The St. Gerald Voice

Roman Catholic Church

May 18, 2025 FIFTH 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

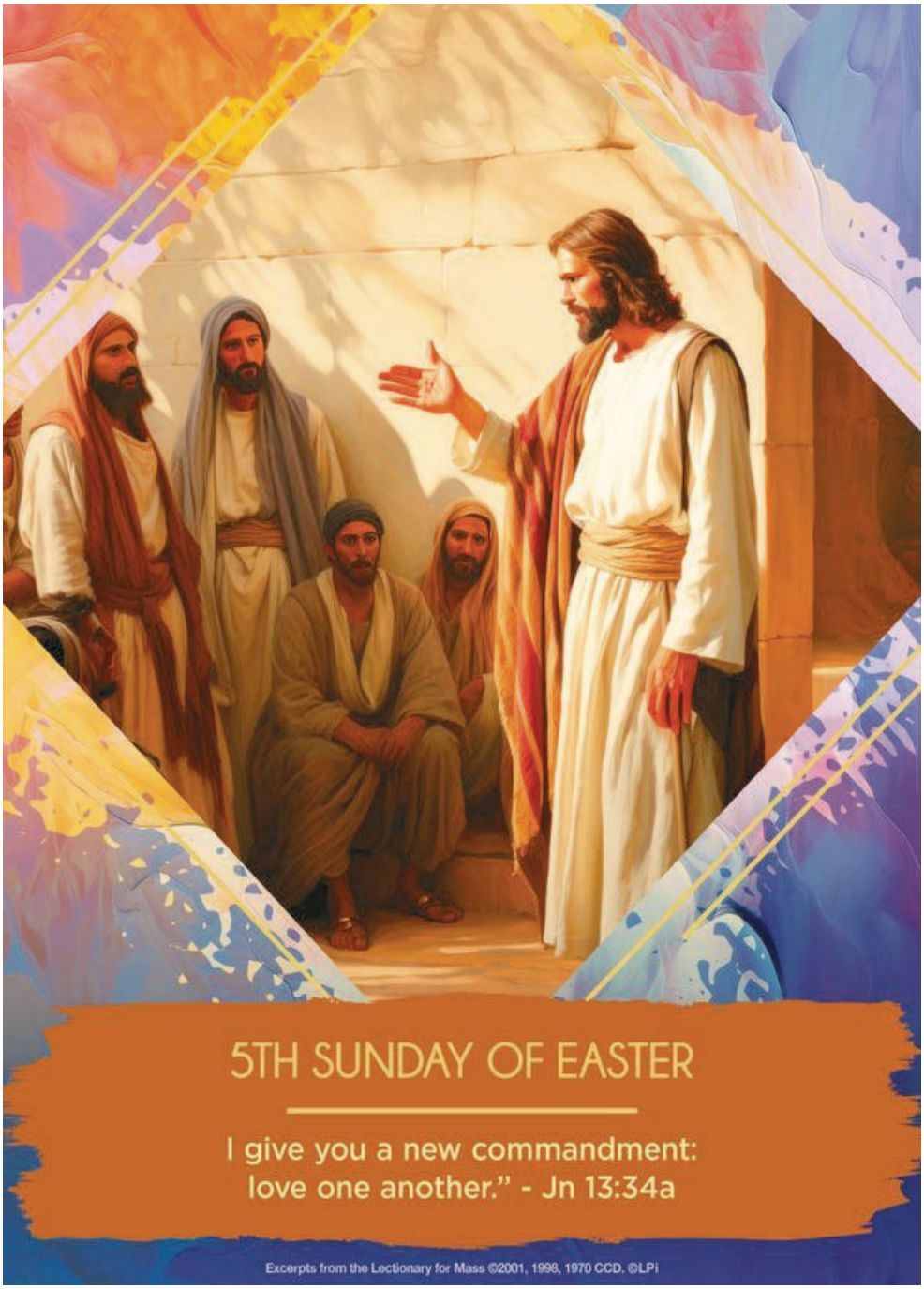
Weekday Mass
Monday, Tuesday, Friday: 9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m.

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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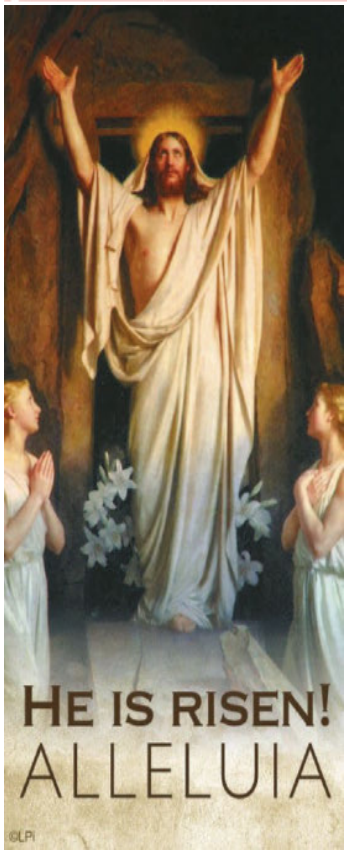
Weekday Mass Intentions



May 19—May 23

Monday 9:15 AM
Sarah Melia +
Requested by Luscri Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Bonifacio G. Cleto +
Requested by Belen Cleto

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Nancy Hill +
Requested by Karen Goheen

Friday 9:15 AM
Jerry Kastner +
Requested by Peggy Driskell

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

5:00 PM	May 24	Fr. Briffa
For **Jeffrey Racklin +** Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	**Lector**	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	May 25	Fr. Briffa
For **Walter Winiarski +** Requested by Victor Winiarski	**Lector**	Rosa Russenberger
10:15 AM	May 25	Fr. Briffa
For **Danielle & Nicole Wilson** Requested by Josephine Myers	**Lector**	Caron Kott
12:00 PM	May 25	Fr. Henry
For All Of Our Parishioners	**Lector**	Sharon McCarthy

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29

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

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.

