



April 12, 2026 **SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER / DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

*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.



*For the sake of
His sorrowful Passion, have mercy
on us and on the whole world.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

April 13 - April 17

Monday 9:15 AM
Levo Cardozo +
 Requested by Blen Cardozo

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Anthony Pavco +
 Requested by Joe Pavco

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Msgr. William Easton +

Friday 9:15 AM
Shirley Easton +



Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36
Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Offertory Snapshot as of 3/15/2026

Actual Offertory	\$ 12,211.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 322,968.75
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 314,352.00



Third Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2026

5:00 PM	April 18	Fr. Kris
For All of Our Parishioners	LECTOR	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	April 19	Fr. Kris
For Nathan Steele + Requested by Flora Rossi	LECTOR	Mark Cieslak
10:15 AM	April 19	Fr. Kris
For Antonio Vecchio + Requested by Anthony & Josie DeMarco	LECTOR	Scott Horsburgh
12:00 PM	April 19	Fr. Henry
For Shirley Pastir + Requested by Friends of Family	LECTOR	Teddi Williams

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



Donations For Easter Through Amplify

If you are giving your donations to St. Gerald online through **Amplify** and you would like to make a donation for **Easter**, you can do so now through **April 12th**.



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

Pauza Family
Barbara Gay
May Haddad
Jean Shea

Second Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

Reading I

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their property and possessions and divide them among all according to each one's need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple area and to breaking bread in their homes. They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart, praising God and enjoying favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Responsorial Psalm

Reading II

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who by the power of God are safeguarded through faith, to a salvation that is ready to be revealed in the final time. In this you rejoice, although now for a little while you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen him you love him; even though you do not see him now yet believe in him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Alleluia

Gospel

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book.

But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.



Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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St. Gerald Catholic Church
 Invites you to attend:
**Mary, The Mother of God
 in Sacred Scripture**

Instructor Esam Naoum
Eight-sessions:
April 10-June 5
(no class May 15)

Fridays 10:30am –12:00 pm
in the Social Hall



We welcome all gardening volunteers to help with St. Gerald Grounds Clean Up, including teens & adults in need of Community Service hours.

Come join us on **Saturday, April 18th** from 10:00am. If these dates or times are not conducive to your schedule, feel free to contribute any work at your leisure and take advantage of an "at will volunteer opportunity". This allows everyone an opportunity to help out, especially when you see a weed or branch that needs to be cleared away. You can bring your own rake, or use one of St. Gerald's.

Lawn bags are available in the bin outside of the office door. Please leave filled bags against the garage for removal.

Areas of need:

- Cleaning up garden beds and raking leaves from under bushes**
- General pick up of branches and twigs**
- Trash pick up along perimeter fence line**



**Thank you for
 keeping St. Gerald a
 beautiful place to
 visit and worship.**

*The St. Gerald
 Gardening Team*

We pray for the Repose of the Soul of

+

Steven Conatser

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**Eternal Rest Grant Onto, Steven, O Lord,
 and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon him.**



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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 2-3, 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.

**LIFESPAN's Annual
Celebration of Life Dinner & Auction**

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

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Needed:**

- Large cereal boxes
- Canned Green beans or Carrots
- Shelf Stable Microwaveable meals such as Hormel
- Canned Corn
- Cookies
- Tuna Helper
- Boxed potatoes
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Dish soap
- Laundry soap
- Mac & Cheese Deluxe Cups
- Jelly/Jam
- Saltines



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St Louis De Montfort lists the
“ten principal virtues of the Most Holy Virgin Mary.”

You don't need to master all 10 at once. In fact, you certainly
won't. Choose one virtue this week: express patience with
a simple smile or trust in a work undone.

Mary is with you. Invite her prayers
and learn from her example.

Deep Humility --Mary said, “I am the handmaid of the Lord. Luke 1:38.
Let praise redirect you to God.

Lively Faith-- Even at the foot of the cross, Mary believed.
Trust God in what you do not yet understand.

