The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

April 6, 2025 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

A Servant Church of the Archdiocese of Detroit

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday
8:00 am—4:00 pm

MASS SCHEDULE

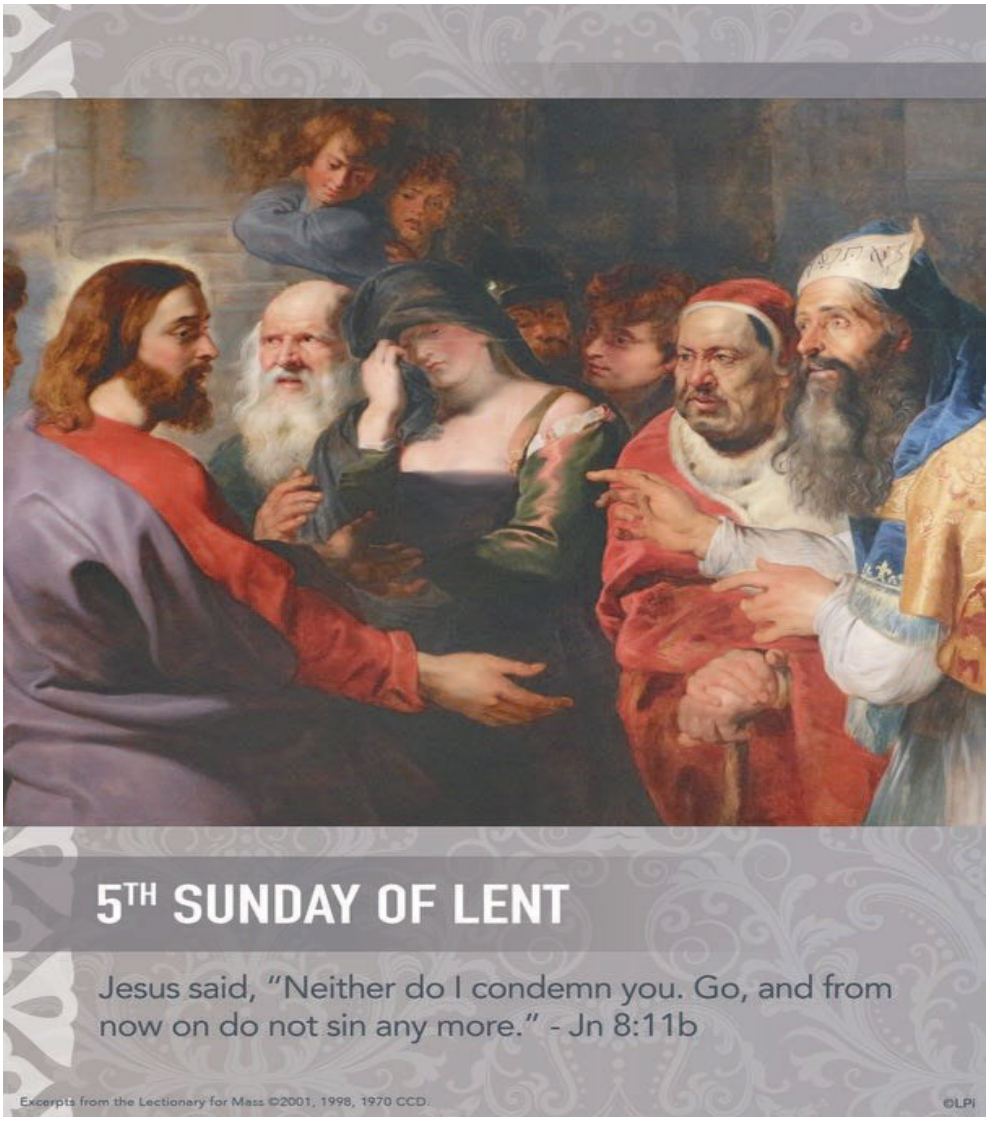
Weekend Mass
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:15 a.m. and 12:00 Noon

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.



