

# THE VOICE

July 5, 2020

## ST. GERALD

**ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
A Servant Church Of  
The Archdiocese of Detroit

21300 Farmington Road  
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Website: [stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org)

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

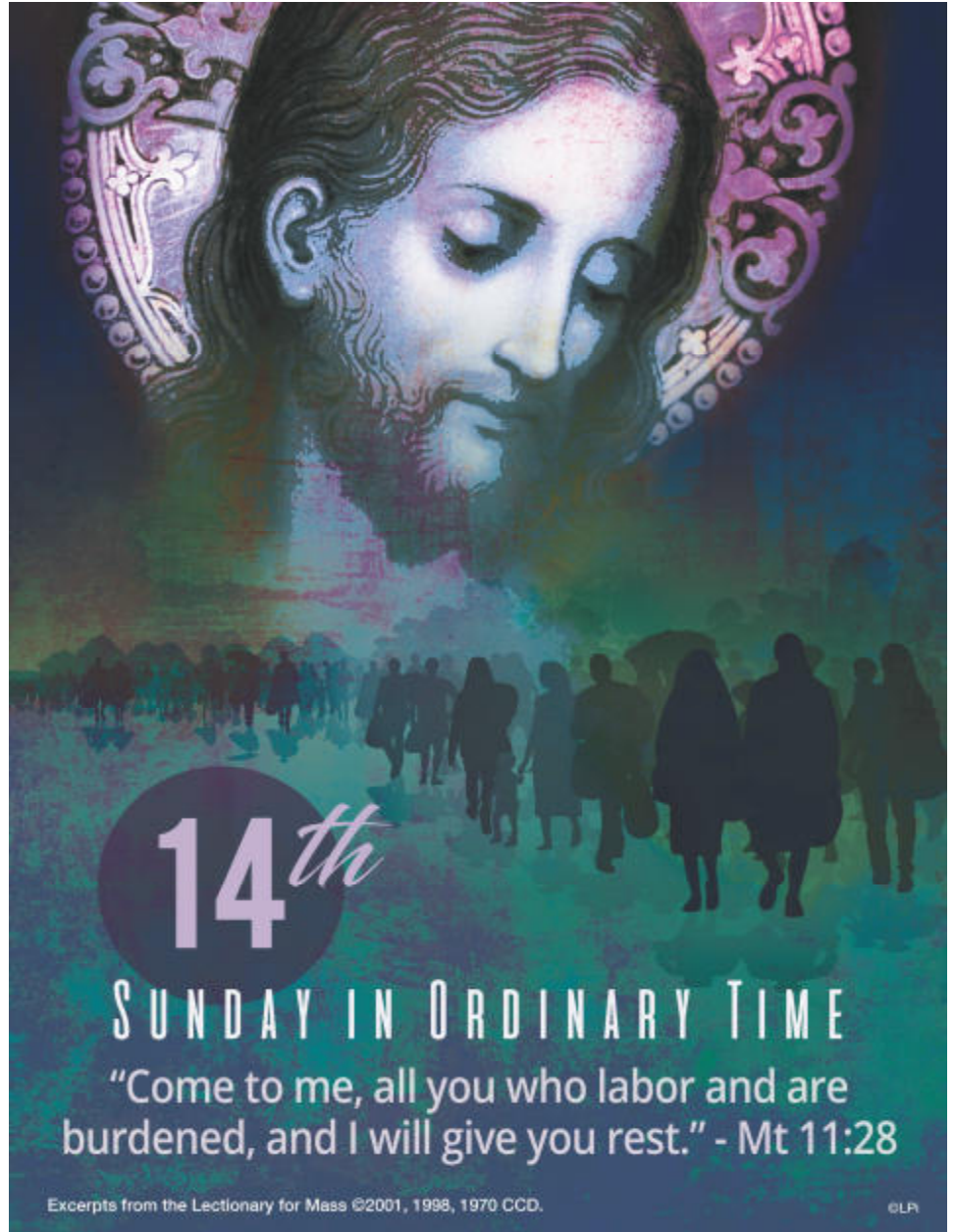
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m.  
and 12:00 Noon

### WEEKDAYS

Monday, Tuesday, Friday:  
9:15 a.m.  
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.



