The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

May 11, 2025 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

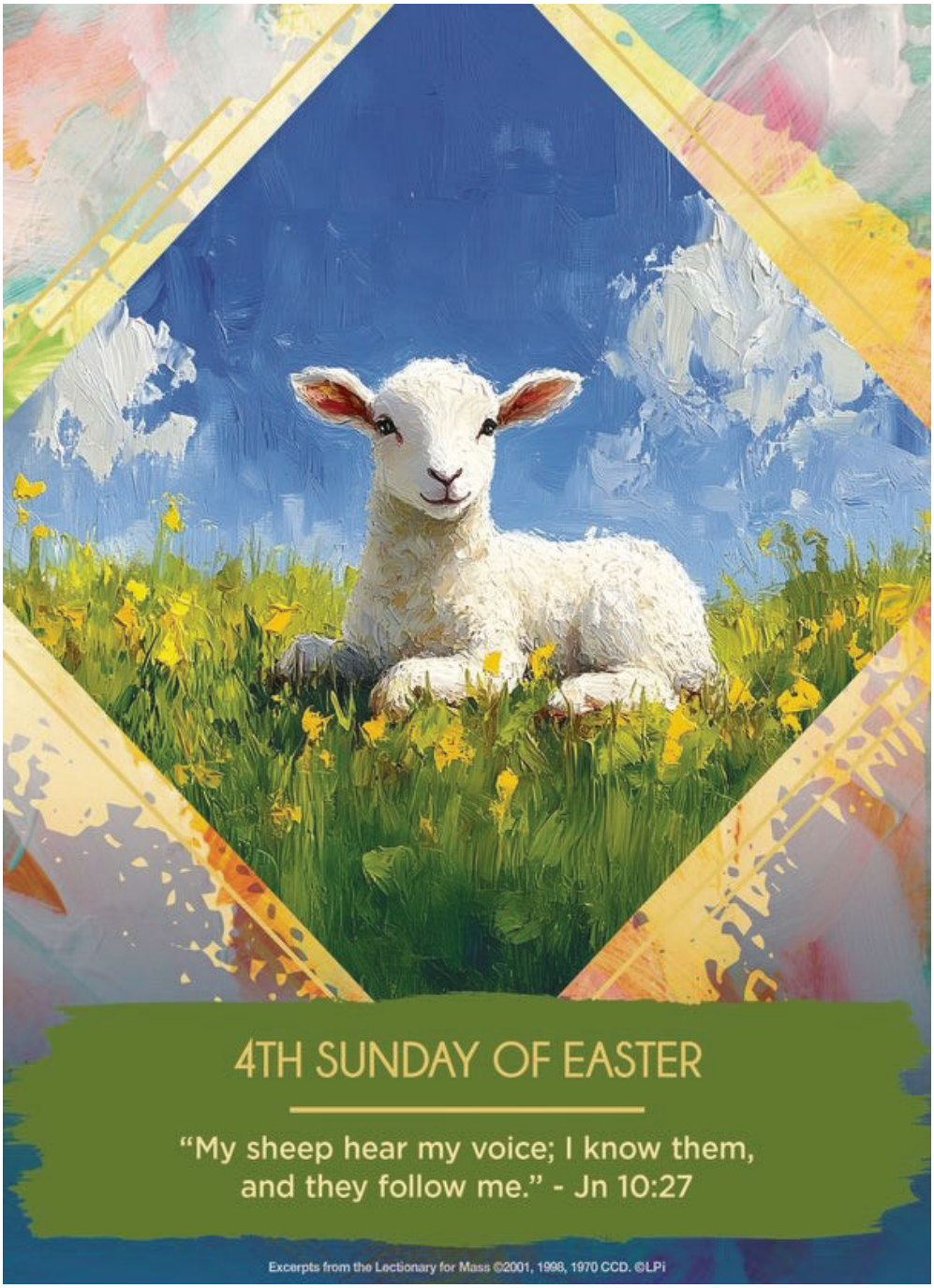
Weekday Mass
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

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.