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM

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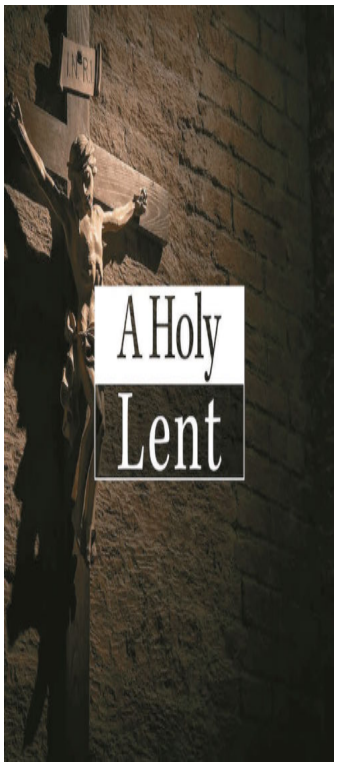


April 7 - April 11

Monday 9:15 AM
St. Gerald Parishioners
Requested by Jamie & Sandi Crenshaw

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Fr. Ed Prus +

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Sue Borchert
Requested by Jamie & Sandi Crenshaw

Friday 9:15 AM
John Plonka +
Requested by Sharon & Kimberly Plonka

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-5

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

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 Dombe
Patrick Rogers
Lyla Waterstreet
John Maguire
Fred Gerometta
John George Sorisho, Jr
Debbie Dafoe
Diane Petter
Ron Briggs
Jerry Weigold
Valerie Kenney
Michael Morand
Jim Bergin
Tom McPhail
Kathleen Radzilowski
Chris Malecke
Jerome Williams
Robert Bliss
Tim Westfall

PALM SUNDAY

Of The Passion Of The Lord

April 13, 2025

5:00 PM	April 12	Fr. Kris
For **Francis Medalena Camilleri +, Carmenu & Rosanna Agius +** Requested by Family	**Lector**	McCarthy/ Blankenship
8:30 AM	April 13	Fr. Kris
For **Walter Winiarski +** Requested by Victor Winiarski	**Lector**	Rosowski/Mullen
10:15 AM	April 13	Bp. Monforton
For All Of Our Parishioners	**Lector**	Horsburgh/Bergin
12:00 PM	April 13	Fr. Kris
For **Carol Kronk +** Requested by Mark Kronk & Family	**Lector**	Antoun/Galica

If you would like a name to be added on the prayer list in the bulletin, or remove a name because their situation has improved, please email stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com or call the Parish Office at 248-477-7470. Thank you!

If you wish to request a **Mass Intention** for a loved one, please stop by the parish office and we will be happy to add them to the calendar of weekday and weekend Masses!

All intentions are listed in the bulletin and the intention is said aloud during the Prayers of the Faithful at the selected mass time.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

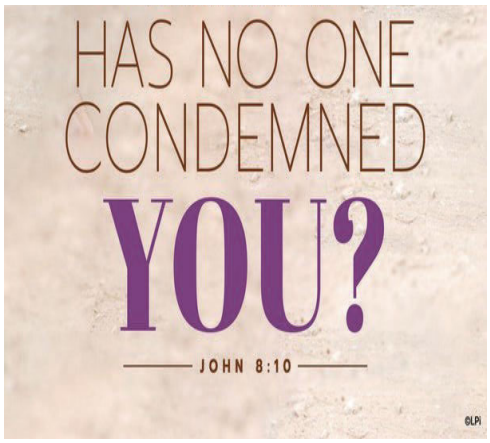
Reading I **Isaiah 43:16-21**

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts honor me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II **Philippians 3:8-14**

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.



Gospel **John 8:1-11**

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

2024 St. Gerald Contribution Statement

If you need a copy of your contribution statement, please send your request to 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!

The St. Vincent de Paul Truck will be here the weekend of May 3rd & 4th for your donations.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Catholic Relief Services

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for revealing Christ's love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world.

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.

2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

We also want to inform you that our 2025 CSA Campaign will launch on CSA Weekend May 3-4. As you all know this is a yearly appeal to help fund valuable ministries, programs and services that benefit so many in our parish and across the Archdiocese of Detroit and beyond. When we support the CSA, together we unleash the Gospel.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

We welcome to the Body of Christ

Peyton Ann Runkle
Julianna Christine Jensen
Amelia Ann Reichardt

Baptized Sunday
March 30, 2025
By Rev. Krzysztof Nowak

Let us welcome our newest members:

Paul Dille
Belen Cleto
Vennix Family

Welcome to St. Gerald.
We are glad you are here!

WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF
+
Winifred Maguire

March 25, 1943
March 27, 2025

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

HOLY WEEK

Everyday, every week should be holy, then why is this week so special? Let's briefly take a look at the events starting with Palm Sunday. On **Palm Sunday** Jesus rode into Jerusalem to fulfill his Paschal Mystery. He was lauded as a king, but a king in the worldly sense not in the true heavenly sense. He rode a donkey, a symbol of peace, not a horse which was more a symbol or royalty. He came as one of us, a human. We must remember the roads were not paved, they were dusty and unclean. The palm branches were strewn along the path Jesus traveled. In ancient times, palm branches were awarded to victors in athletic games. Today Palm trees have a variety of meanings across different cultures and contexts: peace and relaxation, strength and resilience, vitality and triumph, fertility and eternal life and the spiritual connection to Jesus's ride into Jerusalem.

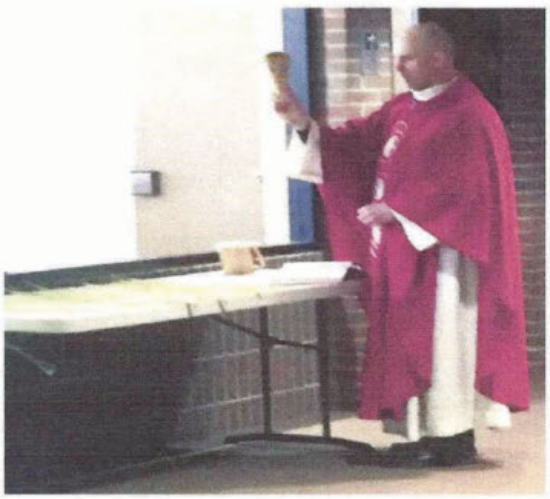
On Palm Sunday the priest blesses the palms before the beginning of mass. Parishioners often process into church carrying the palms, others weave their palms into crosses or other ornamental items and proudly display them until the following year's Palm Sunday.

The priest wears red which implies the blood Christ shed for us. The church is also,, decorated in red.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday masses during the week are considered regular seasonal masses.

Blessing of Palms in the Church.
(photo on the left).

Blessing of Palms in the Narthex before mass.
(photo on the right)



HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

On Holy Thursday the bishop blesses the holy oils to be used throughout the year by the priest. There are three oils: the oil of the infirm (sick) to be used to anoint the sick for healing of body, mind and soul; the oil of the catechumens for the anointing of those preparing for baptism so they may be strengthened by Christ to resist the power of Satan and reject evil in all its forms; and the holy chrism which is a mixture of olive oil and perfume that will be used to anoint infants after Baptism, those who are to be confirmed, Bishops and Priest at their Ordination, and altars and churches at the time of their dedication. These oils will be presented at the beginning of the Holy Thursday evening mass.

During evening mass enough host should be consecrated for communion at the mass and to give communion during the Good Friday service.

Holy Water should be removed from the Baptismal Font and any other receptacles in the church. The new water will be blessed at the Vigil Mass and the fonts refilled.

At the evening mass the Priest will wash the feet of twelve parishioners as a symbol of Jesus washing the feet of the twelve apostles.

After communion enough consecrated host will be placed in a ciborium and left on the altar. After the Prayer after Communion, a procession to the Altar of Repose will take place and the ciborium will be placed in the tabernacle there. Parishioners may stay and pray at the Altar of Repose.

When the celebration has ended, the altar is stripped privately of all altar clothes.

The Holy Oils that were blessed at the Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday

Washing of the Feet

Carrying the Ciborium to the Altar of Repose

The Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY

THE PASSION OF THE LORD

St. Gerald's Good Friday Schedule 4/18/2025

Stations of the Cross 12:00 pm (noon)