## Donations of the following items needed:

Pork and Beans, Spaghetti O's,  
Beefaroni or Ravioli, Canned Meats,  
Stews, Chili,  
Toothbrushes, Jelly,  
Cookies, Tuna Helper,  
Mac and Cheese Cups and Juice

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



### JULY 6 - JULY 10

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Sallie Koss (100th Birthday)**  
Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Peter Zanotti**  
Requested by Lisa Cogo

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Joseph Mathew**  
Requested by Blen Cardozo

Friday 9:15 AM  
**Special Intention**  
Requested by Family

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]/Mt 10:7-15  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Is 6:1-8/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 [Lk 8:8]/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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### Observances for the week of July 5

Monday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Friday:

Saturday: St. Benedict, Abbot

Next Sunday: 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SUMMER**  
Office Hours

Please note the Parish Office Hours during the months of July and August will be 9 AM to 3 PM, closing for lunch from 12 to 12:30 PM. Have a great summer!

### Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time July 11th and 12th Mass Intentions

**5:00 PM**  
**James Mayotte**  
Requested by Hunckler Family

**8:30 AM**  
**All Our Parishioners**

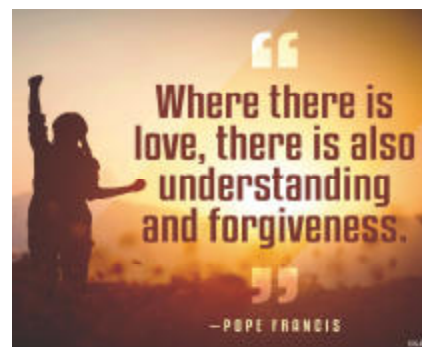
**10:15 AM**  
**Peter Zanotti**  
Requested by Laura Marchesotti

**12:00 PM**  
**Dobbs, Kemp, Trayer,  
Robrecht and Goderman Families**  
Requested by C. Kemp



### Lectors scheduled for weekend of July 11 and July 12:

5:00 PM Mass - Sharon McCarthy  
8:30 AM Mass - Hannah Smith  
10:15 AM Mass - Caron Kott  
12:00 PM Mass - Paul Radzilowski



### ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING



Online Giving of Donations through Simple Give is available and simple to use. Please visit our Parish Website at [stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org) and click on Online Giving to get started or pick up the instruction sheets on the bookcase in the gathering space of the church. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.



### FEELING ILL?

If you have a fever or cough or are not feeling well, please stay home until you feel better. Remember it is not a sin to miss Mass because you are ill.



**A NOTE FROM YOUR EVANGELIZATION TEAM**

Dear Friends of St. Gerald,  
Our Prayer Card Ministry will resume with monthly prayer card distribution when Mass attendance increases. Until then, we will be providing you with the scheduled monthly prayers here in the St. Gerald Voice.

**Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, Heavenly beauty and splendor of the Father, you are the most valued Heavenly treasure.

New Eve, immaculate in soul, spirit and body, created of the godly seed by the Spirit of God, you are the spiritual Mother of mankind.

Pure Virgin, full of grace then and now, your whole being was raised Heavenly in full glory, to be elevated above all the hosts within the Kingdom of God.

O Heavenly Mother, Queen of Heaven and earth, I recognize the glory of your highest title, The Immaculate Heart of Mary!

Loving Mother, dispenser of endless blessings, you who continuously intercedes on our behalf, please present my need before your loving Son Jesus.

*(In your own words, make your special request here. Speak to the Immaculate Heart of Mary as you would speak to another person, begging your Heavenly Mother to plea to Jesus on your behalf, that you be granted this special request.)*

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, I know that you are now presenting my need before Jesus, for you have never turned away those in dire need. Mother dearest, I await your favorable answer, submitting myself to the Divine will of the Lord, for all glories are His forever and ever.  
Amen

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS****JUNE CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR**

Please call one of the numbers below if you would like to be added to our next casino trip on Wednesday, August 12. Thank you!



