

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

JULY 20, 2025

SIXTEENTH 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.



16th Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



Sts. Joachim &
Anne
Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday
July
26, 2025
Memorial

JULY 21 - JULY 25

Monday 9:15 AM
Jamie Crenshaw
Requested by Sandi Crenshaw

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Fr. John Menner +
Requested by Joe Pavco

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Jamie & Sandi Crenshaw
Requested by Sandi Crenshaw

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 27, 2025

5:00 PM	July 26	Fr. Kris
For Frederick Strick + Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	July 27	Fr. Briffa
For Jim Brandi + & Lou Brohl + Requested by Doug & Paulette Mullen	Lector	Paulette Mullen
10:15 AM	July 27	Fr. Henry
For Eugenia Silvestri + Requested by Bonacchi Family	Lector	Angela McLoughlin
12:00 PM	July 27	Fr. Henry
For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Ken Galica

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Offertory Snapshot as of 7/6/2025

Actual Offertory	\$ 9,182.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 9,182.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 8,496.00

"All the way to heaven is heaven,
because Jesus said, 'I am the way.'"

-St. Catherine of Siena



Kim Smith

Randolph Family

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the terebinth of Mamre, as he sat in the entrance of his tent, while the day was growing hot. Looking up, Abraham saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he ran from the entrance of the tent to greet them; and bowing to the ground, he said: "Sir, if I may ask you this favor, please do not go on past your servant. Let some water be brought, that you may bathe your feet, and then rest yourselves under the tree. Now that you have come this close to your servant, let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves; and afterward you may go on your way." The men replied, "Very well, do as you have said." Abraham hastened into the tent and told Sarah, "Quick, three measures of fine flour! Knead it and make rolls." He ran to the herd, picked out a tender, choice steer, and gave it to a servant, who quickly prepared it. Then Abraham got some curds and milk, as well as the steer that had been prepared, and set these before the three men; and he waited on them under the tree while they ate. They asked Abraham, "Where is your wife Sarah?" He replied, "There in the tent." One of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah will then have a son."

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2

Colossians 1:24-28

Brothers and sisters: Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church, of which I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God, the mystery hidden from ages and from generations past. But now it has been manifested to his holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is he whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

Alleluia



Gospel

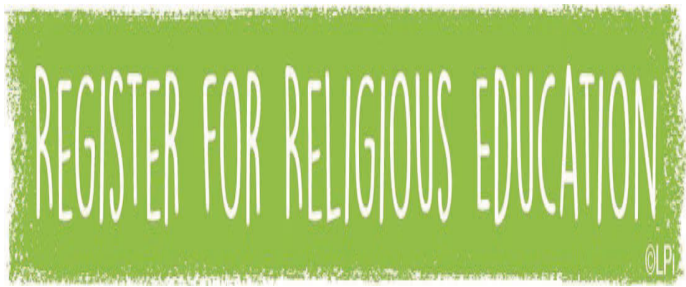
Luke 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

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.





The registration deadline for 2025-26 Monday evening faith formation classes has passed, but if you have forgotten, please still **contact us to get your child registered as soon as possible.**

Grades 7-8 begin **Sep 15**,

Grades 1-6 begin **Sep 22**.

Please contact the coordinator, Emily Long, at 248.476.7677 Ext 201 or via email at faithformation.sgp@gmail.com.

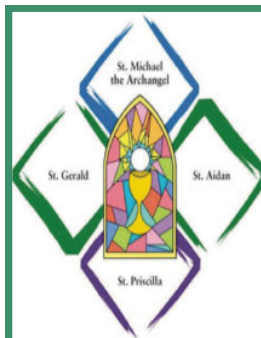
Forms may be found on the information center wall in the classroom hallway or on the parish website www.stgeraldparish.org

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



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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.sgp@gmail.com



St Gerald has 5 first aid kits with basic first aid dressing, bandages, and gloves. They are located behind the magazine rack near the Usher's closet, Kitchen, both sacristies, and staff office closet. They have identifiable red cross labels on the front. Any one wanting first aid or CPR classes can contact Barb Seabolt, Parish Health Ministry 248-231-4184 or blpseabolt@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 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.

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 **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 Items Currently Needed:

Deluxe Mac & Cheese
Cookies
Spaghetti Sauce
Crackers
Cans of Chicken, Ham
Roast Beef or Spam
Jelly
Tuna Helper



Please check the expiration, best by or use by dates on your food donations. After that date we are unable to distribute to our Neighbors in Need and must dispose of the food. Thank you for all your donations to aid our Neighbors.

What is Evangelizing?

Evangelizing is sharing the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ with every human person. *[Jesus] said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation..."* (Mk 16:15) As intentional Disciples of Christ and as Catholics, this is our mission. Not only must we share the Gospel, we should be seeking to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel itself. We evangelize by word and deeds. Our lives should reflect the truth and the joy of the Gospel.

There are simple ways to begin evangelizing if you don't know where to start. You don't have to stand on a street corner or go door to door to share the Good News. Here are six simple things you can do.

- Live your Catholic faith by what you say and what do. Have the heart and mind of Jesus. You are His hands and feet.
- Demonstrate the love of God through faithful and generous friendship.
- Bring a godly perspective to conversations.
- Learn Catholic teaching on certain issues and be able to articulate them and state them when needed.
- Help people discover answers to question about the Catholic faith; you'll be surprised at what you may also learn in the process
- Pass along religious books or CDs

There is one more thing that you can do to share the faith so that it is more personal: share your faith story. Share with someone how Jesus changed your life or how Jesus helped you through a difficult time. Just sharing your story can change someone's life and start them on the journey to knowing Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

We should also realize that evangelizing is living as Disciples of Christ. *We have to stop hiding behind our irrelevance, blending in so well that people can't see the difference. It's the difference that sets the world free.* We should be living a life that is joyful—a life that makes people ask, "Why are you different? Why are you so joyful and at peace all the time?" Be ready and happy to tell them about our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Evangelization Committee

Matthew Kelly, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic* (Beacon Publishing, 2012) 180.

Cast Crowns, *The Altar and the Door*, "What This World Needs"



ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

STAFF

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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: _____

Adult(s) First Name:

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

Relation: _____



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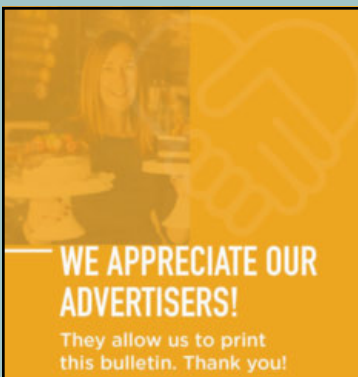
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