Liturgy of the Word 12:45 pm

- Reading of the Passion of the Lord
- Veneration of the Cross
- Holy Communion

Private Veneration 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

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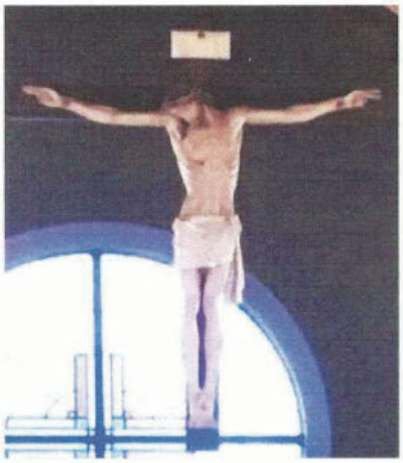
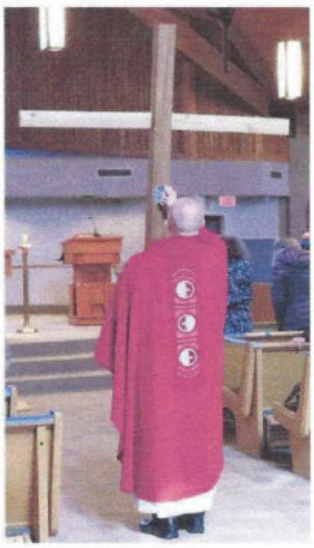
Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence

It is a day to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice Jesus gave to us to free us from sin.





HOLY SATURDAY-THE EASTER VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT

The Solemn Vigil or Lucernarium

The Blessing of the Fire and Preparation of the Paschal Candle

Procession into Church with the lit Thurible with Incense, the Paschal Candle, alter servers, candidates, people and Priest.

The Paschal Candle is raised three times singing "The Light of Christ"
"Thanks be to God."

The Easter Proclamation - Exultet

The Liturgy of the Word with readings from both the old and new testament, Epistle and Gospel

Baptismal Liturgy; Blessing of the New Baptismal Waters

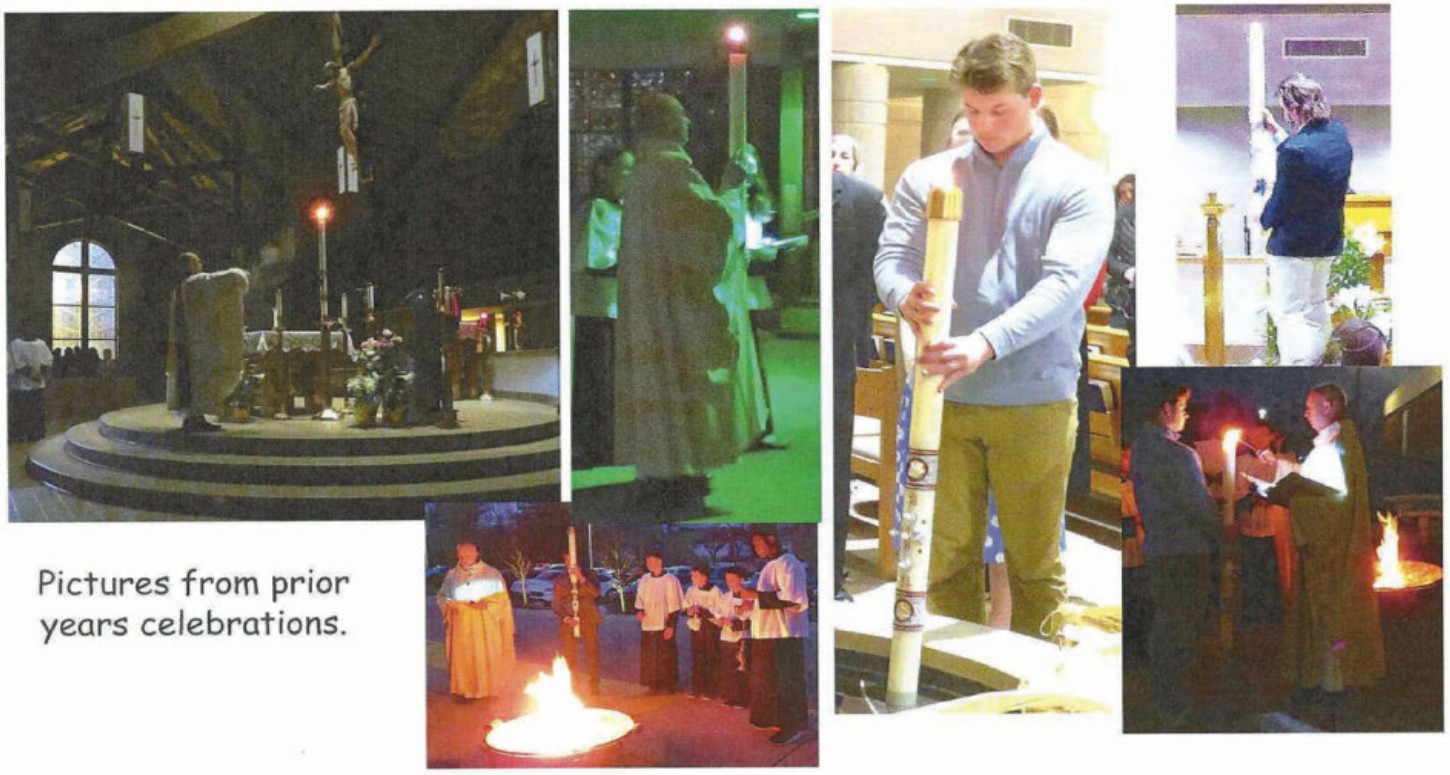
The new Paschal Candle is Lowered into the Font; the lit Candle is then taken to the Altar

