

The St. Gerald Voice

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*A Servant Church
of the Archdiocese of Detroit*

OFFICE HOURS

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

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.



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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

September 5 -September 9



Monday 9:15 AM
**Fr. Kris and the Dobbs,
Kemp, Trayer, Robrecht
and Goderman Families**
Requested by C. Kemp

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Amedeo Picano
Requested by
Maria Konopka

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Doug and Janice Wishmeyer
Requested by
Croitori Family

Friday 9:15 AM
Michela Vettrai
Requested by
Tony and John Vettrai

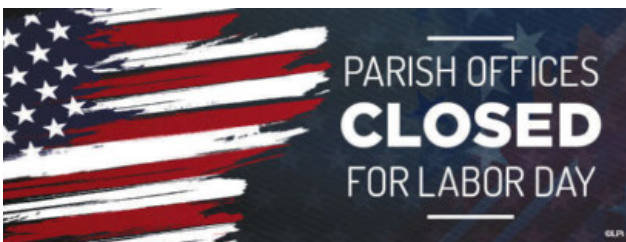
Readings for Week

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13, 17-18/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-1

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(For a list of readings and/or to have them sent to your email; go to <http://www.usccb.org/nab>)

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.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 11, 2022

5:00 PM September 10 Fr. Ramirez		
For Wilda McAskin Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM September 11 Fr. Kris		
For Eglandina Valente Requested by Family	Lector	Candy Rosowski
10:15 AM September 11 Fr. Ramirez		
For Angeline Ferraciolo Requested by Horsburgh Family	Lector	Angela McLoughlin
12:00 PM September 11 Fr. Ramirez		
For All Our Parishioners	Lector	Paul Radzilowski

ST. GERALD ONLINE GIVING USING SIMPLE GIVE

Online Giving of Donations through **Simple Give** is available and simple to use. Please visit our Parish Website at stgeraldparish.org and click on Online Giving to get started or call the Parish Office for instructions. **Please do not go into the Archdiocese of Detroit website to give offertory to the church.**

If you prefer to give by check or cash, collection baskets are located in the back of the church for your weekly donation or you may drop your donation in the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.

OFFERTORY SNAPSHOT

Actual Offertory for Weekend of August 21 -	\$ 5,169.00
Budget Offertory for Weekend of August 21 -	\$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory as of August 21 -	\$ 71,265.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory as of August 21 -	\$64,844.00

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

READING 1

Wis 9:13-18B

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans. For the corruptible body burdens the soul and the earthen shelter weighs down the mind that has many concerns. And scarce do we guess the things on earth, and what is within our grasp we find with difficulty; but when things are in heaven, who can search them out? Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high? And thus were the paths of those on earth made straight.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING 2

Phmn 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus, whose father I have become in my imprisonment; I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I should have liked to retain him for myself, so that he might serve me on your behalf in my imprisonment for the gospel, but I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that the good you do might not be forced but voluntary. Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a brother, beloved especially to me, but even more so to you, as a man and in the Lord. So if you regard me as a partner, welcome him as you would me.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS: PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

In honor of Priesthood Sunday on Sunday, September 25, 2022, the Office of Priestly Vocations is inviting parishioners to offer a spiritual bouquet for their pastor. To learn more and sign up go to <https://detroitpriestlyvocations.com/priesthood-sunday/>.

Part of that bouquet includes an option to share a story about how the priest's ministry has impacted your life. We plan to collect and share these stories in a Detroit Catholic article on Priesthood Sunday.

Mark your calendars . . .

The St. Vincent de Paul Truck will be here for your donations on the weekend of October 29 and 30.

WELCOME ALL TO OUR CHURCH

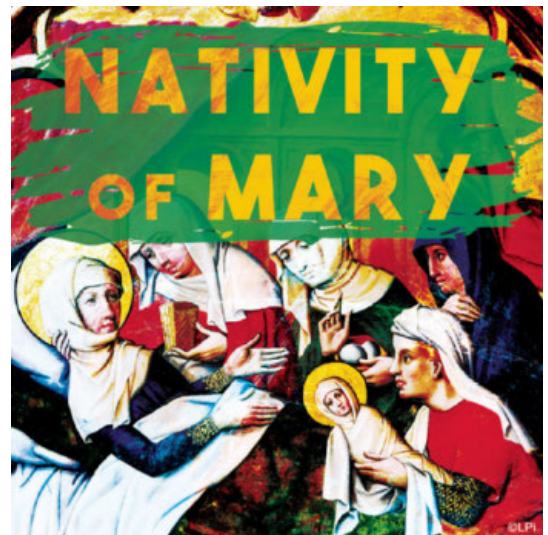
Sharing God's Love is our duty as Christians. Reach out and be welcoming to those you know. and to the stranger sitting near you. We want to make current parishioners and visitors feel at home here at St. Gerald. Please share a smile and a greeting as you spend time here in church and beyond our doors. A stranger is only a stranger, until they become your friend.

ALLELUIA

GOSPEL

Lk 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."



FALL SCRIPTURE STUDY – THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplain at the Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills will lead the study which will focus on the Gospel of Matthew.



Location: St. Gerald's Church social hall
Time: Tuesday mornings, 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Dates: September 13 – November 15, 2022

All are welcome to join us for prayer, refreshments, and study.

