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Roman Catholic Church

JULY 6, 2025 FOURTEENTH 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.

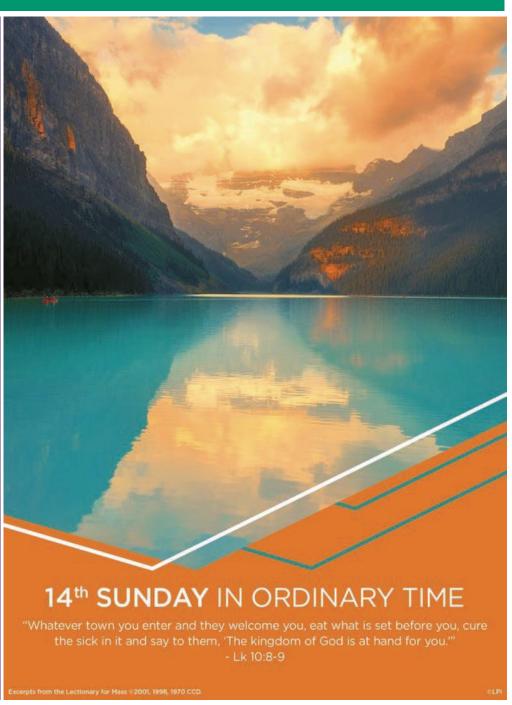
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Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



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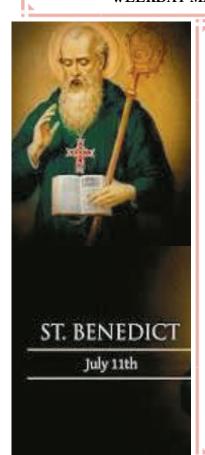
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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JULY 7 - JULY 11

Monday 9:15 AM Henryk Karabin +

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Paul Borchert +

Requested by Jamie & Sandi Crenshaw

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Sabina Desouza +
Requested by Blen Cardozo

Friday 9:15 AM

Steve Davis +

Requested by Victor Winiarski

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 13, 2025

5:00 PM	July 12	Fr. Henry
For Emma & Renato Bonacchi + Requested by Bonacchi Family	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	July 13	Fr. Briffa
For Florence Murray + Requested by Victor Winiarski	Lector	Rosa Russenberger
10:15 AM	July 13	Fr. Kris
For Leo & Eugenia Silvestri + Requested by Bonacchi Family	July 13 Lector	Fr. Kris Caron Kott
For Leo & Eugenia Silvestri +		

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/

Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-

21/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mt 10:16-

23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-

33

Next Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 (see

33)/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

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 July and August. **Adoration and First Saturday Mass will resume in September.**

Have a Blessed Summer!



SPECIAL COLLECTION PETER'S PENCE

If you are giving your donations online through Amplify and would like to make a donation for Peter's Pence, you can do so now through July 6th. Thank You!

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



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1 <u>Isaiah 66:10-14c</u>

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her! Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her comfort, that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts! For thus says the LORD: Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap; as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem you shall find your comfort. When you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass; the LORD's power shall be known to his servants.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2 <u>Galatians 6:14-18</u>

Brothers and sisters: May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither does circumcision mean anything, nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation. Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Alleluia





Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

Kim Smith Barb Kopf

Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.' Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say, 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand. I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town." The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky. Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."



2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2025 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 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.

If donation is made by check, please make sure your check is payable to <u>Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA</u>. 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.



Join Widowed Friends a peer support group hosting:

Thursday, July 10 & July 24, 9:00 AM—Men only Breakfast at Steve's Family Restaurant, 15800 Middlebelt Rd. Livonia. Call Event Coordinator Marcel at 313-510-0638.

Friday, **July 18**, 3:00 or 4:00 TBD—Pull out your Bowling Bag, Ball and Shoes for a practice at Westland Bowl 5940 N. Wayne, Westland. Bowl 2 games—Cost \$6. Call Event Host Carol 734-464-2909.

Food Pantry Items Currently Needed:



Cookies
Tomato Sauce
Crackers
Cans of Chicken, Ham
Roast Beef or Spam

Food Pantry Donations Needed

Jelly Tuna Helper





What Is Our Mission as Catholics?

If someone were to tell you that you, as a Catholic, need to evangelize others, what would be your reaction? Perhaps, it might be, "I evangelize by example not with words. That's what priests and deacons do." Or maybe, it would be, "I would like to, but I'm not trained or knowledgeable enough to do it." Or maybe, "That's something Evangelical Protestants do, not Catholics." We as Catholics have to get over the notion that evangelism is for Protestants. This notion is totally untrue — evangelization is the "essential Catholic mission."

