



The St. Gerald Voice

July 19, 2026

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*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.



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.” - Mt 13:43a

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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

July 20 - July 24



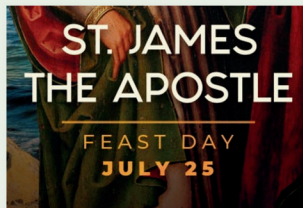
Monday 9:15 AM
David Wojnar +
Requested by Stella Galea

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Jessica Ferguson +
Requested by Blen Cardozo



Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Fr. Ed Prus +



Friday 9:15 AM
Julia & Anthony Pavco +
Requested by Joe Pavco

Readings for the Week

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

Offertory Snapshot as of 7/5/26

Actual Offertory	\$	7,919.00
Budget Offertory	\$	8,300.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$	7,919.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$	8,300.00



Solemnity of Sts. Joachim & Anne

July 26, 2026

5:00 PM

July 25

Fr. Kris

For
Frederick Strick +
Requested by Dennis
& Sharon Weberlein

LECTOR

Sharon
McCarthy

8:30 AM

July 26

Fr. Kris

For
**All Of Our
Parishioners**

LECTOR

Paulette
Mullen

10:15 AM

July 26

Fr. Henry

For
Eugenia Silvestri +
Requested by
Bonacchi Family

LECTOR

Jeff Antoun

12:00 PM

July 26

Fr. Kris

For
Amelia Barreto +
Blen Cardozo

LECTOR

Ken Galica

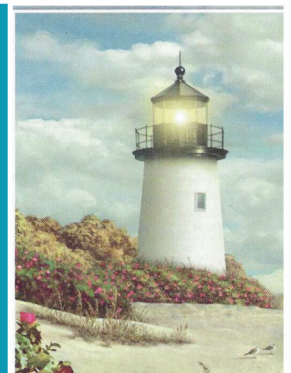


Please pray for our fellow
brothers and sisters who are
suffering

**Rose LaFave
Bob Provow
Shirley Murray
Bob Elens
Madison Bonadeo**

We will **not** have
Eucharistic Adoration,
after the 9:15 AM Mass on
First Friday, nor the 9:15
AM First Saturday Mass
during the months of
June, July and August.
**Adoration and First
Saturday Mass will
resume in September.**

Have a Blessed Summer!



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins.

Reading 2

Romans 8:26-27

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will.

Responsorial Psalm

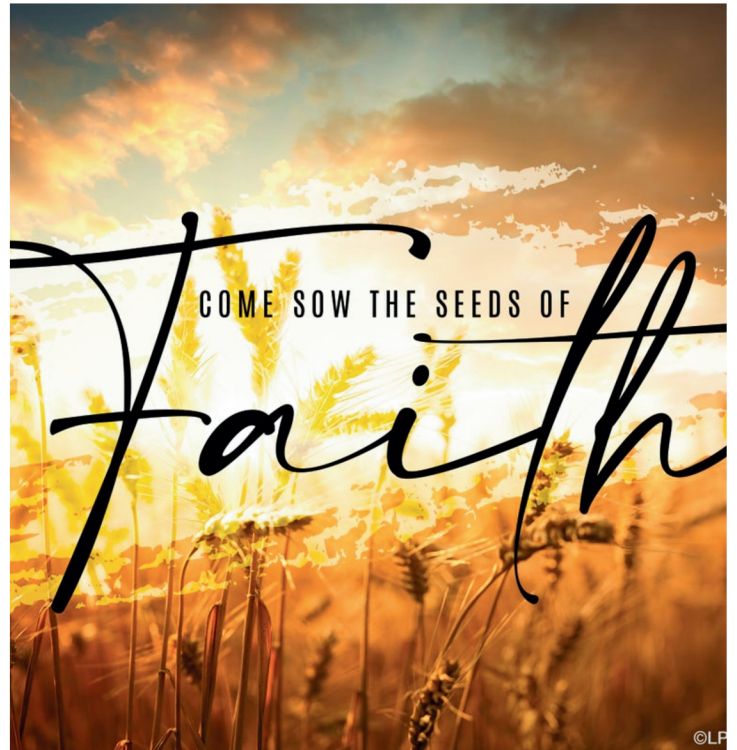
Gospel

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."'"

