# The St. Gerald Voice



# **Roman Catholic Church**

### JULY 13, 2025 FIFTEENTH 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.

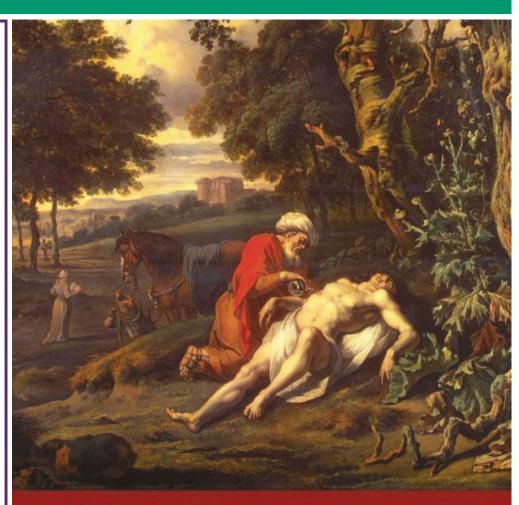
#### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

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.



### 15<sup>™</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

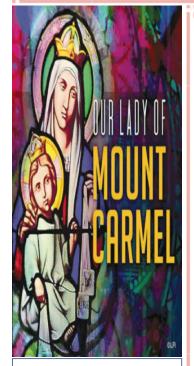
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"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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#### WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



Wednesday
July
16, 2025
Optional Memorial

**JULY 14 - JULY 18** 

Monday 9:15 AM Fr. Kris

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Dobbs, Kemp & Goderman Families, & Fr. Kris

Requested by Cynthia Kemp

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

Jean Browne +

Requested by Bonacchi Family

Friday 9:15 AM Fr. Briffa

# **Readings for the Week**

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24 Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/ Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

"Never will we understand the value of time better than when our last hour is at hand."

- St. Arnold Janssen

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 20, 2025

	July 20, 2023		
5:00 PM	July 19	Fr. Briffa	
For <b>Mary Camilleri</b> + Requested by Family	Lector	Sharon McCarthy	
8:30 AM	July 20	Fr. Kris	
For Paul Borchert + Requested by Jamie & Sandi Crenshaw	Lector	Rosa Russenberger	
10:15 AM	July 20	Fr. Kris	
For Mary Jeanne Grobosky + Requested by Josephine Rotondo & Family	July 20 Lector	Fr. Kris Scott Horsburgh	
For <b>Mary Jeanne Grobosky</b> + Requested by Josephine			

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Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

Kim Smith

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



### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1 <u>Deuteronomy 30:10-14</u>

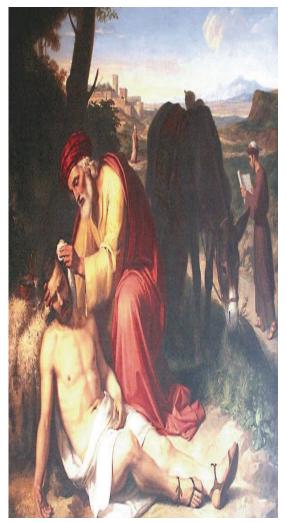
Moses said to the people: "If only you would heed the voice of the LORD, your God, and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book of the law, when you return to the LORD, your God, with all your heart and all your soul. "For this command that I enjoin on you today is not too mysterious and remote for you. It is not up in the sky, that you should say, 'Who will go up in the sky to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' Nor is it across the sea, that you should say, 'Who will cross the sea to get it for us and tell us of it, that we may carry it out?' No, it is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you have only to carry it out."

#### Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2 <u>Colossians 1:15-20</u>

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him were created all things in heaven and on earth, the visible and the invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he himself might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross through him, whether those on earth or those in heaven.

#### Alleluia



#### Gospel Luke 10:25-37

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read it?" He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live." But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.' Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

#### 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 <a href="mailto:faithformation.sgp@gmail.com">faithformation.sgp@gmail.com</a>. Forms may be found on the shelf in the classroom hallway or on the parish website <a href="mailto:www.stgeraldparish.org">www.stgeraldparish.org</a>

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 <a href="mailto:faithformation.sgp@gmail.com">faithformation.sgp@gmail.com</a>

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.

