



The St. Gerald Voice

March 8, 2026 **THIRD 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

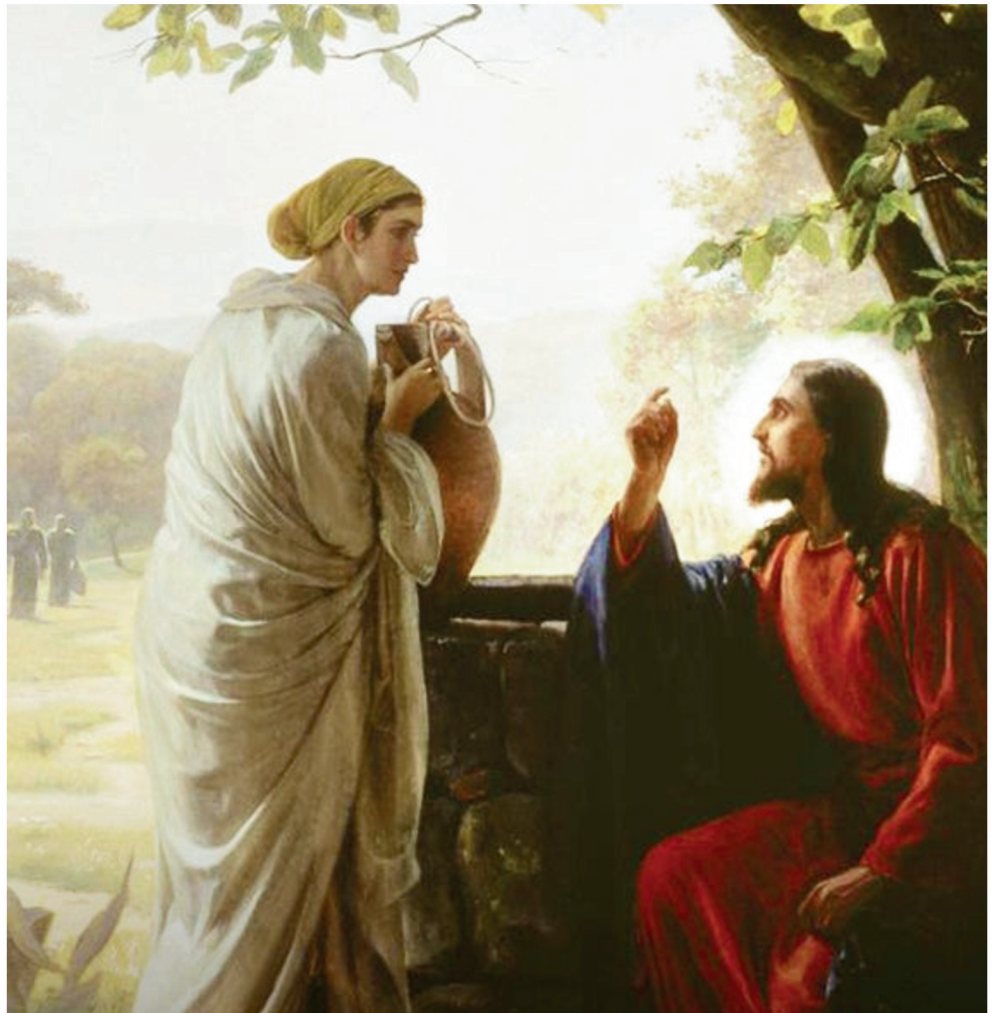
Monday, Tuesday, Friday:
9:15 a.m.
Thursday Evening: 7:00 p.m

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 9 - March 13

Monday 9:15 AM
Fr. Ed Prus +

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Cambianica Bernardo +
Requested by Agazzi Family

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Helen Winiarski +
Requested by Victor Winiarski

Friday 9:15 AM
Mary Kujawa +
Requested by Friends of Family



Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 42:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Offertory Snapshot as of 2/8/2026

Actual Offertory	\$	13,884.00
Budget Offertory	\$	8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$	279,818.75
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$	271,872.00

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

5:00 PM	Mar 14	Fr. Wolfe
For Larry Brown + Requested by Dennis & Sharon Weberlein	LECTOR	Diane Blankenship
8:30 AM	Mar 15	Fr. Kris
For All Of Our Parishioners	LECTOR	Mark Cieslak
10:15 AM	Mar 15	Fr. Wolfe
For Alessandra & Michael Rotondo & Family + Requested by Josephine & Family	LECTOR	Jeff Antoun
12:00 PM	Mar 15	Fr. Kris
For Angelo Orlando + Requested by Alda Zardus	LECTOR	Teddi Williams

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



Catholic Relief Services

Next week, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

**Shirley Krol
Tom & Arlene McPhail
Susan Erickson
Jean Shea**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I

Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Gospel

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" —For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. — Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband. Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a husband.' For you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, "Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly be the Christ?" They went out of the town and came to him. Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. The reaper is already receiving payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."