He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world. Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

Alleluia



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you to each of you who have taken time to provide your feedback to the post-listening session survey thus far. If you attended one of our parish listening sessions, you likely received an email from Catholic Leadership Institute when the online survey for our planning area opened.

If you did not receive an email or were unable to attend a listening session, rest assured that you are still able to view all the models and share your feedback in the online survey on the Archdiocesan Restructuring website at restructuring.aod.org through July 31, 2026. Please consider taking time to prayerfully review the proposed models and share your feedback at **restructuring.aod.org** or use the QR code below.

If you need assistance completing the online survey, please call the parish office 248-477-7470.

Your feedback is an important part of the restructuring process. Please be sure to share your thoughts, and continue to pray for all of our parishes, priests, staff, and lay faithful throughout this process.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Krzysztof Nowak



**A Prayer
for Restructuring
the Archdiocese of Detroit**

Rooted in Prayer
Come, Holy Spirit.

Make your presence known
as we restructure the parishes and ministries
of our Archdiocese.

Be our light on the path we walk together.
Help us hear your voice
in the quiet of our own hearts,
in the wisdom of others,
and in the world around us.

We know you are with us
in every step of the process.
Give us clarity, understanding, and direction.
In all things, help us share the light of your love. Amen.

St. Anne, pray for us.
Blessed Solanus Casey, pray for us.
Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

2026 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our 2026 CSA Campaign has started! We are asking all parishioners to join in contributing to this years' Catholic Services Appeal. If we all give, we will easily meet St. Gerald's 2026 CSA target of **\$56,498.00**, which is our parish share of support for the CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services. When we support the CSA, we 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.

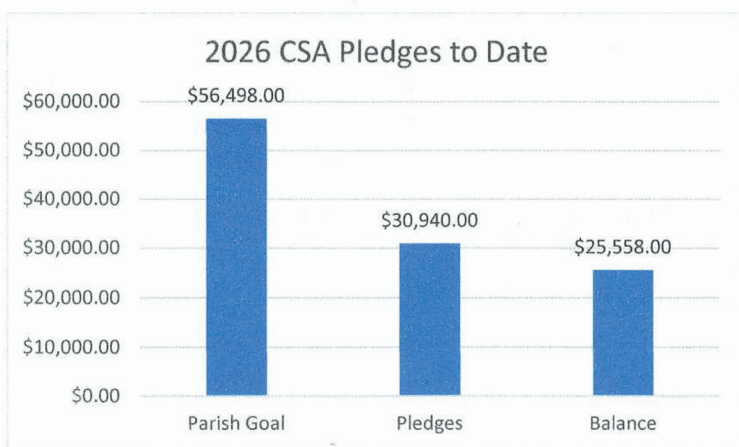
In order for us to make our goal we are asking each family to donate \$300.00. We know that some families can afford more and some not so much. We are asking everyone to donate something to allow us to reach our goal. If you cannot donate at this time, please still return your card showing zero. Remember, we get 100% refund for everything over our goal but any shortfall would be paid from St. Gerald's bank account.

There are various ways for you to support the CSA. You may make a One-Time Donation, pledge a gift using your credit card making monthly or quarterly payments. Whatever, you decide the campaign for CSA 2026 will be completed by **December 31, 2026**.

If donation is made by check, please make sure your check is payable to **Archdiocese of Detroit – CSA**. Please return your CSA card by mail in the envelope provided, or drop it off in the collection basket or the Parish Office. Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office at 248-477-7470.

Please continue to prayerfully consider your most generous support you can give to our parish.

We appreciate your support and know it does make a difference.



SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL

Food Pantry Items Currently Needed:

Tuna Helper
Shampoo
Conditioner
Canned Carrots
Shelf Stable Microwaveable meals such as Hormel
Canned Corn
Cookies
Jelly/Jam
Saltines
Canned Peaches & Pears



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.



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PASTORAL ASSOCIATE /
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TO APPLY:

Please send your resume and cover letter to:

Paul Pyrkosz, Bookkeeper

 ppyrkosz@saintaidanlivonia.org



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



Blood Drive !!!
Monaghan Knights of Columbus
19801 Farmington Rd
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Monday, July 27, 2026
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Blood levels are very low.
Just one pint of blood saves the lives of three people. Please consider coming to donate. To schedule an appointment, simply call: Paul Daniel (586) 248-1443. Appointments are preferred, walk-ins are welcome as the schedule allows.

