



April 26, 2026 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*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.**



*Congratulations  
to Our  
First Communicants*

On Sunday, April 26th, eleven candidates receive the sacrament of First Communion. We congratulate them as they continue on their faith journey!

**Ivan Alexis Calderon  
Harper Evelyn Gillis  
Matthew Thomas Henry Harrington  
Edith Quinn Kowalski  
Andrew Charles Long  
Joseph Matthew Long  
Robert Mark Nicholson  
Piper Ann Peake  
Dakota Winter Smith  
Nixon Antonio Galvez Rivera  
Nolan Michael VanBuskirk**

Each child designed their own pew banner, which hung at the end of each family's pew during the Mass.

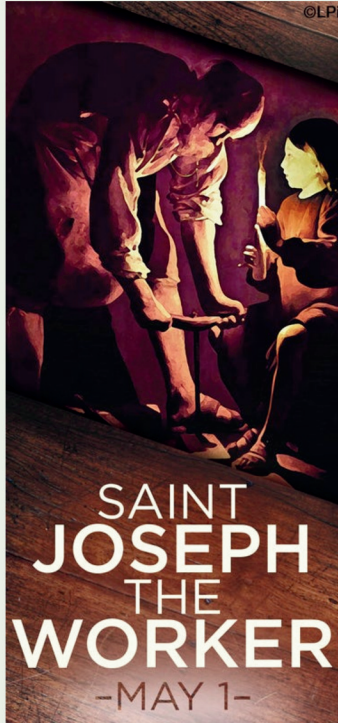
Thank you to Paige Alexander and Isabelle Gerhart, the First Communion catechists, Rosa Russenberger, the first grade catechist, and Laurel Hoetger, the first and second grade teacher assistant who gave so much of their time in helping to prepare these children.

And finally, a very special thank you to Joseph Pavco for making arrangements to have all the First Communicants remembered by the Priests of the Sacred Heart in a special celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

Please keep all these children and their families in your prayers.

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

April 27 - May 2



Monday 9:15 AM  
**Molly Vettikatt +**  
 Requested by Family

Tuesday 9:15 AM  
**Fr. Ed. Prus +**

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM  
**Mary Hartsig +**  
 Requested by Victor Winiarski

First Friday 9:15 AM  
**Joann Pavco +**  
 Requested by Joe Pavco

First Saturday 9:15 AM  
**Mary Camilleri +**  
 Requested by Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14  
 Next Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Offertory Snapshot as of 3/29/2026

Actual Offertory	\$ 6,740.00
Budget Offertory	\$ 8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$ 337,230.75
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$ 331,344.00

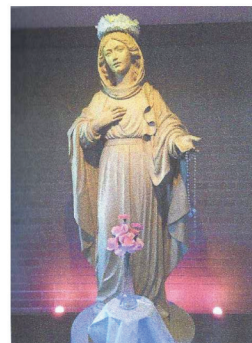


Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

5:00 PM	May 2	Fr. Kris
For <b>Ratib Haddad +</b> Requested by Haddad Family	LECTOR	Sharon McCarthy
8:30 AM	May 3	Fr. Kris
For <b>All Of Our Parishioners</b>	LECTOR	Rosa Russenberger
10:15 AM	May 3	Fr. Henry
For <b>Shirley Pastir +</b> Requested by Friends & Family	LECTOR	Jerry Weigold
12:00 PM	May 3	Fr. Kris
For <b>Rita Cox +</b> Requested by Pauline Panyard	LECTOR	Teddi Williams

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May Crowning  
 First Friday  
 May 1st  
 9:15 am Mass



Please pray for our fellow brothers and sisters who are suffering

Jean Shea  
 Debbie Dafoe

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

## Reading 1

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day.

## Responsorial Psalm

## Reading 2

1 Peter 2:20b-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

## Alleluia

## Gospel

John 10:1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

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PRAY FOR  
RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

## Lord, Send Us Holy Shepherds

Join the Universal Church today in observing the **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, as we ask the Lord to send laborers into His harvest! This day is a reminder to pray for and support those discerning the priesthood, religious life, and other vocations in the Church.

