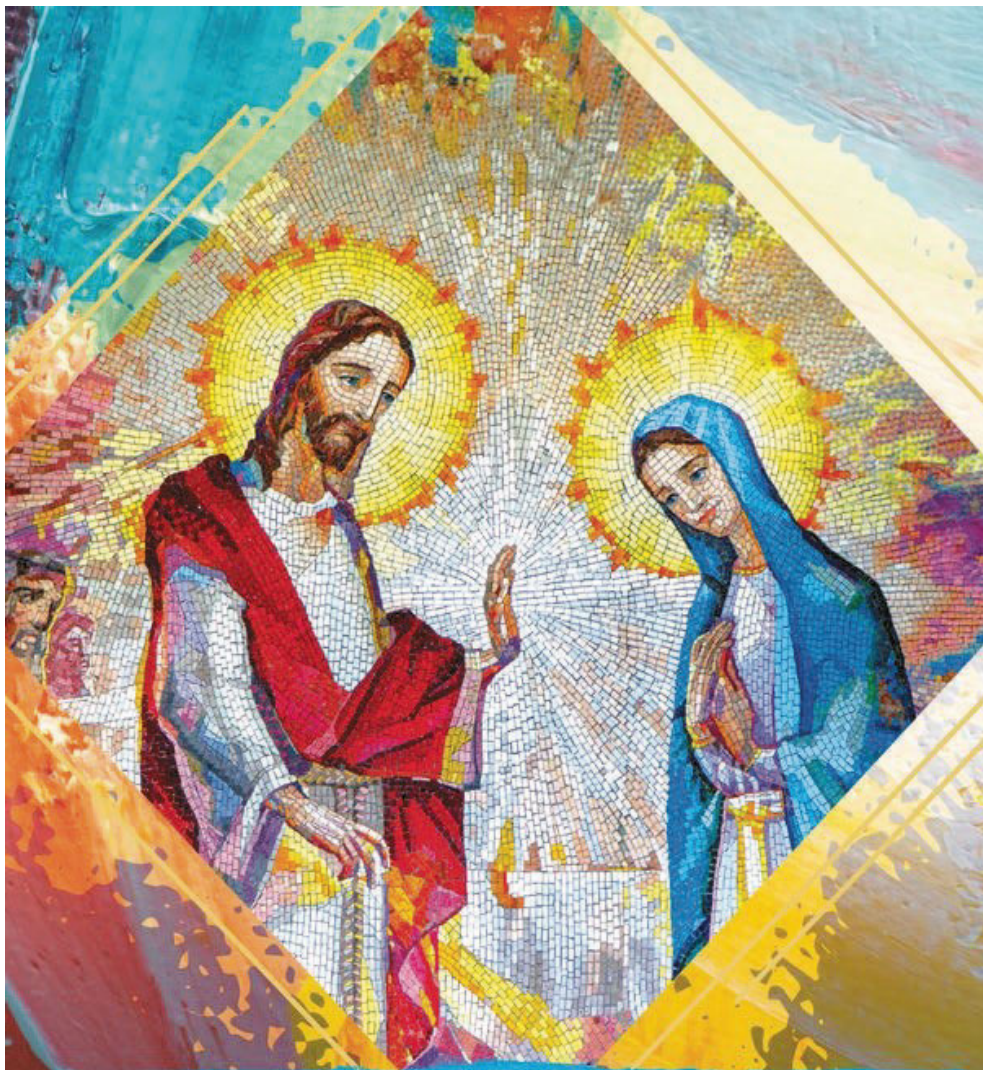
RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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.



10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” - Mk 3:35

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JUNE 10 - JUNE 14

Monday 9:15 AM

Fr. Ed Pruz+

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Msgr. William Easton+

Wednesday—No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Agazzi Family +
Requested by Agazzi Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Anthony Pavco+ & Louis Kaye+
Requested by Joe Pavco

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13/Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10/Mt 5:33-37
 Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

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 Alafriz	Roseanne McQueen
Valerie Kenney	Marlene Bergin	Chloe Roberts

WELCOME
New Members
To Our St. Gerald Family

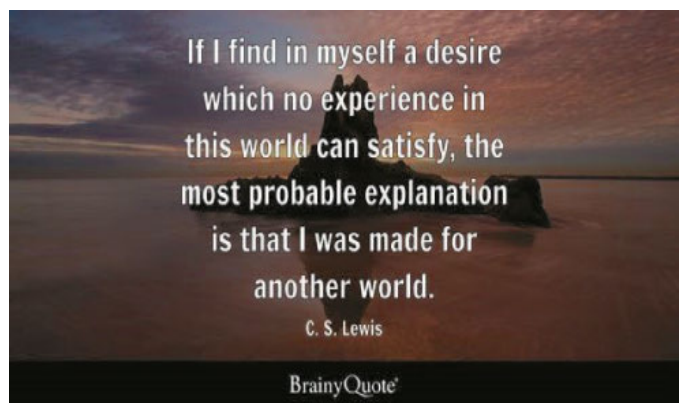
Tadeusz & Maria Plasecki



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 16, 2024

5:00 PM		June 15	Fr Kris
For Jeffrey Racklin+ Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lector	Sharon McCarthy	
8:30 AM		June 16	Fr Kris
For Tom & Samantha Mullen Requested by Mullen Family	Lector	Rosa Russenberger	
10:15 AM		June 16	Fr Kris
For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Jeff Antoun	
12:00 PM		June 16	Fr Henry
For George Ignatius Requested by Blen Cardoza	Lector	Ken Galica	



Offertory Snapshot as of 5/26/2024

Actual Offertory	\$ 6,626.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 399,235.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 389,063.00

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Gn 3:9-15

After the man, Adam, had eaten of the tree, the LORD God called to the man and asked him, "Where are you?" He answered, "I heard you in the garden; but I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself." Then he asked, "Who told you that you were naked? You have eaten, then, from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat!" The man replied, "The woman whom you put here with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it." The LORD God then asked the woman, "Why did you do such a thing?" The woman answered, "The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it." Then the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you shall be banned from all the animals and from all the wild creatures; on your belly shall you crawl, and dirt shall you eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike at your head, while you strike at his heel."



Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2

2 Cor 4:13—5:1

Brothers and sisters: Since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, *I believed, therefore I spoke*, we too believe and therefore we speak, knowing that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and place us with you in his presence. Everything indeed is for you, so that the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people may cause the thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. Therefore, we are not discouraged; rather, although our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to what is seen but to what is unseen; for what is seen is transitory, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if our earthly dwelling, a tent, should be destroyed, we have a building from God, a dwelling not made with hands, eternal in heaven.

Alleluia

Gospel

Mk 3:20-35

Jesus came home with his disciples. Again the crowd gathered, making it impossible for them even to eat. When his relatives heard of this they set out to seize him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons." Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder the house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to him and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

From Rome Newsroom article by Catholic New Agency:

"Pope Francis has recognized a miracle attributed to the intercession of **Blessed Carlo Acutis**, paving the way for him to become the first millennial saint. The Italian computer-coding teenager who died of cancer in 2006 is known for his great devotion to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The recognition of the second miracle attributed to Acutis' intercession makes it possible that Acutis could be canonized during the Catholic Church's 2025 Jubilee Year. Carlo was a tech-savvy kid who loved computers, animals, and video games. His spiritual director has recalled that Carlo was convinced that the evidence of Eucharistic miracles could be persuasive in helping people to realize that Jesus is present at every Mass. Over the course of two and a half years, Carlo worked with his family to put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles that premiered in 2005 during the Year of the Eucharist proclaimed by Pope John Paul II and has since gone on to be displayed at thousands of parishes on five continents." **We were fortunate to have the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit here at St. Gerald earlier this year.** A copy of the published Eucharistic Miracles of the World book is in our parish library for loan as well as information leaflets available. For more of the story and the miracles associated with Blessed Carlo Acutis go to <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com>.



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.

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 THIS
week!**

**Beginning on
Friday June 14 through
Sunday June 16th!**

Attention parents!

**It is not too late to register for
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

Right to Life-Lifespan Speaking Truth about Abortion



“Denying the truth about abortion is hard work. One must make a concerted effort to be 1) blind to the truth, 2) deaf to the truth, 3) and never speak the truth.”

Steven A Christie, MD, JD

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*

DOCTORS, NURSES, EMT'S, ANYONE WITH CPR/AED CERTIFICATION

We would like to create a private list of people who are at mass who would be available in case of an emergency at church. If you are willing to help, please, fill out the below form and return it to St. Gerald either in the collection basket or in the parish office. This list will not be given out or on display, it will be in a safe place accessible only to our staff and ushers. If you have any concerns or questions, please email them to: stgeraldworship@gmail.com or leave a message at 248-476-7677 ext. 202.

Name _____

Phone Number _____

Mass usually attended _____

Why go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

He wrote: "I've gone for 30 years now, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, the preachers are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all".



This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column. Much to the delight of the editor, it went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing, God is UP to something!
Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible & receives the impossible!
Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

(Author Unknown)



Please come to celebrate Antonio's Cucina Italiana

***31st Annual Feast of St. Antonio
on Thursday, June 13th***

*by helping those who are food insecure. Visit any Antonio's location, **donate what you can** and enjoy a **FREE lunch** from 11am-3pm, with proceeds going to benefit the **Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Gleaners Community Food Bank**. If you prefer, order off the regular priced menu 11am-9pm and a portion of the proceeds will be donated. Capuchin Friars will be at each location to thank you for your continued support of this day of giving and will be passing out mini loaves of bread. Visit www.anthoniosrestaurant.com for additional information.*



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YOU CANNOT SEE GOD
AT ALL !**



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



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MAKE SURE TO BRING YOUR CHILDREN, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

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We will also have a variety of games for both children and adults to participate in and enjoy.

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ST. GERALD PARISH FAMILY PICNIC
JUNE 23, 2024 1:00-4:00 PM

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

CONNECTING GOSPEL AND CHURCH TEACHING

Study of Scripture If you were surprised or even shocked to read that the stories of Adam and Eve are symbol stories, you may want to include Scripture study in your faith journey...The understanding of the time and culture when a passage was written, the use of literary devices, the life situation of the community, and the insight from the study of the language in which it was written all need to be applied to the text. Only then will we hear the inspired truth of God reaching to us from generation to generation through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(Excerpt from *Awaken, written and edited by Jo Ann Paradise, D.Min.*)

PRAYER

*Dear Jesus, we are careful to weigh where we put our trust in human relationships. Give us the wisdom to recognize that evil deceives us. Help us to place our **trust in you alone.** Amen.*

Sincerely in Christ, *Emily Long*

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.



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

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- Education**
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- Gerryanna Luscri x 208
- Email: gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

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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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