

February 8, 2026

FIFTH 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.



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

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” - Mt 5:14

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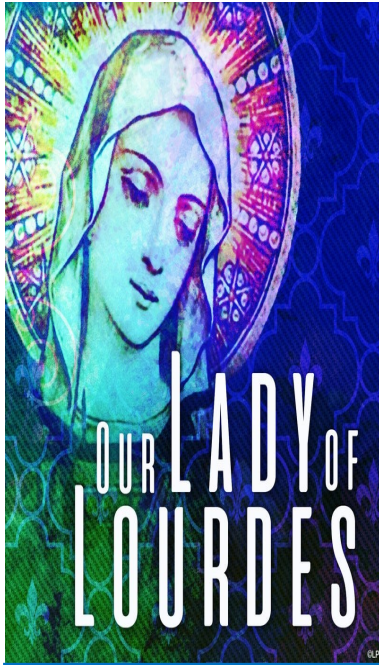
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### FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY

Next Sunday, February 15, 2026  
Please join us for some fellowship, coffee, & donuts  
After all Masses!

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS



**Memorial**

**Wednesday  
February 11, 2026**

**FEB. 9 — FEB. 13**

Monday 9:15 AM

**Don Ferguson +**  
Requested by Carol Ferguson

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Dean & Fleurette Colwell +**  
Requested by John & Angela McLoughlin

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Vincingo Bettine Troiani +**  
Requested by Adriana & Nazzareno Troiani

Friday 9:15 AM

**Paolo & Rosanne Raponi +**  
Requested by Adriana & Nazzareno Troiani

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10  
 Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Offertory Snapshot as of  
1/11/2026**

Actual Offertory	\$	9,002.00
Budget Offertory	\$	8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$	238,563.75
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$	237,888.00

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

February 15, 2026

5:00 PM	Feb. 14	Fr. Kris
For <b>Robert &amp; Mary Ann Blankenship +</b> Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	Lector	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	Feb. 15	Fr. Kris
For <b>Aline Merlihan +</b> Requested by Gail Merlihan	Lector	Paulette Mullen
10:15 AM	Feb. 15	Fr. Henry
For <b>Lucy Gregory</b> Requested by Long Family	Lector	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	Feb. 15	Fr. Kris
For <b>All Of Our Parishioners</b>	Lector	Teddi Williams

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**2025 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.

Please indicate whether you wish to have your statement mailed or emailed to you. Please allow one week to process your request. Thank you!



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

**Terry Sienicki**

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading 1

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the LORD: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed; your vindication shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer, you shall cry for help, and he will say: Here I am! If you remove from your midst oppression, false accusation and malicious speech; if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday.

### Responsorial Psalm

### Reading 2

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, proclaiming the mystery of God, I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. I came to you in weakness and fear and much trembling, and my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of Spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

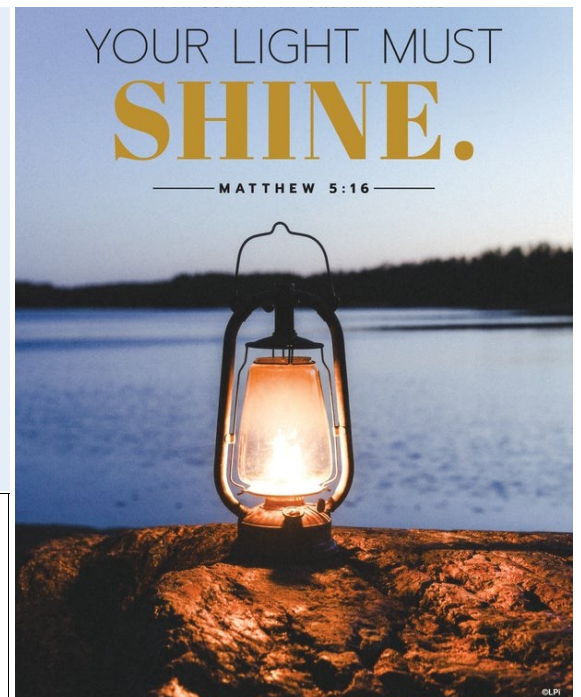
### Alleluia

### Gospel

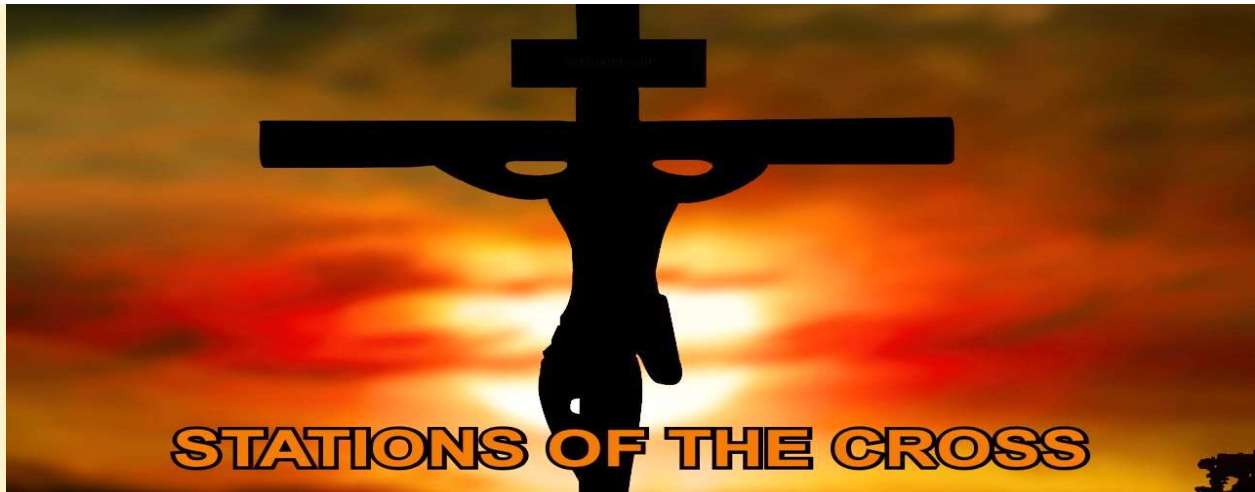
Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

