

# The St. Gerald Voice



Roman Catholic Church

JUNE 4, 2023

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

*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.



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16-17

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## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**JUNE 5 – JUNE 9**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Frank Adams**

Requested by Geri Adams



Tuesday 9:15 AM

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

Requested by C. Kemp

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Phyllis Hunsinger**

Requested by Ann Marie Podlaski

Friday 9:15 AM

**Michael Albis**

Requested by Mary Taylor

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Tb 1:3; 2:1b-8/Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mk 12:35-37

Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8/Mk 12:38-44

Next Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58



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(FOR A LIST OF DAILY READINGS AND/OR TO HAVE THEM SENT TO YOUR EMAIL: GO TO [HTTP://WWW.USCCB.ORG/NAB](http://www.usccb.org/nab))

## Please remember in your prayers

Joan Goniea

Kim Weigold

Marie Bolivar

Barbara Seabolt

Maria Rea

Kimberly Plonka

Winifred Maguire

Josie Boore

If you would like a name to be added on the prayer list in the bulletin, please email [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Please join us for Holy Hour with Rosary on Thursday nights in church following 7 PM Mass concluding at 8:30 PM. All are welcome!

**Please help us keep our parish records up-to-date. If you move, have a change of phone number or any other change, please call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470 or email [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com).**

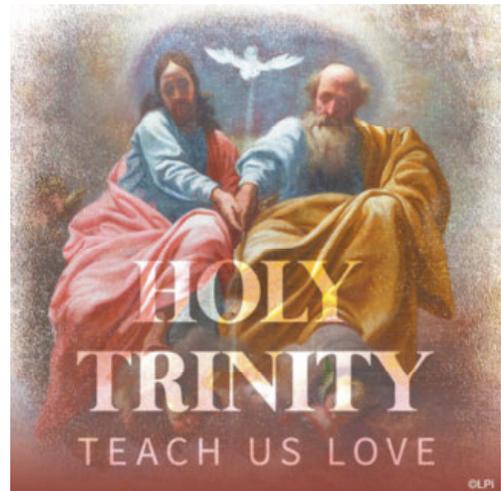
## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 11, 2023

5:00 PM	June 10	Fr. Roodbeen
For <b>Steven Brown</b> Requested by Georgette Said Robinson	Lectors	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	June 11	Fr. Roodbeen
For <b>Assunta Fallone</b> Requested by Flora Rossi	Lector	Paulette Mullen
10:15 AM	June 11	Fr. Briffa
For <b>All Our Parishioners</b>	Lector	Angela McLoughlin
12:00 PM	June 11	Fr. Briffa
For <b>Maria Amodeo</b> Requested by Christine Olesky	Lector	Jeff Antoun

### 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 call the Parish Office for instructions. Thank you for your continued support of St. Gerald Parish.



### CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE/FACEBOOK PAGE!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at [www.stgeraldparish.org](http://www.stgeraldparish.org) or "like" our Facebook page at St. Gerald Catholic Church, Farmington.

### 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.

# The Most Holy Trinity Readings

**READING 1**

**EX 34:4B-6, 8-9**

Early in the morning Moses went up Mount Sinai as the LORD had commanded him, taking along the two stone tablets.

Having come down in a cloud, the LORD stood with Moses there and proclaimed his name, "LORD." Thus the LORD passed before him and cried out, "The LORD, the LORD, a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and fidelity." Moses at once bowed down to the ground in worship. Then he said, "If I find favor with you, O Lord, do come along in our company. This is indeed a stiff-necked people; yet pardon our wickedness and sins, and receive us as your own."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**READING 2**

**2 COR 13:11-13**

Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the holy ones greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

**ALLELUIA**

**GOSPEL**

**JN 3:16-18**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC** - By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**We Bear the Name of the Lord**

The name of the Lord is a curiously powerful thing. Say it deliberately, even in a group of people who are not particularly religious, and you'll know what I mean. There is a shift in the mood, a change in the atmosphere. When we utter the name of the Lord, He turns His head.

Once, in confession, I admitted to the sin of using the Lord's name in vain. "When you do that, tell God that you love him," advised the priest, who was wise enough to know that I would repeat this sin at some point. "You've said His name, after all. You have His attention."

We hear the name of the Lord, and we think of what it represents — John 3:16, salvation history summed up in a neat little sentence, the why and the how and the who of it all laid out before us. The Lord, so slow to anger that He offers us a million chances. The Lord, so rich in kindness and fidelity that He literally gave Himself to us that we might be saved.

But the name of the Lord is more than that. It is not just a symbol, it is an invitation. I think of Moses clutching the commandments, beseeching the Lord: "Come with us. Forgive us. Receive us as your own." The Lord accompanies us down the mountain. We bear the name of the Lord into the world with us wherever we go.

I have to ask myself: do I do that name justice?

*"Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages."* — Daniel 3:52 ©LPI





Let us congratulate  
 Kara DeVito and Zachary Mendelson  
 who were married at St. Gerald Parish  
 on May 27th.

May you both be blessed with happiness  
 and joy as you celebrate your new lives  
 together as Mr. and Mrs.



## 2023 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2023 CSA Campaign has started! Thank you to everyone who has already made their pledge to CSA.

