

The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

JULY 27, 2025

SEVENTEENTH 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.



17th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



JULY 28 - AUGUST 1

Monday 9:15 AM
Amelia Barreto +
Requested by Blen Cardozo

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Agazzi Family +
Requested by Agazzi Family

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Cambianica Family +
Requested by Agazzi Family

Friday 9:15 AM
Lavo Cardozo +
Requested by Blen Cardozo

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 3, 2025

5:00 PM	Aug. 2	Fr. Henry
For Alzada Dolencic + Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	Lector	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	Aug. 3	Fr. Henry
For Wesley Papacharalambous + Requested by Karen Papacharalambous	Lector	Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM	Aug. 3	Fr. Kris
For Gordon Horsburgh + Requested by Scott & Susan Horsburgh & Family	Lector	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	Aug. 3	Fr. Kris
For All Of Our Parishioners	Lector	Jeff Antoun

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Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

Offertory Snapshot as of 7/13/2025

Actual Offertory	\$	6,481.14
Budget Offertory	\$	8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$	15,663.14
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$	16,992.00

Prayer for Hope

Lord, Restore my hope!
Where I fear the future, write a new script in my heart.
Where I doubt Your goodness, fill me anew.
Give me steadfast hope for a beautiful tomorrow.
Amen.

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We will **not** have Eucharistic Adoration after the 9:15 AM Mass on First Friday nor the 9:15 AM First Saturday Mass in August. **Adoration and First Saturday Mass will resume in September.**
Have a Blessed Summer!



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Genesis 18:20-32

In those days, the LORD said: "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out." While Abraham's visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the LORD remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?" The LORD replied, "If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Abraham spoke up again: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?" He answered, "I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there." But Abraham persisted, saying "What if only forty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty." Then Abraham said, "Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?" He replied, "I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there." Still Abraham went on, "Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?" The LORD answered, "I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty." But he still persisted: "Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?" He replied, "For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it."

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2

Colossians 2:12-14

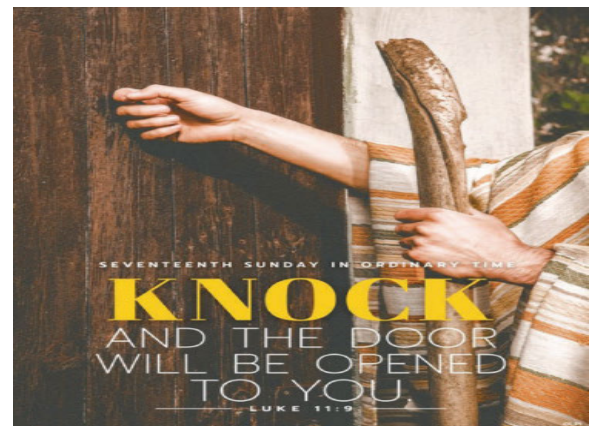
Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

Alleluia

Gospel

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

**Kim Smith
Randolph Family**

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.

Don't forget the Family of Parishes has purchased a FORMED subscription for every parishioner. Visit formed.org or download the app for your phone (app also available on some smart TVs).



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

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.

Wednesday, August 6th 2-3 pm Theme: The Sacraments

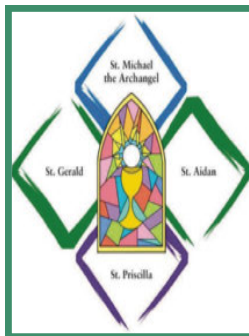
Monday, August 18th 10-11 am Theme: Our Lady of Champion

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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livoniaareacatholicparishes](https://facebook.com/livoniaareacatholicparishes)



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

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

+

Aileen Margaret Stevens
11/21/1932 + 7/18/2025

Thomas O. Seabolt
6/3/1944 + 7/18/2025

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto, Aileen & Tom, O Lord,
and May
Perpetual Light Shine Upon them.**



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 **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 Tooth Brushes
Tuna Helper Tooth Paste

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

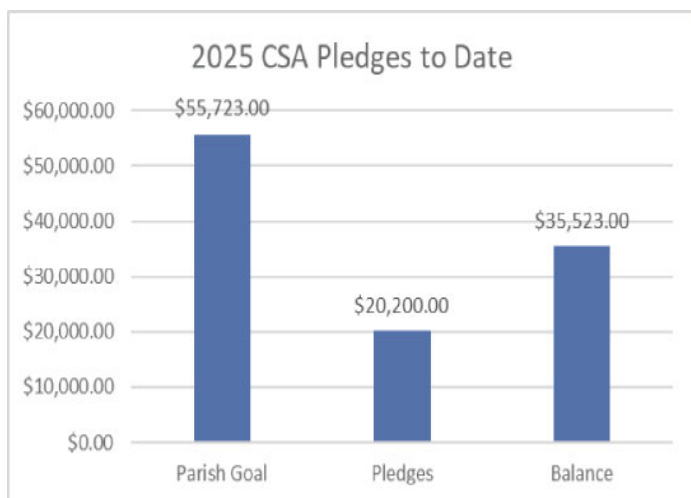
There is one more thing that you can do to share the faith so that it is more personal: share your faith story. Share with someone how Jesus changed your life or how Jesus helped you through a difficult time. Just sharing your story can change someone's life and start them on the journey to knowing Jesus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



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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:

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT:

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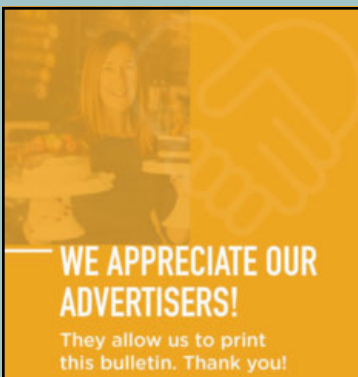
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