

# The St. Gerald Voice

## Roman Catholic Church

June 23, 2024

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*A Servant Church  
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday  
8:00 am—4:00 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.



### 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,  
"Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was  
great calm. - Mk 4:39

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**JUNE 24 - JUNE 28**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Gina (Bonacchi) Hespen +**  
Requested by  
Joe, Anna & Stephanie

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Msgr Easton**

**Wednesday—No Mass**

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Special Intentions**

Requested by Agazzi Family

Friday 9:15 AM

**Gina (Bonacchi) Hespen +**  
Requested by Joe, Anna & Stephanie

**Readings for the Week**

- Monday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/  
Lk 1:57-66, 80
- Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-  
4, 10 -11/Mt 7:6, 12-14
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3/Ps 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40/Mt  
7:15-20
- Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Mt 7:21-29
- Friday: 2 Kgs 25:1-12/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Mt 8:1-4
- Saturday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15  
- 19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-  
8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
- Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a)/2  
Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

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

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|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Gwen Korody</b>    | <b>Margaret Williams</b> | <b>Sharon McAskin</b>   |
| <b>Debbie Dafoe</b>   | <b>Walter Pauz</b>       | <b>John Plonka</b>      |
| <b>Shirley Murray</b> | <b>Marlon Alafriz</b>    | <b>Roseanne McQueen</b> |
| <b>Valerie Kenney</b> | <b>Marlene Bergin</b>    | <b>Chloe Roberts</b>    |
| <b>Kathy Wendt</b>    |                          |                         |

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**Parish Office Hours for the Summer will be:**  
**Monday through Thursday**  
**8:00 am—4:00 pm**

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!](#)



**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**JUNE 30, 2024**

5:00 PM			June 29	Fr Kris
For <b>Sofia Weiland +</b> Requested by Tom Weiland	<b>Lector</b>	Sharon McCarthy		
8:30 AM			June 30	Fr Kris
For <b>All Of Our Parishioners</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Jim Bergin		
10:15 AM			June 30	Fr Kris
For <b>Sofia &amp; Tom Weiland</b> Requested by Family	<b>Lector</b>	Scott Horsburgh		
12:00 PM			June 30	Fr Henry
For <b>Angelo D'Agostino +</b> Requested by Josephine Rotondo	<b>Lector</b>	Teddi Williams		

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** has been a yearly process here at St. Gerald Parish. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church or need to make your First Communion and/or Confirmation, please contact Fr. Kris Nowak or the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

**ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING USING SIMPLE GIVE**

Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available. Please visit our Parish Website at [stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org) and Click on [Online Giving](#) to get started.

**Offertory Snapshot as of  
6/9/2024**

<b>Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 6,276.00</b>
<b>Budget Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 8,105.00</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Actual Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 413,808.00</b>
<b>Year-to-Date Budget Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 405,274.00</b>

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading I

**Jb 38:1, 8-11**

The Lord addressed Job out of the storm and said: Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled!

### Responsorial Psalm

### Reading II

**2 Cor 5:14-17**

Brothers and sisters: The love of Christ impels us, once we have come to the conviction that one died for all; therefore, all have died. He indeed died for all, so that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised. Consequently, from now on we regard no one according to the flesh; even if we once knew Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know him so no longer. So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

### Alleluia

BE STILL

&

KNOW I AM

GOD

### Gospel

**Mk 4:35-41**

On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"



## 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.

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)

### DONATIONS TO PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you would like to donate to the Peter's Pence collection,  
You can do so now through July 7<sup>th</sup>.



We want to wish the best to all  
the graduates of our parish this  
year!

Always know that your parish  
family is proud of you and here  
to support you with our prayers  
as you move into a new chapter  
of your life.

May the Lord continue to bless  
you all the days of your life!



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**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*

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/>

2024 DISCERNMENT RETREAT FRIDAY JULY 19<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

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.

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

To Inquire or Register Contact  
Vocation Directress  
Cloistered Dominican Nuns  
Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament  
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**For St. Gerald Parish  
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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)

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**Thank you for your support!**



**Faith Formation Corner**

**Thoughts for Reflection**

\*What might be your answer to Jesus if he asked you, "Do you not yet have faith?"

\*Faith is a relationship. How do you deepen your *relationship with Jesus*?

**FAMILY PRAYER**

*Lord, help us to make your Word the heart of our family. Amen.*

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

Sincerely in Christ, *Emily Long*

Please join us for the Rosary at 6:20 on Thursday nights in church followed by 7 pm Mass and a Holy Hour, concluding at 8:30 pm. All are welcome!



Every moment holds special graces for each soul towards conversion, deeper holiness, and union with God's Divine Will, through devotion to the Rosary, the soul opens more readily to these graces, and responds more positively to them. At the moment of judgement, for those who were devoted to the Rosary, Blessed Mother is your defense. The Rosary is the doorway to the Sacred Heart of Jesus—the source of all goodness.

**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**

- Christian Services ..... x 204
- St. Vincent de Paul ..... x 220
- Education**
- Emily Long: Coordinator of Faith Formation ..... x 201
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- Music Ministry**
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- Norma Battel
- Email: stgeraldworship@gmail.com
- Youth Ministry**
- Gerryanna Luscri ..... x 208
- Email: 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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