Celebration of Reception to Candidates

Laying of Hands; The Priest lays his hands on the Confirmation Candidates with their sponsors next to them

Renewal of Baptismal Promises—Everyone is invited to respond to the Promises

The Liturgy of the Eucharist: Mass Continues



Pictures from prior years celebrations.

Save the Date!

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

EASTER BASKET FOOD BLESSING AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Announcing the Holy Saturday Blessing of Food and Easter Egg Hunt. Bring items for your Easter meal to be blessed Saturday April 19, beginning at 11am in the church. An Easter egg hunt for children will follow rain or shine. All are welcome.

CANDY DONATION REQUEST

Donations of SMALL wrapped candy that will fit in eggs are needed to make this event successful. Please place your candy donations in the plastic bin located in the vestibule of the Church by April 13.

WE DO NOT NEED ANY PLASTIC EGGS!

2025 St. Gerald VBS is at

St. Aidan Church

June 16-20 9am-12noon

The theme is **True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World.** Join us to explore and celebrate God's Holy Word. Kids will discover God is a real friend who loves them forever.

Registration is open now. Register to be a participant (school age) or team leader (6th grade or higher). $35 per participant if pre-registered; $45 for walk-ins. Everyone receives a t-shirt. Registration available online at: **https://www.saintaidanlivonia.org/vbs.html** or printed forms may be found on the bulletin board as you enter the church. Note for volunteers: There is a meeting June 12 6:30-7:30pm and set-up day is June 15 12:00-3:00pm.

Any Questions? Contact: St. Aidan Faith Formation office **formation@staidanlivonia.org** or 734.425.9333

*Contact Emily Long at **faithformation.sgp@gmail.com** or 248.476.7677x201 if you are in need of financial assistance to attend.

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

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

We're running low on these items...

Deodorant
Shampoo
Jelly
Lg cans Tomato sauce
Baked Beans
Tuna Helper
Can of Vegetables

PLEASE - NO PERISHABLE ITEMS!

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 the form below! 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 **Monday, April 7th**

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:

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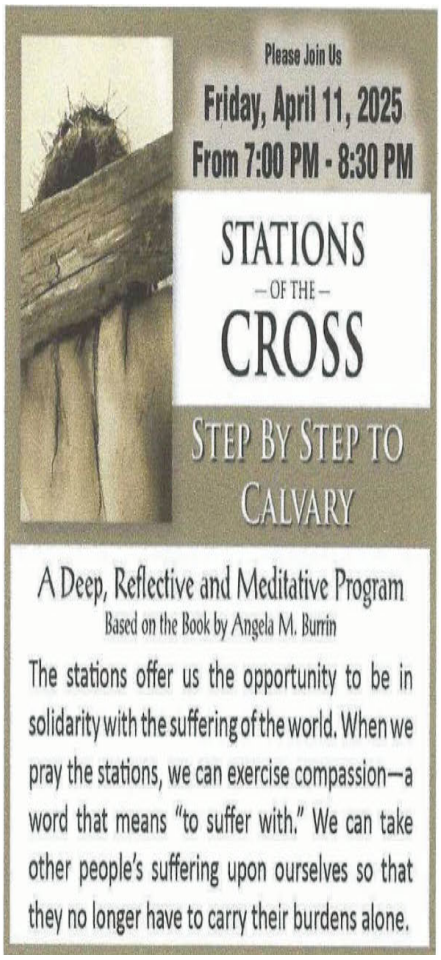
(in case we need to verify the spelling of a name)



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

April 20, 2025

EASTER SUNDAY

Mass Times: 8:30 AM
10:15 AM
12:00 PM

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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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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