

The St. Gerald Voice

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 12, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

*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

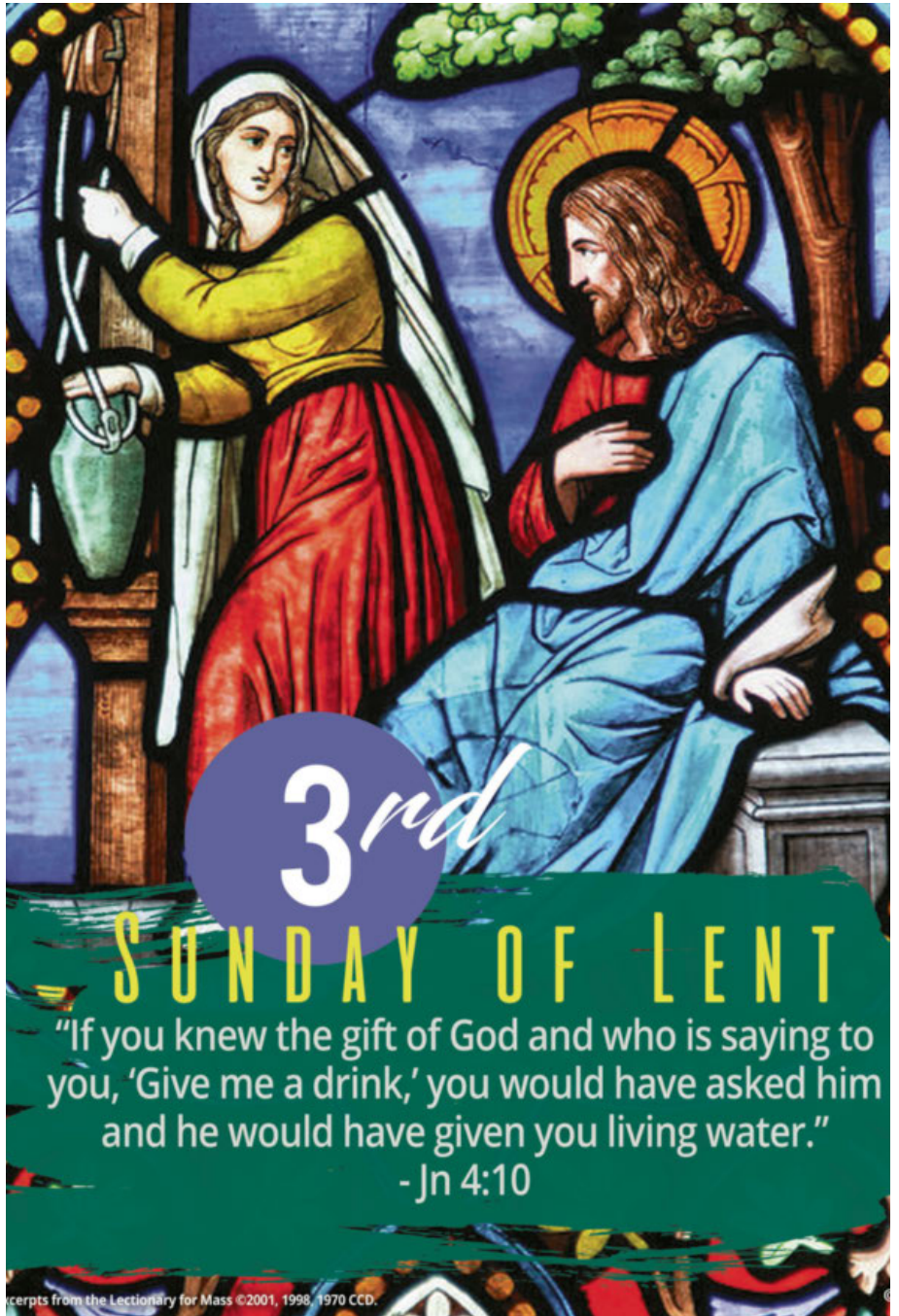
Monday, Tuesday, Friday
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

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

March 13 - March 17

Monday 9:15 AM

Gordon Giffen

Requested by Sharon Giffen

Tuesday 9:15 AM

Gina Bonacchi Hesper

Requested by Joanne Wojnar



Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Fr. Kris and the Dobbs, Kemp,
Trayer, Robrecht
and Goderman Families**

Requested by C. Kemp

Friday 9:15 AM

Frank Adams

Requested by Geri Adams

Readings for Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

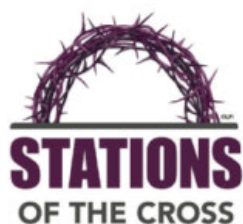
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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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>)



**Fridays during
Lent at 7:00 PM
(through March 31)
and
Good Friday, April 7
12:30 PM**

DONATIONS TO CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES THROUGH SIMPLE GIVE

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through Simple Give and would like to make a donation to The Catholic Relief Services, you can do so now through March 26th. Thank you!

FOURTH SUNDAY Of Lent

March 19, 2023

5:00 PM

March 18

Fr. Kris

For
Larry Brown
Requested by Dennis &
Sharon Weberlein

Lector

Isabelle Gerhart

8:30 AM

March 19

Fr. Kris

For
Kelly Parker & K.J. Gerhart
Requested by
Mullen Family

Lector

Candy Rosowski

10:15 AM

March 19

Fr. Briffa

For
Cristina Marciano
Requested by
Armanda Zanotti & Family

Lector

Renetta Jacob

12:00 PM

March 19

Fr. Kris

For
**All Our
Parishioners**

Lector

Sharon McCarthy

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 and click on Online Giving to get started or call the Parish Office for instructions.

