



The St. Gerald Voice

August 9, 2026

NINETEENTH 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.



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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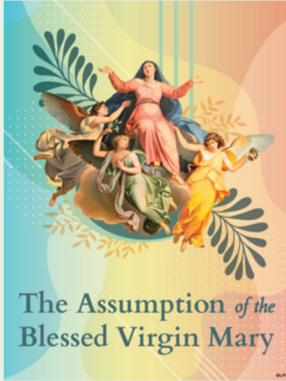
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WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

August 10 - August 14



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Solemnity

**Saturday
August 15, 2026**

Monday 9:15 AM
St. Gerald Parishioners
Requested by
Gerard MacDonald

Tuesday 9:15 AM
Helen Derus +
Requested by
Joanne Wojnar

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 7:00 PM
Lavo Cardozo +
Requested by Blen Cardozo

Friday 9:15 AM
Steve Conatser +
Requested by
Stephanie Conatser

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Offertory Snapshot as of 7/26/26

Actual Offertory	\$	5,626.00
Budget Offertory	\$	8,496.00
Year-to-Date Actual Offertory	\$	27,114.00
Year-to-Date Budget Offertory	\$	33,984.00



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16, 2026

5:00 PM

Aug 15

Fr. Kris

For
Alzada Dolencic +
Requested by Dennis
& Sharon Weberlein

LECTOR

Diane
Blankenship

8:30 AM

Aug 16

Fr. Kris

For
David Wojnar +
Requested by Laura &
Mark Cieslak

LECTOR

Mark Cieslak

10:15 AM

Aug 16

Fr. Wolfe

For
Shirley Pastir +
Requested by Friends
& Family

LECTOR

Jeff Antoun

12:00 PM

Aug 16

Fr. Kris

For
**All Of Our
Parishioners**

LECTOR

Ken Galica

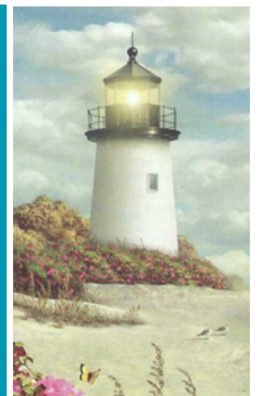


Please pray for our fellow
brothers and sisters who are
suffering

**Kathleen Daniels
Rose LaFave**

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!



NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reading 1

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a

At the mountain of God, Horeb, Elijah came to a cave where he took shelter. Then the LORD said to him, "Go outside and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will be passing by." A strong and heavy wind was rending the mountains and crushing rocks before the LORD— but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake— but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake there was fire— but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

After he had fed the people, Jesus made the disciples get into a boat and precede him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. After doing so, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When it was evening he was there alone. Meanwhile the boat, already a few miles offshore, was being tossed about by the waves, for the wind was against it. During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" After they got into the boat, the wind died down. Those who were in the boat did him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

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Reading 2

Romans 9:1-5

Brothers and sisters: I speak the truth in Christ, I do not lie; my conscience joins with the Holy Spirit in bearing me witness that I have great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites; theirs the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; theirs the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Alleluia



We Pray for the Repose of the Soul of

+

Leonard Lemanski

July 25, 1936

July 26, 2026

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

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
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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Mother and Unborn Baby Care

DONATIONS NEEDED!

You Can Help Mothers Choose Life

We rely on donations of new and gently used baby clothes and other items that help encourage vulnerable mothers to choose life. Our donations have dropped substantially, even as the need has increased. If you can help, we are currently registered on Amazon's baby registry.

CURRENT NEEDS (especially needed at this time)

- *Baby Bathtubs (new or gently used/clean)
- *Premie Clothes - Onesies, Sleepers
- *Diaper Bags
- *NB Clothes - Onesies, Outfits, Sleepers
- *Diapers - Premie and Newborn (no Luvs, please)
- *Pack 'n Play Sheets
- *Boppy Pillows

It's easy! Just go online to this link: **Amzn.to/3expdx4**

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR A MORE COMPLETE LIST OF NEEDS

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Join Encounter Ministries on August 14th at 6pm for a Healing Service at St. Patrick's in Brighton! We believe that not only does Jesus still heal today, but that healing is one of the most powerful ministries of evangelization. Jesus never preached the Gospel of the kingdom of God without demonstrating the kingdom through signs, wonders, and miracles, with healing as the most frequent demonstration of God's love. This will include a time of worship and praise, proclamation of the Gospel and preaching, corporate prayer for healing ending with individual prayer teams for healing. Come prepared for breakthrough!

Visit <https://encounterministries.us/healing> to learn more.

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



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.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE 1ST BANN



"We publish the banns of marriage between **James Daniel Williams II** and **Carolina Marin Fernandez**. This is the first time of asking. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these two persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it."



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/ 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.



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!

12	Wednesday	Casino Bus Tour 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
16	Sunday	Summer Social Fellowship (after all Sunday Masses)



CHARITY CASINO BUS TOUR



Join us at Firekeepers Casino in Battle Creek on **Wednesday, August 12th**. 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

Office Hours

8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Closed Friday.

STAFF

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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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