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Weekday Mass Intentions

May 12—May 16

Monday 9:15 AM
Julia Pavco & Bernice Kaye +
Requested by Joe Pavco

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Msgr. William Easton +

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
St. Gerald Staff
Requested by Jamie & Sandi Crenshaw

Friday 9:15 AM
Sylvia Bullinger
Requested by Josephine Myers

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

5:00 PM	May 17	Fr. Henry
For All Of Our Parishioners	**Lector**	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	May 18	Fr. Briffa
For **Charlotte Campbell +** Requested by Doug & Paulette Mullen	**Lector**	Paulette Mullen
10:15 AM	May 18	Fr. Henry
For **Onesta & Antonio Morelli Family +** Requested by Josephine & Family	**Lector**	Jim Bergin
12:00 PM	May 18	Fr. Henry
For **Jackie Manick +** Requested by Josephine Myers	**Lector**	Jeff Antoun

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9 -17

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

For convenient online giving, scan this QR code or visit stgeraldparish.org then click "Online Giving"

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Fernando Rivera
Clare Alles
Hiranthini Alles
Sheila Bastianpillai
George Knapik
Mildred Perumal
Hiran Alles
Peggy Driskell
Megal Corera

Check Out Our Website!

When you are looking for Mass Times or other special events at St. Gerald, please visit our website at www.stgeraldparish.org.

St. Gerald Parish offers three avenues of prayer for our fellow brothers & sisters who are in need.

Intercessory Prayer Chain: Ongoing prayers

Mass Intentions: individual intentions

Bulletin: for those in a crisis, listed for 4 weeks

Please contact the parish office to arrange prayers for your loved one. (248) 477-7470

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading 1 **Acts 13:14, 43-52**

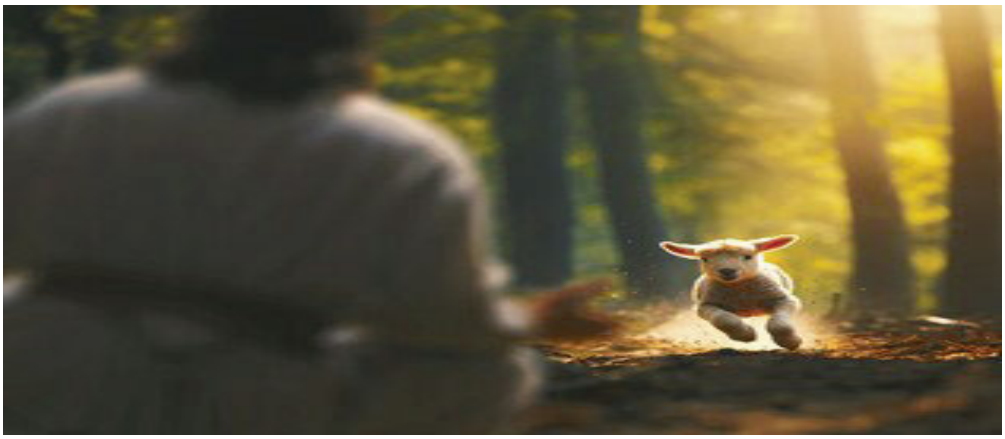
Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God. On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, *I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."* The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading 2 **Revelation 7:9, 14b-17**

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

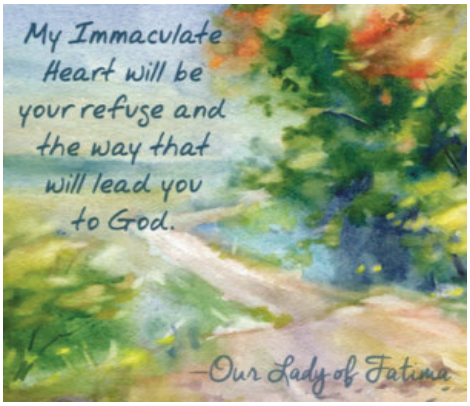
Alleluia



Gospel
John 10:27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Tuesday, May 13th



