



# The St. Gerald Voice

March 1, 2026 SECOND 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  
7:00 PM

Every Friday Evening During  
Lent

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

March 2 - March 7

Monday 9:15 AM  
**Mary Kujawa +**  
 Requested by Margaret Williams

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Stephen & Evangeline DeMartini +**  
 Requested by John & Angela McLoughlin

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Richard Gadwell +**  
 Requested by Family

First Friday 9:15 AM  
**Andrew Zammit +**  
 Requested by Mary Zammit

First Saturday 9:15 AM  
**Mary Kujawa +**  
 Requested by Friends of Family



Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38  
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12  
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28  
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31  
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
 Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Offertory Snapshot as of 2/1/2026

Actual Offertory	\$	9,283.00
Budget Offertory	\$	8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$	265,934.75
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$	263,376.00

Third Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

5:00 PM	Mar 7	Fr. Kris
For <b>Robert &amp; Mary Ann Blankenship +</b> Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	LECTOR	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	Mar 8	Fr. Kris
For <b>David Wojnar +</b> Requested by Stella Galea	LECTOR	Paulette Mullen
10:15 AM	Mar 8	Fr. Kris
For <b>Michael Vallespir</b> Requested by Liz Vallespir	LECTOR	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	Mar 8	Fr. Henry
For <b>All Of Our Parishioners</b>	LECTOR	Ken Galica

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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 the 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

Shirley Krol  
 Tom & Arlene McPhail

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### Reading 1

**Genesis 12:1-4a**

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." Abram went as the LORD directed him.

### Responsorial Psalm

### Reading 2

**2 Timothy 1:8b-10**

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

### Gospel

**Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."



**First Friday**  
March 6, 2026

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Following 9:15 AM Mass  
until 5 PM Benediction.

**Scheduled Adorers Needed.**  
Sign-up sheet in the  
Gathering Space of the  
Church.

Also, please join us for  
**First Saturday Mass**  
at 9:15 AM on  
Saturday, March 7.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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Catholic Services Appeal

**2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL  
UPDATE**

In November, we announced that our 2025 CSA Goal of \$55,723.00 was reached with all your help. We once again, want to say CONGRATULATIONS and Thank You. At this point, we are approximately \$9,500.00 over our goal and those funds will come back to St. Gerald 100%.

As a reminder, all payments due for CSA 2025 must be received by the Archdiocese of Detroit by April 30, 2026, to be applied to 2025. 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.

**2026 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

We also want to inform you that our 2026 CSA Campaign will launch on **CSA Weekend May 4-5, 2026 and will end December 31, 2026**. 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.

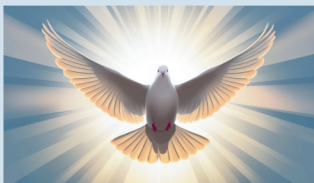
Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.



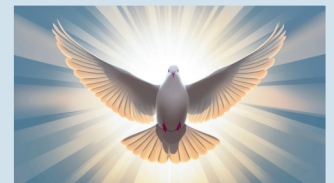
**Next Sunday, March 8th  
Day Light Savings Time Begins!  
Do not forget to change your clocks.**

**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF  
THE SOUL OF**  
+  
**Robert Keller**  
  
January 1, 1927  
February 14, 2026  
  
Eternal Rest Grant Unto **Robert, O**  
Lord,  
and May Perpetual Light Shine  
Upon him.

**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 5 pm 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.)



## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*Before Your Presence, Lord, my heart finds peace.*

Lord Jesus Christ, truly present in the Most Holy Eucharist,  
I come before You with faith and humility.

You are my strength in weakness,  
my hope in uncertainty,  
and my peace in every storm.

I place my life, my needs, and my intentions into Your  
Sacred Heart.

May Your holy will be done in me,  
and may Your presence renew my soul.

I trust in You, now and always.

Amen.



I LOVE MY  
CATHOLIC FAITH

**Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic devotion in which the faithful acknowledge the real presence of Jesus Christ with a host displayed in a monstrance on the altar.**

Catholics spend time in prayer which is an extension of the worship and adoration that occurs during mass. It allows the faithful a time to offer thanksgiving for all they have. A time of silent communication with Jesus fostering a deeper personal relationship with Christ outside of the mass. It is a time to meditate on Scripture, pray the rosary, write in a personal journal, look at the Lord on the cross and thank Him for dying for us. A time to reflect on our life, our family, our job, our chores, whatever is in our heart. Jesus hears your prayers and thoughts. Give yourself time to listen to Him.

You may kneel or sit, or you may quietly walk and say the prayers of the stations of the Cross. You may stay for a few minutes or an hour or more, whatever you want/need.



### **Adoration concludes with The Rite of Benediction**

The congregation responds to the Divine Praises led by the priest along with other prayers. Wearing the humeral veil the priest incenses the monstrance, lifts it and blesses the congregation. The hymn *Tantum Ergo* is usually sung. The Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle while *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* is sung.

At St. Gerald we have Adoration and Benediction on the First Friday of each month from September through May. Adoration begins after the 9:15 am mass and concludes with Benediction at 5:00 pm.

Come spend some time with God.

