

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

March 16 - March 20

Monday 9:15 AM
Baby Vallespir
 Requested by Liz Vallespir

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Brian Merlihan +
 Requested by Gail Merlihan

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Antonia Rossi +
 Requested by Claudio & Wendy Rossi

Friday 9:15 AM
David Wojnar +
 Requested by Blen Cardozo



Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Offertory Snapshot as of 2/15/2026

Actual Offertory	\$	6,251.00
Budget Offertory	\$	8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$	286,069.75
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$	280,368.00

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

5:00 PM	Mar 21	Fr. Kris
For Richard & Wilda McAskin + Requested by Bob & Diane Blankenship	LECTOR	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	Mar 22	Fr. Kris
For David Wojnar + Requested by Margaret Williams	LECTOR	Patrick Rogers
10:15 AM	Mar 22	Fr. Henry
For Antonio DeMarco + Requested by Anthony & Josie DeMarco	LECTOR	Jerry Weigold
12:00 PM	Mar 22	Fr. Kris
For All of Our Parishioners	LECTOR	Ken Galica

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



Catholic Relief Services

If you are giving your donations online through Amplify and would like to make a donation for Catholic Relief Services, you can do so now through **March 22nd.**



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

**Susan Erickson
 Jean Shea
 Mackenzie Pauza**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: “Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.” As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.” But the LORD said to Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart.” In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any one of these.” Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.” Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, “There—anoint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II

Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

Gospel

John 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.” They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.” So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner.” He replied, “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” So they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?” They ridiculed him and said, “You are

Gospel continued...

that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Please Join Us
FRIDAY, MARCH 27
for a meager Lenten Soup Supper
from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

MENU INCLUDES:

Garden Vegetable Soup with Orzo
Broccoli Cheddar Soup
Cabbage Soup

Served with bread and salad

RSVP BY MONDAY, MARCH 23RD

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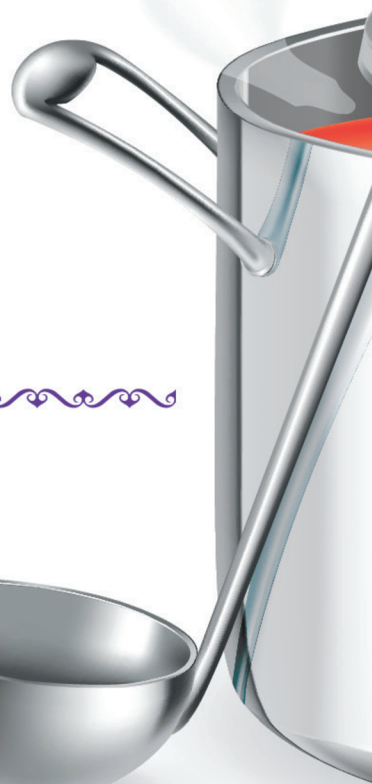
— Seating is Limited —



REQUIRED

Cost: \$5.00

KIDS EAT FREE!



*As we continue our Lenten journey,
you are invited to gather
with us at 7:00 p.m.
in the church for the
Stations of the Cross,
a time to walk prayerfully
with Christ in His Passion.*



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 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 SECOND PILLAR OF LENT FASTING



Another important pillar of Lent is fasting. **Fasting is the practice of self-denial and sacrifice.** It's a means to bring us closer to God. Fasting affords us the opportunity to meditate on our dependence on God and His many blessings, as well as, giving us the opportunity to release ourselves from earthly attachments.

Let's consider this as we decide on our Lenten fast: Will what we deny ourselves or sacrifice bring us closer to God?

HERE ARE TWO WAYS TO CONSIDER FASTING:

Fasting from food, some habit or activity that allows us to practice self-discipline or helps in our detachment of worldly things.

Finding an activity of service or some activity the will enhance our spiritual journey.

This should be an activity that you don't normally do.



