

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

JUNE 22, 2025

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

*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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Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. - Lk 9:16

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PLEASE JOIN US THIS WEEKEND
ON SUNDAY, JUNE 22
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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JUNE 23 - JUNE 27

Monday 9:15 AM
Michael Vallespir Family
Requested by Liz Vallespir

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Fr. Henry Roodbeen

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Genevieve Browne +
Requested by Bonacchi Family

Friday 9:15 AM
Fr. Kris
Requested by Jamie & Sandi Crenshaw

STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

June 29, 2025

5:00 PM	June 28	Fr. Kris
For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	June 29	Fr. Kris
For Paul Borchert + Requested by Teddi & Jerome Williams	Lector	Paulette Mullen
10:15 AM	June 29	Fr. Briffa
For Kim Smith	Lector	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	June 29	Fr. Kris
For Arlene McPhail Requested by Family	Lector	Teddi Williams

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Ez 34:11-16/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Rom 5:5b-11/Lk 15:3-7
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11/
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

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Reading I

Genesis 14:18-20

In those days, Melchizedek, king of Salem, brought out bread and wine, and being a priest of God Most High, he blessed Abram with these words: "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, the creator of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who delivered your foes into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

Alleluia

"...IN THIS WORLD I CANNOT SEE
THE MOST HIGH SON OF GOD WITH
MY OWN EYES, EXCEPT FOR HIS
MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD."

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Gospel

Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured. As the day was drawing to a close, the Twelve approached him and said, "Dismiss the crowd so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms and find lodging and provisions; for we are in a deserted place here." He said to them, "Give them some food yourselves." They replied, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people." Now the men there numbered about five thousand. Then he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty." They did so and made them all sit down. Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets.



Please pray for our fellow
brothers and sisters who are
suffering

Kim Smith



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:



Cookies
Tomato Sauce

Crackers
Tuna Helper

Jelly



Let us welcome our
newest members!

Todd & Nancy Maxwell

Welcome to St. Gerald.
We are glad you are here!



Wednesday, June 25, 2025

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM AS WE AIM TO RAISE \$25,000 FOR THE FAMILIES AT AWPC. THIS EVENT WILL BE FULL OF LIVE AND RECORDED EVENTS POSTED THROUGHOUT THE DAY - STARTING AT 6AM. DONATIONS WILL BE MATCHED \$ FOR \$ UP TO \$15,000! ANY DONATIONS MADE BY NEW DONORS WILL RECEIVE A \$50 BONUS DONATION ON TOP OF IT!

**ANY NEW OR INCREASED MONTHLY GIFTS
WILL RECEIVE A \$100 BONUS!**

Donations To Peter's Pence Collection

Through Amplify

If you would like to make a donation to the Peter's Pence collection, you can do so now through July 6th.

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

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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: _____

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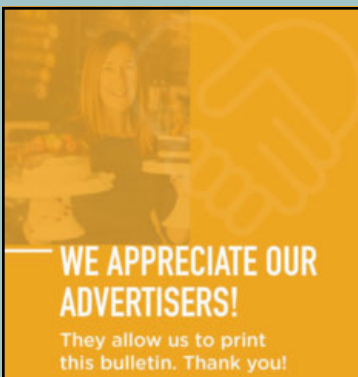
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