Registration for 2026-27 Faith Formation Classes

Register your children for our faith formation program for the upcoming school year now! Please register as soon as possible or by **August 15**.

Forms may be found on our website (stgeraldparish.org/ministries/faith-formation/ or scan the QR code to go directly to the form), in the classroom hallway information center, or contact Emily Long faithformation.sgp@gmail.com.

Students in Grades 1-6 will attend classes on Monday evenings from 5:30-6:45pm beginning Sep 14. **Confirmation preparation** classes (Grades 7 and up) attend on alternate Mondays beginning with a parent/child orientation Sep 21.

Note: We are able to provide lesson materials in Spanish or accommodations for students with special needs; please don't hesitate to ask. No child is denied formation in our parish because of an inability to pay; please consult with the Faith Formation Coordinator if this is your circumstance.

Reminder: Following guidelines of the Archdiocese of Detroit, children of the parish are to receive two full years of faith formation before reception of a sacrament. For example, to receive First Communion in second grade, students must be registered for first grade formation the year prior. If your child is "behind" we can work with you to get on track.



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David Hoots

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



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will continue through the summer!

The summer program will run **May 31 through August 16** (some weeks may be cancelled so check the calendar for exact dates). Our new volunteer, Gaby, a parishioner and mother at St. Gerald, will lead the children in a weekly Gospel lesson during the 10:15 am Mass. Thank you for giving your time to serve the children of our parish, Gaby!

**Widowed Friends
a peer support group hosting...**



Tuesday, July 28 - Early Morning Movies at the Phoenix Theater in Laurel Park Place, 17310 N. Laurel Park Dr., Livonia. Lunch after at Archie's Tavern 37714 Six Mile Rd., Livonia. Call Event Host Peggy 734-744-5580 **by July 22** to RSVP and she will keep you posted as to movies showing and times.

Thursday, July 30; 1:30 PM - Lunch Olgas Kitchen 41725 Ford Rd., Canton. Call Event Host Barb 734-765-6453 to RSVP **by July 24.**

Monday, August 3rd - 12 noon to 4:00 PM. Join us for Double-Deck Pinochle. Call Carol 313-562-3080 to RSVP and directions **by July 28.** \$3.00 covers snacks and prizes.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING
Awareness Week
July 19-25**



Learn about Catholic teaching on responsible parenthood and **Natural Family Planning.**

Visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops NFP Program's website at:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriageand-family/natural-family-planning>.

~ Singles Late 50s & Above ~ *



Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions?

Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat!

The next weekend is on **August 21-23, 2026** at the St. Francis Retreat Center, DeWitt, MI (10 miles north of Lansing). Cost is \$255 for meals and a single room.



For more info, go to **www.RenewRetreats.org**, email renewretreat.mi@gmail.com, or call (586) 770-1772._



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
Nancy Ariza,
Conference Coordinator
832.779.1070
nancy@forlifeandfamily.org

BLESSING BAGS

Donations are needed to make Blessing Bags for the needy.

Please bring your donations to Classroom 7, adjacent to the social hall **before Sunday, August 16th.** Teens and families will be packing the bags after Masses during our Summer Social Fellowship.

Completed Blessing Bags will be available for parishioners to place in their car and have available to distribute to the needy we meet in our community.

These portable care packages make a big difference for needy neighbors.

Core essential items needed:

Dental Care: Travel toothbrush, toothpaste, and dental floss

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Skin & Lip Care: Lip balm (Chapstick), moisturizing lotion, and sunscreen

Other items: Combs, socks, shoelaces, small ziplock bags, sugar-free candies.



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19	Sunday	Summer Social Fellowship (after all Sunday Masses)
27	Monday	Knights of Columbus sponsored blood-drive at Monaghan K of C 1:00-7:00 pm
31	Friday	Deadline to submit the AOD Restructuring Survey

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Kathy Smith, Secretary. x212
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Gerryanna Luscri x 204
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Maintenance

Tom Kruger

Accountant

Luke Smith

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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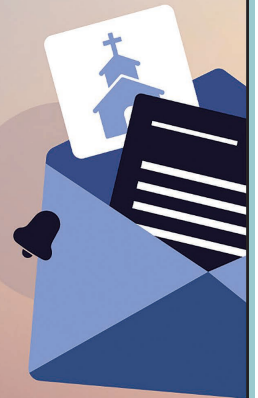
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