Fast from TV



Limit or Stop Social Media



- ⇒ Volunteer at church
- ⇒ Volunteer at a soup kitchen



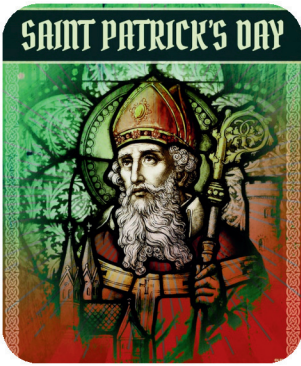
Stop Cursing



Stop Gossiping



- ⇒ Visit a nursing home
- ⇒ Read a spiritual book
- ⇒ Pray before the Blessed Sacrament



Tuesday
March 17, 2026



Welcome to St. Gerald Parish Family
Chris & Marlene Mularoni
We are glad you are here!



Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary
March 19, 2026



April 17, 2026 at Ward Church

Support the life-saving work of
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at our **10th annual** Laugh4Hope
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FRIDAY
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**Reconciliation
Service**
Monday
March 16, 2026
6:30 PM

Blood Drive !!!
Monaghan Knights of Columbus
19801 Farmington Rd
Livonia, MI



Monday, March 23, 2026
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Blood levels are very low.
 Just one pint of blood saves the lives of three people.
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SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

Before and after Easter Basket Blessing

Our Family of Parishes 2026 Confirmandi and their sponsors had a blessed and prayerful day February 28 at the Solanus Casey Center, concluding with Mass together at Old St. Mary's. We thank you for your prayers; continue to pray for them as we enter our final preparation for receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.



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)



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 4th Sunday of Lent, please pray they remain holy in the God who has called them, and give strong testimony to the words of eternal life.

Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, preparing believers for the events to come of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection.

All four Gospels: Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40 and John 12:12-19 recorded that Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey.

Palm Sunday commemorates that day. The donkey was symbolic of peace and humility. This act fulfilled Zechariah 9:9 which prophesied the Messiah would enter Jerusalem "righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey". The crowds greeted him waving their palm branches, laying them down on the ground for him to ride on and shouting "Hosanna to the Son of David". This greeting recognized Jesus as the Messiah and honored Him as King. Kings rode on horses especially into battle. Jesus came in peace as a humble King bringing love, sacrifice and redemption/salvation.

Palm branches (Revelation 7:9) "Its branches are a symbol of victory." Palm branches have rising slender stems, anywhere from 40 to 80 feet aloft. With feathery, snow-like, pale-green fronds 6-12 feet long, bending from their top. The Greeks and Romans called the whole land of Palestine "Phoenicia" which means "the land of palms."

The people were expecting a worldly king, a political savior rather than one who would die for their sins.





THE PASSION *of* **JESUS CHRIST**

A special curated relic exhibit

MONDAY, MARCH 30th
7:00 PM

Holy Week is commonly regarded as the most liturgically sacred and special time within the Catholic Church and St. Michael's Adult Faith Formation Committee is pleased to be able to introduce our Holy Week observations with a special curated exhibition of rare relics from the *All Saints Shrine* at Livonia's *Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church* and narrated by the Shrine's current Docent and Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Joseph Marquis.

The eight relics, all quite rare, represent many aspects of Christ's passion, crucifixion, burial and resurrection. They include:

- A fragment of the true cross
- A thorn from Christ's crown.
- A small fiber fragment from the Shroud of Turin
- A replica image of Christ's Emerging Face, based on most recent scientific study of the Shroud
- An accurate replica casting of one of the 3 nails
- The index finger of Joseph of Arimathea, which he inserted through Christ's mouth to turn his head to remove him from the cross.
- A piece of the Sudarium of Oviedo, the linen cloth used to cover Christ's face and found folded at a distance from the Shroud.
- The little finger of St. Thomas's right hand, with which he probed the wounds in Christ's side and hands.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

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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**.



THIS Sunday, **March 15th**, is Fellowship Sunday. Please join your fellow parishioners for some fellowship, coffee and donuts.

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

Office Hours
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed Friday.

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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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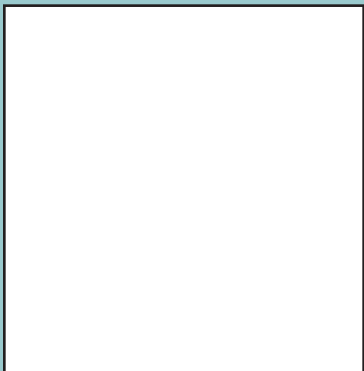
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