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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 26, 2023 **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

A Servant Church
of the Archdiocese of Detroit

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

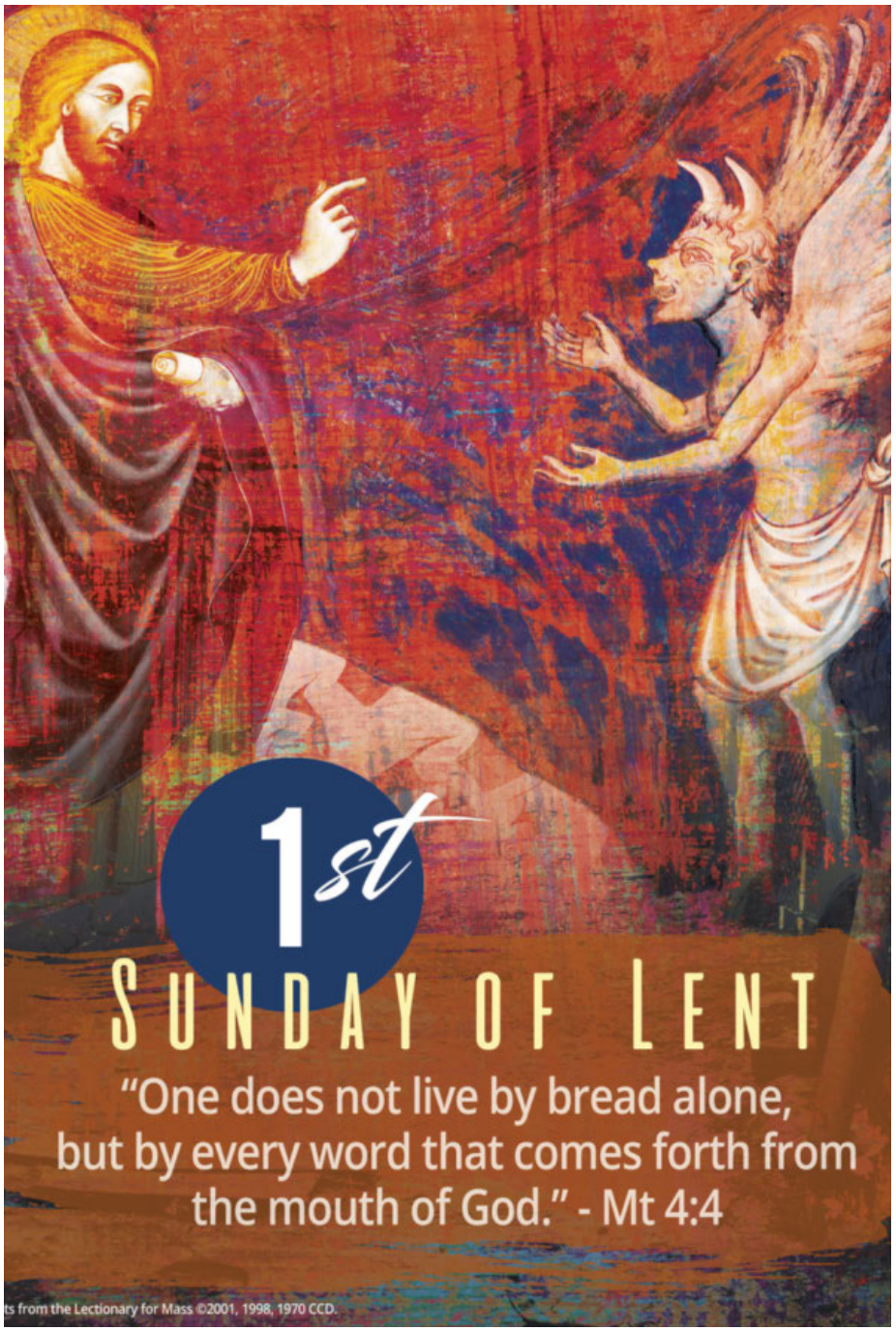
MASS SCHEDULE

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

February 27 - March 4

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

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Theresa Rich
Requested by Pat Rich

Wednesday - No Mass

Thursday 7:00 PM
Frank Adams
Requested by Geri Adams

Friday 9:15 AM
Gina Bonacchi Hespen
Requested by Joanne Wojnar

Saturday 9:15 AM
Frank Adams
Requested by Geri Adams

Readings for Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7- 15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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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 (February 24-March 31) and Good Friday, April 7 12:30 PM

We adore You oh Christ and we bless You.

Because of your Holy Cross,
You have redeemed the world.

Second Sunday Of Lent

March 5, 2023

5:00 PM	**March 4**	**Fr. Kris**
For **Joseph Wolffe** Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	**Lector**	Isabelle Gerhart
8:30 AM	**March 5**	**Fr. Briffa**
For **All Our Parishioners**	**Lector**	Hannah Smith
10:15 AM	**March 5**	**Fr. Kris**
For **Frank Adams** Requested by Geri Adams	**Lector**	Renetta Jacob
12:00 PM	**March 5**	**Fr. Kris**
For **James Zann** Requested by Betty Zann & Family	**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 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.