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.

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.

March 13, 2026
March 20, 2026
March 27, 2026

April 3, 2026 Good Friday at Noon

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.



THE FIRST PILLAR OF LENT ALMSGIVING



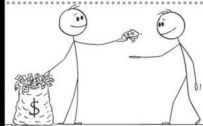
"It is better to give alms than to store up gold, for almsgiving saves from death, and purges all sin. Those who give alms will enjoy a full life."
—Tobit 12:9

Almsgiving is the most important pillar of Lent because it encompasses both prayer and fasting. Almsgiving is a prayer of thanksgiving and of praise to God for our blessings. It's to share what God has freely given to us with others. And almsgiving is a form of fasting because it involves sacrificial giving.

WAYS OF GIVING ALMS:



PROVIDE FREE SERVICES such as: babysitting, cleaning, organizing, yard work, doing errands, etc.



DONATE MONEY: Instead of buying some non-essential item(s) donate those monies to a charitable organization.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME:

→ Food Pantry
→ Local Shelter



PERFORM A RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS:

They can range from small gestures like holding the door, send a "thinking of you" text, or simply smile at strangers.



**WE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL
OF**

+

Ken Hagen

February 5, 1937
February 20, 2026

Eternal Rest Grant Unto **Ken**, O Lord, and May
Perpetual Light Shine Upon him.



Return to me with all your heart.

These words from the prophet Joel (2:12-13) echo throughout Lent and especially in our penance services. Conversion is not seasonal or partial—it is a wholehearted turning back to God, a conviction of our need for His mercy and grace. That grace strengthens us not only to confess our sins, but to move beyond them. It is given to us most fully in the Eucharist—the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ.

We are called to deepen our devotion to the Eucharistic Lord, the source and summit of the Christian life. On July 22, we have an opportunity to grow in faith and witness to this truth at the Rising from the Ashes Revival at Huntington Place in Detroit.

Together, we will move forward as a community of faith, retracing the steps of the first missionaries along the Detroit River, following the Blessed Sacrament into a new era of renewal and evangelization. Join us in celebrating our faith.

For more information on tickets, volunteering, or sponsorship, visit risingrevival.org. Together, we hope for better days.

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)



Lidia (left) & Isabelle (right) Garrett were enrolled in the Book of the Elect on February 22nd at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Congratulations on being chosen to receive the sacraments of initiation into the Catholic Church!

Please keep our 2026 Elect,
Isabelle and Lidia Garrett,
in your prayers this Lent, as they prepare
to enter the church this Easter Vigil.

Specifically on this 3rd Sunday of Lent,
please pray they are given a spirit of
repentance, a sense of sin, and the true
freedom of the children of God.

A LOOK AHEAD...
Special Events

MARCH



15	Sunday	Fellowship Sunday
16	Monday	Reconciliation Service
27	Friday	Lenten Soup Supper

Candy Donations Requested

Our annual Easter Food Blessing and Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, **April 4th** beginning at 11:00 am 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 23rd**.




Next Sunday, **March 15th**, is Fellowship Sunday. Please plan on joining your fellow parishioners for some fellowship, coffee and donuts.

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
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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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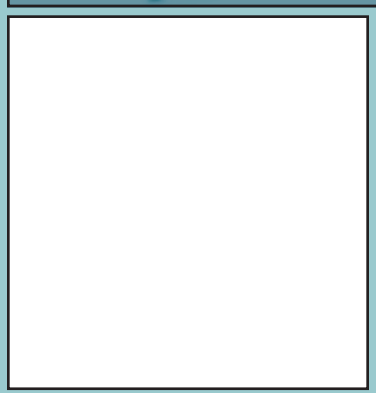
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