What does the Bible say about Evangelization:

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Matthew 9:37)

"Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ." (Acts 5:42)

"Do not be afraid. Go on speaking, and do not be silent." (Acts 18:9)

"For 'everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach? And how can people preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring (the) good news!" (Romans 10:13-15)

"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander." (1 Peter 3:15-16)

Just before he ascended into heaven, Jesus tells the apostles: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Beginning on Pentecost, the apostles did just that, and the work of evangelization continues to this day. It is a calling that has not changed over the years, as Pope Paul VI affirmed in his Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Nuntiandi*: "Evangelization in the Modern World."

Evangelization is not an optional add-on. It is at the very heart of what it means to be Catholic followers of the Lord. Yet, in spite of this clear mandate, we may still be tempted to respond to this call to evangelization by saying that "Catholics evangelize by how they live their lives, not by our words." We may even quote the words attributed to St. Francis of Assisi: "Preach the gospel at all times; use words if necessary." But this doesn't mean that we can choose between proclaiming and living the gospel, as if they both accomplish the same thing. In *Evangelii Nuntiandi: Evangelization in the Modern World*, Pope Paul VI explains the important interplay between word and witness in this way: "The Good News proclaimed by the witness of life sooner or later has to be proclaimed by the word of life. There is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God are not proclaimed."

Perhaps the resistance of Catholics to the call to evangelization is due to conjuring up images of street preachers and television evangelists shouting "Repent" or talking about the 'wages of sin'." Or maybe we think of saints or missionaries or gifted Catholic priests. But true evangelization — whatever form it takes — is born from a love for people and a desire that everyone on earth come to know the love of Christ and the blessings of living in his kingdom. St. Paul tells the Corinthians: "The love of Christ impels us" to proclaim Christ." (2 Corinthians 5:14)

Perhaps, the resistance to this call is because we believe that it is not a teaching of the Catholic Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes a disciple in this way: "The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it." (1816) As Disciples of Christ, we, the laity, are given the great responsibility of bearing witnessing to the Lord by deed and word. It is time that we, as Catholics, begin to fulfill our mission as evangelizers of the good news.

May God's Peace Be with You, The Evangelization Committee

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2025 Parish Picnic Raffle Winners!

And, a special thank you to all of our raffle item donors for their time and talent in creating such treasures.

A generous amount of \$1,186 was generated for our parish.

RAFFLE ITEMS & WINNERS

- 1. RIVER CLOCK Mary & Paul Nowak
- 2. RIVER CLOCK Lynn & Rich Smith 3. FAIRY WREATH Nina Gariepy
- 4. WOOD CLOCK 1 Jerry Stankovich
- 5. WOOD CLOCK 2 Jerry Stankovich
 - 6. CHESS SET Paulette Mullen
- 7. RESIN BETTE FISH & TURTLE Charlette Keilman 8. BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS Henry Phillips
 - 9. DINOSAUR FUN Henry Phillips
 - 10. LADYBUG WALL ART Diane ladipaolo
 - 11. KIDS FUN & GAMES Gillis Family
 - 12. FAMILY GAME NIGHT Bruce Roberts
 - 13. SNOWMEN FUN Linda Bywalec
 - 14. COFFEE BREAK Pam Leppek
 - 15. CROCK POT & KITCHEN TOOLS Pat Hixson
 - 16. BARBEQUE BASKET Avery D'Angelo
 - 17. FLOWER WREATH Ray Sobocinski
 - 18. DOG LOVER Barb Ignash
 - 19. CAT LOVER Nadine Oulette
 - 20. HANDMADE QUILT Kathy Smith
 - 21. HANDMADE CAT PILLOW Mary Nowak
 - 22. HANDMADE PLACEMENTS Paulette Mullen
- 23. GARDENER'S DELIGHT TROLLEY Linda Bywalec

"Luck of the Draw" Gift-card Board

Chris Sobocinski - John Cowley & Sons - Wine Tasting for Two \$150
Carol Ferguson - Farmington Center Florists \$50

Robert Raffle - Peterlin's \$20

Carol Ferguson - Leo's Coney Island \$25

Matthew Yokom - Bad Brad's BBQ \$20

Luke Horsburgh - Dollar Tree \$25

Mary Hoots - Peace Tacos \$25

Ellen Harrington - La Pecora Nera \$25

Paulette Mullen - Bulldog's Cheesesteaks \$25

Emily Long - Never Forgotten Bakery Variety Pack

Candy Rosowski - Never Forgotten Bakery Variety Pack

Kathy Gariepy - Italian American Club of Livonia \$25

"Raffle to Riches" Lottery Ticket Board
Nancy Gilbert

Feedback submission drawing

Pat Hixson - Jesus Calling Devotional Book and dried floral arrangement from Vines Florist





On June 23 & 24, **YOUTH UNITED's 8th Annual Service Camp** was fueled again with the help from St. Gerald parishioners. Our team included Tom Kruger, LaJean Nagrant, Reece Long, Angela & Gerryanna Luscri, and nearly 100 others who put in many hours of work time, collected pantry items, books, clothes, toiletries and groceries to serve those in need. Thank you!

