

# The St. Gerald Voice

## Roman Catholic Church

March 2, 2025

EIGHTH 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.



## 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

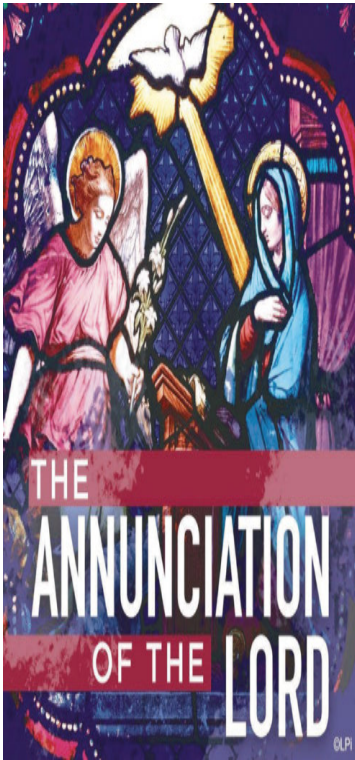
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### UPCOMING: (see page 6 for times)

Tuesday	March 4th	Soup Supper
Wednesday	March 5th	Ash Wednesday
Friday	March 7th	First Friday Adoration/Benediction Stations of the Cross

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**MARCH 3 - MARCH 7**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Francis Plourde +**

Requested by Russ & Francine Jager

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Stephanie Cison +**

Requested by Milkiewicz Family

Wednesday 9:15 AM

**Nemesio Barreto +**

Requested by Blen Cardozo

Wednesday 7:00 PM

**John & Annette Wassell +**  
Requested by Smith Family

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Frances Roman +**

Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Friday 9:15 AM

**Dan Murphy +**

Requested by Keith Kelly

# Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13



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.

**Also, if you have been on the list and your prayers have been answered, please let us know!**

Thank you!

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 9, 2025**

5:00 PM			Mar. 8	Fr. Briffa
For <b>Eileen Kolar +</b> Requested by Larry & Maureen Hansz	<b>Lector</b>	Diane Blankenship		
8:30 AM			Mar. 9	Fr. Briffa
For <b>Helen Winiarski +</b> Requested by Victor Winiarski	<b>Lector</b>	Rosa Russenberger		
10:15 AM			Mar. 9	Fr. Kris
For <b>Eglantina Valente +</b> Requested by Cosimo Valente	<b>Lector</b>	Jim Bergin		
12:00 PM			Mar. 9	Fr. Kris
<b>For All Of Our Parishioners</b>	<b>Lector</b>	Paul Radzilowski		

**2024 ST. GERALD CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

If you need a copy of your contribution statement, please send your request to [stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com) or call 248-477-7470. The Parish Office is open Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Thank You!

If you would like to make a donation for the Church in Central/Eastern Europe through Amplify, you can do so now through **March 9, 2025**

**Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, who are suffering**

Gwen Korody  
Chloe Roberts  
John Wassell  
Shirley Murray  
Marlene Bergin  
Roseanne McQueen  
Phyllis Dombé  
Tim Westfall  
Lyla Waterstreet  
John Maguire  
Fred Gerometta  
Robert Bliss  
Diane Petter

Margaret Williams  
Ron Briggs  
Winifred Maguire  
Valerie Kenney  
Barry Russell  
Jim Bergin  
Tom McPhail  
Patrick Rogers  
Chris Malecke  
Jerome Williams  
Jerry Weigold  
Kathleen Radzilowski

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading I

Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

### Responsorial Psalm

### Reading II

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: *Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?* The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

### Alleluia



### Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF  
THE SOUL OF**

+  
**Claudia Thibodeau**  
**October 10, 1953**  
**February 12, 2025**

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Claudia, O Lord, and May  
Perpetual Light Shine Upon her.**



**FIRST FRIDAY**

**MARCH 7, 2025**  
EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT

FOLLOWING THE 9:15  
AM MASS UNTIL 5 PM  
BENEDICTION.  
ADORERS ARE NEEDED.  
SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN  
THE GATHERING SPACE.



## WHAT DO I DO WITH MY PALMS FROM LAST YEAR

To "destroy" blessed palms, the proper way is to burn them and bury the ashes; this is considered the most respectful method as it treats the blessed item with reverence, aligning with Catholic tradition where blessed items should be returned to the earth through burning or burying.

Because we already have the ashes that will be used for the Ash Wednesday service, ***please do not bring them to church.***

### INSTEAD, WE RECOMMEND:

#### • **BURNING AT HOME:**

If you choose to burn them at home, make sure to do so in a safe and controlled environment, and then bury the ashes afterwards.

#### • **DO NOT THROW AWAY:**

Avoid throwing blessed palms in the regular trash as it is considered disrespectful.



## FAITH FORMATION

**Bible  
STUDY  
2025**

**JOIN US!  
ST. GERALD'S  
SOCIAL HALL**

**TUESDAY'S - 10:30 AM - NOON**

**Begins March 4 through May 13**

*(there will be NO session April 15)*



**This session will begin with the study  
of the Acts of the Apostles.**

Led by **Fr. David Santoro, O.P.**  
Chaplain - Blessed Sacrament Monastery  
in Farmington Hills

— Coffee, Cookies and Bibles are provided —  
All are welcome to this Inter-Parish Scripture study.