Diane Petter George Knapik
Peggy Driskell Elizabeth Niec

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

We will **not** have Eucharistic Adoration after the 9:15 AM Mass on First Friday nor the 9:15 AM First Saturday Mass during the months of June, July and August. **Adoration and First Saturday Mass will resume in September.**
Have a Blessed Summer!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading I **Acts 14:21-27**

After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news to that city and made a considerable number of disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." They appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith. Then they traveled through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. After proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia. From there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now accomplished. And when they arrived, they called the church together and reported what God had done with them and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II **Revelation 21:1-5a**

Then I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth. The former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I also saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away." The One who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

Alleluia

Gospel **John 13:31-33a, 34-35**

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Prayer of Christian Love

Fill our hearts, O Lord, with Your love, the deepest, richest, purest love any of us has ever known. May Your love be our standard for love.

May Your love be what we bring and communicate to the world. May Your love define us as Christians, made in Your image and likeness. Amen.

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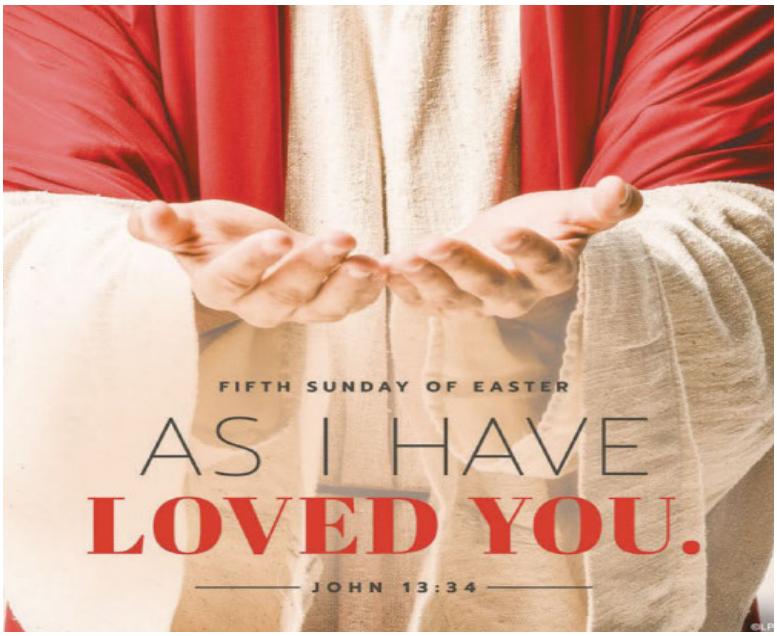


2025
CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

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.

We received a refund from CSA 2024 for approximately $10,000.00. Those funds with any refunds from 2025 will be used for general maintenance for St. Gerald.

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 Donation or pledge a 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.

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
www.GiveCSA.org
Click on – Give to CSA 2025
Scroll down to Make a Gift to CSA
Choose On-Time Donation or Pledge
Choose your Parish from drop down arrow – St. Gerald Parish, Farmington (341)
Fill out amount and your Name, address, etc.
Return your card to St. Gerald with a note 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.

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 prayerfully consider your most generous support to our parish. We appreciate your support and know it does make a difference.

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.

Knights Corner

Pancake Breakfast

Please join us after 8:30 am and 10:15 am Masses **THIS 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

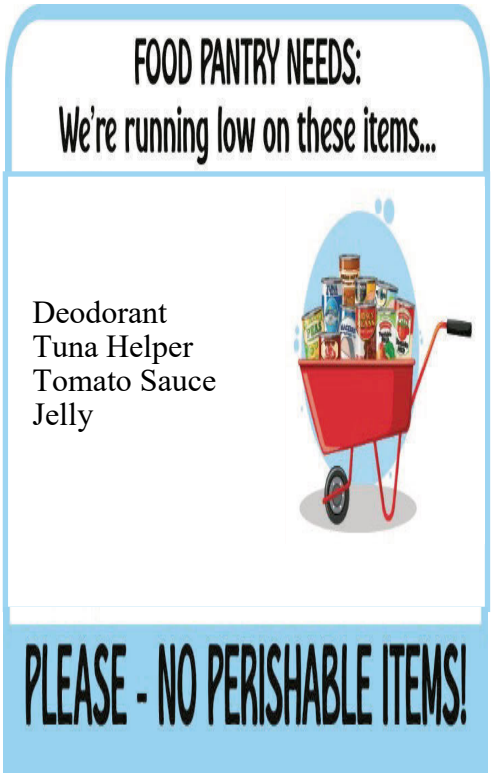
June 16-20 9am-12noon

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.



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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