

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

JUNE 15, 2025

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*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.



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"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JUNE 16 - JUNE 20

Monday 9:15 AM
Fr. Thomas Puzio +

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Elizabeth Niec
Requested by Phyllis Dombe

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Frank K. Murphy +
Requested by Sharon Zann

Friday 9:15 AM
Anthony Pavco & Louis Kaye +
Requested by Joe Pavco

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 22, 2025

5:00 PM June 21 Fr. Kris		
For Frederick Strick + Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM June 22 Fr. Kris		
For Walter Winiarski + Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector	Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM June 22 Fr. Henry		
For Vettikatt Family Requested by Maryann Vettikatt	Lector	Caron Kott
12:00 PM June 22 Fr. Kris		
For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Jeff Antoun

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4/Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a/Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 6:24-34
Next Sunday: Gn 14:18-20/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b)/1 Cor 11:23-26/
Lk 9:11b-17

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

At St. Gerald we welcome all and encourage anyone 18 years of age and older to become registered members of the Parish.

Registration is a simple process that is done at the Parish Office during office hours 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Thursday or by picking up a Registration form located in the hallway rack in the education section of the building and sliding a completed form under the Parish Office door.

Keeping our records current is also important. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please call the information into the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

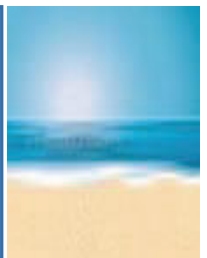
St. Gerald Parish offers **four** avenues of prayer for our fellow brothers & sisters who are in need.



Intercessory Prayer Chain: Ongoing prayers
Mass Intentions: Offering the mass on behalf of
Prayers of the Faithful: Urgent need of prayer, mentioned at Saturday and Sunday Masses, for the sick, suffering and who recently died.
Bulletin: for those in a crisis, listed for 4 weeks

Please contact the parish office to arrange prayers for your loved one. (248) 477-7470

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!](#)



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Reading I

Proverbs 8:22-31

Thus says the wisdom of God: "The LORD possessed me, the beginning of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; from of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no fountains or springs of water; before the mountains were settled into place, before the hills, I was brought forth; while as yet the earth and fields were not made, nor the first clods of the world. "When the Lord established the heavens I was there, when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep; when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth; when he set for the sea its limit, so that the waters should not transgress his command; then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race."

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II

Romans 5:1-5

Brothers and sisters: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Alleluia



Gospel

John 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

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.





2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2025 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 2025 CSA target of **\$55,723.00**, which is our parish share of support for the CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services. When we support the CSA, we live out our Gospel message theme, **Do you love me? "Feed My sheep" (John 21:15-17)**. This is a call to each of us to show love, care, and compassion for others.

We received a refund from CSA 2024 for approximately \$10,000.00. Those funds with any refunds from 2025 will be used for general maintenance for St. Gerald.

In order for us to make our goal 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 our 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 Donation or pledge a gift using your credit card making monthly or quarterly payments; whatever you decide. The campaign for CSA 2025 will be completed by April 30, 2026.

You may give your donation on-line or by check.

Below are 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 2025

Scroll down to Make a Gift to CSA

Choose On-Time Donation or Pledge

Choose your Parish from drop down arrow – St.

Gerald Parish, Farmington (341)

Fill out amount and your Name, address, etc.

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 prayerfully consider your most generous support to our parish. We appreciate your support and know it does make a difference.

Food Pantry Items Currently Needed:

Tomato Sauce

Tuna Helper

Jelly



Do you enjoy playing pinochle or would like to learn? Come join the card group on Thursday afternoons in our parish social hall. Please arrive by 12:15 PM with card play beginning at 12:30 PM. What better way to spend your Thursday afternoons. You do not need to call ahead to join in the fun, just stop in and make some new friends!



2025 St. Gerald VBS is at

St. Aidan Church

June 16-20 9am-12noon

Any Questions? Contact: St. Aidan Faith Formation office
formation@staidanlivonia.org or 734.425.9333

*Contact Emily Long at faithformation.sgp@gmail.com or 248.476.7677x201 if you are in need of financial assistance to attend.

PARISH HEALTH MINISTRY AND EPP (EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN)



PLEASE SIGN UP FOR HANDS-ONLY
CPR TRAINING.

June 18, 4pm to 7pm

All are welcome, especially the Knight of Columbus and Ushers.

Maximum for each class is 10 people

Sign up sheet is in the social hall at the Health Ministry table.

Facilitator Barbara Seabolt

blpseabolt@gmail.com or 248-231-4184



Please join us to celebrate
Antonio's Cucina Italiana
32st Annual **Feast of St. Antonio**
on **Monday, June 16th**

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 joining us 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.



A Prayer for Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Amen.