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 as of February 26, 2023

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| Actual Offertory | \$ 5,395.00 |
| Budgeted Offertory | \$ 8,105.00 |
| Year-to-Date Actual Offertory | \$ 273,649.00 |
| Year -to-Date Budgeted Offertory | \$ 283,692.00 |

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

READING I

Ex 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

READING II

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters:

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

GOSPEL

Jn 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered

and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you."

At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat."

But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work."

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he

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stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

OR:

JN 4:5-15, 19B-26, 39A, 40-42

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LAND OF PEACE

Next week Land of Peace - a nonprofit organization - will be in our Parish Social Hall selling Crucifixes, religious art work and rosaries, all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the holy land, who depend on tourists, have been greatly affected. The goal of this mission is to help the poor and needy families in Bethlehem and Jerusalem with the sale of these goods and also give you the opportunity to have "something" authentic from the holy land. Please stop in the Social hall after mass next weekend and look at our products. For more information go to www.landofpeace.org.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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



**St. Gerald Parish
Communal Penance Service
with the opportunity
for individual confession
and absolution
Monday, March 20 at 6:30 PM**



Kim Weigold
Marie Bolivar
Dan Murphy

Maria Rea
Kimberly Plonka
Joan Goniea
Barbara Seabolt

LENT/SPRING SCRIPTURE STUDY 2023

The Continuation of the Book of Matthew
Father David Santoro, O.P., Chaplin at the Blessed
Sacrament Monastery in Farmington Hills
will lead the continuation of the study of Matthew.

Location: Parish Social Hall
Tuesdays at 10:30 AM through May 2nd

All are Welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture Study.
Note – study will not meet if the Farmington Schools
are closed due to weather.

Contact Mary Taylor at 248-476-7677, ext. 201 or
email marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com



ST. GERALD EASTER MEMORIALS

Easter Season is fast approaching and as we celebrate the joy
of the Resurrection, parishioners will have the opportunity to
remember loved ones who have passed away.

Simply fill out this form. Place your form in an envelope
marked "Easter Memorial" and drop it in the collection
basket on Sunday or bring it to the Parish Office no later than
Tuesday, March 21st.

The names of those remembered will be listed in our bulletin
on Easter Sunday weekend.

IN MEMORY OF:

(Please legibly print name of deceased)

REMEMBERED BY:

(Your name)

YOUR PHONE NUMBER: () _____

(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)



Saturday, April 8th,
Starting with a blessing of butter lambs and food
baskets in the church at 11:00 AM.

In order to make this a successful event we are
asking for donations of wrapped candy as well as
plastic Easter Eggs filled with wrapped candy for
the children.

Please place your donations of Easter Eggs and
candy in the plastic bin located in the vestibule of
the church.

All donations are needed by March 20th.



March 28th

**Look for more information in
upcoming bulletins!**



KNIGHTS KORNER

Want to know more about the Knights of Columbus or how to become a Knight? Please call Rich Smith, our Membership Director, at (313) 421-0204.

THE FEAST OF ST. GERALD, MONDAY, MARCH 13

Who is St. Gerald?

St. Gerald was the bishop of Mayo, an English monk, date of birth unknown; died 13 March, 731. He followed St. Colman to Ireland, and settled in Innisboffin, in 668. Dissensions arose, after a time, between the Irish and the English monks, and St. Colman decided to found a separate monastery for the thirty English brethren. Thus arose the Abbey of Mayo (Magh Eo, the yew plain), known as "Mayo of the Saxons", with St. Gerald as the first abbot, in 670. Although St. Gerald was a comparatively young man, he proved a wise ruler, and governed the abbey until 697, when, it is said, he resigned in favour of St. Adamnan. After the governance of St. Adamnan, St. Gerald returned to the abbey and the Saxon saint continued to govern the Abbey and Diocese of Mayo till his death. His feast is celebrated on 13 March.



Blood Drive!

Monaghan Knights of Columbus
19801 Farmington Road,
Livonia, MI

Monday, March 27th
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Blood levels are very low. Just one pint of blood saves the lives of three people. Please consider coming to donate.

To schedule an appointment, simply call 866-MIBLOOD or visit www.versiti.org/MI. Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.

2022 ST. GERALD CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

If you need a copy of your 2022 Contribution Statement, please send your request to stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!

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)

STAFF

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor x 203

Mary Hoots, Administrative Assistant. x 212

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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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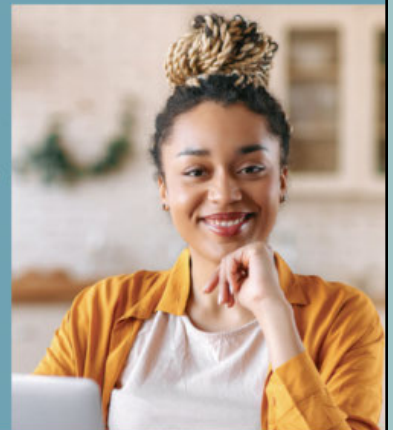
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