



## The St. Gerald Voice

August 2, 2026

EIGHTEENTH 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.



## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them  
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.  
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**August 3 - August 7**



**The  
Transfiguration of  
the Lord**

**Thursday  
August 6, 2026**

Monday 9:15 AM

**John Pitera +**

Requested by  
Joanne Wojnar

Tuesday 9:15 AM

**Gina Bonacchi Hespen +**

Requested by Family

**Wednesday NO MASS**

Thursday 7:00 PM

**Mary Hartsig +**

Requested by  
Victor Winiarski

Friday 9:15 AM

**Joann Pavco /Kaye Family +**

Requested by Joe Pavco

## Readings for the Week

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Hb 1:12-2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

## Offertory Snapshot as of 7/19/26

|                               |    |           |
|-------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Actual Offertory              | \$ | 6,483.00  |
| Budget Offertory              | \$ | 8,496.00  |
| Year-to-Date Actual Offertory | \$ | 21,488.00 |
| Year-to-Date Budget Offertory | \$ | 25,488.00 |



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 9, 2026

**5:00 PM**

**Aug 8**

**Fr. Kris**

For  
**David Wojnar +**  
Requested by  
Bonacchi Family

LECTOR

Sharon  
McCarthy

**8:30 AM**

**Aug 9**

**Fr. Kris**

For  
**Judy Lowham &  
Peggy Budden +**  
Requested by Doug &  
Paulette Mullen

LECTOR

Rosa  
Russenberger

**10:15 AM**

**Aug 9**

**Fr. Kris**

For  
**Antonio DeMarco +**  
Requested by Anthony  
& Josie DeMarco

LECTOR

Angela  
McLoughlin

**12:00 PM**

**Aug 9**

**Fr. Henry**

For  
**All Of Our  
Parishioners**

LECTOR

Paul  
Radzilowski

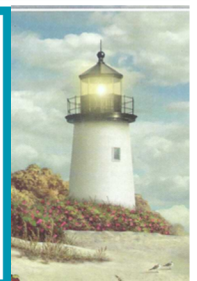


Please pray for our fellow  
brothers and sisters who are  
suffering

**Bob Provow  
Shirley Murray  
Bob Elens  
Madison Bonadeo  
Kathleen Daniels**

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!**



## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Reading 1

Isaiah 55:1-3

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; Come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David.

### Responsorial Psalm

### Gospel

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him, "Five loaves and two fish are all we have here." Then he said, "Bring them here to me," and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over—twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

### Reading 2

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Brothers and sisters: What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Alleluia

Matthew 14:13-21

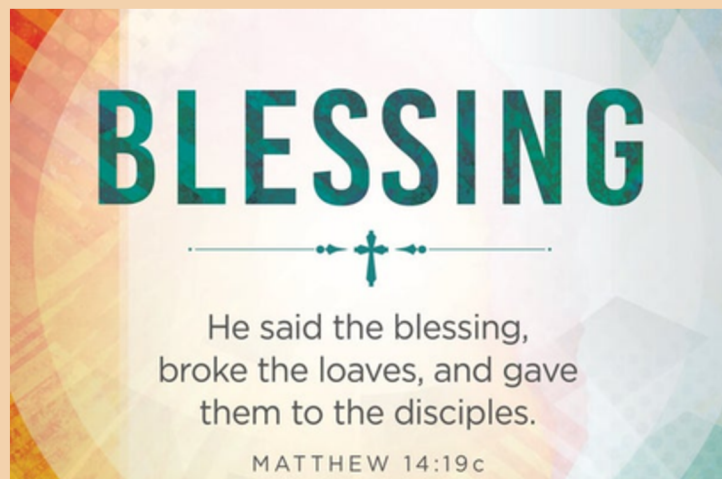


Emma and Ruth

Emma has been one of our regular altar servers. She serves on Sundays at our 10:15 am mass as well as at funerals and special events.

Her sister Ruth is now joining her and the two of them will be serving together.

Welcome Ruth and thank you Emma for your continued service.



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## 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.

We Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

+

**Gerald E. Maxey**

July 18, 1941  
July 14, 2026

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

Join us this Wednesday ,  
August 5<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm to pray  
the Patriotic Rosary at the  
Mary Statue under the bell  
tower. Copies of the rosary  
prayers are available in the  
Library Hall.



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## 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

**Cleanliness:** Travel-sized soap or body wash, shampoo, conditioner

**Freshness:** Roll-on deodorant or wet wipes (a substitute for a shower)

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

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

## NEITHER DOES JESUS

A few weeks ago, I shared our family rule: I cook. They clean. That means every night, three guys ranging from 16 to 51 load my dishwasher. And let me tell you, they all do it differently. One points the silverware up. Another points it down. Once scrubs every dish before it ever reaches the dishwasher. Another gives everything a quick rinse. And one? He believes in putting it straight in there and letting Jesus...I mean the dishwasher...take the wheel. There isn't a system. Cups end up beside bowls. Plates are scattered everywhere. New dishes sit beside old ones. A blue plastic container that's hanging on by a thread is parked next to a yellow plate that belonged to my grandmother more than forty years ago. It's one big, mismatched mess! And that's exactly what the church looks like. Some people come to Jesus as children. Others don't find Him until they're old. Some have stories that seem neat and tidy. Others carry years of hurt, regret, addiction, or shame. Some arrive looking polished on the outside. Others know they're a mess. But, here's what I love...the dishwasher doesn't care who loaded the dishes, where they came from, or how long they've been dirty. And neither does Jesus. But every now and then, a stubborn pan comes out that needs a little extra attention. It has to be soaked, scrubbed by hand, and given a little more time. When that happens, I don't blame the dishwasher. I don't blame the person who loaded (or invited) the dish. I don't even blame the dishes sitting beside it. I just roll up my sleeves and help clean the pan. Some of God's children require a little more patience, a little more grace, and a little more love from us. That isn't our cue to criticize them. It's our invitation to help. Because the church isn't just where broken people come seeking Jesus. It's where we learn to help one another through the stubborn spots. The church was NEVER meant to be a cabinet full of matching, spotless china. It's a dishwasher full of imperfect people being made clean. But, it amazes me how much time we spend inspecting stains instead of helping remove them. "Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself." Galathians 6:1

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## 2026-2027 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/](http://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](mailto: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.



|    |           |                                                          |
|----|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| 5  | Wednesday | Patriotic Rosary<br>3:00 PM                              |
| 12 | Wednesday | Casino Bus Tour<br>9:00 AM - 6:00 PM                     |
| 16 | Sunday    | Summer Social<br>Fellowship<br>(after all Sunday Masses) |



### CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR



Join us at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek on **Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. The bus leaves St. Gerald parking lot at 9 AM and returns at 6 PM. For information and to sign up call: Richard Smith (313-421-0204), Bruce Roberts (248-756-9257) or Richard Rosowski (248-477-2511).



#### ST. GERALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

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#### SACRAMENTS

##### Rite of Reconciliation

Saturdays from  
3:30-4:30 PM

##### 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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