Bring your Bible. No need to register.

Contact Mary Taylor (marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com) if you have questions or 248-477-7470.

MISSIONARY COOPERATION PLAN

Next weekend missionary priest Fr. Tulio Ramirez, mxy, will be visiting our parish. Fr. Tulio belongs to the Yarumal Mission Society. He is a missionary priest who has served the people of God in Kenya and Ethiopia in Africa and in the Bronx, NY. He is originally from Colombia, South America.

The goal of the Yarumal Mission Society, founded 95 years ago, is to witness the Gospel of Jesus Christ among people and cultures where the Gospel is not yet fully preached. We are present in Angola, Bolivia, Cambodia, Colombia, Ecuador, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Panama and Thailand. In order to carry out our pastoral programs and social projects, our missionaries depend very much on the generosity of the Christians from parishes they visit.

Our support for Fr. Tulio and his missions, is a sign that reminds us of our baptismal vocation: We are also missionaries of Christ.

Let us welcome Fr. Tulio to our parish.

Donation envelopes will be available in the parish bulletin next weekend, or you can donate on-line through September 18th. Thank you.



Maria Rea
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Joan Goniea

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FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIPS

Beginning Sunday, September 18th, we will again be offering donuts after all the Sunday masses, once a month. Volunteers are needed to help. Please call 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or email myokom.sgp@gmail.com if you would like to help!



2022 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2022 CSA Campaign started on May 8, 2022 and will run through May 15, 2023. 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 2022 CSA target of \$66,310.00, which is our parish share of the support for the CSA-funded ministries, programs and services. Any gifts we receive over our target will be returned to our parish in full. If, however, we do not meet this target, we will have to make up the shortfall from our general fund.

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. Give what you can. If you can't donate at this time, please still return your card showing zero.

There are many ways for you to support the CSA. You may make a one-time gift or pledge the gift and make payments over a nine-month period of time starting in July.

You may give your donation on-line or by check, below are a few general instructions.

Instructions for On-line Giving:

- You can donate at any time by going to GiveCSA.org
- Click on - Manage your CSA 2022 Gift
- Sign in or click on "give now"
- Choose your organization from the drop-down arrow - St. Gerald - Farmington
- Fill out the amount you wish to give and if one time or recurring
- Return your card to St. Gerald with a note on it indicating you did on-line giving.

If you make a donation 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.

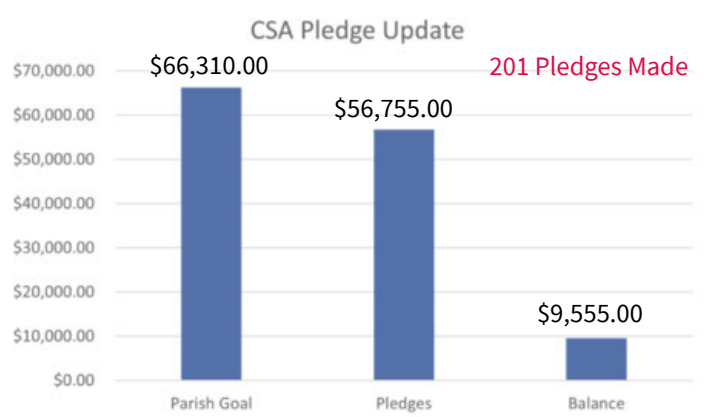
If you have not made your donation yet, we ask that you continue to prayerfully consider what type of donation you can give to support our parish. With your help, we can reach our goal. Your donation does make a difference!

PINOCHLE ANYONE?

Do you enjoy playing pinochle or would like to learn? Come join the card group on Thursday afternoons in our parish social hall. Please arrive by noon with card play beginning at 12:30 PM.

What a better way to spend your Thursday afternoons. You do not need to call ahead to join in the fun. Just stop in and make some new friends!

Any questions, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



We are slowly getting closer. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation. Your support is very much appreciated!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Where's the Sacrifice?
"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."
If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to, and it's likely that a big argument or two was had where you dance around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have the strength to offer whatever we have.
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

WIDOWED FRIENDS UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mondays, September 12 and October 3 Breakfast at Archie's Restaurant, 30471 Plymouth Road in Livonia. Call Tom at 586-216-1454 if you would like to attend.
- Tuesday, September 6 Lunch at Mission BBQ, 20420 Haggerty Road at 8 Mile Road (across from Meijer). Call Gloria at 734-459-7995 if you would like to attend.
- Fridays, September 9 through November 11 (10 weeks) at 2:00 PM join us at Westland Bowl, 5940 N. Wayne Road. Bowl 2 games of 9 pin no-tap. Cost \$7.00 per week, includes bowling, banquet, awards, special contests and prizes at the end of the season. Teams forming now. Call Gerry by August 29 in interested at 734-259-5024.



ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH Office Hours

9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.
(secretary at lunch 12:00 pm—12:30 pm)

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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.

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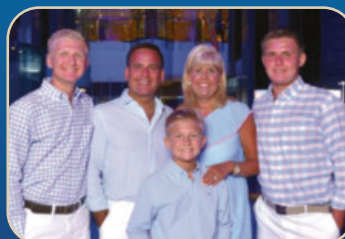
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