Here are three simple ways you can participate:

**Pray:** Offer a Rosary or a personal Holy Hour for an increase in vocations.

**Encourage:** Take a moment to affirm someone who may have a vocation to priesthood or religious life.

**Special Intention at Mass:** Offer your Mass intentions for priests, seminarians, and all those discerning their vocations.

May we all be open to God's call in our own lives!



Catholic Services Appeal

### 2026 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Next weekend May 2-3 is CSA Weekend, which marks the beginning of our annual Catholic Services Appeal for 2026, begins in May and will end December 31, 2026. It offers us this opportunity each year to renew our personal commitment to live out our Gospel message theme. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be" (Matthew 6:21). This is a call to each of us to show love, care, and compassion for others.

Your generous support of the Catholic Services Appeal helps support more than 100 essential programs that bring Christ's love to those in need, offering hope, healing, and a sense of belonging. Learn more at [aod.org/csa-supported-ministries](http://aod.org/csa-supported-ministries). CSA is a pledge program, which allows you to spread your gift over several months or make a one-time pledge. Make a gift today at [givecsa.org](http://givecsa.org).

Please prayerfully consider the most generous gift possible to support the 2026 Catholic Services Appeal. Your CSA 2026 pledge packet will be available next weekend for you to pick up after Mass.

### SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

#### Food Pantry Items Currently Needed:

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



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|----------------|--------------------------|
| Canned Corn    | Mac & Cheese Deluxe Cups |
| Cookies        | Jelly/Jam                |
| Tuna Helper    | Saltines                 |
| Boxed potatoes |                          |
| Shampoo        | Dish soap                |
| Conditioner    | Laundry soap             |

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.



Welcome to St. Gerald Parish Family  
**Christopher Finger**  
We are glad you are here!



 **SAVE THE DATE!**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2026**

**ST. GERALD'S FAMILY & FRIENDS**  
**PARISH PICNIC FROM 1:00 – 4:00 PM**



**JOIN US FOR MASS AND STAY FOR FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!**

Would you like to volunteer and share your ideas? We'd like to hear from you!



Contact **Gerryanna Luscri** at **248-476-7677 ext. 204** or **ServeGodsgp@gmail.com**



**First Friday**  
**May 1, 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, May 2.**

## **“THE WORD OF THE LORD”**

We hear these words proclaimed after the first and second readings. God is still speaking to us through the writings of the apostles, prophets and historians who are all human authors. These readings speak of His truths, promises and saving plan. It is truly God’s word, inspired by the Holy Spirit. At the end of the readings when the reader says, **“The Word of the Lord,”** we respond, **“Thanks be to God”** acknowledging that God is speaking to us through the Scriptures. We are trusting in God’s wisdom and authority and realize this is a divine gift, meant to guide, instruct and transform us.



## **“THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD”**

We hear these words spoken every time the priest (deacon or ordained minister) reads the gospel. At weekend masses we see the priest elevate the “Book of Gospels” before opening it and reading the Gospel for that mass. The word Gospel means “Good News.” We stand and listen. We mark ourselves with the sign of the cross on our forehead, lips and heart. These readings encompass both the historical accounts of Jesus’ life and teachings and the spiritual message of salvation and grace. We realize that Jesus is speaking to us in the Gospel. It invites us to live according to God’s commandments, to trust in Him and to spread His teachings. At the conclusion of the Gospel and the priest says, **“The Gospel of the Lord”** we respond, **“Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.”**

A LOOK AHEAD...  
Special Events

1	Friday	First Friday May Crowning
2	Saturday	First Saturday
2-3	Saturday & Sunday	CSA card distribution
9	Saturday	Confirmation (at St. Priscilla Church)
10	Sunday	Mothers Day



17	Sunday	Fellowship Sunday
21	Thursday	Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass

ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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Parish Office (248) 477-7470

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Tom Kruger . . . . . Luke Smith

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of the Sick  
Saturdays from 3:30-4:30PM  
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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