Youth United is made up of interfaith organizations with teens and adults working together with various outreach agencies to feed, clothe and supply the needy with necessary items to enjoy a better life.



Youth United helps to serve these needs at CARES of Farmington Hill (Community, Awareness, Resource, Empowerment, Services)

https://caresfh.org/

Look for us on Instagram, Facebook and YouTube.

https://www.facebook.com/share/1FuYcvxJFu/?mibextid=wwXIfr





Registration for 2025-26 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 in April. Please return forms as soon as possible or by August 15. If you will be new to the program, welcome! Please contact the coordinator, Emily Long, at 248.476.7677 Ext 201 or via email at faithformation.sgp@gmail.com. Forms may 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 beginning Sep 22. Confirmation preparation classes (Grades 7-8) attend on alternate Mondays beginning Sep 15. If you have any questions please contact Emily Long, at 248.476.7677 ext 201 or faithformation.sgp@gmail.com

Note: We are 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.

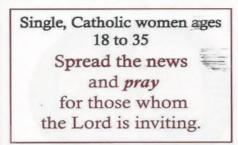
Reminder: Following guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit, children of the parish are to receive two full years of faith formation before reception of a sacrament. For example, to receive First Communion in second grade, students must be registered for first grade formation the year prior. If your child is "behind" we can work with you to get on track.

OCIA (formerly known as RCIA): Becoming Catholic

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? This is for you: whether you are unbaptized, baptized in a Protestant faith, or baptized Catholic but didn't receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

Please contact us to inquire about our OCIA program; now is the perfect time to respond to the prompting you feel from the Holy Spirit, to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church Jesus Christ instituted 2000 years ago!

Contact Emily Long, at 248.476.7677 ext 201 or faithformation.sgp@gmail.com or download and submit the Becoming Catholic Info Form from our website stgeraldparish.org



To Inquire or Register

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!







Presented by our Vocation team with



Fr. Jordan DeGuire, OP.

Summer Childhood Faith Formation Lending Library Meetups

All children (and their caregiver) are invited to attend one or all summer meetups. We will meet at St. Gerald in Room 7 for a read-aloud picture book and have the opportunity to explore and check out books from our Children's Lending Library. Crafts will also be available in room 7. This is a great time to inquire about our faith formation program or turn in your registration for next school year.

Monday

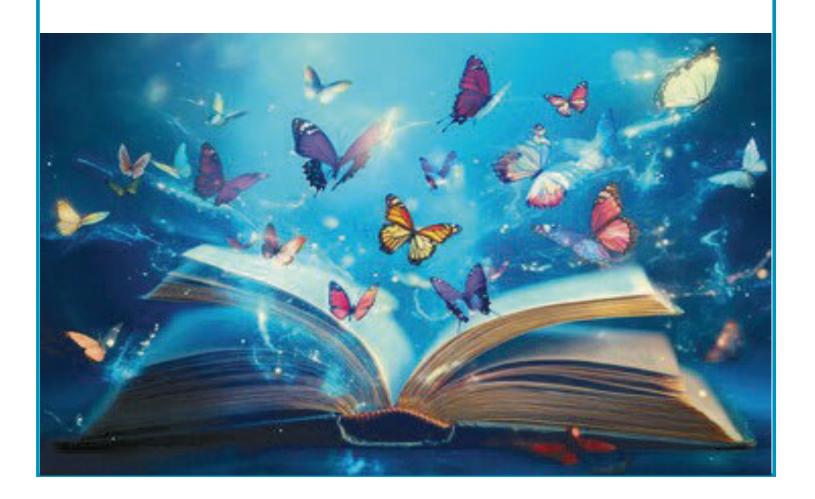
July 21st 10-11 am Theme: Zacchaeus

Wednesday

August 6th 2-3 pm Theme: The Sacraments

Monday

August 18th 10-11 am Theme: Our Lady of Champion



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, Secretary	x 212			
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Worship Ministry	x 202			
Christian Services Gerryanna Luscri	x 204			
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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)
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Luke Smith

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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