2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2025 CSA Campaign has started! We are asking all parishioners to join in contributing to this years' Catholic Services Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Gerald's 2025 CSA target of **$55,723.00**, which is our parish share of support for the CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services. When we support the CSA, we live out our Gospel message theme, Do you love me? "Feed My sheep" (John 21:15-17). This is a call to each of us to show love, care, and compassion for others.

In order for us to make our goal we are asking each family to donate $300.00. We know that some families can afford more and some not so much. We are asking everyone to donate something to allow us to reach our goal. If you cannot donate at this time, please still return your card showing zero. Remember, we get 100% refund for everything over our goal, but any shortfall would be paid from St. Gerald's bank account.

There are various ways for you to support the CSA. You may make a one-time gift or pledge the gift using your credit card making monthly or quarterly payments, whatever, you decide. The campaign for CSA 2025 will be completed by April 30, 2026. (More information to follow for giving donations 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.
Your pledge packet will be available for you to pick up after Mass during the month of May. Starting in June any cards not picked up will be mailed with a letter asking for support to reach our goal. If you are not a member and would like to donate, we are able to provide you with a card for pledging.
Please continue to prayerfully consider your most generous support you can give to our parish.
We appreciate your support and know it does make a difference.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

Knights Corner

Pancake Breakfast

Please join us after 8:30 am and 10:15 am Masses **NEXT SUNDAY, May 18th** for our Spring pancake breakfast! Feel free to invite your family and friends.

Memorial Mass

St. Gerald Knights of Columbus will be honoring all the deceased members of Council 13673 at our annual Memorial Mass on **Thursday, May 22**, at 7:00 pm at St. Gerald Church. We invite all members of the honored families as well as our parishioners to attend this special Mass.

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!

2025 St. Gerald VBS is at

St. Aidan Church

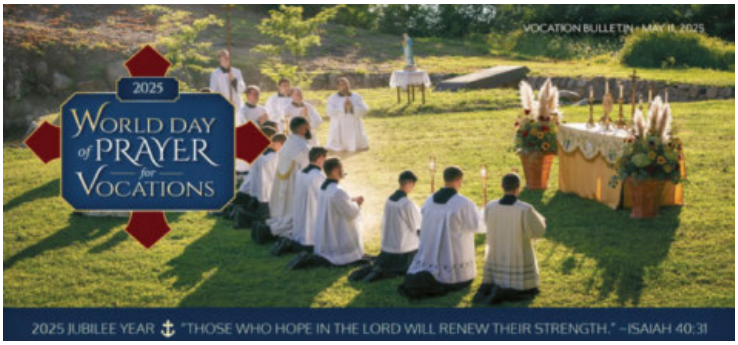
June 16-20 9am-12noon

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.



REMEMBER THAT YOUR HOME IS THE "DOMESTIC CHURCH"

Parents are the first preachers of the faith to their children, and the home is where early formation occurs. Create a climate within your home that will foster and encourage all members of your family to live out the vocation that God has planned for them. Pray, read spiritual books, talk about your faith and vocations to the priesthood. Let your home truly be a dwelling place for the Lord!

Mary, who raised your Divine Son with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, intercede for all young people, especially those clouded by doubt about their vocations. May the light of grace pierce their hearts so they may answer your Son's call, especially those whom He is inviting to the priesthood and consecrated life.
Amen

FAITH FORMATION

The last session of Tuesday Scripture Study for Spring 2025 will be **May 13th**. Start date for study in the fall will be announced late summer.

The last **Children's Liturgy** of the Word for this school year is May 18th. Thank you to our volunteers, Nancy Gilbert and Alison Mineau, for teaching God's Word to our young ones. We look forward to having the children join again in September. Have a blessed summer!

