

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

June 16, 2024

ELEVENTH 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.



"TO WHAT SHALL WE COMPARE THE KINGDOM
OF GOD?" —MK 4:30

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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JUNE 17 - JUNE 21

Monday 9:15 AM

Lois Goeminne

Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Kelly Heughens

Requested by Family

Wednesday—No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

Cambianica Family +

Requested by Agazzi Family

Friday 9:15 AM

Debbie Dafoe

Requested by Smith Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11/Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b)/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 23, 2024

5:00 PM			June 22	Fr Henry
For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Diane Blankenship		
8:30 AM			June 23	Fr Kaiser
For Walter Winiarski Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector	Candy Rosowski		
10:15 AM			June 23	Fr Kris
For Sofia Weiland Requested by Tom Weiland	Lector	Caron Kott		
12:00 PM			June 23	Fr Kris
For Frank Vettraino + Requested by Josephine Rotondo	Lector	Paul Radzilowski		

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

Gwen Korody	Margaret Williams	Sharon McAskin
Debbie Dafoe	Walter Pauz	Robert Lenard
Shirley Murray	Marlon Alafriz	Roseanne McQueen
Valerie Kenney	Marlene Bergin	Chloe Roberts
John Plonka		

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

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

ROBERT KOPF

+
June 27, 1934
June 3, 2024

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Robert, O Lord, and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him.

Offertory Snapshot as of 6/2/2024	
Actual Offertory	\$ 8,296.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 407,532.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 397,169.00

PLEASE NOTE:

We will **not** have Eucharistic Adoration after the 9:15 AM Mass on First Friday nor the 9:15 AM First Saturday Mass during the months of June, July and August. **Adoration and First Saturday Mass will resume in September.**
[Have a Blessed Summer!](#)



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Ez 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2

2 Cor 5:6-10

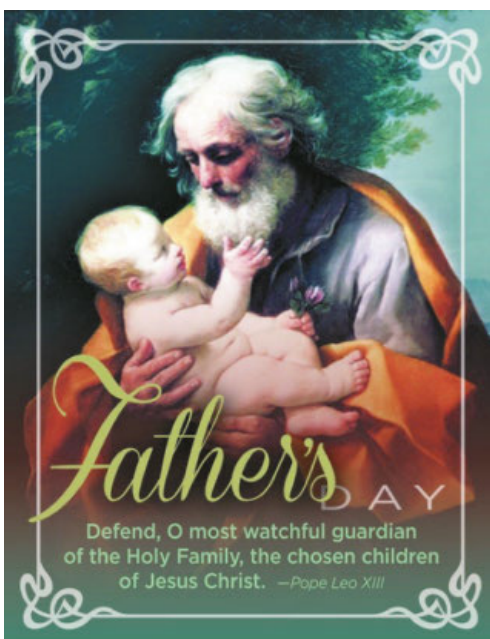
Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

Alleluia

Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



A Father's Day Prayer

Heavenly Father, today we honor all dads for the irreplaceable role they have in leading their families with strength and integrity. We exalt the noble calling of fatherhood that You ordained and have entrusted to these remarkable men. Thank You for how fathers nurture us, provide for us, instruct us and model what it means to follow Christ wholeheartedly. For those striving to lovingly and sacrificially raise their children according to Your ways, we honor them and ask for Your abundant favor. Replenish them with fresh vision, strength, grace and wisdom. May their labors never be in vain but yield an incredible spiritual legacy.

Happy Father's Day



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.

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)

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

Please join us for Holy Hour with Rosary on Thursday nights in church following 7 pm Mass concluding at 8:30 pm. All are welcome!



The Baby Bottles to support Another Way Pregnancy Center are due TODAY! Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause!



New Members
To Our St. Gerald
Family

Joan & Mike Karas

We are glad you are
here!

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*

Registration for 2024-25 Faith Formation Classes

You may register your children for our faith formation program for the upcoming school year now! Registration forms were given to returning families. Please return forms as soon as possible or **by August 15**. If you will be new to the program, contact the coordinator, Emily Long, at 248.476.7677 Ext 201 or via email at faithformation.sgp@gmail.com. Forms may also be found on the shelf in the classroom hallway or on the parish website www.stgeraldparish.org

Students in Grades 1-6 will attend classes on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:45pm. Confirmation preparation classes (Grades 7-8) attend on alternate Mondays. Classes will begin on September 16. If you have any questions please contact Emily Long, at (248)-476-7677 ext 201 or faithformation.sgp@gmail.com

Note: We may be able to provide lesson materials in Spanish or accommodations for students with special needs; please don't hesitate to ask. No child is denied formation in our parish because of an inability to pay. Please consult with the Faith Formation Coordinator if this is your circumstance.

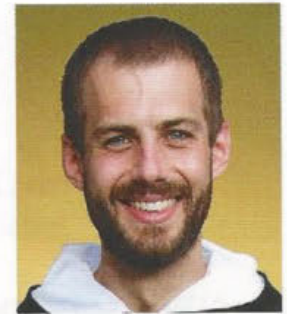
Reminder: Following guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit, children of the parish are to receive two full years of faith formation before reception of a sacrament.

2024 DISCERNMENT RETREAT FRIDAY JULY 19th - Sunday 21st

Single, Catholic women ages
18 to 35
Spread the news
and *pray*
for those whom
the Lord is inviting.



Presented by our Vocation team
with



Fr. Jordan DeGuire, OP.

To Inquire or Register
Contact
Vocation Directress
Cloistered Dominican Nuns
Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament
29575 Middlebelt Rd
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
dnfvocations@gmail.com
248 626-8321

*When I found Him
Whom my heart loves
... I would not let him go!*
Song of songs

JOIN US IN LEARNING THE ART OF
SACRED CONVERSATIONS

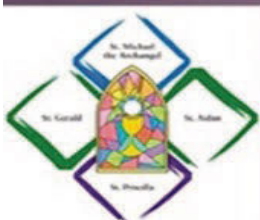


How God Wants us to Communicate
Presented by Dr. Chris Reed

St. Gerald's Farmington, MI
August 17th or 21st

9:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.

Preregister: <https://stgeraldparish.org/>



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

Scripture Background, Ezekiel 17:22-24

We recall that Ezekiel was a prophet during the Babylonian Exile. The passage we read today follows a symbolic description of historical events in 597 b.c. King Nebuchadnezzar removed Joachim, king of Israel, and replaced him with his uncle Zedekiah, who had pledged loyalty to Nebuchadnezzar. Zedekiah betrayed him and made an alliance with the Pharaoh of Egypt. He in turn was betrayed by Pharaoh. If this sounds like a made-for-TV mini-series, there's good reason for that. Drama abounds in Scripture. **The conclusion of each episode in God's Word is this: he will lift up the lowly and bring justice to the mighty. God alone has the power to do so.**

Thoughts for Reflection, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

*How would your life change if you were aware each day that Heaven is your true home?

PRAYER

Change my heart, O God, to see those who live on the edges today. Move me to action to care for those who cry out for justice. Amen.

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

Sincerely in Christ, *Emily Long*

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

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- Kathy Smith, Administrative Assistant x 212
- Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

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- Christian Services x 204
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- Gerryanna Luscri x 208
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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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