Blind Obedience-- Mary accepted God's will fully and freely.
Choose what God asks, even when you don't understand it.

Unceasing Prayer--Mary pondered all things in her heart.
Intentional silence and simple conversations with God form lifelong prayer.

Self-Denial-- Mary's “yes” to God meant saying no to her own desires.
Offer up daily small acts of kindness for others daily.

Surpassing Purity--Be pure in your intentions and deeds. Mary reflected God's love.
Ask God to purify your heart and direct your mind.

Ardent Charity-- Mary's love for God overflowed outwardly.
Let your love show, particularly when it's hard.

Heroic Patience-- From Bethlehem to Calvary, Mary trusted even during
long periods of struggle. Learn to lean on Christ always.

Angelic Kindness--Mary embraced Elizabeth, cared for her son Jesus and remained faithful.
Kindness, rooted in gentleness draws people nearer to God.

Divine Wisdom--“Seat of Wisdom” is one of her titles. Before acting, Mary reflected.
Before speaking, listen, Let the Spirit guide you.

ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Archdiocesan Restructuring

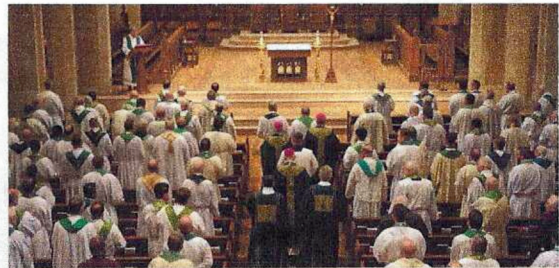


The Archdiocese of Detroit began a season of intentional renewal in November 2025 through a two-year journey of discernment and planning. This March, we enter **Phase 2: Listening and Refinement**. More than 400 Listening Sessions will take place across the Archdiocese of Detroit offering parishioners the chance to review draft models, share feedback, and help shape the future of their parish and Planning Area. Your voice and prayerful input are essential to this process. Beginning in July 2027, different groups of parishes will form pastorates led by a single pastor and his team. While some communities may merge or buildings may change in purpose, no decisions have been made in advance; outcomes will be shaped by the collective wisdom of the faithful. You are invited to participate, listen, and journey with us as we discern a mission-focused future for our Church in Detroit.

Phase 1: Kickoff and Discernment

AUGUST 2025 TO MARCH 2026

- Parish, curia, and ministry data collected and analyzed
- Consultation and feedback with priests, deacons, and parish leaders
- Restructuring initiative announced to the public (Nov. 17, 2025)
- Criteria developed for pastorate models
- Parishes grouped into "planning areas" to begin discernment
- Priests meet to develop draft pastorate models (January 2026)



Pastorate Discernment Modeling Sessions (Jan 14-16)
170+ priests gathered for three days to pray, discuss, and discern new models for the structure of our parishes.

Phase 2: Listening and Refinement

APRIL 2026 TO DECEMBER 2026

- Parish workbooks (data & demographics) posted on restructuring website
- **Each parish holds two listening sessions open to public (Spring 2026)**
- Curia holds listening session
- Priest assignment process discernment begins
- Pastorate models refined and presented for Archbishop Weisenburger's consideration

What's NEXT?

LISTENING SESSIONS THIS SPRING

After Easter, you will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft models at your local parish listening sessions. There will be more than 400 across the archdiocese. **Dates and instructions for registration can be found at [RESTRUCTURING.AOD.ORG](https://restructuring.aod.org) beginning in mid-March.**

Phase 3: Preparation for Implementation

JANUARY 2027 TO JUNE 2027

- Archbishop Weisenburger announces pastorate decisions
- Priest assignments announced
- Curia realignment announced

Phase 4: Implementation

JULY 2027 TO JULY 2028

- New pastorates and priest assignments begin

How Can I Get Involved?