We have concluded Faith Formation classes for the 2024-25 school year. **Thank you** to our amazing and dedicated volunteer catechists Rosa Russenberger, Mary Ann Arbogast, Rachel D'Angelo, Caroline Kalvaitis, Tim Alexander, Mark Cieslak, Gerryanna Luscri and Peggy Oleszkowicz. Seeds of faith have been planted, and we trust God to water them over the summer. Thank you also to all those who help behind the scenes (those who contributed donations for the Center for Work of Mercy Drive and our events, Paulette Mullen for designing bulletin ads and posters, Laurel Hoetger for assisting with first grade).

Find registration for **2025-26 Faith Formation** classes on our website soon and in the classroom hallway information center or contact Emily Long faithformation.sgp@gmail.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

ST. GERALD'S FAMILY & FRIENDS

PARISH PICNIC FROM 1:00 – 4:00 PM

JOIN US FOR MASS AND STAY FOR

FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

We'd like to hear from you! Do you have ideas to share or want to volunteer?
Contact **Gerryanna** at **248-476-7677 ext. 204** or **ServeGodsgp@gmail.com**

YOUTH UNITED 2025

Register now @ https://tinyurl.com/youthunited25

June 23 & June 24, 2025 | Mon & Tues
9:00 AM -2:00 PM

In person @ CARES of Farmington Hills

Middle and high school students and 2025 graduates!

Summer Service Experience!

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Youth United 2025 How to Help

Spread the Word: Invite Teens to Participate

When & Where

Mon. **June 23** and Tues. **June 24**
9:00 am - 2:00 pm
at CARES of Farmington Hills, located at 27835 Shiawassee Rd in Farmington Hills

Teens entering 6th grade to 2025 high school graduates can register at
https://tinyurl.com/youthunited25

Or use the QR code

- No faith affiliation needed
- Free for participants
- Register through the QR code or

Projects and Themes

Our 2025 theme is Unity and Hope. In between working on projects like grounds beautification, packing food, hygiene kits, and birthday parties in a bag, making art for foster children for nonprofits, teens will examine what their faith traditions teach about promoting unity and hope.

Register as an Adult Volunteer/Mentor

Teens get an amazing amount of work done in two day, so we need many adult mentors! Register at:

Donate Funds & Supplies

In addition to monetary donations, the Youth United planning committee is asking each community partner/houses of worship to collect the following items before Youth United that will be used in projects for local nonprofits.

- Personal care items: feminine hygiene products, tissue packs, toiletries (all sizes), hand sanitizers
- baby wipes, formula, diapers, food
- new socks (adults and kids)
- clean t-shirts (sizes adult small to large)
- gently used or new books for all age groupl

In addition, we request the following donations for CARES food pantry:

- non-perishable food items
- toilet paper
- laundry detergent and cleaning products
- condiments (mustard, ketchup, syrup, jellies, BBQ sauce)

Have questions?

Reach out at **YouthUnited@gmail.com**

Follow us!

@YouthUnitedFH
http://FB.me/youthunitedfh

The Youth United planning committee is asking for your support to help the needy in our community. **Please leave donations by June 13th** in Classroom 7 adjacent to the social hall.

Thank you in advance.

RED GERANIUMS TO BE PLANTED AROUND
ST. GERALD CHURCH WILL BE AVAILABLE
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Our Knights of Columbus members
will have geraniums available to purchase
(free will offering)
before mass on Saturday, May 24
and Sunday, May 25, 2025.
The geraniums will be placed
on the steps leading to the altar before mass.
After mass, the geraniums will be planted
in the garden areas around
the church by our gardening volunteers.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:
We're running low on these items...

Deodorant
Baked Beans
Spaghetti Sauce
Tuna Helper
Tuna
Tomato Sauce
Jelly

PLEASE - NO PERISHABLE ITEMS!

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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