**Adoration**, particularly Eucharistic Adoration is a form of prayer in which Catholics worship Jesus Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament, recognizing His true presence – body, blood, soul, and divinity-under the appearance of bread and wine (the consecrated Host). It is considered the first act of the virtue of religion, acknowledging God as Creator and Savior and offering homage of the spirit to the “King of Glory”. Through adoration, Catholics express worship (latria), which is reserved for God alone, distinguishing it from the veneration given to Saints.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.** The priest places the consecrated host in a monstrance. Hymns are sung. The faithful kneel or sit for personal prayer.

**Silent prayer and meditation:** Focusing on the presence of Christ and reflecting on His love and sacrifice.

**Private Adoration:** The faithful may silently meditate, pray Scripture, offer intentions or simply adore the Lord.

**Benediction Prayer and Hymn:** The priest incenses the monstrance and recites the closing prayer. The hymn *Tantum Ergo* is sung, acknowledging Christ’s presence in either English or Latin.

**Eucharistic Blessing:** The priest, wearing a humeral Veil, blesses the faithful with the monstrance. This emphasizes Christ’s real presence and imparts a sacramental blessing.

**Divine Praises:** The congregation proclaims praises including honor to God, Jesus, Mary, the Holy Spirit and saints.

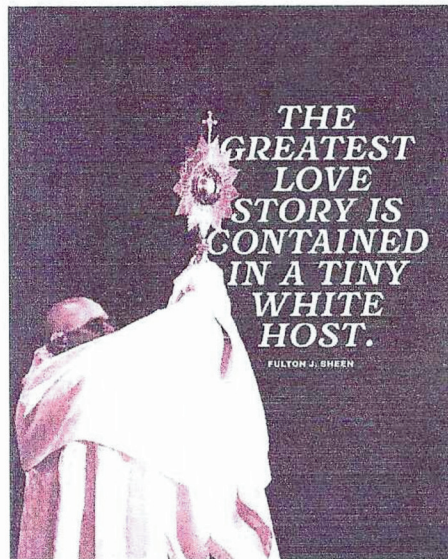
**Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** The Eucharist is returned to the tabernacle concluding the devotion with a hymn.

**Spiritual Purpose:**

**Deepening Communion:** Adoration nurtures a deeper personal relationship with Christ outside Mass.

**Reflection and Guidance:** It provides an opportunity to meditate on Scripture or seek the Holy Spirits guidance.

**Intercessory Prayer:** Participants bring their own needs to the Lord.



## Candy Donations Requested

Our annual Easter Food Blessing and Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 4th beginning at 11am in the Church.

Donations of SMALL wrapped candy that will fit in eggs are needed to make this event successful (No egg donations needed). Please place your candy donations in the plastic bin located in the vestibule of the Church by March 23.



Welcome to St. Gerald Parish Family

**The Krzeminski Family**

We are glad you are here!

## SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

### Food Pantry Items Currently Needed:

Large cereal boxes  
Canned Green beans or Carrots  
Shelf Stable Microwaveable meals such as Hormel



Tuna Helper  
Boxed potatoes  
Shampoo  
Conditioner  
Dish soap  
Laundry soap

Mac & Cheese Deluxe Cups  
Jelly/Jam  
Saltines

**Please check the expiration, best by or use by dates on your food donations. After that date we are unable to distribute to our Neighbors in Need and must dispose of the food. Thank you for all your donations to aid our Neighbors.**

## WHAT ARE THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

Consider these as essential, actionable practices for spiritual renewal, designed to turn hearts back to God. These pillars, rooted in Matthew 6:2-18, help believers sacrifice convenience, combat temptation, and grow in love for God and neighbor.

### ALMSGIVING



This involves sacrificial giving of time, talent, or treasure, focusing on charity and loving one's neighbor.

### FASTING



Acts as a discipline. It goes beyond food; it can mean reducing social media, technology, or other comforts.

### PRAYER



Focuses on deepening your relationship with God. Consider adding a specific, consistent prayer time (example 15 minutes of Scripture reading) rather than just "challenging" yourself.



**These practices should be personal, purposeful, and aimed at transformation rather than mere self-improvement.**

*Repent*  
AND BELIEVE IN THE  
*Gospel*  
MARK 1:15

## 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 **Thursday, March 19th**.

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)

A LOOK AHEAD...  
Special Events

**MARCH**



06	Friday	<b>First Friday</b>
07	Saturday	<b>First Saturday Lenten Retreat</b>
15	Sunday	<b>Fellowship Sunday</b>
16	Monday	<b>Reconciliation Service</b>
27	Friday	<b>Lenten Soup Supper</b>

**Casino Bus Trip  
March 4, 2026**

Join us at Firekeepers Casino  
in Battle Creek.  
The bus leaves St. Gerald parking lot  
at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM.  
For information and to sign up call:  
Richard Smith (313)421-0204,  
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Richard Rosowski (248) 477-2511

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**Maintenance**                      **Accountant**  
Tom Kruger                              Luke Smith

**SACRAMENTS**

**Rite of Reconciliation:**                      **Sacrament of the Sick**  
Saturdays from                                      Please call the office  
3:30-4:30PM

**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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