First and foremost, join us in prayer. You can view the Prayer for Archdiocesan Restructuring on our website. You can also sign up to receive specific prayer intentions each month, so you can include them in your personal prayer, or as part of your parish's intercessory prayer team. During spring of 2026, all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit will have the opportunity to share their feedback on various drafts models. Each model proposes a different option for grouping parishes together into pastorates. Each Parish will host two listening sessions at which you can learn more about the plans and share your feedback. Within a few weeks of your Listening Session, every parishioner will be provided and opportunity to share additional feedback in an online survey. Every piece of feedback will be discerned and considered as valuable contribution to this process.

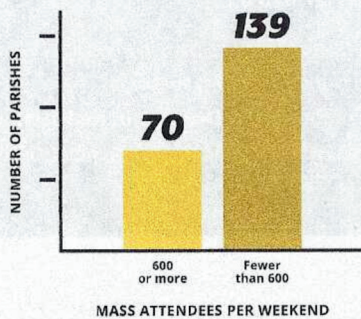
When Are My Local Parish Listening Sessions?

Every Parish will host two listening sessions, beginning in mid-April, through the month of June 2026. In total, more than 400 listening sessions will be hosted across the archdiocese. You can find information about your Parish listening Session and RSVP at restructuring.aod.org beginning in mid-March.

Why Does the Archdiocese of Detroit Need to Restructure?

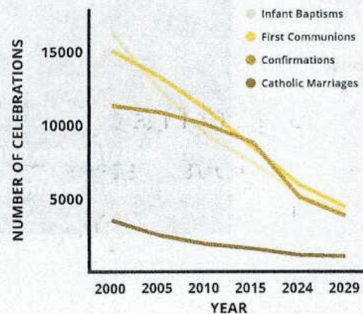
THIS INITIATIVE IS ROOTED IN OUR MISSION TO BRING CHRIST MORE FULLY INTO THE LIVES OF THE FAITHFUL AND TO STRENGTHEN SPIRITUAL AND COMMUNAL BONDS ACROSS OUR ARCHDIOCESE.

Over recent decades, we've seen significant shifts: fewer Catholics attending Mass, declining participation in the sacraments, and an ever-shrinking number of priests due to aging and retirement. Once serving 1.5 million Catholics, we now minister to approximately 900,000 — with fewer than half attending Mass regularly. At the same time, we've struggled to maintain buildings, structures, and ministries designed for a much larger Church, and that's left us stretched thin — making it harder to fully serve where people need us most.



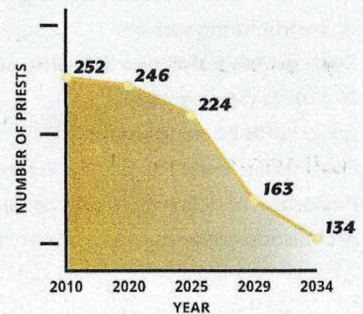
Mass Attendance

Today, 67% of parishes have fewer than 600 weekly Mass attendees. In the next five years, more than three-quarters of parishes are projected to shrink.



Sacraments

In the past 25 years, we've seen a dramatic decline in Baptisms, First Communions and Confirmations, and a steady decline in marriages.



Fewer Priests

Most active priests are 50 and older, and the total number of priests is projected to decline by 40% in the next 10 years.

A LOOK AHEAD...
Special Events



Bring Family & Friends for
Breakfast & Fellowship In the
Social Hall
THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 12TH
FROM 9:30 AM TO 12:00 PM



Next Sunday, **April 19th**, is
Fellowship Sunday. Please plan
on joining your fellow
parishioners for some fellowship,
coffee and donuts.

18	Saturday	Spring Clean-up
19	Sunday	Fellowship Sunday
26	Sunday	First Communion Reception

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!

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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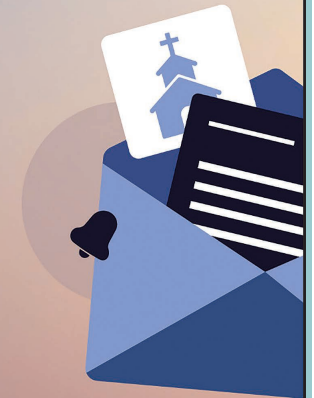
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