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Happy Valentine's Day  
Saturday  
February 14, 2026



St. Gerald Church has Stations of the Cross **every Friday** evening during Lent at **7:00 pm**. On Good Friday Stations will be at Noon.

Some Fridays Stations will be a visual presentation shown on our dropdown screens in the Church, the alternating weeks we will use the traditional little brown books.

This is a great opportunity to walk with Jesus on His final journey. To live each step with Him and realize what He did for all of us to make way our path to eternity as we live each day here on Earth. Come spend an hour each Friday during Lent and rejoice on Easter when He rose.

**February 20, 2026**

**February 27, 2026**

**March 6, 2026**

**March 13, 2026**

**March 20, 2026**

**March 27, 2026**

**April 3, 2026 Good Friday at Noon**



### MASS/ WELCOME BOOKS

As you may have noticed, the new Mass/Welcome books have arrived and have been placed on the pews in the sanctuary. These books were purchased with donated funds collected by The Friends of the Opera of Michigan at the December concert hosted here at St. Gerald. Please enjoy this great learning resource of our faith rituals and information.

### Food Pantry

#### Items Currently Needed:

- Large cereal boxes
- Canned Green beans or Carrots
- Shelf Stable Microwaveable meals such as Hormel
- Tuna Helper
- Boxed potatoes
- Dish Soap
- Pasta Sauce
- Oatmeal
- Laundry soap



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**FAT TUESDAY BANQUET**  
(MARDI GRAS)

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**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
**6:00 PM**

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**ARRIVAL & CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 6:00 PM**  
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**PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
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**BANQUET INCLUDES:**  
**Penne Pasta & Meatballs**  
**Salad & Bread**  
**Paczkis & Other Desserts**

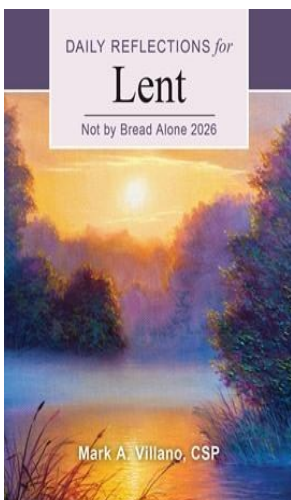



**Join us for a Lent Retreat:**  
**Increasing Compassion**  
**Using the Fruits of the Holy Spirit**  
**Saturday, March 7, 2026**  
**2:00 pm- 4:30 pm**

Our Advent Retreat speakers Diane Mann and Deb Prost will return to build on our spiritual growth. We welcome you as a return or first time participant!  
Light refreshments provided. Option to stay for 5pm Mass!

Free to attend; **Register** by leaving your name and email with Emily Long [faithformation.sgp@gmail.com](mailto:faithformation.sgp@gmail.com) or 248.476.7677 x201 or online at [stgeraldparish.org](http://stgeraldparish.org) (click on the event on the calendar at the bottom of the home page) **by Feb 21**

*\*Please note: A decision may be made to cancel the retreat if there is not enough interest noted by Feb 21*



**Daily Reflections  
for Lent  
Booklets**

are available in the gathering  
space of the church.

A small donation would be  
appreciated!

## A LOOK AHEAD...Special Events



15	Sunday	Fellowship Sunday
17	Tuesday	Fat Tuesday Banquet
18	Wednesday	ASH Wednesday
20	Friday	Weekly Stations of the Cross begin

Sunday February 8, 2026	World Marriage Day
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### Intergenerational Healing Mass

**Tuesday, February 10, 2026 - 7:00pm**  
**St. Vincent Ferrer Church**  
28353 Herbert St. Madison Heights, MI 48071  
**Rev. John Esper - Celebrant**

Intergenerational healing involves understanding how the wounds and sins from previous generations can affect individuals in the present.

The liturgy of the Mass does not change except for an extended period of petitions. The petitions are intended to identify and bind the various bondages caused by generational sin in order to heal any spiritual, physical or mental maladies that have been passed down.

Anointing of the Sick is not part of this liturgy.

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

### ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

#### Office Hours

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

#### STAFF

Parish Office (248) 477-7470

Reverend Krzysztof Nowak, Pastor ..... x 203

Kathy Smith, Secretary. .... x 212  
 Email: stgeraldsecretary@yahoo.com

All other offices dial (248) 476-7677

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#### Accountant

Luke Smith

### 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!

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults, formerly RCIA; aka "Becoming Catholic"):** Would you or someone you know want to become a full member of the Catholic Church? Contact Emily Long or submit a Becoming Catholic Information Form (found on our website or in the classroom hallway information center).

### 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 parish office at 248-477-7470. In many cases, Fr. Kris can work with you to find a favorable solution.

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