2025 Discernment Retreat Fri. July 18th—Sun. 20th

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

To Inquire or Register
Contact
Vocation Directress
Cloistered Dominican Nuns
Monastery of the Blessed Sacrament
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*When I found Him
Whom my heart loves
... I would not let him go!*

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Marianna Schiffman

**December 13, 1923
June 3, 2025**

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Marianna, O Lord, and May
Perpetual Light Shine Upon her.**

To Be Loving Disciples, We Must Have Enthusiasm

When we think of the word *enthusiasm*, we think of liveliness; zeal and fervor in or for a particular interest. The word is defined as such. But Wikipedia's, on-line encyclopedia, enlightens us with the historical definition of enthusiasm as "... a Syrian sect of the 4th century was known as the *Enthusiasts*. They believed that "by perpetual prayer, ascetic practices and contemplation, man could become inspired by the Holy Spirit, in spite of the ruling evil spirit, which the fall had given to him". And Merriam-Webster Dictionary online defines enthusiasm as "a belief in special revelations of the Holy Spirit."

With these definitions in mind, do we as Catholics exhibit enthusiasm about our faith?

Enthusiasm is most evident when someone becomes a Christian or when a church community is growing in fellowship. This growth in faith is expressed with the joy and fervor about the Lord. It spreads to family, friends and neighbors. They see and experience the joy of serving the Lord, and the experience must be shared with those around them. How can we as Disciples of Christ not be joyful, grateful, and in awe of our Lord, especially after all He has done for us? We should be shouting from the roof tops about our Lord.

But we don't shout, instead we are quiet. Many of us believe that our faith is private. We keep the good news among those who are like us. We are afraid to speak out. Consequently, we don't appear to be joyful, grateful or at peace to those who encounter us. We look miserable. When we don't have enthusiasm about our faith, we may cause new convert to Christianity or to the Catholic Church to give up and/or walk away. Non-Christians or non-Catholics think why bother with that religion, they aren't any happier or better off than we are. That is not the image Christ wants us to portray. Christ wants us to not be ashamed of Him. He wants us to speak His name and tell what good things He has done for us. He wants us to evangelize all we meet. It is with and through the Holy Spirit this can be done. But without enthusiasm, evangelizing is an uphill battle that cannot be won.

Just as enthusiasm is important part of evangelizing, it is a big part in our spiritual growth. Without enthusiasm, we are not motivated to read our Bible or spend time in prayer. We tend to exercise our spiritual disciplines out of obligation; we become dry, and unable to absorb what we are to learn. The worse part of having no enthusiasm is that we give it up and use all kinds of excuses, such as lack of time or fatigue. When our spiritual lives suffer, so does our ability to relate what God has done in our lives to others, and we become ineffective leaders and partakers in the building of the Kingdom of God.

In order to be enthusiastic disciples, we must learn to incorporate liveliness and zeal with the workings of the Holy Spirit. Enthusiasm comes from the graces Holy Spirit and it's our enthusiasm that will inspire us to be loving disciples. As disciples empowered with the grace of enthusiasm we will have conviction and passion about our Catholic faith.

That is why it is so important to continually ask the Holy Spirit to grant us the grace of enthusiasm. If asked the Holy Spirit will grant us the fervor, liveliness and zeal, we need to share our faith joyfully. All we have to do is ask.

We are called to be **B.O.L.D.** We are called to be of loving discipleship. Be **ENTHUSIASTIC** about your faith.

Now who is going to harm you if you are enthusiastic for what is good? But even if you should suffer because of righteousness, blessed are you. Do not be afraid or terrified with fear of them, but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. (1 Peter 3; 13-17)

With the Peace and Love of Christ,
The Evangelization Committee



Please join us in congratulating parish member

Meredith Eaton

(pictured far left)

who was confirmed and initiated into the Catholic Church
at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament
on Pentecost.

May she be blessed abundantly
with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for her as she continues on her faith journey.

Activities at St. Gerald

Pinochle—Thursdays
12:15—3:00pm



Sit & Chat
Mondays & Tuesdays
Following the 9:15 am Mass
(Tuesdays are suspended spring & fall
while Scripture Study is scheduled)

Woman Bible/Book Study
Wednesday afternoon
(call office to inquire 248-477-7470)
(optional evening session)

Quilting Club
Wednesdays
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
(call office to confirm)



Scripture Study with Dr. Santoro— Tuesdays — Spring & Fall





MARK YOUR CALENDAR



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

ST. GERALD'S FAMILY & FRIENDS

PARISH PICNIC FROM 1:00 – 4:00 PM

JOIN US FOR MASS AND STAY FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!



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)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help Make Our Church Picnic a Success!

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Share your Special Dish
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with picnic activities.



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Gerryanna Luscri - (248) 476-7677 ext 204
ServeGodsgp@gmail.com

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ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday thru Thursday.
Closed Friday.

STAFF

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203

Kathy Smith, Admin. Asst. x 212
Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

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Education

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Norma Battel
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Christian Services

Gerryanna Luscri x 204
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Maintenance

Tom Kruger

Accountant

Luke Smith

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

In an effort to update the **contact** information of all of our parishioners, it would be greatly appreciated if you could fill out the following and return it to the parish office.

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____

Landline Ph # _____

Adult(s) First Name: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____

Relation: _____

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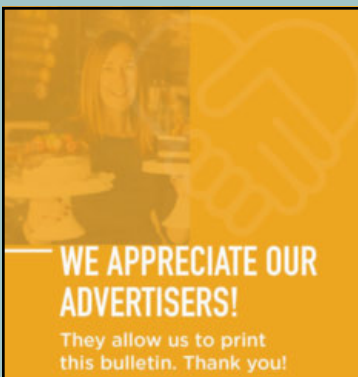
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