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 2023 CSA target of \$57,193.00, 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. Those funds returned to us will be combined with the refund of \$5,200.00 from CSA 2022 and be used to start replacing our exterior doors of the church. If, however, we do not meet this target, we will have to make up the shortfall from our general fund.

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 2023 Gift

Sign in or click on "Pledge to Give"

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 gave on-line

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 what type of generous donation you can give to support our parish. If you have not picked up your pledge packet it will be mailed to you with a letter asking for support to reach our goal. Your donation does make a difference!

**St. Gerald Vacation Bible School 2023**  
**Power Lab**  
**For students entering**  
**Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade**  
**Where Jesus Gives Us the Power**

**June 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

**Registration Forms are available on the shelf**  
**located on the wall in the Religious**  
**Education Hallway or on our website at**  
**stgeraldparish.org and are due back**  
**by June 7, 2023**

**Join us for some crafts, drama, songs,**  
**and healthy snacks.**

**The cost is \$10.00 per participant**  
**(checks made payable to St. Gerald Church.)**

If you have questions please contact:

Mary Taylor at marytaylor.sgp@gmail.com

Gerryanna Luscri at gerryanna.youthministry@gmail.com

Emily Long at faithformation.sgp@gmail.com.



**Join us at the St. Gerald Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, June 25th from 1 PM to 4 PM.**

There will be a DJ, games  
and the ever popular basket raffle.

**Volunteers are needed!**  
**Donations are also needed for our basket raffle.**

If you are interested in volunteering or have a donation or questions,  
please call the Christian Service Office at 248-476-7677, ext. 204 or  
email myokom.sgp@gmail.com.

Come join us for some good food, games and conversation.

Also, if you are able, please bring a dish to pass.

Hope to see you there!



**GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE**

In my experience, one of the peculiarities of being a man is the somewhat unlikely ability to look into the mirror, no matter how out of shape he may be, and declare with full confidence: "Looking good, buddy!" Ask a man. He'll probably confirm it.

Therein lies a mystery. You might think I refer to man's ability to deceive himself or his propensity toward vainglory. But in this case, I refer to the mystery of a healthy and proper sense of self-love. We human beings (both men and women) have the utterly weird ability to look at ourselves as if we were another. Then we tend to love this "other." Then, somehow, that love becomes a bond between the two. We are three and yet one.

This Sunday is Trinity Sunday. We ponder anew that God in His unity is a play of multiplicity: Lover, Beloved, and shared Love. Or, as we also proclaim, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. If we allow it, this mystery heals our temptation toward self-hatred and destruction. We all know how awful it is to look into the mirror and not know the person we see, or, equally bad, to know and hate who we see. Jesus, the Son of God, draws us into the dynamics of authentic self-knowledge and self-love. Perhaps we could ask the Holy Trinity this Sunday to teach us to truly look at ourselves and to properly love who we see looking back.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

**Ready for His Return**

Where is that guy with the rainbow wig holding a "John 3:16" sign in the end zone at NFL football games? Younger readers may not have any idea what I am talking about! You used to see this guy on TV all the time wearing "Jesus Saves" shirts and holding his sign. Most thought he was a harmless guy, but now he is serving multiple life sentences for taking hostages at a hotel near LAX in 1992. His name is Rollen Stewart and he believed — and continues to believe while in prison — that Jesus' second coming is imminent. His extreme actions were meant to make people take notice and listen to him. Now he sits behind bars, and most in the world see his name as nothing more than an answer to a trivia question.

It is a sad story when people hurt others or use extreme methods in the name of God. Mr. Stewart's belief that simply getting people to listen to his message is the most important step in their salvation is misguided. His poor stewardship should stand in stark contrast to our good stewardship. Our actions, seasoned at times with our words, should be the evidence people need to see the transformative power of Jesus Christ. We do believe that he is indeed coming again. But once you have committed yourself to him and live in his life on earth, when he returns is not our main concern. We are ready whenever that time comes, and hopefully, we can help others be ready as well by our example.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



**My Church is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is.  
 It will be friendly, if I am.  
 Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
 It will do great work, if I work.  
 It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.  
 It will bring other people into its worship, if I invite and bring them.  
 It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a  
 church with a noble spirit, if I, who make it what it is,  
 am filled with these same things.  
 Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of  
 being all of the things that I want my church to be. Amen.**



**ROLE OF CATHOLICS IN SOCIETY**

**Question:**

We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

**Answer:**

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, “In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God” (On the Lay Members of Christ’s Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we’re there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God! ©LPI

Antonio’s Cucina Italiana is celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Feast of St. Antonio on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, by helping those who are less fortunate. The Rugiero Family requests you visit any Antonio’s location, donate what you can and enjoy a FREE lunch buffet from 11 AM-3 PM, with proceeds going to benefit the **Capuchin Soup Kitchen and Gleaners Community Food Bank**. If you prefer, order off the regular priced menu 11AM-9 PM and a portion of the proceeds will be donated. Visit [www.antoniosrestaurants.com](http://www.antoniosrestaurants.com) for additional information.



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Are you called to the priesthood?

The Archdiocese of Detroit Office of Priestly Vocations offers resources for any young men discerning the priesthood. Our new website has information on applying to seminary, frequently asked questions, and how to get in touch with the vocation director. Learn more at [www.detroitpriestlyvocations.com](http://www.detroitpriestlyvocations.com).

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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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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