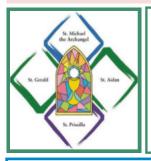
**Reminder**: Following guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit, children of the parish are to receive **two full years of faith formation before reception of a sacrament**. For example, to receive First Communion in second grade, students must be registered for first grade formation the year prior. 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 <u>faithformation.sgp@gmail.com</u> or download and submit the <u>Becoming Catholic Info Form</u> from our website <u>stgeraldparish.org</u>



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If you need help setting up your free account, please contact Emily Long at 248.476.7677, Ext. 201 or email faithformation.sqp@gmail.com

## 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

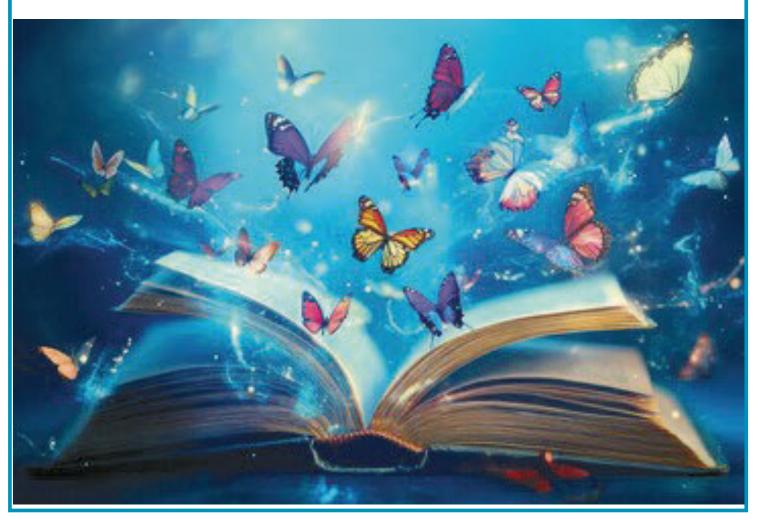
**July 21st** 10-11 am Theme: Zacchaeus

Wednesday

**August 6th** 2-3 pm Theme: The Sacraments

Monday

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





# 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.

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, 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 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.



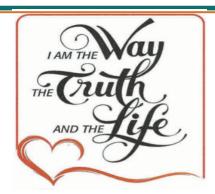
#### Food Pantry Items Currently Needed:



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

Donations Needed

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For all Christians, love of God and neighbor are the two greatest commandments—and serve as the foundation for evangelizing through our acts of stewardship. One way to express the love of God is through our devout actions before and while partaking of the Holy Eucharist—the true presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord and Savior. Receive Holy Communion regularly for the strength and courage to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and perform other Corporal Works of Mercy.

Stewardship thoughts/Family of Parishes Development, AOD





#### 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



#### Join Widowed Friends a peer support group hosting:

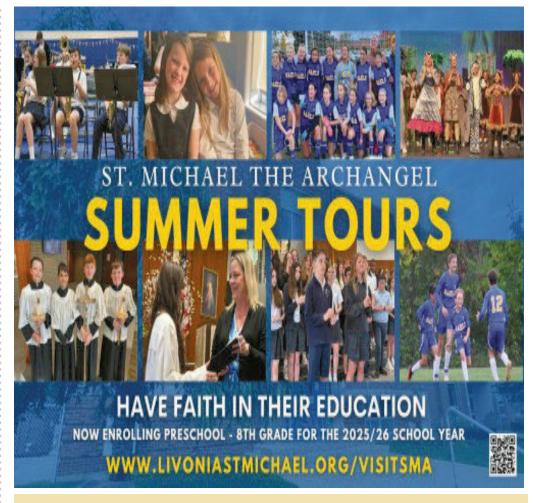
Friday, **July 18,** 3:00 or 4:00 TBD—Pull out your Bowling Bag, Ball and Shoes for a practice at Westland Bowl 5940 N. Wayne, Westland. Bowl 2 games—Cost \$6. Call Event Host Carol 734-464-2909.

Thursday, **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.

Tuesday, **July 22**, 10:00 AM—Another Breakfast Merry-go-Round to the Hudson Café 17101 Haggerty Rd., Northville. Call Host Richard 734-620-5494 **by July 17th.** 

Tuesday, **July 29** AM-Early morning movie/lunch. Phoenix Theater Laurel Park Place 17310 N. Laurel Park Dr. Livonia. After movie, Lunch at The Grand Tavern Livonia, 37714 Six Mile Rd. Call Peggy, by July 25th, to RSVP and she will tell you the movies available 734-744-5580.





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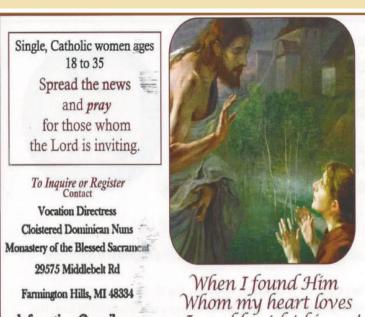
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#### ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## **STAFF Parish Office (248) 477-7470**

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor	x 203			
Kathy Smith, Secretary	x 212			
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#### **SACRAMENTS**

Rite of Reconciliation:
Saturdays from
3:30-4:30PM

Sacrament of the Sick:
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#### **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.

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