Richard Smith 313/421-0204 or  
Bruce Roberts 248/756-9257 or  
Richard Rosowski 248/477-2511

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

Jennifer Mondoux	Rick Stone	Steve Bonadeo
Tony Ramirez	George Walch	Nicole Zapinski
Dylon Ittig	Joseph Wolff	
Erin Malloy-Burgess	Frank Burgess	

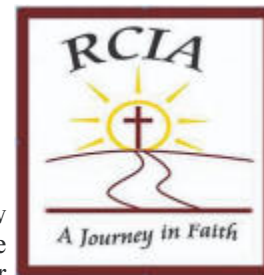
**BEING CATHOLIC ... WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**

If you can answer **YES** to any of the following questions, stopping and making a phone call may be the best thing you have done in a long time!

- Are you in search of a deeper relationship with God?
- Are you interested in learning about the Catholic Faith?
- Have you been attending the Catholic Church for years but just never "gotten around" to joining?
- Is your son or daughter, or grandson or granddaughter being Confirmed this year? You can also be confirmed.
- Do you have a young family member who will be receiving Communion for the First Time? You will be able to do so too.
- Would you like to be Baptized and become a full member of the Catholic Church?

St. Gerald Church offers an opportunity to help you answer these questions and more. We call it the **RCIA**, or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA consists of:

- Meeting with other inquirers to pray and share questions and concerns of faith.
- An opportunity to share life's experiences and the time to reflect on them as well.
- Learning about the tradition and history of the Catholic Church, while experiencing our beliefs and worship.
- Being connected to a community that worships together, seeks to serve others, and joins in fellowship.



If you think you might be interested or know someone whom you think would be interested, Please, contact Fr. Kris Nowak or the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

**Class of 2020**

Congratulations to our 2020 Graduates! In your honor, we would like to set up a board in the entrance of the church acknowledging your accomplishments. If you graduated this year, whether it be from high school, college, etc., please provide us with a small picture of yourself and the following information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School you graduated from: \_\_\_\_\_

If high school graduation, what school are you attending this fall:

\_\_\_\_\_

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

**You can mail this form back or drop off at the Parish Office.**

## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We are all familiar with the refrain, “You have put on Christ. In him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!” In Baptism, we “put on” Christ. In putting on Christ, we put on all that Christ is and represents: hope, faith, and love. We are no longer bound to the sins and failures of the flesh, that part of us that resists God and relies exclusively on human means. It also means that we are not in debt to our past, complete with its sins, failures, regrets, fears, and unfulfilled dreams. There is always hope. In putting on Christ, we put on God’s vision for the world, for all of His children and for us. We have been given a road map to guide our paths and a blueprint to follow for our life’s journey.

There is no need for regret, and we are not tethered to our past. Is there anything in your past that you regret? Any decision or memory that continues to haunt you? We have all made mistakes, and we have this uncanny ability to continue beating ourselves up over things we can no longer do anything about, except learn from them. To put on Christ means that I can now bring God’s unconditional love to my hurtful memories and sinful choices. With each new moment and every new choice, I can start clean and live in freedom.

Imagine adults when the disciples were preaching and baptizing. They came to baptism not really knowing who they were, with pasts that were broken, seeking to live the joy of the Gospel they heard spoken to them and wanting the love they saw witnessed in the lives of those who believed. What tremendous celebrations their baptisms must have been! They could now have the support of a community, full participation in the sacraments of the church, focus for their disordered lives, consolation, healing, and an understanding of what life is really all about.

Our lives are meant to be celebrations of the Spirit we have received in Baptism. How does that joy get expressed in and through you? When we truly understand that we have put on Christ, our burdens can become much lighter. It is odd that so many Christians look like they are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if those weights could be lifted and joy experienced! ©LPi



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- Personal Assessment Quiz

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**You are invited to a Zoom webinar.**  
**When: July 25th at 9:00 PM**  
**Topic: St. Joseph A Man for Our Times - Archdiocesan Virtual men's Conference**

Register in advance for this webinar:  
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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Faith Like a Child

If you Google Search recommendations on how to raise generous children, almost every list of ideas begins with — or at least contains — the directive for adults to be good models of generosity themselves. Our children learn from our actions much more than from our words. Of course, when I think back over the years while my children were growing up, I think I may have learned as much from them as they learned from me. There is a time between early childhood and middle school where a child seems to be freer to give and share than at any other time in life. It is around the age of First Communion when the cries of “mine” turn to laughter and smiles, and the urge to be a part of something bigger than oneself leads to sharing. Before you know it, the child hits the pre-teen years, and once again, he or she becomes the center of the universe.