For more information please contact:  
**Emily Long - (248) 476-7677 ext. 201 or email:  
FaithFormation.sgp@gmail.com**

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



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. Joining the Knights does not obligate anyone to spend any more than they want to on our projects. It does provide a great opportunity to help others, and you will get to spend some time with some great guys on a regular basis. We remain, Good Men doing Good Works!

### CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR



Join us at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek on Wednesday, March 5th. The bus leaves St. Gerald parking lot at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM. For information and to sign up call: Richard Smith (313-421-0204), Bruce Roberts (248-756-9257) or Richard Rosowski (248-477-2511).



## 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE

In October, we announced that our 2024 CSA Goal of \$55,164.00 was reached with all your help. We once again, want to say CONGRATULATIONS and Thank You. At this point, we are approximately \$5,200.00 over our goal and those funds will come back to St. Gerald 100%.

As a reminder, all payments due for CSA 2024 must be received by the Archdiocese of Detroit by **April 30, 2025**, to be applied to 2024. If your pledge dollars are not received by this date, St. Gerald will be responsible for any balance due.

Address for funds to be mailed:

**Archdiocese of Detroit  
CSA Gift Processing Center  
PO Box 6047  
Albert Lea, MN 56007-6647.**

Please make sure all checks are payable to :  
**the Archdiocese of Detroit.**

Again, we thank you and appreciate your support and love you have for St. Gerald.

### Food Pantry Items Needed:

◆ Laundry Detergent	◆ Baked Beans
◆ Mac & Cheese Deluxe	◆ Mac & Cheese Cups
◆ Saltine Crackers	◆ Tuna
◆ Cookies	◆ Tuna Helper
◆ Diced Tomatoes	

\*Please NO perishable items



WHAT IS THE MEANING OF  
**FAT TUESDAY**



**FEASTS AND FASTS** play a powerful role in the life of a Catholic. We **FEAST** as a reminder of God's abundant generosity and the goodness of life. We **FAST** to train our bodies and souls to rely more fully upon God.

Fat Tuesday is the great feast before Lenten fasts begin. Traditionally, Catholics have embraced Fat Tuesday as a way to get rid of all the fats and desserts in the house in preparation for Lent. With these tempting goodies already consumed, it's easier to more fully engage in Lent and experience spiritual growth.

The deeper meaning for Fat Tuesday actually comes from its traditional name, Shrove Tuesday. The word "shrove" means to give absolution—to be forgiven! Shrove Tuesday is an invitation to reflect on your life, seek forgiveness and peace, and get ready for 40 days of spiritual renewal during Lent.



You might have heard of Mardi Gras—which means "Fat Tuesday" in French. The grandest Mardi Gras celebration takes place in New Orleans, where parades, parties, and feasting lasts anywhere from one day to several weeks!

Please join us for the  
**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**  
 at St. Gerald's, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM



Fat Tuesday is a wonderful opportunity to share a meal and your faith with the people you love.

**SOUP SUPPER**



**TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025**  
**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**COST: FREE WILL OFFERING**

**DINNER INCLUDES HOMEMADE SOUPS :**

- |   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Minestrone</b>                                   | <b>Chicken Noodle</b>         |
| <b>Hamburger</b>                                    | <b>White Chicken Tortilla</b> |
| <b>Italian Wedding</b>                              | <b>Butternut Squash</b>       |
| <b>Mushroom</b>                                     | <b>Lentil</b>                 |
| <b>Zupa Golabkowa (Polish Stuffed Cabbage Soup)</b> |                               |

**ROLLS, BUTTER, CRACKERS, DESSERTS, COFFEE, TEA, AND JUICE**



**LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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**MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH**  
**MARCH**



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WORSHIP

IMPORTANT  
CALENDAR DATES

March 4, 2025  
**Soup Supper** 5:00 – 7:00 pm



March 5, 2025  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
Masses at 9:15 am and 7:00 pm  
Ashes **ONLY** at the masses



March 7, 2025  
**First Friday**  
**Mass 9:15 am**  
**Adoration** immediately after mass  
**Benediction** at 5:00 pm



March 16, 2025  
**Fellowship Sunday**



March 31, 2025  
**Lenten Reconciliation Service at 6:30 pm**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays at 7:00 pm**

March 7, 2025  
March 14, 2025  
March 21, 2025  
March 28, 2025  
April 4, 2025  
April 11, 2025



April 17, 2025

**HOLY THURSDAY**

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm  
Garden of Repose 8:00 – 10:00 pm

April 18, 2025

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm  
Liturgy 12:45 pm  
Private Veneration 2:00-3:30 pm

April 19, 2025

**HOLY SATURDAY**

Blessing of Food Baskets 11:00 am  
Easter Egg Hunt 11:15 am  
VIGIL MASS 8:30 pm  
**NO CONFESSION**

**ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**Office Hours**

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday thru Thursday. Closed Friday.

**STAFF**

**Parish Office (248) 477-7470**

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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.

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