If you would like to make a donation for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe through Simple Give, you can do so now through February 26th.

PARISH SUPPORT

Offertory Snapshot as of February 12, 2023

Actual Offertory	$ 6,562.00
Budgeted Offertory	$ 8,105.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	$262,234.00
Year -to-Date Budgeted Offertory	$267,480.00

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading 1 **Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being.

Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading **2 Rom 5:12-19**

Brothers and sisters:
Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned—for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. And the gift is not like the result of the one who sinned. For after one sin there was the judgment that brought condemnation; but the gift, after many transgressions, brought acquittal. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one,
the many will be made righteous.

Or

Rom 5:12, 17-19

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Gospel **Mt 4:1-11**

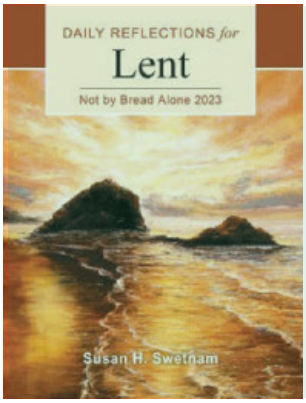
At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."

Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test." Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."

Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him.

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. With a prior request, statements will be available for pick up in the Parish Office during the hours indicated above or they can be sent to you electronically. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!



Lenten Books

Lenten books are available for your use on the table in the Gathering Space of the Church. A small donation would be appreciated!

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 necessary by **March 20th**.

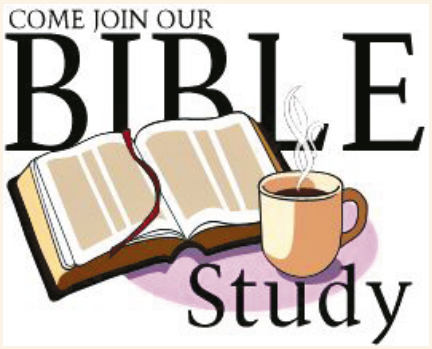
Kim Weigold	Maria Rea
Marie Bolivar	Kimberly Plonka
Dan Murphy	Joan Goniea
Brad Stramecki	Barbara Seabolt

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

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 beginning February 28th

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



Lent is a call to "give alms to the poor." Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor.

Let us welcome our newest members to St. Gerald. They are:

Laura and Mark Cieslak

and

Erin Delvecchio

Welcome to our parish, we are glad you are here!

The Order Of Christian Initiation of Adults

The days of Lent are the final Period of Purification and Enlightenment leading up to the Easter Vigil for those seeking the sacraments of initiation. Lent is a time of preparation marked by prayer, study and spiritual direction for the Elect as we ask the parish community to pray for them. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the Elect receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist and is fully initiated into the Catholic Church. Please keep our OCIA catechumen, Barbara Fitzgerald, in your prayers as she continues on her journey to full initiation into the Catholic Church.

First Friday, March 3rd
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
following the 9:15 AM Mass.
Scheduled Adorers Needed.
Sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space of the church.

Please join us on Saturday, March 4th for our First Saturday Mass at 9:15 AM.

Donations of Tuna Helper are needed for the St. Gerald Food Pantry. Please place your donation in the wooden container located at the main entrance of the church. Thank you!

KNIGHTS KORNER

Charity Casino Bus Tour

Please join us on Wednesday, March 8th as we go to Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek. The tour bus leaves the St. Gerald parking lot at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM. The cost is $40 per person, which includes a $20 chip coupon and a $5.00 food coupon. For more information or to reserve your spot call one of the following members: Richard Smith at 313-421-0204, Bruce Roberts at 248-756-9257, or Richard Rosowski at 248-477-2511.

Everyday Stewardship

Can you believe Lent is here already? It seems like not that long ago I was decorating a Christmas tree! Time waits for no one and that is why it is important to make a mindful commitment now to not let this Lenten season pass you by. It is a great time to focus on growing as an everyday steward. The temptations are always there to procrastinate or to give in to spiritual laziness, but the Church's observation of Lent offers us so many tools to help us get on track. Increased devotions such as Stations of the Cross, various parish missions, or Lenten-focused literature are all gifts that your parish may be offering to assist you in this season.

With the Passion being the focus of Lent, it is easy to contemplate the value of true generosity. How could someone give more than Jesus? He gave until his life was spent on a cross. When contemplating how we can increase our generosity in all aspects of our life, we only need to look to the cross. Of course, this also brings home to us that more may be asked of us than we bargained. The temptation is to not give too much, out of fear that we might face persecution or worse.

But we take solace in the fact that we are disciples of One who had the same temptations. He overcame those temptations. He rejected the easy way out. His love and generosity could not be contained. He gave it all so that you and I have the chance to do the same. This Lent, look to the greatest example of stewardship that ever lived. Jesus will show us the way to observe a Lent that will soon bring forth great Easter fruit.

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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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