I believe that the previous paragraph is all true, however, the stages described seem to repeat themselves throughout adulthood. Don't you agree? Sometimes we fall into seeing ourselves as the center of the universe, or we become consumed by our state in life or with what we have acquired. Also, we at times are generous and loving people. It is sin that draws us back into ourselves and away from any meaningful life of stewardship and generosity. In order to be freed for love, we need role models to help us see what really matters. We need to reflect on the example of many of our brothers and sisters in Christ. And, yes, we need to look to children who may be at the point in their lives where sharing is fun, and love is something in abundance. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPi



### Independence Day – Word Search

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#### Word List:

AMERICA	BARBECUES	BLUE	BRITAIN
CELEBRATE	COLONIES	DECLARATION	FIREWORKS
FLAG	FOURTH	FREEDOM	HOLIDAY
HOME OF THE BRAVE	INDEPENDENCE	JULY	LAND OF THE FREE
LIBERTY	OLD GLORY	PARADE	PATRIOTIC
PHILADELPHIA	PICNICS	RED	REVOLUTION
SPARKLERS	STARS	STRIPES	SUMMER
UNCLESAM	UNITED	USA	WHITE

## KISSING THE ALTAR AT MASS

### Question:

Why do priests kiss the altar at the start of Mass?

### Answer:

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church” (no. 1382-1383). ©LPi



### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

At St. Gerald we welcome all and encourage anyone 18 years of age and older to become registered members of the Parish.

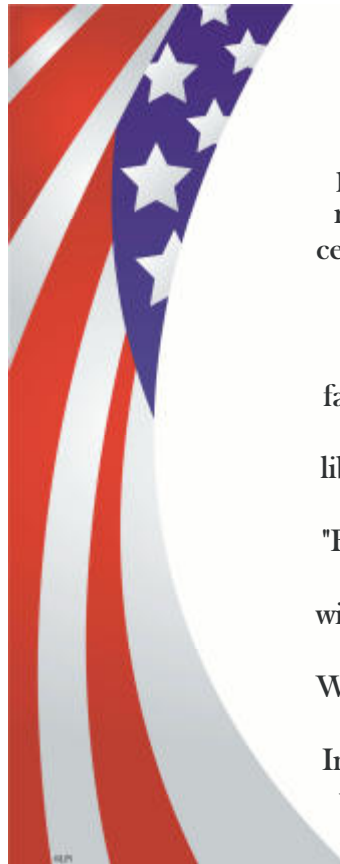
Registration is a simple process that is done at the Parish Office during office hours 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM Monday through Thursday or by picking up a Registration form located on the book shelf in the gathering space of the church and sliding a completed form under the Parish Office door. **Keeping our records current is also important. If you have a change of address, phone number or email address, please call the information into the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.** If you are moving from our parish, please let us know.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYER CHAIN

If you know someone who could use our prayers and would like them added to our prayer chain, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email the office at:

**stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com**

and their name will be added to our prayers.



## Independence Day

Today throughout the United States, we celebrate our freedom. Our rights are protected and opportunities abound. We recognize that freedom has a cost, one we celebrate and honor on days such as this. It's good to honor those who fight for our country, who may well pay the ultimate price for the liberties we're afforded. As faithful Catholics, we recognize that there is more to freedom than simply being at liberty to make our lives what we want them to be. St. John Paul II reminds us: "Freedom is not just doing what we can, it is doing what we ought." We become freer within ourselves and within our relationships when we choose what is right and good. When we choose sin, we become trapped in egoism - less free, not more. This Independence Day, let's continue to pursue virtue and good character and encourage others to do this same.

### ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

#### STAFF

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Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor ..... x 203

Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant ..... x 212  
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Norma Battel

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#### Youth Ministry

Gerryanna Luscari ..... x 208  
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#### Maintenance

Tom Kruger

#### Accountant

Kim Shepard

### 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.

### ST. GERALD 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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